

# The Castro County News

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## Bonds intended to unfetter economy

Do you know of anyone in Dimmitt who needs a job?

Do our businesses need more customers?

With the population going down and the loss of five businesses during the past year, Dimmitt's economy obviously needs some help.

The Dimmitt City Council has proposed a bond issue as one way of helping. About 200 people attended a public meeting Monday night to discuss the issue.

\$4.5 million in general obligation bonds would be used to help a new industry get started here—an industry that would provide 70 new jobs its first year of operation. Those jobs could increase to as many as 500 within six years.

New jobs will lower the local unemployment rate. Job openings will bring new people who will be new customers for local businesses. They will need places to live, groceries, gasoline, clothing, insurance, utilities, and schools for their children. They will pay taxes, making the burden easier on everyone,

backers of the issue say.

The new industry that would benefit from the proposed bond issue is Rubinoff Foods Corp., headed by Ronald Rubinoff.

**"We have no intent to raise taxes."**  
—Mayor Wayne Collins

Rubinoff told the crowd Monday night that his company would start out processing chicken carcasses for bulk uses. He hopes to expand the product line to convenience foods, such as frozen gourmet Mexican foods, California-style grilled entrees, lunch totes, and Italian sandwiches.

"My expertise is in the meat industry," Rubinoff said. "I want to get to the 'break-even' point in the meat business and then start considering other options."

The bond issue would provide \$4.5 million for buying land, a building and equipment for "an entity."

"It's worded that way so that if



**RONALD RUBINOFF OF RUBINOFF FOODS CORP.**  
... Speaking at a public meeting Monday night in Dimmitt.

Photo By Don Nelson

the Rubinoff project does not work out, the funds would be available to help another business get started here," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins.

The voters of Dimmitt must approve the bond issue before the project can go any further.

**"We want people who are dedicated and who want to grow with the company."**  
—Ron Rubinoff

General obligation bonds means that the debt could ultimately be repaid from property taxes or from other city income, such as sale of city services (water, sewer, landfill).

"We are confident that we will be able to service this debt without costing the taxpayers anything," Collins emphasized.

Rubinoff told the crowd Monday

that the company would repay the city for the \$4.5 million over a 20-year period at a 150% pay-back. In other words, the lease payments would be paying back more than just the loan and the interest on it.

In answer to concerns expressed by taxpayers at the meeting, Collins said that no liens would be placed on any taxpayer's property, but in a "worst-case scenario" taxes could go up.

"We have no intent to raise taxes," Collins said.

"If the city had to repay the total amount of the bonds, the taxes on a home valued at \$50,000 would be \$150 to \$200 higher than they are now for a period of 20 years," Collins said. "I'm telling you this to be totally honest, but this will never happen."

Collins said if the Rubinoff project were to fail, the city would own the building and part of the equipment and would be able to sell it to another company. He said the city would have first lien on the

property ahead of any other creditors.

"The city also has significant reserves that could be used to repay part of the loan if necessary," Collins said. He also noted that the company would be required to obtain "key man" insurance on Rubinoff himself, with the city as sole beneficiary in the amount of the bond issue.

Collins said Dimmitt's tax rate of 23.28 cents per \$100 property value is the lowest in the state for towns with the same population. It is lower than 96% of all towns in the state.

"One reason our taxes are lower is that American Fructose pays over 40% of the tax load for the city," Collins said. "We feel if we can get this bond issue passed, we will have an opportunity to have another 'American Fructose' to help keep taxes low and keep our community prosperous."

Rubinoff said the start-up operation would provide 70 jobs, with 13 salaried positions and the rest as

hourly wage workers. He said the jobs would be full-time, permanent employment. Job duties for plant workers would include fork lift operators, maintenance, mechanics, security, warehousemen, and production line workers. Wages would range from \$6 to \$9 per hour for plant workers. Management would receive from \$1,200 to \$5,000 per month.

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—Ron Rubinoff

"We want people who are dedicated and who want to grow with the company," Rubinoff said. "We will need people who are willing to learn a skill, because it will be a learning situation."

Mike Frazier asked whether most  
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### Bond Issue Facts and Figures

Amount of Proposed Bond	.....up to \$4.5 million
Proposed Payout Term	.....20 years
Total Investment by Rubinoff	.....\$8 million
Total Estimated Cost of Project	.....\$12 million
Work Force	
First Year	.....70
18 Months	.....150
Three Years	.....250
Six Years	.....500
Projected Hourly Wage	.....\$6 to \$9
Projected Monthly Salary	.....\$1,200 to \$5,000
Products	
First Year	.....26 million Pounds Processed Poultry
Fifth Year	.....100 million Pounds Processed Poultry
Future	.....Diversified Specialty Products
Projected Sales	
Third Year	.....\$130 million
Fifth Year	.....\$150 million

## Bond election set Saturday

Dimmitt voters will decide Saturday whether the city will issue \$4.5 million in bonds in an effort to attract a new industry to the city.

Polling will take place at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with Corina Montalvo as election judge and Darla Stewart as alternate.

City clerk Betty McClure reported that 43 ballots were cast in early voting, which ended Monday.

All city districts are combined into one precinct for this election.

"We want to encourage everyone to come out and vote on this bond issue," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. "The city council believes that this is a good plan and the only viable plan for Dimmitt. We urge you to vote for the bond issue."

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

It's a matter of attitude as much as anything else.

What is the attitude of the people of Dimmitt toward our town? Are we willing to commit \$4.5 million—4% of the taxable value of our collective property—to help finance a new industry that could create 250 to 500 new jobs?

Or are we afraid to take the risk because this venture, like all new ventures, could fail?

Dimmitt has been declining in population and jobs for the past decade because of circumstances we could not control.

Saturday's bond election gives us a chance to exercise some control over our city's future.

Attitude is what has always set Dimmitt apart from other towns.

When I was growing up here, Dimmitt had the reputation of being the most progressive town in the Texas Panhandle. Our city grew faster than any other. We produced more than our share of championship teams and of state and national leaders in agriculture, government, business and the professions.

Dimmitt's collective attitude through the years has not just been one of *can do*, but of *will do*.

Look at the American Fructose plant. It was started by the member-owners of Dimmitt Agri Industries, who wanted to create added value to the commodities they produced.

They overcame tremendous odds  
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**SWEARING IN CEREMONIES** for elected officials in Castro County were conducted last Thursday morning in the district courtroom. Administering the oath of office is Castro County Judge

Polly Simpson (far right). Taking the oath are (from left) County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews, Sheriff CD Fitzgerald, Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman, and Constable James Dobbs. Courtesy Photo

### Weather

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

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Friday	30	18	.16
Saturday	34	26	.12
Sunday	49	34	Tr.
Monday	54	21	
Tuesday	42	19	
Wednesday	50	23	

December Moisture	0.65
1992 Moisture	22.90
1993 Moisture	00.28

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## Redistricting hearing is set

All interested persons are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss the redistricting process for Castro County.

The meeting will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the district courtroom upstairs in the courthouse. The session will be conducted as an open meeting of the Commissioners' Court.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee on Redistricting will be present, along with the commissioners and County Judge Polly Simpson, and the county's legal counsel, Virginia Ellen Daugherty and Bobbye C. Hill of Daugherty and Associates, P.C., of Amarillo.

They will review the laws and rules which govern the redistricting process as it applies to the Castro County Commissioners Court. A review will be made of the current boundaries of the commissioner precincts, and possible alternative plans will be discussed.

Input and recommendations will be welcome from committee members, commissioners, and all interested persons.

## ALCO to open discount store here

Contractors are in the process of renovating the building formerly occupied by Wallace-Brown Motor Co., in preparation for a new discount store, which is expected to open here in May.

Duckwall-ALCO Co. of Abilene, Kan., will open an ALCO Discount Store in Dimmitt, and it will employ approximately 25 associates, according to Jim Schoenbeck, vice president of operations for Duckwall-ALCO Co.

The business will be located in the existing 13,167-square-foot building at 803 North Broadway, which was formerly occupied by the Ford dealership.

ALCO is a family store which

offers clothing shoes and accessories for all members of the family, health and beauty aids, housewares, stationary, hardware, toys, sporting goods, automotive supplies, domestics, notions and piece goods.

"First quality, brand name merchandise will be offered to the customer at the lowest possible price," say company officials.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said the city did not "recruit" the new retail business, but it did provide requested information to Duckwall-ALCO officials.

"We are pleased to have them and we feel sure it will be a nice addition to the city," Collins said.

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller said ALCO contacted the city more than a year ago, looking for a site to house a discount store. Chuck Verbe, who is currently working on renovating the building, was the person who first contacted the city.

Heller said the contractors are "knocking out most of the inside walls" of the existing building, and plan to "extend it to the south and west."

She said the jobs created will benefit the area, both after the store is open and during the renovation stage.

Dimmitt City Manager Reeford Burrous said the ALCO stores are

not well-known locally, and the company is trying to establish itself in the Panhandle.

He added that the store could pull more business into the area and added that ALCO will try and hire most of its employees locally. He added that ALCO is using a lot of local contractors during its renovation of the Wallace-Brown building.

"We are very pleased to be opening a store in Dimmitt. We are very optimistic about the future of the store in this community," said Glen Shank, president of Duckwall-ALCO Stores. "It is our judgement that this community will respond

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# On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

## More Christmas News!

Oleta Gollehon stayed in Dimmitt during the Christmas holidays, but some of her grandkids came by to visit with her: Tricia and Scott Campbell of Dallas, Tobin and Angela Touchstone and boys, Ret and Sam, of Mansfield, Todd Touchstone of Houston and his friend, Debbie, of Lubbock. They were all in Dimmitt for Christmas with the Touchstone family. Tobin and Angela also visited with her parents, Jimmy and Nancy Ross.

Glenn and Mona Merritt were hosts to their family for Christmas: Brock and Susan Merritt, Bryan and Derrick of Coppell; Ed and LeAnn Kramer and Pratt of Kingstonsville; Steve and Dennea Tanner of Dallas; Mark and Kay Merritt, Lori and Leslie of Midland; Rebby and Leslie Brock, Logan, Tanner and Cooper of Las Vegas, N.M.; and Mable Brock of Dimmitt.

Dorothy Sheffy entertained her kids for Christmas: Graham and Karen Sheffy, Brittany and Gabe of College Station, Kevin and Virginia Malone, Rachel and Quentin of Hart, and Rick and Beth Wallace, Brooke and Shae of Tulia.

William and Rosetta Bellinghausen spent Christmas in Ovella with their son and family, David and Dr. Melody Bellinghausen and children, Jordan and Canaan. Others enjoying all the fun were Melody's parents, Dr. Seth and Marjorie Murphrey of Levelland, Joy and Michael Armstrong and children, Michal Ryan and Samuel of Los Angeles, Calif., Truitt Murphrey of Levelland, and Mark Murphrey of Houston.

While the Bellinghausens were in the Dallas area they visited with their friend, Lou Maidhof of Arlington. They all went to La Cucina, a famous Italian restaurant, where they enjoyed a delicious Italian meal of spaghetti, eggplant parmesan, salad, cannoli Siciliani, espresso, and Italian bread. Fr. Dennis Smith, a good friend, joined them at the restaurant. While they were eating, they were serenaded by a violinist and an accordionist.

Louise Mears enjoyed Christmas with her daughter and family in Amarillo, Charlotte and Zay Gilbreath and their three sons and families.

Madge Robb enjoyed Christmas with her family in the home of Don and Sandra Robb in Idalou. Other family members were Ted Robb, Larry and Tami Robb and children,

## Class of '48 seeks members

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1948 is planning a reunion, and organizers of the event are searching for names and addresses of class members.

If you are a member of that class or know someone who is, contact Joyce Autry at 1011 Hopkins, Rocky Ford, Colo., 80167; or call her at 1-719-254-3736 by Feb. 1.

The reunion is being planned for this summer and family and friends of classmates are invited.

## Shot clinic set

A shot clinic offering vaccinations against several childhood diseases will be held Friday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hart Elementary School.

A clinic will be held in Dimmitt on Jan. 20 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Azteca Complex.

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.

Trinity and Trey of Hart, Wayne and Cheryl Harman of Amarillo, Jan Robb of Dallas, Richard and Delva Robb and children, Brad, Becky and Matthew of Lubbock, and Berle and Lorraine Robb and children, Jason and Brittany of Lorenzo.

Between Christmas and New Year's, Madge Robb entertained friends, Joe and Joyce Randolph of Boise City, Okla., in her home.

Weldon and Ann Rodgers entertained family members in their country home in Paducah for a late Christmas celebration. Those enjoying all the fun were Kyle and Flo Touchstone, Tanner, Ty and Trey of Lubbock, Robin and Angela Touchstone, Ret and Sam of Mansfield, Scott and Tricia Campbell of Dallas, and Todd Touchstone of Houston and his fiancée, Debbie of Lubbock.

Curtis and Marie Tate went to Amarillo to have Christmas with their daughter and family, Pat and Ken Truelove and Brent.

Jeff Watts, who is pastor of Beulah Baptist Church at Brookneal, Va., brought the message at First Baptist in Dimmitt on Sunday morning. His wife, Ann, and baby were with him. Jeff is the son of

Jerry and Carolyn Watts of Dimmitt. Jeff, you gave an inspirational sermon, and we are proud of you!

Joyce Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo., has been in Dimmitt visiting her mother, Irene Carpenter, her sister, Floyce George and family, and sister-in-law, Marie Bowen.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock were among all the Dimmitt fans who attended the Lubbock Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. Debbie Smith and little Alyson drove from Amarillo to see the games. Alyson, 9 months, has a purple and white suit she wears to the Dimmitt ball games. Alyson stayed a few days in Dimmitt with her grandparents after the ball games.

Don, Karen and Carrie Sheffy entertained family members Dec. 27. Kristi of Richardson, who is an interior designer, and Karla of Denver, Colo., who is attending Iliff School of Theology, were home to help with the festivities. Karla's fiancé, Ron Harris of Cozad, Neb., spent the holidays in Dimmitt also. Ron is an intern minister at the Methodist church in Cozad.

Family members in attendance were Pauline Bell; Lonnie Bell of Lubbock; Mike, Pam, Sheree and Courtney Bell; Caleb Bell of Amarillo, Casey Bell; Jeff, Jennifer, Josh, Jordan and Jacob Bell; Jimmy, Lori, Samantha and Chealsie Huseman and David Burnam of Lubbock; Buddy Burnam of Guyton, Okla.; and Dale, Susan, Ryan and Erin Hildebrandt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Also, Dorothy Sheffy; Rick, Beth, Shea and Brooke Wallace of Tulia; Graham, Karen, Gabe and Brittany Sheffy of Bryan; Kevin, Virginia, Rachel and Quinton Malone of Hart; Bob and Mildred Sheffy; Rex and Dorothy Sheffy and Stuart Sheffy; Kenneth and Ruth Jackson; Nancy Jackson Fuller; Richard and Tommie Bills of Earth; and Randy, Joyce, Katy, Bruce and Curt Bills of Sunnyside.

Christmas week guests in the home of Ed and Betty Freeman were Susan Gose of Huron, S.D.; Ken, Vanessa, Naomi and Miles Nelson of Buffalo, S.D.; Sally and Andrew Ortiz of Denver, Colo.; Peter, JoEllen, Rebecca and Annie Freeman of Wildomar, Calif.; Paul and Ricki Freeman of Portland, Ore.; Carol Walker of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Chuck Donnelly of Stillwater, Minn.

ADDITION: Tommie Sue Nisbett's name was inadvertently left off of the Operation Christmas Greetings list turned in by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and we apologize!

# DHS names honor students

Dimmitt High School has announced honor roll students and the top ten scholastically for each class level for the third six-week grading period.

Honor winners are listed below by grade level.

## SENIORS

### Top Ten

Nikki Kenley, Shad McDaniel, Jeremy Langford, Matt Sims, Zachary Smith, Wendi Ethridge, Halley Bradley, Chad Sandoval, Claudia Luna, Michelle Schumacher and Holly Edwards (tied).

### All A

Julie Atchley, Halley Bradley, Wendi Ethridge, Nikki Kenley, Jeremy Langford, Claudia Luna, Shad McDaniel, Shelia Murray, Matt Sims, Zachary Smith.

### A-B

Heath Acker, Amy Beck, Rala Byrnes, Holly Edwards, Marisela Fierro, Renee Garcia, Justin Glegghorn, Tara Grand, Melissa Hacker, Melissa Jurado, Danita Mirez, Brandi Morgan, Brady Nelson, Liz Oltivero, Sonia Oltivero, Janna Parker, Kathy Patterson, Jaime Puente, Monica Quiroz, Tisha Rice, Chad Sandoval, Shanna Schaeffer, Nadine Schulte, Michelle Schumacher, Michael Sepeda, Heather Thomas, Abel Vargas, Victoria Vasquez, Haylei Wall.

## JUNIORS

### Top Ten

Adriana Lopez, Stace McDaniel, Justin Roberts, Amy Wooten, Brandi Morgan, Leslie Nelson, Robert Moss, Jenifer Fuller, Rocio Garcia, Janie Robles.

### All A

Katrina Acker, Adriana Lopez, Stace McDaniel, Brandi Morgan, Justin Roberts, Brian Simpson, Amy Wooten.

### A-B

Diana Anes, Andrew Baker, Tait Crow, Kodie Ellis, Teresa Flores, Jenifer Fuller, John Fuller, Angelica Garcia, Mary Garcia, Rocio Garcia, J.D. Gonzalez, Scott Heck, Mitzie Heller, Patricia Motezuma,

Selma Montalvo, Max Moore, Robert Moss, Leslie Nelson, Lesa Nino, Amanda Odom, Carlo Oltiveros, Arturo Ortega, Ben Perez, Janie Robles, Lorena Silva, Amy Smithson, Phillip Thrasher, Michael Velasquez, Katrina Waller.

## SOPHOMORES

### Top Ten

Zachary Bell, Katrina Vernon, Terri Teaschner, Wendy Finke, Moriah Olson, Carla Petty, Holly Wise, Margarita Vasquez, Tiffany Smith, Rochelle Harman.

### All A

Zachary Bell, Wendy Finke, Moriah Olson, Carla Petty, Susana Ramirez, Terri Teaschner, Katrina Vernon, Holly Wise.

### A-B

Martha Arrendondo, Yesenia Arredondo, Juan Balderrama, Amy Boothe, Monica De la Cruz, Johnny Flores, Linda Fuentes, Jill Gfeller, Christina Granado, Maria Guajardo, Rochelle Harman, Alma Longoria, Lupita Mendez, Samuel Moctezuma, Sheetal Patel, Rachel Ramirez, Eufemio Saucedo, Tiffa-

ny Smith, Petra Vidal, Joy Waller, Tiffany Wilcox.

## FRESHMEN

### Top Ten

Joel Townsend, James Terrell, Carlos Garcia, Amy Ethridge, Jonathan Baker, Chad Ellis, Justin Damron, Chad Rogers, Justin Newman, Kara Josselet.

### All A

Sally Castillo, Carlos Garcia, James Terrell, Joel Townsend.

### A-B

Jonathan Baker, Polly Bolton, Jimmy Bryan, Jessica Caldera, Gracie Corrales, Lora Correa, Toby Crow, Justin Damron, Chad Ellis, Amy Ethridge, Addison Foskey, Amy Fuller, Jeremy Hall, Drue Jennings, Kara Josselet, Amy Langford, Joe Larra, Cory Lust, Maricela Mendoza, Drew Musick, Justin Newman, Zeke Nino, Chris Paxton, Chris Perez, Bobby Rodriguez, Pablo Rodriguez, Chad Rogers, Alicia Sanchez, Will Sanders, Arturo Silva, Coby Summers, Jennifer Vick, Randa Wood, Jason Wooten.

## What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from Jan. 7-18.

### DIMMITT

MONDAY: Hot dogs with chili and cheese, corn on the cob, dill spears, wacky cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Sea Wonder fish, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, rolls, chocolate pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, lettuce and tomato salad, vegetarian beans, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Fried chicken, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, peanut butter cup and milk.

FRIDAY: Beef stew, cornbread, pineapple prune cake and milk.

### HART

THURSDAY: Pizza, corn, salad, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY: Crispy cubes potato pie, pinto beans, cornbread muffins, rice krispie bars and milk.

MONDAY: Enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tortilla chips, pineapple pudding and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken strips or chicken fried breast, green beans, whipped potatoes, apple cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Barbecued sausage, fried okra, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

FRIDAY: Burrito, corn, chocolate cake, peaches and milk.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Nachos, pork and beans, applesauce, peanut butter cups and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, gelatin and milk.

MONDAY: Taco, peas, hot rolls, pineapple and milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza, corn, hot rolls, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chili, carrot and celery sticks, cinnamon rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, hot buttered rolls, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter cup and milk.

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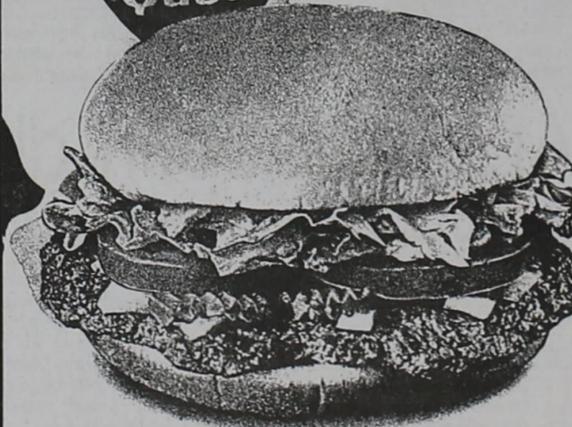
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## Thank You.

I want to thank all the people who have been so supportive of me during my illness. The sincere concern shown through flowers, cards, prayers, thoughts, food, deeds, help, visits and calls has greatly helped me during this time.

## Robert Benton

# We Salute

## Jimmy Davis

The past week has seen a shift in two of the county's law offices, involving three attorneys.

Jerry Matthews was sworn in as the new county/district attorney, and John David King took over the private law practice formerly operated by Matthews and Byron Boyd.

At the same time, Jimmy Davis ended his career as our county/district attorney after 15 years' service to the public here.

Davis was serving as an assistant criminal district attorney for Lubbock County when Castro County Attorney Bob Buntyn died in office in 1977. Davis was appointed to fill the office temporarily until an election could be held, and in 1978 was elected to serve the remaining two years of the term. He was re-elected three times after that.

When Davis took over the county/district attorney's office here, he had to "fly blind" for a while, representing the state in several key criminal cases with which he was unfamiliar. Operating a one-man shop, using someone else's filing system while grappling with unfamiliar facts, figures and people in the demanding forum of the courtroom, he was in a scary situation.

As Davis progressed in the job, he was elected by his fellow attorneys to district admissions committees for licensing attorneys and to the Government Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas. He displayed a sense of fair play, diplomacy, friendliness and cooperation in his job while battling the frustrations of inequitable penal guidelines and an overcrowded prison system.

Davis also became a valuable civic and church leader here. He served as president of the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and of the Castro County Unit of the American Cancer Society. He actively participated in the Castro County Crime Line, was a voting delegate to the 1990 State Democratic Convention, and served as a Sunday school teacher in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Davis is a trained prosecuting attorney, so he will be forced to look elsewhere to practice his specialty.

Jimmy, we will miss you and your family, and your good works here. We're glad you've been a part of Castro County!



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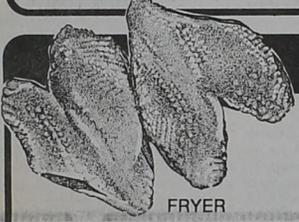
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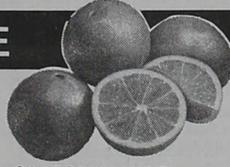
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**PRODUCE**

**U.S. NO. 1 RUSSET POTATOES**  
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### 1—Real Estate, Homes & Land

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 This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising or real estate advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that the dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. 1-1-tfx

**FOR SALE:** Two bedroom house, one bath, one-car garage. 647-4322. 1-44-tfx

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**THREE BEDROOM** house in good condition. 1-1/2 baths, two car garage. \$27,500.

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**1991 Buick Park Avenue** 4-door, all power assists, 14,000 miles.

**1986 Chevrolet Silverado** 1/2 ton, diesel, extra nice, 59,000 miles.

**Scott's Trading Post** S. Hwy. 385 647-3414

### 3—For Sale, Misc.

**CARPETS-PATIO COVERS** — Free estimates, financing. Plainview. 10 x 20 carpet, \$585. 1-800-762-3599. 3-29-tfx

**ROUND BALE** wheat hay for sale. 647-3694. 3-36-tfx

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE:** You load, \$50 per pickup load. No stake beds. Also farm fresh pecans, \$1.50 per pound. Custom cracking, 35 cents. 938-2206. 3-36-tfx

**THE HEADHUNTERS** Monday specials for senior citizens. Call 647-4159 for details. 3-18-tfx

**COMPUTER** for sale. Mac-Plus with 1MB RAM, 3.5-in. disk drive, 40MB hard drive. Includes Microsoft Works integrated software and training software. I'll also help you after the sale. \$700. Johnny Robertson, 647-4106. 3-35-tfx

**GOOD QUALITY** round bale hay grazer for sale. Call 647-2401. 3-25-tfx

### 5—Farm Equipment

**FOR SALE:** 3,500 feet of three-inch used pipe, 3/16" wall, 15' joints, 70 cents per foot. 1-806-364-6156. 5-37-4tc

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### 6—Automotive

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8 and 9, Friona Motors, located at 1011 Grand Ave., Friona, Texas, will be conducting a test marketing event that will include numerous Ford Motor Co. and General Motors factory program vehicles, in addition to the largest selection of new and clean used cars and trucks ever made available to the residents of Castro County.

The first 50 people to take a test drive on each of these days will receive a men's or women's sports watch. The first 10 people each day will also receive a beautiful gold plated nugget bracelet. No purchase necessary. We just want to show you our cars and trucks. This test marketing event will end promptly at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. Don't miss out! Friona Motors, 1011 Grand Ave., Friona, TX 806-247-2701. 6-39-1tc

**MUST SELL!** '92 Oldsmobile 98 Regency. 4-door sedan, program car, power windows, power door locks, power seats, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Hulderman in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 6-39-1tc

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### 8—Services

**I AM NOW SELLING** life, health and medicare supplement insurance. Call Judy Birdwell, 647-3264 or come by 105 SW 5th. 8-37-4tc

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**AMARILLO-AREA PREGNANCY** Crisis Center Hotline. Call collect, 0-354-2244. Also, Methodist Mission Home, 24 hours, toll-free, 1-800-842-5433. 8-4-tfx

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**WILL DO ROUND BALE** hauling. Call Donald Shelton at 647-3558. 8-24-tfx

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### 10—Wanted, Misc.

**I WOULD LIKE TO BUY** your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 10-1-tfx

### 12—Notices

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS,** 945-2553. 12-39-4tc

### 13—Lost & Found

**LOST:** Ladies' Seiko watch in vicinity of First State Bank or Town and Country. Sentimental value. 647-3595. 13-38-tfx

**MISSING**—Red, white-face heifer, 600-pounds. Yellow 39 ear tag in right ear. Lavern Wilhelm. 647-5425. 13-33-tfx

### 14—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 A very special thank you to our wonderful friends from Dimmitt who were concerned, brought food, sent flowers and remembered us in your prayers during this saddened time of our life—the loss of our father. May God's richest blessings be yours.  
 THE LESTER McDERMITT FAMILY  
 KEN McDERMITT & FAMILY  
 AUDREY SHOTTENKIRK & FAMILY  
 JESS & BETTY LASS & FAMILY  
 JANE WALKER & FAMILY  
 DORIS SAUL & FAMILY  
 14-39-1tc

### 15—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 PR-92-11-A-6576-CV  
 EULESS WAGGONER and wife, HAZEL WAGGONER vs. WINSTON WAGGONER and wife, JUDY WAGGONER

**IN THE 64TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE OF SALE-REAL PROPERTY**  
 By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 64th Judicial District Court of Castro County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in such court on December 11, 1992, in favor of EULESS WAGGONER and wife, HAZEL WAGGONER and

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against WINSTON WAGGONER and wife, JUDY WAGGONER, in the case of EULESS WAGGONER and wife, HAZEL WAGGONER vs. WINSTON WAGGONER and wife, JUDY WAGGONER, No. 92-11-A-6576-CV in such Court, the undersigned did on December 28, 1992, at 8 o'clock a.m., levy upon the following real estate, lying and being situated in Castro County, Texas, as the property of WINSTON WAGGONER and wife, JUDY WAGGONER:  
 Ten (10) acres of land in the Southwest corner of the West Half (W/2) of Section Thirty-three (33), Block K-13, EL&RR Ry. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:  
**BEGINNING** at the Southwest corner of said Section 33, Block K-13, for the Southwest corner of this tract of land;  
**THENCE** North along the West boundary line of said Section 33, Block K-13, 1023.55 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of this tract of land;  
**THENCE** East parallel with the South boundary line of said Section 33, 492.42 feet to a point for the Northeast corner of this tract of land;  
**THENCE** South parallel with the West boundary line of said Section 33, 1023.55 feet to a point in the south boundary line of said Section 33 for the Southeast corner of this tract of land;  
**THENCE** West along the South boundary line of said Section 33, 492.42 feet to the place of beginning.  
 SAVE AND EXCEPT all that portion of the above described property previously conveyed to the State of Texas for highway purposes.  
 You are further notified that on Feb. 2, 1993, being the first Tuesday of the month, at 10 a.m., which is between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on the specified day, at the courthouse door of Castro County, all the right, title and interest of WINSTON WAGGONER and wife, JUDY WAGGONER in and to the above-described property will be offered for sale and sold

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at public auction, for cash.  
 Witness my hand this 28th day of December, A.D. 1992.  
 C.D. FITZGERALD, SHERIFF  
 Castro County, Texas

By JERRY W. JANSO, Deputy  
 15-38-3tc

**BID NOTICE**  
 Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids for property, casualty and liability insurance for the district. Sealed bids are to be delivered by 10 a.m., Feb. 5, 1993, at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 15-38-5tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The City of Nazareth is accepting bids for approximately 400 feet of sewer line and 400 inches of waterline. Information can be obtained by calling 945-2285. The deadline for all bids is Jan. 31. The city has the right to reject all bids.  
 NAZARETH CITY COUNCIL  
 15-39-2tc

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of the hiring will be done in Dimmitt.

"Yes, that's our purpose," Rubinoff said. "We want to offer an opportunity for employees here as good as anywhere else. We will provide job benefits and insurance."

Rubinoff projected that the company would grow to 150 workers in the first 18 months of operation. At the end of three years, he hopes for 250. By the sixth year, he expects 500 jobs.

At the end of the first year, Rubinoff said the company would process 26 million pounds of poultry products. By the third year, he expects sales to reach \$130 million. By the fifth year, he hopes to process 100 million pounds of poultry products, and begin expansion into other market areas.

Rubinoff has 23 years of experience in various aspects of the food industry and is currently employed by Con-Agra. He has helped develop the "Butterball" chicken products for that company.

"The chicken business has grown dramatically and there is an enormous market for quick freeze chicken," Rubinoff said. "People

are looking for taste and convenience, and chicken is the most preferred meat product today."

Rubinoff said he has invested \$50,000 of his own money in the company and has pledged all of his \$250,000 in assets. He plans to arrange financing for another \$8 million to get the project started. He said he hopes for a \$3.1 million loan through the Texas Agricultural Financing Authority, which recently authorized a loan for M.W. Carrot in Dimmitt. TAFE is a project of the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

Rubinoff said he became aware of the possibilities in Dimmitt through Dick Waterfield, who is associated with the TAFE program.

A definite site has not been selected yet, but at least 10 acres would be needed. Rubinoff said the building would be constructed of metal framing and glass for the office area. The plant area would be two stories tall and would incorporate "freezer panels" in the metal building to help regulate the temperature.

Comments from some of those

who spoke at the meeting follow:

◆ **Joe Stephens**, administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital: "Some of those people who come in will be married to nurses or lab technicians. Diversification is the most attractive aspect to me. If there is a crop failure, everybody suffers and there is nothing to make up for that loss. This will provide some stability to the economy."

◆ **Carol Schroeder**, Dimmitt Middle School teacher and owner of Seale Florist: "I can't see how it can be anything but a successful venture for Dimmitt. We need to diversify. We need funds for our schools and so forth. I urge you to think before you cast your ballot. We definitely need another industry."

◆ **Dorothy Hopson**, Hopson Sausage and Dimmitt Meat Co.: "I think it has been a long time coming. We hired a man to work on economic development. He worked

long and hard without any success. Now it has been taken on voluntarily by Wayne Collins and Delores Heller, working to find a viable industry for Dimmitt. We are so grateful to find a company willing to put something into our community. I get excited thinking that our vacant buildings may be filled again. I think it is wonderful, and we should support it and thank Wayne and Delores."

◆ **David Schaeffer**, Schaeffer, Sutton & Schaeffer and president of DISD school board: "Several months ago the Texas Dept. of Corrections gave serious consideration to our prison proposal to 'give up the farm.' Now we don't have to. This project will match or exceed the employment prospects of the prison proposal. You must take risks if you want to succeed in business. With cities competing very aggressively in economic development, they give businesses breaks on taxes, etc. Sometimes we must go further and give more to come out ahead. We must be willing to vote yes."

"As an accountant I can see the effect of our shrinking economy. I can see the effects of our shrinking student population. Without new industry or jobs, I see more businesses shutting their doors."

"I see 150 new families coming, needing housing, providing new students. I see a payroll spent here, and local businesses expanding to meet the demands."

"Years ago, Dimmitt Agri Industries took steps for the establishment of what is now American Fructose. We need to be willing to do that again."



Protecting the environment has become a top priority. While the future of the environment lies to a great extent in the hands of government leaders an set policies, grassroots efforts to curb energy use can also make a significant impact on the state of the planet. Follow these tips to use less energy in the kitchen:

\*Use the smallest oven possible to cook; larger ovens may use more energy than is necessary, which in turn can contribute to environmental damage.

\*Save glass jars and plastic containers and use them instead of aluminum foil or plastic wrap to store leftovers.

\*Take advantage of a crock pot, which uses little energy, for soups and stews or other dishes that take a long time to cook.

\*Cook with a pan that is the same size as the burner when cooking on an electric stove. If a six-inch pan is heated on an eight-inch burner, more than 40 percent of the heat generated by the burner is lost.

\*When possible, keep the lid on a pot or pan during cooking. Spaghetti heated in a pot without the lid requires three times as long to cook as spaghetti heated in a covered pan.

\*Keep metal grease-catching burner pan clean. Clean, shiny pans reflect heat up toward the cookware, whereas dirty, blackened ones absorb heat and reduce cooking efficiency.

\*Turn off electric burners a minute or so before the dish is fully cooked; a red hot burner will continue to generate heat.

\*Contact the gas company if gas flames are yellow rather than blue. Yellow signals that the gas is not burning efficiently.

\*Keep air circulating inside the oven by staggering pans on upper and lower racks. Good air flow allows for efficient cooking of foods.

\*Make sure the inside of the microwave oven is clean to maximize its ability to heat food.

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to get the plant financed and built. Then, shortly after it started production, they were driven to their knees through corporate dirty tricks by the giant corn milling companies that didn't want co-ops getting into the business. They lost their initial investments. It looked as though the risk hadn't paid off, that they had failed.

But the plant was a good idea, and others recognized it. Dimmitt Agri Industries leased it, then sold it, and through the years it has grown from a \$25 million plant to a \$100 million plant, bringing benefits not only to Dimmitt Agri Industries but to the city, the county and the state.

It's the only plant of its kind in Texas. And it's in Dimmitt.

That plant, with its \$42 million taxable value, is the reason our city taxes are among the lowest of any city's our size in the state. American Fructose pays more than 40% of the city's property taxes, and a proportionately high share of our school, county and hospital taxes. It's worth hundreds of dollars a year to almost every one of us.

Why do you suppose we have the best small-town hospital in the area? And why is it still open when others its size throughout the country have closed?

Attitude.

I remember, as a boy in the late 1940s, seeing my dad gather blankets before driving over a dirt road in a rainstorm to Hart to explain the bond proposal to build a hospital for the county. He didn't know if he could get there, and knew he might end up spending the night in the car in a ditch somewhere along the way. But he was committed to make the effort because he felt that strongly about it.

Multiply that effort — that attitude — by hundreds, or perhaps even thousands, through the years and you see why Dimmitt isn't an ordinary town.

I remember how the Jaycees built the original airport. Elmer Youts — another Dimmitt man with an attitude — made the land available, and the guys worked together on weekends, "appropriating" city equipment when necessary, scrounging sheet metal and used tires, and raising money by hook or crook to pay for materials they couldn't get donated, until we had an airport.

The airport is now the home of several aerial spraying businesses, is capable of handling any type of private aircraft, and has been important to Dimmitt in many ways.

After selling the airport, the Jaycees used the money to finance one of our baseball parks, while Lions Club members pledged to either raise or donate \$100 each to finance the other one.

There again, that Dimmitt attitude came into play. Our people didn't want to settle for second best. They went to work and built two well-designed ball parks that

are still among the best in any small town anywhere.

Attitude.

◆ Highway 385 is a federal north-south highway now, running from Mexico to Canada. It's known by congressional decree as the International Parks Highway, and Dimmitt was the first headquarters of the International Parks Highway Association.

Why? Because of the efforts of T. A. Singer of Dimmitt, who traveled every mile of it as he worked to get a conglomeration of north-south state and federal roads joined together into a single major highway.

This was just one of many things Mr. Singer did to benefit his town. He was probably the original walking definition of the Dimmitt attitude.

◆ As our town has grown older and times have gotten harder, we've stumbled a few times. We've failed to seize some opportunities, to develop some possibilities and to do some things that needed doing. We've defeated some bond issues that should have passed.

Two fears come into play here: the fear of failure and the fear of higher taxes.

You have to risk failure to succeed. If we were all afraid to take risks, then there would be no farms or businesses here. We would all be what Teddy Roosevelt called "those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

◆ Do you want to talk about risk and taxes? Okay.

Look at this bond issue one way and you can see that if the project failed, we could be hit with higher property taxes to pay off the debt. That's our ultimate risk here, albeit a slight one since we'd be converting \$4.5 million worth of bonds into real-property assets.

But look at it from another angle, too. We could take the \$4.5 million and pour it down a rat-hole. Then, to pay off the entire amount, the City of Dimmitt might need to raise its property tax rate enough to equal the average tax rate of all other Texas cities. (Remember the American Fructose plant and the 40% tax benefit we're getting from it?)

We could decide there's too much risk involved, and defeat the bond issue. In so doing, we would be deciding to do nothing. Then our city would continue to lose population and jobs. So, to provide its services with a shrinking tax base, the city would have to raise its tax rate.

Or we could vote to authorize our City Council to proceed to the next step. (Remember, a "for" vote doesn't guarantee that the plant would be built — there would still be a lot of conditions to be met). We could bet on the Dimmitt City Council, the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and Ron Rubinoff.

Then, if the plant were built and were to succeed, we would have another major industry employing up to 500 more taxpayers, and the city would realize a \$2 million profit on the deal, and our taxes might even go down.

You can see how tricky the cause-and-effect scenario can be when you consider only taxes and risk. If we risk and fail, our taxes will go up. If we risk and succeed in any measure, our taxes could go down.

The City Council will eliminate as much risk as it can from the project through a first-lien option on the building and equipment, through "key man insurance" on Rubinoff, and through professional advice along the way. We can ask nothing more or less where the risk factor is concerned.

◆ The City of Dimmitt is among the first in Texas to try this new state-authorized method of financing economic development.

(By the way, Amarillo has a half-cent sales tax to finance its economic development program, and Lubbock will vote on a similar sales tax next week. If you've bought anything from a pair of shoes to a new car in Amarillo, you've already contributed more to their economic development fund than you'll probably ever be required to pay into Dimmitt's.)

I like the idea of Dimmitt being at the forefront. Mayor Wayne Collins was well-placed (as president of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission) to familiarize himself with the new state program, to make contact with the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, and ultimately to be referred by the TAFE to Ron Rubinoff, whose business plan was used as the prototype in the state's formulation of Proposition 3 (authorizing the state economic development program).

A lot of factors have come together here, and a definite opportunity is on the line.

I hope we'll show that Dimmitt attitude and seize the opportunity.

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# People



## The Book Shelf

By CINDY POTTORFF  
Rhoads Memorial Library

*Your Money or Your Life* sounds like a book about highway robbery, but it's the next closest thing: How to deal with the high cost of health care.

In this book, Donald Korn explains what is needed and what is not needed when it comes to health care insurance. He also outlines how to find a good agent, how to use disability insurance and when long-term care insurance is needed.

Are you covered by Medicare? Korn tells how to fill in the gaps.

Are you self-employed? That's covered, too. This is a very practical and eye-opening book that is worth reading even if you think you're well covered.

Say you have good insurance. Everything is fine until you go to the doctor for a routine physical. He tells you that you have cancer. What can you do? You're so stunned you barely hear the doctor, much less decode those huge words he's using.

*Diagnosis Cancer* can help guide you through the first few months. Author Wendy Harpham is a practicing physician and a cured cancer patient, so she understands both sides of the issue. The book is set up in a question-answer format so the reader can absorb as much or little as desired. Besides the "what is this" and "how does this work" questions, emotional aspects are covered and a resource index is included.

Breast cancer strikes 11% of women in the United States. Breast cancer is covered intensively in *Breast Cancer: The Complete Guide*, by Yashar Hirshaut and Peter Pressman. Both authors are oncologists specializing in breast cancer. This is a good guide for dealing with all aspects of the disease. It is fairly straightforward and easy to understand.

Hopefully you'll never need these books. But if you do, they are up to date and written by people who understand these problems.



John William Ostanek and Tammy Dee Malone

## Autumn wedding planned

Jeanette Reilman of Dalhart and Roger Malone of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tammy Dee Malone, to John William Ostanek of Woburn, Mass.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows in the autumn.

Miss Malone attended Dimmitt schools and graduated from Haltom High School in 1986. She is a 1991

graduate of Texas Tech University and is working as a cell biologist for Repligen Corp. in Cambridge, Mass. She is working on a master of science degree in biochemistry at Northeastern University.

The prospective groom is a 1982 graduate of Woburn High School and a 1986 graduate of Franklin Institute. He is service manager for Minuteman Volkswagen in Bedford, Mass.

## Nazareth

By Virgle Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to Alvin and Matilda Anderle on the death of her brother, Mark Lindeman, 70, of Hereford. He died Christmas morning at his home after a lengthy illness.

We are happy to hear that Vincent Guggemos has been brought home after spending several weeks in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. We hope he will continue to do well.

Dan and Karen Gerber hosted an after-Christmas party for the Gerber family at their newly-remodeled country home. Gene and Susie Gerber of Odessa joined the family after Christmas and enjoyed a tour of the home and an evening of visiting.

It's sad to see the Mike Gerber home torn down in Nazareth. It was built in 1954 and has been owned by a grandson, Urban Ball, for 20 years. There are a lot of memories of Mike and Elizabeth Gerber there.

Russell and Danelle Barber of Lubbock spent the weekend here with their parents, Dan and Ethel Schmucker.

Our sympathy to Mark and Judy Kleman on the sudden death of her father, James Hamby, 59, of Hereford.

Prayers are asked for Sid Gerber, who has undergone tests at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo since Christmas.

Prayers are asked for Tinie Hoelting, who is a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Ray and Mattie Swirczynski

were blessed with company for the holidays. Nick and Linda Endres came from Houston before Christmas and stayed until Dec. 27. Mary Hertach and her daughter, Jennifer, came on Dec. 28 and stayed until Dec. 30.

Ray spent several days in Muenster visiting with his family and two brothers before Christmas. The holidays were good to the family.

Hilda Duer of Fort Worth flew to the Panhandle on Dec. 22 to spend Christmas with her family in Nazareth, including Alvina Gerber, Louise Braddock and Lawrence Schmucker. She and Lawrence joined the family for a get together at the Leonard Gerber home on Christmas day and spent the following Sunday with Louise Braddock and family.

## Correction

In a cutline identifying a girl ringing in the New Year on the front page of last week's issue, the *News* incorrectly identified the girl as being Kelly Myrick. Her name is Kelby Myrick. And she is the great-granddaughter of Nola Myrick of Amarillo.

The *News* regrets the error.

The windiest city in the US is Great Falls, Montana, where the average wind speed is 13.1 mph. Chicago, the notorious "windy city," actually ranks only 16th among the windiest cities in the US.

## Tech law school honors McDonald

Dwight McDonald, a third year law student at Texas Tech University, has been elected as the Vice-Chair of Judges for the Board of Barristers.

The Board of Barristers is a student organization that promotes advocacy skills in law students. The board organizes a number of competitions for law students, including a mock trial competition.

In the mock trial competition, two teams of two students each are observed during conduct of the trial to determine which team performed best. The decision is made by from one to three judges.

As Vice-Chair of Judges, McDonald will be responsible to insure that the board maintains a good relationship with those who will act as judges. Usually the competition judges are selected from local attorneys and court judges. In that respect, McDonald's job is considered "very political."

McDonald was awarded a position on the board after distinguishing his skills as an advocate in several competitions. His team took second place in the first year mock trial competition, and another team he organized made the semi-finals of a negotiation competition organized by the board.



Dwight McDonald

McDonald also has served as the vice-president of both the Minority Law Student Association and the Black Law Student Association, an organization of which he is a co-founder at Tech. He is the first black to be selected to the Board of Barristers at the Texas Tech School of Law.

A native of Dimmitt, McDonald is a 1984 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is the grandson of Matthew and Collie Daniel, both of Dimmitt.

## Letter

### 'Vote yes on bonds'

Dear Editor:

For many years our city leaders have been seeking a viable industry which would be willing to come to Dimmitt to provide year-round jobs, a clean environment, and give our community a real "shot in the arm."

We feel that at long last this is happening. Now we've been asked to undergird this business with a

loan ... that will be paid back. Please vote yes to this proposal.

Wayne Collins, Delores Heller and others have spent many hours researching the qualifications and integrity of those who are proposing to come to Dimmitt. They've been greatly impressed with their findings.

Vote for progress.  
V.C. AND DOROTHY HOPSON

## Letter

### Don't say 'I can't,' just say 'I'll try'

Dear Editor,

I wish "If'n it ain't broke, don't fix it!" could apply to our situation.

The mayor, chamber and city council members have been working to bring a new industry to Dimmitt. The introduction of Rubinoff Foods Corp. is the result of this work.

I can understand the possibility of failure in a project like this one. I can also realize the benefits of success. There are always these two sides.

Dimmitt has been declining in population, businesses, and jobs. A community can slip just so far, and reach a point where there is no turning back.

I think it's time to hit the brakes. We can build, we can create new jobs, we can get excited again about the future of Dimmitt.

There is a saying: "This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day, to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is very important because I am exchanging a day of new life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place I have traded for it."

"I want it to be gain, not loss;

good, not evil; success, not failure; and in order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it."

So before you say "I can't," say "I'll try." Then give it your best, because we need a lot of "fixin'."

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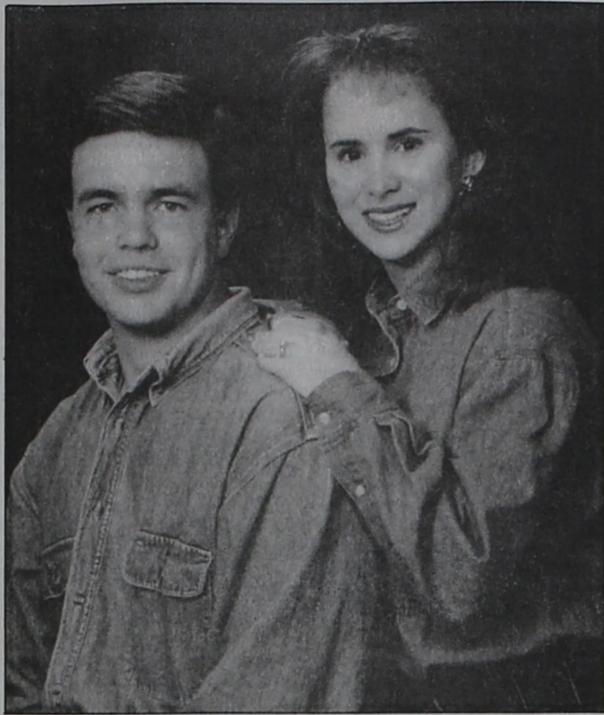
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Scott Aalbers and Kerry Bratton

## June vows planned

Stephen and Patricia Malley of Burlson and Gerald and Annabeth Bratton of Fort Worth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kerry Bratton, to Scott Aalbers, son of Gerald and Joan Aalbers of Hart.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Burlson High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May with a degree in

corporate and industrial fitness.

The prospective groom is the 1989 salutatorian of Jayton High School, and also will graduate from Tech in May. His degree is in horticulture, and after graduation he will begin work for Builders Landscaping, Inc., of Austin.

A June wedding is being planned, after which the couple will reside in the Austin area.

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"Every year over one million people are renewed and changed through personal contact with Southern Baptist missionaries while attending World Missions Conferences," said a spokesperson for the church. "The power of the personal testimony of those who are in missions for Christ will touch you, your family and our church family."

The week-long even will feature a different program each day of the week. The complete schedule and times of the programs will be announced later.

### Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Communion services will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Father Mario Stortz will celebrate the Sunday masses at 9 and 10 a.m.

CCD classes will be held Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for students in the sixth through 12th grades. Paul Flores, the youth director of the Lubbock Diocese, will talk about "Jesus and Youth."

The Pastoral Council will meet next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in "Maria's Room."

Andy White of the endowment campaign office will make a presentation on how to raise funds for the parish and diocese in the coming years.

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10.

"The Session As Magi" will be the subject of Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, slated to begin at 11.

New officers will be ordained and installed during the Sunday services.

A congregational meeting to receive reports from the church and its organizations will follow the Sunday worship service.

A Session meeting will be held Monday at 7 p.m.

The mid-week Bible study will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

### Ministerial Alliance

Johnny Robertson will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Psalm 40:1-11 Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

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## Book Club to meet

D.R. Meredith of Amarillo will be the guest speaker for the Dimmitt Book Club at the Jan. 13 meeting of the club.

Invited by club member Cindy Pottorff, Meredith will give a general review about the type of writing she does, including how she gets her ideas and puts them together.

She has written seven fiction books, and has one scheduled to come out soon. They are all murder mysteries set in the area of the Texas Panhandle. Three of the books chronicle the adventures of Sheriff Matthews of imaginary Crawford County. Others tell about John Lloyd Branson, a fictional lawyer of Canadian.

The meeting will be at 4:15 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library, and the public is invited to attend.

## Nurses aide classes set

Friday is the last day to register to take a nurses' aide training course at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.

The two-week course will start Jan. 18, and will be led by Yolanda Medrano, LVN. Cost will be \$70 per person, with instruction lasting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunches will be provided.

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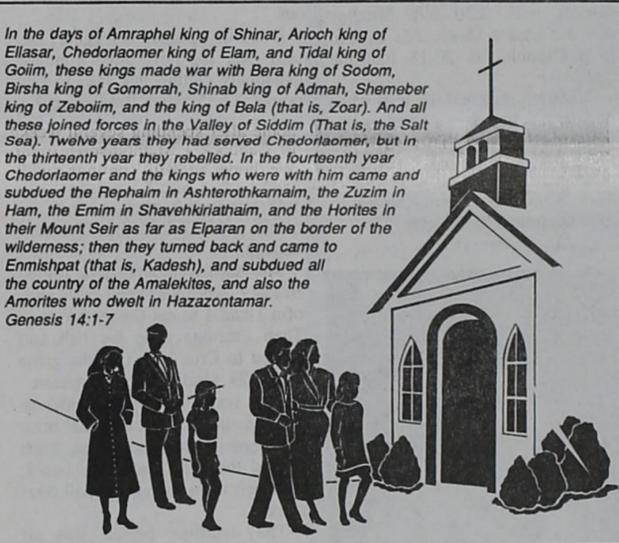
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# Sports



MICHAEL SCHMUCKER (foreground) snares a rebound and puts it up to give Nazareth an 8-2 lead early in Saturday night's game between the Swifts and Dimmitt's Bobcats. Others following

the bounding ball are Nazareth's Scott Brockman (30) and Bill Hochstein (52) and Dimmitt's Fernando Ontiveros (14) and Ronnie Musick (20). The Bobcats won the game, 65-60. Photo by Don Nelson

## Bobcats top Swifts, 65-60

The Dimmitt Bobcats' confidence level skyrocketed Saturday when they knocked off the Nazareth Swifts, 65-60, in Dimmitt.

The Bobcats fell behind early in the game, but never lost hope, and capitalized on several Nazareth turnovers to pull off the win.

The Bobcats dominated inside and managed to out-rebound the Swifts, 38-27. Dimmitt was hot from outside the three-point line, too, hitting 4-of-7 attempts.

Meanwhile, the Swifts were suffering through one of their worst shooting performances of the season, according to Coach Mark Makeever.

"Justin (Wethington), Nick (Johnson) and Adrian (Farris) shot a combined 9-of-31 from the floor, and we're not going to win many games doing that," said Makeever, whose team finished 21-of-51 for the game. "We just didn't play good basketball."

Dimmitt was led by Johnny Flores, who finished with 16 points, and Derrick Thomas, who added 14. Fernando Ontiveros contributed 12 for the Bobcats.

Nazareth's leading scorer was Nick Johnson, who had 18 points. Michael Schmucker added 9 while Scott Brockman and Adrian Farris finished with 8 apiece.

"We beat a very good ballclub," said Dimmitt Coach Ken Cleveland. "Nazareth has a very good

team—a lot better team than most that beat us. We were fortunate to win."

And Cleveland added that the victory gave his 3-12 Bobcats a much-needed confidence booster headed into district play.

"After the game, all the guys could talk about was district and winning a playoff spot. It was a big boost for us."

Nazareth started out with three-pointers from Farris and Johnson, then added consecutive baskets by Schmucker to go up 10-2 with 3:40 left in the quarter. The Swifts were up 15-6 at halftime, but fell apart in the second stanza.

Dimmitt ran off eight unanswered points to cut the lead to a point with three minutes gone in the stanza, then managed to tie the game at 14 when Ontiveros got a hand on a Jeromy Casey missed shot and tipped it in. Dimmitt took its first lead of the game with 3:29 left in the quarter when Flores connected on two free throws.

Ontiveros nailed a shot at the buzzer to tie the game at 27 at halftime.

Dimmitt continued its hot streak in the third quarter, scoring the first eight points of the second half, sparked by Flores, who picked up six of those points.

Nazareth cut Dimmitt's lead to a point with 2:02 left in the quarter,

then Farris hit a three-pointer with 30 seconds left to give the Swifts a 41-40 lead at the end of the stanza.

Nazareth took a six-point lead at the 6:28 mark when Farris scored, but a three-pointer by Thomas kept Dimmitt close.

Down the stretch, it was free throws, steals and Nazareth errors that allowed Dimmitt to hold on for the win.

The Swifts sent the Bobcats to the line seven times in the last three minutes, and Dimmitt made 8-of-12 free throw attempts. The Bobcats also forced five Nazareth turnovers during that span.

"We just kept hanging in there and we hit the late shots and made the plays at the end when it counted," said Cleveland. "Our guys just keep improving each game."



## Cruz sparks Bobbies in OT victory over Naz

Rose Cruz lighted a fire under the Dimmitt Bobbies Saturday night, first scoring a basket with 1:29 to tie Nazareth at 41, sending the game into overtime.

Then in the extra three-minute period, the 5-8 senior post gave Dimmitt a 46-42 lead with 40 seconds left. But she wasn't through. 15 seconds later she stole a pass and scored to give her team the spark it needed to hold on for a 50-42 overtime win against Nazareth.

Cruz and her teammates virtually shut down Nazareth in the overtime period, allowing the Swiftettes one free throw. Dimmitt stole the ball three times in the fifth quarter and allowed the Swiftettes just three shots, all of which bounced off the rim.

"Rose made a couple of baskets and a couple of steals in the last four minutes that really got us going," said Dimmitt Coach Richard Wood. "We played extremely well in the overtime period. I felt like we played well during the whole game, but everything started to click in the last four minutes. Our press came up with some plays when it counted."

Even though Dimmitt's defense managed to shut down the Swiftettes in the overtime period, Wood said he felt like the team's overall defensive performance was "passive."

"We gave up a lot of shots we should have contested," he said.

The nip-and-tuck battle saw each team take over the lead several times, and the final margin of victory was the biggest lead either team held in the game.

Statistically, the teams were close. Dimmitt won the board battle, 32-24, paced by a nine-carom performance from Kim Thomas. For the Swiftettes, Jill Pohlmeier and Melinda Schmucker had seven each. The Bobbies had 19 turnovers while Nazareth lost possession 16 times. Both teams hit two three-pointers. The Swiftettes shot 41% from the floor (16-of-38) while the Bobbies completed 18-of-48 field goals for 37.5%. Free throws were close, too, but Dimmitt had more trips to the line—the Bobbies were 12-of-20 from the charity stripe while Nazareth finished with 8-of-12.

Halley Bradley was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 17 points while Wendi Ethridge had 11. Pohlmeier was the lone Swiftette to reach double figures, scoring 17.

Nazareth's Schmucker sisters, Natalie and Melinda, opened the game's scoring by nailing a three-pointer and two-pointer, respectively. That gave the Swiftettes an early five-point lead, but Bradley and Michelle Schumacher answered to tie the game and the rest of the first quarter was a see-saw battle. Dimmitt finally gained an advantage when Schumacher nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to give

the Bobbies a 14-11 lead.

Dimmitt took its biggest lead of the game with 6:21 left in the second quarter, but Kelly Boyd tied the game at 18, scoring on a short jumper with 2:20 left. Bradley added a basket 16 seconds later to give Dimmitt its 20-18 halftime lead.

Nazareth regained the lead when Melinda Schmucker scored at the 6:14 mark in the third quarter, then the teams traded baskets for three minutes. But that all ended after Tara Grand scored with 2:55 left to give Dimmitt a 25-24 lead.



ROSE CRUZ savors the feeling as she leaves the gym Saturday night after sinking the game-tying basket that sent the Bobbies into overtime against Nazareth's Swiftettes, then making two fast-break layups and a steal within 15 seconds of the final minute to pace the Bobbies to a 50-42 win. Photo by Don Nelson

After that basket, Nazareth ran off a string of eight points to claim a 32-25 lead with 6:45 left in the game.

That's when Wood called a time out.

Dimmitt chipped away at the lead over the next three minutes, eventually cutting that lead to two points, 37-35, when Bradley sank a basket and ensuing free throw after she was fouled by Pohlmeier.

Boyd sneaked in back door and scored on a short jumpshot with 1:48 left in the game, giving Nazareth a 41-37 lead, but it wasn't enough.

She turned around and fouled Bradley, who converted both ends of a 1-and-1 to cut the lead to two. Then Ethridge stole the ball and passed to Cruz who tied the game with 1:29, sending it into overtime.

Both teams had opportunities to end the stalemate in the final minute, but Boyd and Cruz each missed the front end of a 1-to-1, and each team turned the ball over twice.

The overtime period was all Dimmitt.

Pohlmeier hit a free throw with 2:13 left in the quarter to tie the game at 42 and that was the last time a ball would go through Nazareth's net.

Dimmitt ran off eight straight points—including the four by Cruz—to seal the win.

"These girls (from Dimmitt and Nazareth) played against each other all summer long," Wood said. "Nazareth came out ready to play and did a good job against us. They have improved tremendously since we scrimmaged them at the first of the year. They played very good against us."

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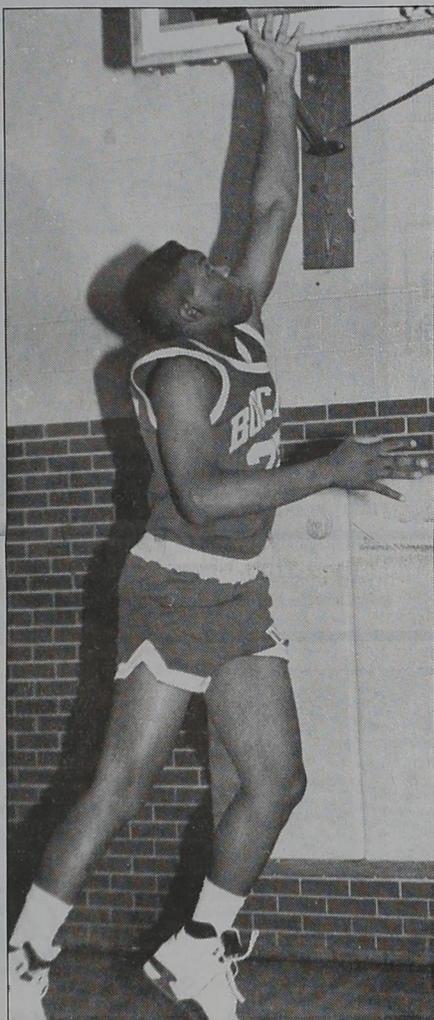
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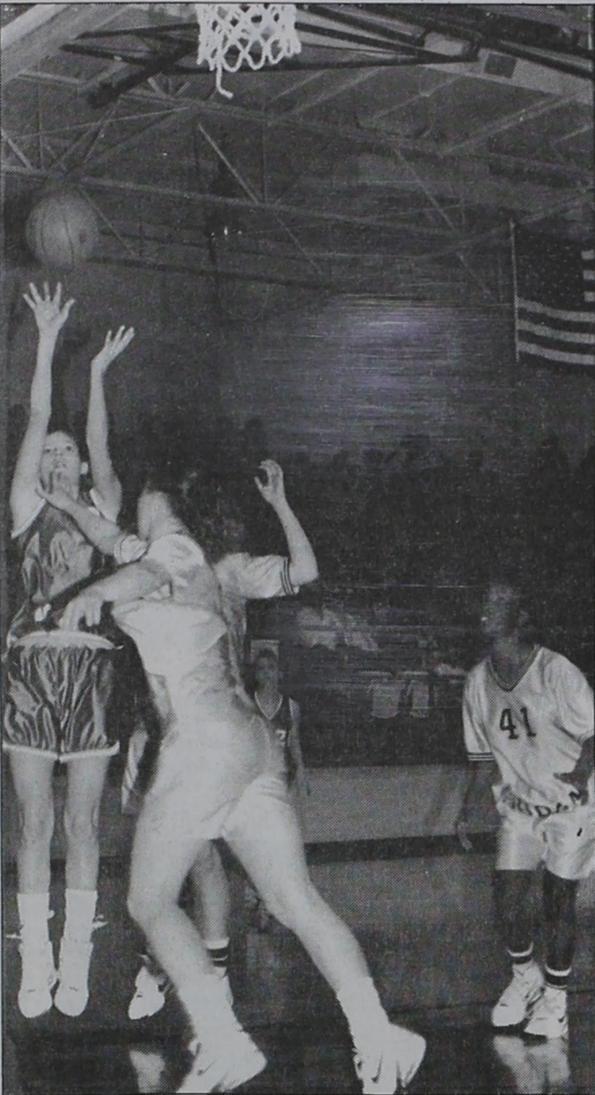
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**FOUL!**— Sudan's Muffin Davis (foreground) reaches out and fouls Nazareth's Nicole Kleman as the senior post takes a shot during fourth-quarter action in the championship of the Sudan Booster Club Holiday Tournament last Wednesday. Looking on is Sudan's T. Williams (41). Sudan ended Nazareth's string of five straight Sudan Tournament championships by winning the game, 49-35.

Photo by Randy Schilling

# Swifts win Sudan Tourney

The Swifts didn't play their best basketball in the Sudan Booster Club's Holiday Tournament last week, but the team played well enough to beat three opponents to claim the tournament championship.

Nazareth topped Springlake-Earth in the quarterfinals, 69-53; then held off a determined Crosbyton team to claim a two-point (62-60) victory in the championship semifinal. After that it was no problem for the Swifts, who captured the first-place trophy last Wednesday with a 72-42 demolition of Sudan.

Against Springlake-Earth, the Swifts overcame a one-point deficit after the first quarter, and finished the first half with a 25-23 edge. Nazareth dominated the Wolverines in the third quarter, 20-10, then outscored Springlake-Earth by four points in the final eight minutes for the win.

Four Swifts scored in double figures, including Nick Johnson, who finished with 12; Justin Wethington, 11, and Adrian Farris and Colby Pohlmeier, who added 10 apiece.

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said Crosbyton was, without a doubt, was the Swifts' toughest competition in the tournament. But he wasn't pleased with his team's overall performance in the game.

Nazareth had beaten Crosbyton, 72-54, in the Abernathy Tournament, earlier in December, but Chiefs were ready for the Swifts in Sudan.

Swift starters Nick Johnson paced all scorers with 26 points and Farris added 13. Scott Brockman came in off of the bench to add 11 for the Swifts.

The Chiefs pulled ahead of Nazareth 21-15 after the first quarter, but the Swifts whittled away and trimmed that margin to three points (30-27) before halftime. The Swifts knotted the game at 47 in the third quarter, then outscored Crosbyton 15-13.

Makeever said he was relieved his team pulled out the victory, but credits the Swifts' comeback to his second string, who came on when Nazareth was down and gave the team new life.

"I don't think we played good (against Crosbyton)," Makeever said. "We haven't played well since our break. Brandon (Schilling, 6-1 post) didn't play, but overall, team just didn't perform well. We got behind early and our second team brought us back."

Nazareth's 30-point victory over Sudan in the title game wasn't one of the Swifts' better performances, either, but Makeever said the team did shoot well and seemed to be getting back on track.

Sudan had played in the Class A state championship in football Dec. 18, and had only been in the gym for a week before the tournament, and although Makeever said the Hornets played well in the tournament, the Swifts were the dominant team in the title game.

"Sudan will get better," Makeever said. "They played some

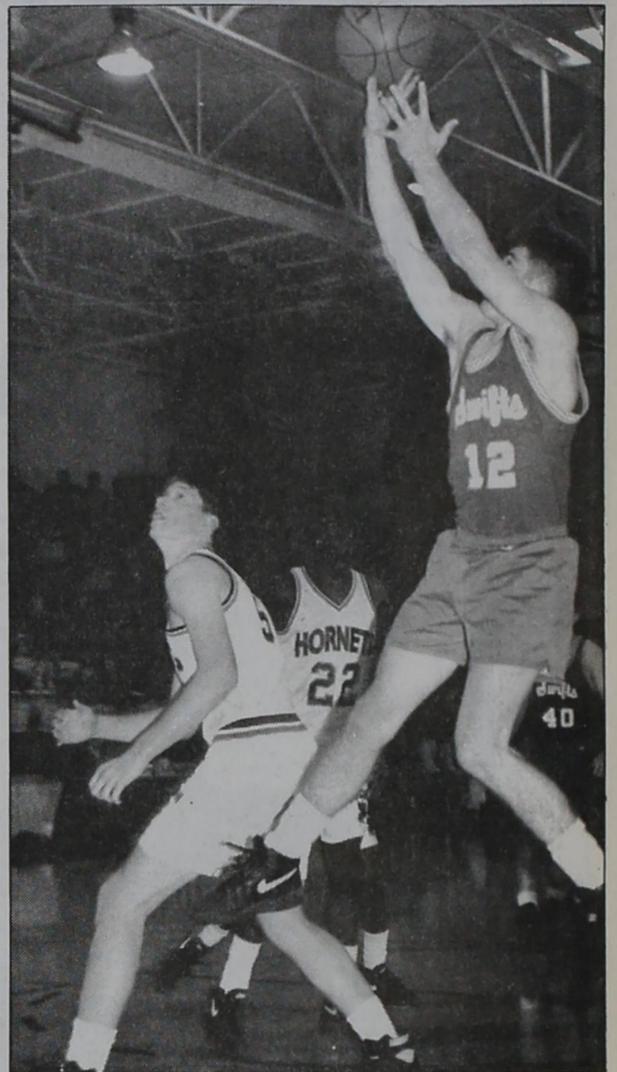
good games, they just haven't been playing for long."

Nazareth built up a 20-9 first-quarter lead, which expanded as the game wore on.

By halftime, the Swifts had virtually shut down Sudan, allowing just 20 points while scoring 42 themselves. Nazareth had a small

letup in the second half, but still managed to outscore the Hornets 30-22 for the 72-42 victory and tournament championship.

Four of Nazareth's five starters finished in double figures including Wethington with 16, Michael Schmucker with 14, Johnson with 13 and Farris with 12.



**FIRST BLOOD**—Nazareth's Justin Wethington (12) drives the baseline and scores the first two points of last Wednesday's championship game in the Sudan Booster Club Holiday Tournament. Coming in for the rebound are Sudan's Fisher (left) and Ricky Weaver (22); and Nazareth's Nick Johnson (40). The Swifts won the game, and the tournament championship, 72-42.

Photo by Randy Schilling

## Sudan topples Nazareth in title game, 49-35

Sudan took advantage of a Nazareth slump in the second and third quarters and ended the Swiftettes' hopes of winning a sixth straight Sudan Booster Club Tournament championship with a 49-35 victory last Wednesday.

Nazareth blew a six-point first-quarter lead and found itself down by four points, 24-20 at halftime.

The Swiftettes troubles continued in the third quarter, as Sudan outscored the defending tournament champs 15-8 to take a 39-28 lead.

Nazareth couldn't get anything going in the fourth quarter, either and Sudan pulled out the win.

Down the stretch, the Swiftettes were playing without their starting 5-11 senior post player and leading scorer, Jill Pohlmeier, who had injured her hand midway through the third quarter. Just before Pohlmeier went down, the Swiftettes' "sixth man," Chris Wethington, was sidelined with a knee injury. Wethington's injury proved to be a season-ending one for the senior guard, but Pohlmeier suffered a sprained thumb and was able to play Saturday.

"We had cut Sudan's lead to three points before those two went out," said Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet. "After that (injuries), we fell apart. We wound up being down by 18, then came back to cut it to 10, but after that we just traded baskets with them and couldn't get any closer."

The Swiftettes leading scorer was Melinda Schmucker, who finished with 16 points.

Tarbet said after Nazareth jumped out to its early lead, the Swiftettes hit a cold streak, and nothing would fall.

"We tried to start playing their type of game—running with them. That was to their advantage. We had some girls in foul trouble, too. Melinda (Schmucker) was on the bench for part of the second quarter, and that's when they gained control.

"And we couldn't hit our shots. We were 4-of-23 from the 3-point line. And when we weren't hitting outside, their defense clamped down on Jill inside."

After drawing a bye in the first round of the tournament, the Swiftettes posted a quarterfinal victory over Muleshoe, 52-47.

Three Swiftettes finished in double figures, including Natalie Schmucker with 21 points, Kristin Brockman with 12 and Pohlmeier with 11.

Nazareth controlled the game early, but not by much.

The Swiftettes led by three after the first period, and maintained that advantage at halftime, 25-22.

Nazareth added two points to its lead in the third period, outscoring Muleshoe 11-9, then held off a Lady Mule run late in the game.

Nazareth had an easier time with Seminole in the championship semifinals, building up a comfortable lead by the third quarter, then holding on for a 54-45 win.

"Seminole plays the same type of game Sudan does, and I was pleased when we were able to handle their press," Tarbet said.

Seminole fought back and Nazareth watched its lead evaporate throughout the fourth quarter, but the Swiftettes' big lead, and time worked against Seminole and although the team managed to outscore the Swiftettes 18-8 in the final quarter, it was too little, too late.

Melinda Schmucker and Pohlmeier finished with 13 points each to lead the Swiftettes while Natalie

The Swifts faced a deficit at the end of the first and second periods against Crosbyton, but after the halftime break, Nazareth managed to outscore the Chiefs and tie the game in the third quarter, then outscored them over the final eight minutes for the two-point win.



**FRIDAY:** Lady Horns and Longhorns vs. Lazbuddie, in Hart, 6 p.m.; Bobbies vs. Sudan in Dimmitt, 6:30 p.m.

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# Bobbies suffer only two season losses on same day

The No. 1-ranked Class AAA Dimmitt Bobbies have a 17-2 record and both of those losses came last Wednesday in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament—within four hours of each other, and at the hands of two Canyon teams.

Dimmitt lost its first game of the season last Wednesday morning to Class AAAA's No. 2-ranked Canyon Randall, then turned around and played the No. 2-ranked Class AAA team, Canyon, that afternoon, losing that game, too.

The Bobbies, who were one of the favorites to claim the tourney championship, were forced to settle for fourth place.

"We played two good games and two bad games," said Dimmitt Coach Richard Wood. "We were coming off of a long, 10-day layoff over Christmas, and we had to play two games in one day. It shouldn't have mattered, but it did. The girls said their legs were tired in the Canyon game, but it (playing two games last Wednesday) didn't seem to bother Canyon."

The Bobbies posted a 34-29 first-round victory over Happy, then beat Aubrey, 69-56, to advance to the championship semifinals against Randall last Wednesday morning.

That's when things started going wrong for Dimmitt.

The Bobbies had beaten the Lady Raiders twice this year, but

Randall got revenge in the semifinal, then went on to win the tournament, beating Monterey in the finals, 50-47.

Dimmitt's previous wins over Randall were by scores of 65-53 and 44-42. But Randall pulled out a 53-48 win in the Caprock Tournament.

"Randall has improved a lot this year," said Wood. "But we had a very poor shooting game against them. We didn't play with any intensity at all in the first half, and they were able to build up a 13-point lead."

Randall 12-9 first-quarter lead into a 32-19 halftime advantage, mainly because Dimmitt had problems handling the ball against the Lady Raiders' press. Sandy Parker, who finished with a game high 18 points, gave Randall a 30-19 lead near the end of the half when she stole back-to-back inbound passes and scored on short jumpers.

Dimmitt got back into the game in the second half, thanks to its press defense, which forced three Randall turnovers in two minutes. Before Randall knew what had happened, the Bobbies had trimmed the lead to four points, 31-35 and appeared to be closing in. At the end of the quarter, Randall had been outscored 13-5, but was still clinging to a 37-32 lead.

Dimmitt scored the first six points of the final quarter—four

free throws by Michelle Schumacher and a basket underneath by Wendi Ethridge—before Randall called a time out with 5:56 left.

After that Parker got Randall going with a pair of free throws with 4:40 left, then teammate Aimee Roberts converted a steal into two points with 3:43 left to give the Lady Raiders a 41-38 lead.

The closest Dimmitt would come to taking over the lead after that was at the two-minute mark when Schumacher found a wide open Tara Grand under the basket and Grand scored to bring Dimmitt within a point, 46-45.

But Parker cinched the game for Randall in the final minutes, hitting a basket and two free throws. Jessica Rexrode iced the game by hitting both ends of a 1-and-1 with five seconds left to give Randall its 53-48 victory.

The Bobbies had posted a 21-point victory over Canyon in the championship game of the Queens Classic over Thanksgiving and the Bobbies looked tough again last Wednesday—in the first half.

Dimmitt had pulled out to a 10-2 lead when Kim Thomas scored with just under three minutes left in the period, and was ahead 14-6 by the end of the quarter.

Carah Bryant pulled Canyon within six points, scoring in the final seconds, but Dimmitt was still in control with a 23-17 lead at halftime.

After that things started to fall apart for the Bobbies and clicked for the Lady Eagles.

Canyon started off the second half with a three-pointer by Mandy Keeling, and back-to-back baskets by Darcie Schenk and Bryant, and Canyon took its first lead of the game, 24-23, before Dimmitt scored its first second-half point.

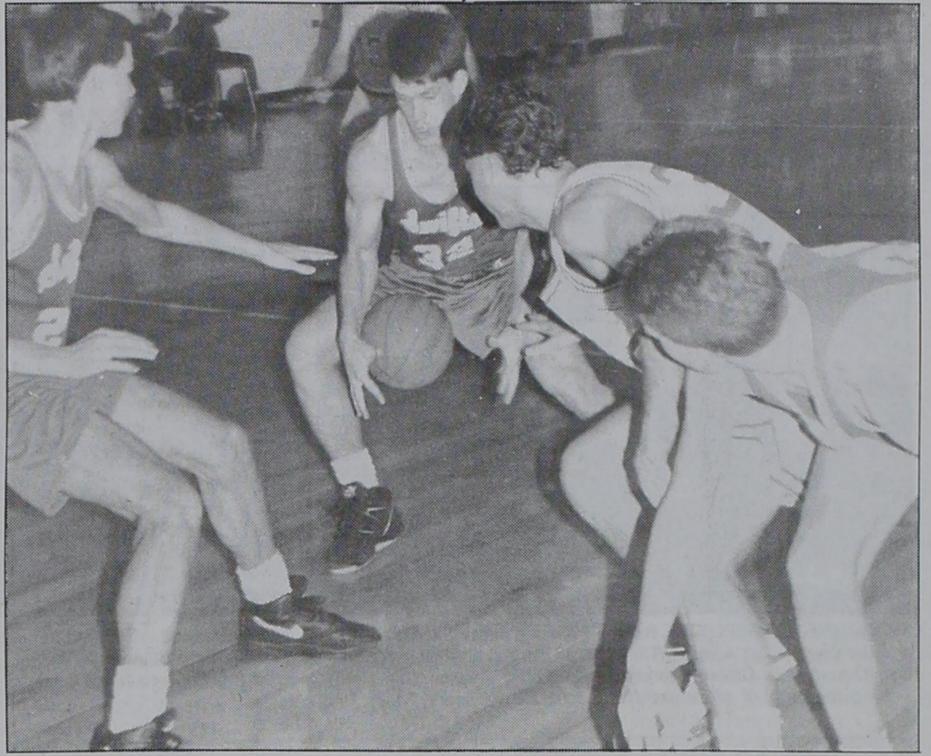
The teams exchanged control of the lead throughout the stanza, with Canyon posting the biggest advantage, a four-point lead with 32-28 when Allison Clark stole a Dimmitt pass and converted it into two points.

A three-pointer by Schumacher as time expired cut Canyon's lead to 32-31.

Dimmitt pulled ahead 37-32 in the fourth-quarter when Grand scored, but baskets by Bryant and Bonnie Carter cut that advantage.

The last lead Dimmitt would hold came at the 2:04 mark when Grand hit one of two free throws for a 41-40 lead. After that Canyon's Bryant hit a basket, then Schenk hit four straight charity tosses for the 46-43 win.

"We played good in the first quarter, and then we let up," said Wood. "The girls said they were tired. I don't think we played well throughout the game, but we were still in it up until the very end."



AROUND THE ROUND BALL—Dimmitt and Nazareth players appear to huddle around a loose ball in the first quarter of their game Saturday night in Dimmitt. Grabbing the rebound is Na-

zareth's Michael Schmucker (32). Also circling the ball are Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling (22) and Scott Brockman (30) and Dimmitt's Tait Crow (30 white). The Bobcats won the game, 65-60.

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Randall 12 20 5 16 — 53

SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 13, Halley Bradley 11; R—Sandy Parker 18.

#### GIRLS' THIRD PLACE

at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

#### Bobbies 43, Canyon 46

Dimmitt 14 9 8 12 — 43

Canyon 6 11 15 14 — 46

SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 11, Kim Thomas 10; C—Carrah Bryant 16, Darcie Schenk 10.

### SUDAN BOOSTER CLUB HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

#### GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Swiftettes 35, Sudan 49

Nazareth 12 8 6 9 — 35

Sudan 6 18 15 10 — 49

SCORING: N—Melinda Schmucker 16; S—Lee 16, Muffin Davis 10.

#### BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Swifts 72, Sudan 42

Nazareth 20 22 13 17 — 72

Sudan 9 11 12 10 — 42

SCORING: N—Justin Wethington 16, Michael Schmucker 14, Nick Johnson 13, Adrian Farris 12; S—Huey, Weaver and Fisher 6.

### SATURDAY

#### Lady Horns 69, Idalou 42

Hart 19 15 17 18 — 69

Idalou 10 14 11 7 — 42

SCORING: H—April Bennett 20, Shea Bennett 17, Frances Dozal 10; I—Hess 15, Soto 14.

#### Longhorns 54, Idalou 56

Hart 8 15 13 18 — 54

Idalou 12 18 10 16 — 56

SCORING: H—Bryan Welps 13, Fernando Urbina 11; I—Taylor and Lynn 10.

#### Bobbies 50, Swiftettes 42 (OT)

Dimmitt 14 6 5 16 9 — 50

Nazareth 11 7 10 13 1 — 42

SCORING: D—Halley Bradley 17, Wendi Ethridge 11; N—Jill Pohlmeier 17, Melinda Schmucker 8.



### Bobcats 65, Swifts 60

Dimmitt 6 21 13 25 — 65

Nazareth 15 12 14 19 — 60

SCORING: D—Johnny Flores 16, Derrick Thomas 14; N—Nick Johnson 18, Michael Schmucker 9.

### JV Bobbies 45, JV Swiftettes 17

JV Bobcats 61, JV Swifts 24

### TUESDAY

#### Swiftettes 39, Friona 53

Nazareth 11 6 11 11 — 39

Friona 8 17 11 17 — 53

SCORING: N—Jill Pohlmeier 14; F—Downey 16, Martin 12.

#### Lady Horns 70, Anton 47

Hart 11 22 23 12 — 70

Anton 15 12 11 9 — 47

SCORING: H—Shea Bennett 16, Finch 14, April Bennett 12; A—Grace 12.

#### Swifts 85, Friona 48

Nazareth 22 22 15 26 — 85

Friona 19 11 7 11 — 48

SCORING: N—Adrian Farris 23, Michael Schmucker 14, Nick Johnson 13, Schilling and Justin Wethington 11; F—Kyle Potts 22.

#### Longhorns 43, Anton 75

Hart 15 8 7 13 — 43

Anton 21 23 19 16 — 79

SCORING: H—Bryan Welps 13; A—Stewart 21, Conkin 12, Trantham and Rendon 10.

#### JV Swiftettes 23, Friona 50

JV Lady Horns 36, Anton 25

JV Swifts 46, Friona 35

JV Longhorns 39, Anton 37

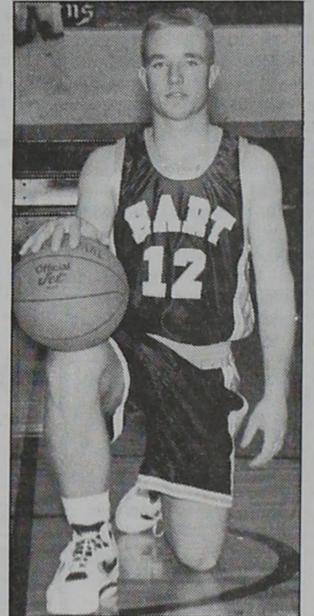


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## NAFTA to be discussed at Amarillo conference

A program on "how the North American Free Trade Agreement will affect US agriculture" will be held in Amarillo Friday at 7 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel's Trinity Room.

The open meeting is free to the public and is sponsored by the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association, Texas Corn Producers Board and Catholic Diocese of Amarillo's Rural Life Board.

The program will be directed by Marty Strange, program director for the Center for Rural Affairs of Walthill, Neb.

He helped co-found the Center for Rural Affairs and has worked extensively in farm policy concerns and legislation. He is author of the book, *Family Farming: A New Economic Vision*.

The Center for Rural Affairs addresses a wide range of issues including sustainable agriculture, rural economic development, federal farm programs, tax policy and the environmental impacts of contemporary farming practices.

Strange will discuss "Forging a New Rural Partnership between

Church and Community" at 2 p.m. After that a small group process will be held from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

After a short break, Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld of Hereford, former Nazareth resident, will talk about "Rural Life in the Amarillo Diocese."

Peggy Prather, field representative for Holistic Resource Management Center, will discuss "Wisdom from Texas Dept. of Agriculture and Holistic Resource Management to the Rural Church" at 4:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., Strange will give a special talk on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the fourth conference for Rural-Urban Partnership will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Activity Center, 2000 N. Spring in Amarillo.

The day-long event will focus on the theme, "Community and Economic Development on the South Plains."

Strange will be the keynote speaker for the event.

The meeting will include a food court during the lunch hour with specialty dishes prepared by groups from a number of rural communities. Among the foods included will be chicken, German sausage, cheese enchiladas, homemade bread, vegetable and casserole dishes and desserts.

Another new feature to the conference will be a seed swap booth, where those attending can trade or give away seeds they have grown

or acquired through their gardens or backyards.

Artwork will be a prominent feature of the conference. Four artists from the region, including Amy Winton of Amarillo, Dr. Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia, and photographers Jim Freeman and Louise Daniel, both of Amarillo, will be displaying their works in the activity center.

10 additional artists from around the area have been invited to display their work at the conference.

## Ag marketing seminar is set

A seminar featuring an introduction to ag marketing will be held in Dimmitt Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

The seminar, sponsored by the Castro County Extension Service, is open to all producers and those interested in understanding futures, options, forward contracts, decision-making and marketing strategies.

Program speakers will include

Dr. Jackie Smith, an Extension economist; Dr. Mark Walker, a state grain marketing specialist; and views from local producers as well as trading account establishment from Jerry Annen of West Wind Financial Services in Dimmitt.

The seminar is designed to be "very basic," with information starting at the ground level.

"The intention is to offer two additional introduction-type meetings which will then enable those interested in establishing an Agricultural Marketing club," said J.D. Ragland, county Extension agent.

For more information, contact the Extension office at 647-4115.

## Livestock clinic, county 4-H livestock show is set

A livestock show and clinic which will feature how to manage and groom animals will be held Friday and Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

All 4-H and Future Farmers of America members who are working with livestock projects are encouraged to attend the clinic, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

4-H'ers interested in showing barrows and lambs in Saturday's show may bring their animals to the show barns from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Friday and beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Entry cards and livestock scales will be available when the animals arrive and entry cards and weights must be turned in before 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The livestock clinic Saturday will open with a session on swine. A classroom-type discussion on "Home Care and Management for Show Barrows" will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by a grooming and showmanship demonstration at 9.

"Home Care and Management for Show Lambs" will be the topic of a discussion at 9:30 a.m. and a shearing and showmanship demonstration will follow at 10 a.m.

The clinic focusing on steers and heifers will include a discussion on "Home Care and Management for Show Steers and Heifers" at 10:30

a.m. and a dressing and showmanship demonstration at 11 a.m.

Then in the afternoon, the 4-H will hold its livestock show beginning at 1 p.m. with the heifer show. The rest of the afternoon's schedule includes the steer show at 1:30 p.m., lamb show at 2:30 p.m. and the barrow show at 3:30 p.m.

## Nominations are needed for awards

Nominations for the Dimmitt chamber of Commerce's "citizen" awards will be accepted through Jan. 15.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office in Dimmitt, or by calling 647-2524 and requesting one. They also are available at the offices of each school campus.

Nominations will be accepted for "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years," and "Teacher of the Year." The winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual awards banquet in January.

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## Letter

### 'ACLU had no authority'

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I believe the ACLU has no authority to order the stoppage of such service, and have restricted freedom of religion by their action. They seem to apply pressure and create fear of legal action to get what they want.

Perhaps their type of pressure is a good thing in that it will wake up this nation to organizations which would take away all moral foundation and deny its origin.

We all know the origin of this nation's moral values, but there are many who would deny and discredit it. It is time for we who care to

take action to neuter such organizations. This nation became great by the thrust of private enterprise, and private enterprise can keep it great. Private enterprise can neuter some of the organizations which would take away our nation's moral foundation.

Privatize the postal system, you ask? Why not? We already have one private system that is successful. Privatize our school system? Don't we already have exceptional private schools operating? We have some exceptional public schools, too, but they are under the pressure of organizations that are trying to

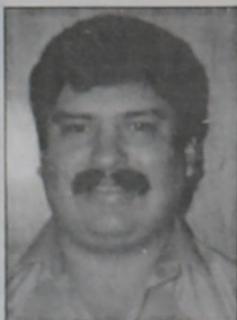
destroy the schools' moral standards. Our school boards are slowly losing control of the systems they were created to govern.

This is true of all our local governments. It's time we realize who stands to gain monetarily by more centralized government and less moral values. It's time we stand up, be counted and take back the rules that apply to us.

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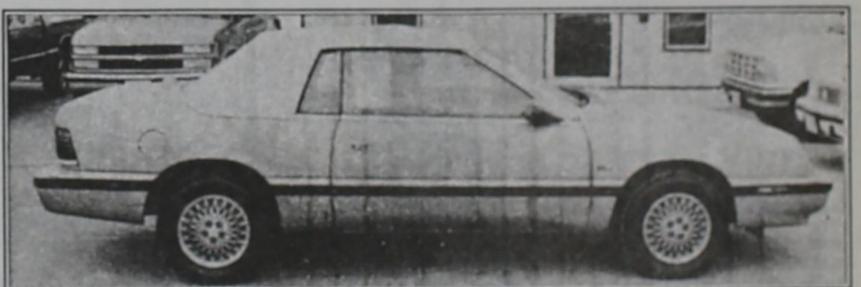
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## Irrigation conference is planned today

The annual High Plains irrigation conference and trade show will be held today (Thursday) at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) with registration and exhibits.

Speakers will provide timely information on irrigation systems, water management for efficient crop production, pumping equipment performance, environmental concerns, chemigation and potential changes in water rights and the law.

Two continuing education credits will be offered to private and licensed commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators who complete the conference training.

Texas Panhandle growers must continually seek methods to improve irrigation management and efficiency. For more than two decades, producers have looked to the High Plains Irrigation Conference as the place to get practical information on irrigation use and the newest technology stemming directly from research innovation in the field.

At 9:30 a.m., Leon New, conference chairman and Extension irrigation specialist from Amarillo, will review factors involving irrigation efficiency. Growers will have a chance to hear Karl Johnson, who farms near Morse, describe how he manages his irrigation operation.

Answers to questions on selecting the right product, determining correct amount and time of fertilizer applications will be provided by Michael Hickey, Extension soil chemist from Lubbock. Steve Amosson, an Extension economist from Amarillo will describe various methods of paying for center pivot systems. Larry Soward, special counsel to the Texas Agriculture Commissioner, will review current conflicts of water rights statewide

and will describe situations of appointment for domestic, industrial and agricultural use.

The afternoon session on chemigation will begin at 1:25 p.m. Moderator Robert Harris will outline requirements for obtaining two continuing education units which will be offered during the conference to private and licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators who complete the training.

"This annual conference will offer a unique forum for discussing issues of interest and concern to producers, scientists and suppliers involved in irrigated agricultural production systems," said Leon New, conference chairman.

Jim Hayes, an agricultural chemical supplier from Clarendon, will talk about commonly approved chemicals, their use and safe handling.

C.E. Williams, district manager of Panhandle Groundwater of White Deer, will address the importance of health and safety issues and the state and federal concerns about potential pollution of surface and groundwater.

Eddie Bynum, senior research associate in entomology, corn and sorghum from the Lubbock Experiment Station will review research on chemigation application techniques.

Extension Entomologist Carl Patrick of Amarillo will offer a review of field test results involving chemigation of pesticides and a wrap session for completing CEU certification.

The event will be sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Panhandle Economic Program and Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

For more information contact Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist in Amarillo at 1-359-5401.



**DRIVING GOALWARD**—Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker drives past Dimmitt's Katrina Acker for a basket to put the Swiftettes ahead by 17-16 in the second quarter of Saturday night's game between the two state-ranked teams. The Bobbies won the thriller in overtime, 50-42.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Grain elevator workshop to feature storage issues

Registration is due Sunday for the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop, which will be held Jan. 28 at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Advance registration will enable early preparation of continuing education unit materials, according to Greg Cronholm, a Hale County Extension entomologist-pest management agent and member of the workshop program committee.

To register, write to Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist, at the Texas A&M Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Texas 79116 or call him at 1-359-5401.

Methods of protecting stored grain and safe handling of materials used in that protection will be discussed during the workshop.

The educational program to update grain elevator operators will be sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Tri-State chapter of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. It has been accredited by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for five continuing education units for certified commercial or non-commercial pesticide applicators. Accreditation by the Texas Structural Pest Control Board is pending.

The workshop will open with an overview by Dr. Patrick. Carl Snider, director of regulator compliance for Research Products Co. of Salina Kan., will discuss fumigation safety, labeling and monitoring.

Protectants for use on stored grains will be discussed by Terry Pitts of Plano, manager of entomology research and development for Gustafson, Inc.

Thadd Bigler of Research Products Co. will cover dosage and application procedures for phosphine.

The afternoon session will be moderated by Glen Kucharyski of Continental Grain Co. of Amarillo, president of the Tri-State chapter of GEAPS.

Dr. Terry Arbogast will discuss biological control of pests in stored products. He is research leader at the Stored Product Insect Research and Development laboratory of the US Dept. of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service in Savannah, Ga.

Rodent control in grain storage facilities will be the topic of Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, wildlife damage specialist with the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service in Lincoln, Neb.

## Farmers eligible for ACP funding

The US Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) has rescinded a recently-enacted policy change that inadvertently disqualified many Texas farmers from participating in a major federal conservation program.

Specifically, many Texas farmers and ranchers will once again be eligible for funding under the agency's Acreage Conservation Program (ACP), which provides matching funds for area farmers and ranchers to install water-efficient center pivot sprinkler systems.

"I am pleased that ASCS reacted quickly to reversing this unintended action," said US Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas). "Farmers in the Texas High Plains and West Texas in general have been making tremendous progress in conserving water and reducing soil erosion through the install of the efficient new sprinkler systems, and I want that progress to continue."

Because sprinkler irrigation systems reduce water consumption by about one-half of traditional irrigation systems, farmers have rapidly installed the efficient sprinkler systems in recent years.

"From 1986 to 1990, the number of center pivot systems being used in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District increased by almost 50%," Gramm said. "I was concerned that many farmers simply wouldn't be able to bear the cost of installing the new sprinkler system unless they were eligible for funds under the cost-sharing ACP."

ASCS also issued new guidelines that define which irrigated land qualifies producers to receive ACP funding for converting to sprinkler irrigation systems.

Producers do not irrigate the small amount of land "set-aside" in order to participate in the farm program. Under the new definition, producers would have been ineligible for ACP funds because the set-aside land was not irrigated, even though the remaining land would otherwise be eligible.

"This new definition would have caught conservation-minded producers between a rock and a hard

place," said US Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas). "Ironically, by complying with ASCS set-aside rules, farmers would have been shut out of the ACP program."

ASCS now has decided to use the old policy as it relates to ACP funding for Texas farms and ranches. The old policy would not consider non-irrigated "set-aside" land when determining eligibility for ACP assistance.

## PCS sponsors energy program

Funds are available in the Dimmitt area to help households with weather-related, supply shortage and energy-related emergencies.

The funds are available through the Energy Crisis Program (ECP), administered by Panhandle Community Services.

In order for a household to receive ECP assistance, the household must meet the following three requirements: have a bona fide energy crisis; have a gross annual income which is less than 125% of the current Poverty Income Guidelines; and have at least one US citizen or legally-admitted alien residing in the household.

A bona fide emergency energy crisis exists when extraordinary events have created problems in meeting the basic household expenses.

Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above and/or a handicapped individual.

Proof of income for the past 30 days will be required. Such proof consists of checks, check stubs, award letters from Social Security and/or employer statements showing the gross monthly income.

For more information contact Panhandle Community Services in Dimmitt.



## Sugar beet growers plan Jan. 15 meeting

The year's harvest news from Imperial Holly Corp., an update of American Sugarbeet Growers Association activities, research reports and the latest on the international trade controversies will highlight the 1993 annual meeting of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association.

The event will begin on Friday, Jan. 15, with registration at 9:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Various speakers will present information important to growers regionwide.

The annual banquet will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Guest speakers at the annual meeting will include Don Steinbeisser, American Sugar Beet Growers Association president. Steinbeisser farms near Sidney, Mont. and has been a strong national voice for sugar in critical trade negotiations and other actions which affect sugar beet production and processing.

Also on the program will be Bob Atwood, head of sales for Holly Sugar Corp. He is expected to review the past year's marketing activities with Imperial Holly Corp., Holly's parent company. He also is expected to touch on events and policies which are impacting Holly's operations nationally.

"We are certainly pleased that both men are on our annual meeting program," said Bill Cleavinger, president of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association. "Bob Atwood has been a close friend to our association. His sales department is one of the industry's most successful. His talk on sales and marketing plans should be of interest."

Cleavinger said Steinbeisser also will have important news for area growers.

"I've worked closely with him at many American Sugarbeet Growers Association activities," said Cleavinger. He has done a good job of

representing growers nationwide at important policy meetings in Washington. He also has played a key role in American Sugarbeet Growers Association's strong efforts to maintain a sound sugar trade program."

Cleavinger also will discuss state and national sugar beet activities during his presentation. Alan Lebsack, Imperial Holly comptroller, will discuss how the company arrives at grower payment schedules and what affects them.

Dr. G.B. Thompson, director of the Texas A&M University Research Center in Amarillo, and several plant and soil scientists from the Bushland Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) will discuss the year's extensive beet research.

Various regional agribusinesses also will have displays at the meeting, and growers are urged to visit the booths and learn more about each business's products and services.

The banquet speaker will be Stan White, winner of many public speaking awards, including the southern region's "Speaker of the Year for Agriculture" award. He also has appeared on NBC's *Today Show*.

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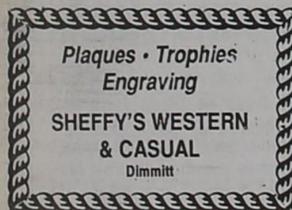
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# Obituaries



George A. Bagwell

## George Bagwell

Services for longtime Dimmitt resident and civic leader, George A. Bagwell, 92, were held Tuesday afternoon in the 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.

Mr. Bagwell died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday at his home after a brief illness.

He was born Jan. 24, 1900, near Tribby at Pottawatomie County in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. In April, 1906, he moved to Floydada. When he was 17, he and his father, J.A. Bagwell, along with four neighbor boys herded 250 head of cattle to a section of grassland 10 miles west of Dimmitt. Four years later, in 1923, he permanently settled in Castro County. He married Ruby Lois McClung on June 16, 1933, in Oklahoma.

He was a charter member of Dimmitt Wheat Growers, now Dimmitt Agri Industries. He was a member of the Castro County Historical Committee and was an active member of the Castro County Museum Board and attended his last meeting in October 1992. He was voted Castro County's Citizen Through the Years in 1990. He served in the Bethel Community Unity Church for many years before 1950. He had been a member of the Methodist Church since 1950.

Mr. Bagwell was an early pioneer in aviation in Castro County and "flew Santa Claus into Dimmitt in 1930." That year he and his brother purchased a Swallow T.P. airplane for \$995. After 5-1/2 hours of instruction, George soloed and flew the plane home.

He was a farmer, and when he started out, all his land was dry-farmed. He later drilled irrigation wells on his land. He retired from farming in 1972 and after that he took up woodworking, creating treasures from the trunks of discarded trees. He built grandfather clocks, baby cradles, rocking horses and numerous plates and bowls. He also restored numerous horse-drawn plows.

Survivors include his wife; his children, Carolyn and George Sides, and Monty and Sue Boozer, all of Dimmitt; two sisters, Hattie Howell and Mildred Gullion, both of Weatherford; a brother, Ivor of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Gregg and Lynn Sides, Laurie and Joe Hill, Kyla and Jodie Riley, Kim and Ed Watson, Robert Boozer, Britt Boozer and Don and Cinde Ebeling Jr.

The family requests memorials be to the Castro County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 457, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

## Martha Allen

Martha Allen, 51, of the Rhea Community, formerly of Dimmitt, died last Thursday.

Services were held Saturday in the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Vergil Ichtetz, pastor, and Leon Talley, minister of the Sixth Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial followed in Rhea Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen was born in Tulia and lived in Dimmitt before moving to Friona in 1956. She moved to the Rhea Community 31 years ago.

She married Joe Allen in 1956 at Clovis, N.M. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Sherley-Anderson Rhea Elevator for 31 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband;

three sons, Danny Allen and Curtis Allen, both of Rhea, and Barry Allen of Melrose, N.M.; a daughter, Deborah Zaikowski of Rhea; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fowler of Smyer; three brothers, Jimmy Fowler and David Fowler, both of Smyer and Thomas Fowler of Levelland; a sister, Lou Ann Neal of Smyer; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Parmer County Community Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

## Euna Lee Cook

Services for Euna Lee Cook, 83, of Canyon, were held Friday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Rev. Don Webster, pastor of Dimmitt's Lee Street Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Cook died at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 30 at Golden Plains Care Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Carthage, Miss., and lived in Dimmitt, owning and operating the Dimmitt Laundry from 1942-1952. She moved to Canyon in 1985. She was married to Wilbur C. Cook, who died in 1971. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Hafford Alley and Bob Alley, both of Amarillo; three daughters, Billie Sparks of Canyon, Peggy McDonald of Pineland, and Mary Booker of Friendswood; two sisters, Lillie Reynolds and Louella May, both of Canyon; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mark Walton, Bill Walton, Les Sparks, Jim Sparks, Tim Millard and Bryan LeBrand.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

## James Hamby

Services for James Hamby, 59, of Hereford, father of Judy Kleman of Nazareth, were held Tuesday afternoon in Rix Funeral Directors' chapel at Hereford with Rev. Clarence Powell, a retired minister, officiating.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hamby died Sunday in Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford after a sudden illness.

He was born in Vinson, Okla., and had lived in Hereford since 1942, moving there from Olton. He married Mary R. Luna on April 26, 1962, in Silver City, N.M. He was a construction contractor. He was a member of the Avenue Baptist Church and American Legion Post 192.

Survivors include his wife; a son, James David of Amarillo; five daughters, Irene Blevins and Michelle Carlson, both of Hereford, Marie Wench and Ann Sweat, both of Amarillo, and Kleman; his father, J.M. Sr. of Hereford; three brothers, Durward and Gerald, both of Hereford and Harold of Dumas; and seven grandchildren.

## Billy Mathis

Services for Billy Gene Mathis, 63, of Seabrook, brother of Jerry K. Mathis of Hart, were held Wednes-

day in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Jack Rowe Funeral Home of League City.

Mr. Mathis died Dec. 29 in Hermann Hospital in Houston after an illness.

He was born in McLean and graduated from Texas Tech University. He married Joyce Harris on Dec. 19, 1954, in Lubbock. He was a US Army veteran and had worked for Brown and Root Inc. of Houston as an electrical engineer. He was a former scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America's Troop No. 895. He was a member of the Seabrook First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Steven K. of Texas City; his mother, Mabel Mathis Giles of Olton; his brother; two sisters, Nellie Baker of Brandon and Dorothy Mathis of Mineral Wells; and two grandchildren.

## Ruby Oler

Ruby Marie Oler, 83, of Happy, died at 8:30 p.m. last Thursday at her daughter's home in Sunnyside after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Saturday in Happy's First Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Stewart, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Happy Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

She was born Ruby Marie Jobe on May 26, 1909 in Hart. She married James Lester Oler on Dec. 6, 1925, in Olton. He died on June 6, 1984.

Mrs. Oler moved to Happy in 1950 from Hart, then moved to Dimmitt in June 1991. She had worked in the lunchroom at Happy Independent School District for 26 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tulia.

Survivors include a daughter, Emma Jean King of Sunnyside; four sons, James L. Oler Jr. of Tulia, Thurman Eli Oler of Beeville, Donald Oler of Amarillo and James (Jay) Oler of Canyon; a sister, Nina Brown of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Walter Oler, Marshall King, James King, Buster Oler, Bruce Sandlin and Scott Sandlin.

The family suggests memorials be to the Happy Cemetery Association or to a favorite charity.

## Velma Smith

Velma R. Smith, 81, of Amarillo, sister of Jettie Sheffy and Bill Shaw, both of Dimmitt, died Sunday.

Services were held Wednesday in the San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo with Dr. Stan Coffey, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Fifth Avenue and Pierce Street in Amarillo.

Mrs. Smith was born in Jester, Okla., and she moved to Amarillo from Lelia Lake 59 years ago. She was a self-employed insurance agent for many years. She was a member of the San Jacinto Baptist Church and National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Palo Duro Chapter No. 1248. She was a charter volunteer at High Plains Baptist Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry G. Smith in 1984, and by a son, Terry Lewayne Smith in 1954.

Survivors include a son, Ronnie of Lubbock; two sisters, Mae Nippert of Mangum, Okla. and Sheffy; five brothers, Al Shaw and Ernest Shaw, both of Amarillo; Frank Shaw of Sacramento, Calif.; Joe Shaw of Los Angeles and Bill Shaw of Dimmitt; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the San Jacinto Baptist Church.

## Floyd Copeland

Floyd Copeland, 84, of Dimmitt died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at his home.

Services are pending with Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Copeland was born Sept. 15, 1908, in Oklahoma. He moved to Castro County from Altus, Okla. in 1929 with his parents. He married Nell O'Neal on Dec. 15, 1929. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jack Copeland of Washington, D.C.; and a sister, Mildred Burnam of Dimmitt; and two grandchildren.

## Acker wins AF medal

Airman Scott A. Acker, son of Francis and Bea Acker of Dimmitt, was recently awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal.

A 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Acker won the medal for outstanding achievement from June 1 to July 10 while assigned to the Base Pride Team, 64th Flying Training Wing, Reese Air Force Base.

"During this period, Airman Acker's dedication and commitment to excellence contributed to the visible enhancement of sparsely landscaped areas throughout the base by sodding over 20,000 square feet of barren areas north and south of the main gate and around the airman dormitories," the commendation stated.

"He also contributed by removing deteriorated railroad ties, dead shrubs, and weed-infested lava rock beds around Reese Boulevard, wing headquarters, base chapel, community center, and the Professional Military Education Center.

"His outstanding performance as a Pride Team member directly influenced major landscaping improvements by occupants of other base facilities. The distinctive accomplishments of Airman Acker reflect credit upon himself and the US Air Force," said Col. David R. Love, Commander, 64th Flying Training Wing.

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# Police Calls

A 21-year-old Dimmitt woman told police last Thursday afternoon that a Dimmitt man, 18, had struck her on her back.

Reportedly, the suspect came into the room where the victim was being questioned and allegedly said, "I did not hit you on the back, I hit you on the shoulder."

The suspect was arrested on charges of assault-family violence after the victim indicated she feared he would assault her further.

"Rubber-necking" went too far for a 19-year-old Dimmitt man who was arrested for reckless driving and driving with license suspended in an incident reported around 7 p.m. Dec. 30.

A Dimmitt patrolman reported he was working an accident scene on North Broadway at the intersec-

tion with Halsell, when a gray car almost ran over him while the driver was looking at the accident instead of where he was going.

The officer said he ordered the vehicle to stop, but the driver continued down the road. After seeing the vehicle around town later, the officer stopped the car. Reportedly, the driver had had his license suspended in May.

An 18-year-old Hart woman was arrested Monday afternoon on a forgery warrant.

Manuel Lopez of Dimmitt reported that the windshield of his pickup was broken, apparently by a BB gun. He reported the damage at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Five incidents of DWI were reported during the past week.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Castro County and the Citizens Advisory Committee are in the process of reapportioning Commissioners Precinct and Election Precinct boundaries according to the 1990 census. Proposed plans have been drawn and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend one or more of the following public hearings at which times the proposed plans will be discussed.

Citizen comments will be invited in public hearing held on January 11, 1993 at the following time and location:

**7:00 p.m. District Courtroom  
Castro County Courthouse  
Dimmitt, Texas**

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## DESCARGO PUBLICO

El Ciudadano's Advisory Committee en el distrito nuevo, los Comisionados del condado, el Jues de el condado, y otras personas que tiene interes se juntan con su abogada legal, Virginia Ellen Daugherty de la oficina de Daugherty Y Asociados de Amarillo, Tejas, para discutir la procesa de el distrito nuevo en una junta con audiencia publica de la corte de Comisionados en la hora 7:00 p.m. el dia Monday de Enero 11, 1993, in la corte de el condado de Castro County. En este junta, ella hace una revista de la ley and regramentos que governan el distrito nuevo and como applica la procesa en la corte de Comisionados del condado de Castro County, una revista para los corrientes lindero (linea) de los precinctos de la corte de Comisionados de el condado de Castro County, y tambien discutir otras alternativas posibilidades. Ella discutira recomendaciones de la comision y otras personas interesadas estan muy bien recibidos.

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# Hart teams are ready to do battle in district

Sudan appears to be the team to beat in District 2 - A, but Hart Coaches Rachele Wilcox and Charles Wrenn think their Lady Horns and Longhorns are up to the challenge and can come out of the district wars with playoff berths.

Hart will open district play Tuesday night by hosting Farwell. The girls' game is set to begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys' game at 8.

Wrenn says although Farwell will be a "formidable opponent," he expects his Longhorns to come away with a victory.

"Farwell's got a 6-4 kid, Kade Kent, who's real good. He's their main player but the others are good, also. They are a well-coached team," said Wrenn. "But I expect us to win that game and get off to a good start in district."

The Lady Horns should be able to handle Farwell's girls, and in fact, could challenge for playoff berths down the road.

Wrenn said Sudan is the district favorite, and Bovina could challenge for the title. But he has high hopes that his Longhorns can come through and challenge both teams. He said Vega has a good player in 6-2 Mike Potter, but he expects the Longhorns to come out on top in that game, also.

"I expect us to be able to play with everybody," Wrenn said. "Up to this point we've only played two of our games at home, and we're ready to meet some teams on our own territory. We play better at home. The guys are excited about district. I think we've improved with every game and we're starting to come together. Right now we're 0-0, just like everybody else in district."

Sudan's girls are the team to beat, according to Wilcox, and Vega is favored to finish second. But Wilcox and the Lady Horns are confident they can make a good showing.

"The girls are confident now. They're shooting for the playoffs and they really believe they can make it. We're playing better and better every game, especially as a team. We have had good individuals all year, but now we're starting to put together a good team."

"I think we have a real good chance to beat Vega. Sudan's going to be tough to beat, but on any given night, anyone can win."

The Lady Horns also are confident they can post wins over other district rivals Bovina and Kress.



**STRETCH!**—Nazareth's Michael Schmucker (32, dark uniform) and Justin Wethington reach high trying to control a rebound under Dimmitt's basket in the fourth quarter of Saturday night's game. Dimmitt's Derrick Thomas (21) ended up

with the ball and put it in to cut Nazareth's lead to 43-42. Other Dimmitt players are Jeremy Casey (32) and Ronnie Musick. The Bobcats won the game, 65-60.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Officials sworn in

Recently elected officials in Castro County were sworn in with a special ceremony last Thursday morning in the district courtroom in the courthouse.

Administering the oath of office was Castro County Judge Polly Simpson.

Those sworn in included Constable James Dobbs, Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman, Sheriff CD Fitzgerald, and County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office and the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office also were sworn in.

From the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office, Mary Lou Lumbrera and Laura Small were deputized.

Sheriff's Deputies included Mitch McDonough, Carlos Perez, Don Williams, Brian Frieda, William H. Cox, Tana Young, Glen Snitker, and Jerry Jansa.



**DRIVING**—Dimmitt's Michelle Schumacher (white uniform) drives the perimeter against Nazareth's Natalie Schmucker as the Bobbies try to protect a 44-42 lead with 1:41 remaining in Saturday night's game. The Bobbies won the game between the two state-ranked county teams, 50-42, in overtime.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Tuesday's 2-AAA opener crucial for Dimmitt teams

Dimmitt will host Floydada Tuesday night in the District 2-AAA opener, and Dimmitt Coach Ken Cleveland hopes his Bobcats can put it all together and boost their confidence level by winning that first district game.

The Bobbies will tip off against Floydada's Lady Whirlwinds at 6:30 p.m., and the boys' game will begin at approximately 8.

"This game against Floydada is a very crucial one for us," said Cleveland, whose team carries a 3-12 record into district play. "Winning this first district game could make a world of difference in the next nine games. We're going to go all out against Floydada."

The Bobbies also will have their hands full with Floydada, a team which Dimmitt Coach Richard Wood says has been playing "very well lately."

Wood says the district should be competitive and the winners "could be any team on any given night."

The Bobbies are favored to walk away with the crown, but second place is up for grabs.

"Friona will be tough again, and Muleshoe looks strong," said Wood. "Tulia is playing well now and Littlefield looks respectable."

Wood added that Friona has beaten Muleshoe, Tulia has beaten Friona and Muleshoe has beaten Littlefield, but each game was close.

The Bobbies are injury-free right now, and after last season's disappointing end when leading scorer Halley Bradley was sidelined with a knee injury at the end of district, Wood is keeping his fingers crossed that Dimmitt's luck will hold up.

He also hopes his team can improve its inside game during district play.

"We've got to get better post play out of the girls, no matter who's in there. We need to work the ball inside more in order for us

to be contenders in the playoffs."

On the boys' side of the district, Cleveland says Tulia looks stronger than the rest of the district.

"They've got one kid, Dwain Hawthorne, who can really play basketball," Cleveland said. "He's a good shooter and he's scoring in the mid 20s. He has scored more than 30 in a couple of games. I'd say Tulia's probably the team to be chasing."

"But Floydada's right with them. They could be a contender, also."

He added that Littlefield is a "vastly improved ballclub," Friona has been "scoring a lot of points and could be good," and Muleshoe has played some good games and some bad games this year.

"It'll be a good district race," Cleveland said. "Whoever wins the district probably won't do it with an undefeated record. Hopefully we can sneak in there and win a playoff berth at the end."

## Corn growers to hear update on GATT, NAFTA

Challenge for the '90s will be the theme for this year's annual meeting of the Texas Corn Growers Association, which will be held in Dimmitt Jan. 26.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and a lunch will be prepared and served by local members of the Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE).

The meeting will focus on vital domestic and international trade and legislative activities which will have a direct impact on corn farmers across Texas, according to Carl King of Dimmitt, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

King said various state and national officials have been invited to speak at the meeting and although the list of speakers is not complete, it will include people with knowledge of and influence in important agricultural policy.

"The controversial General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks and those on the North American Free Trade Agree-

ment (NAFTA) will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting," said King.

"As written, these policies will have a negative impact on Texas corn farmers and virtually all of agriculture. The future of both under the new Clinton administration and new congress will be reviewed."

He added that preliminary discussions of what needs to be included in the 1995 Farm Bill will also be discussed.

The afternoon session of the meeting will be devoted to activities supported by the half-cent per bushel checkoff program through the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Many of these activities involve research into corn production and marketing.

The Texas Corn Growers Association meeting also will see the election of new officers.

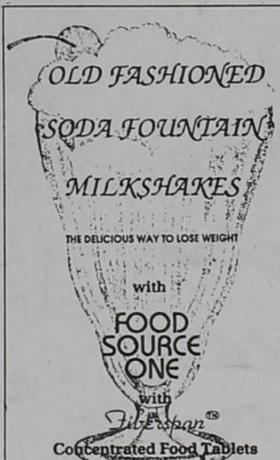
Dr. Pat Morrison, area entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will head a group of researchers who will discuss the latest findings in insect and disease control.

Ethanol production and marketing also will be discussed. Texas Corn Producers Board was among the organizations which successfully sought the approval of corn-produced ethanol as an alternate fuel in the federal Clean Air Act.

The continued success of Texas Supreme, which is "the No. 1 food

corn in the nation," according to King, and its popularity among corn millers and food manufacturers across the nation, as well as in Mexico and other countries, will be reviewed during the Texas Corn Producers Board session.

For more information contact King at the Texas Corn Growers office in Dimmitt at 647-4224 or toll-free at 1-800-666-8506.



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