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SANTA FE WORKERS INSPECT LOCOMOTIVE AFTER CLEARING AWAY TRAILER WRECKAGE AT SUMMERFIELD
... In foreground is the rear section of Rex Togerson's grain gondola

Smith against dropping suit

Why does Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith want the county to continue with its suit for a declaratory judgement?

"Because of my suit against y'all," Smith told the other commissioners at their Monday meeting.

The other commissioners voted to authorize County Attorney Jimmy Davis to file a motion for dismissal of the county's request for a declaratory judgement in district court. The request had asked for clarification of Smith's status as an un-reelected incumbent. Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders, Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson and County Judge Polly Simpson voted in favor of stopping the request for judgement.

Smith had already filed an "Original Answer" to the action, claiming status as a "defendant" even though he was not named as a defendant in the suit. He also asked for recovery of his costs in filing the answer.

Davis told the commissioners that Virginia Daugherty had recommended that the county no longer pursue the declaratory judgement. Daugherty, of Daugherty & Associates of Amarillo, is representing the county in redistricting matters and in related lawsuits.

In another matter, Smith requested a line-item transfer in his budget of \$50,000 from capital outlay to

road and bridge materials. He said he needs to do some caliche work on the county road that leads to Cluck Feed Yard. Jimmy Cluck came to the meeting and said he has spent a lot on the road and would like some help on the improvements needed for its upkeep.

Simpson said Robertson obtained an estimate for caliche work that places the cost at \$13,800 per mile. Cluck requested work on two miles, which would cost \$27,600. The other commissioners said they did not feel that the expense could be justified for working on only two miles of road.

Smith said that other landowners in the area had paid half the cost of

Weather

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

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	53	30	
Friday	52	31	
Saturday	58	33	
Sunday	65	28	
Monday	28	20	.12
Tuesday	27	12	.02
Wednesday	36	13	

December Moisture	0.65
1992 Moisture	22.90

KDHN RADIO
US Weather Observer

'Where did that train come from?'

Half an hour after the accident, a still-stunned Rex Togerson stood beside the Santa Fe railroad tracks at Summerfield, wondering how it could have happened.

"I didn't see or hear the train coming," the 42-year-old Kansas trucker said as he eyed the wreckage of his still-upright grain trailer.

Within a stone's throw of where his 18-wheeler had come to rest, a steady stream of traffic moved east and west on Highway 60, parallel to the railroad tracks.

A mile south on FM 1057, Togerson had delivered a load of alfalfa pellets to Bar-G Feedyard less than an hour earlier.

And on the railroad tracks .9 of a mile west, welders were cutting the wreckage of his grain trailer from the front of the big Santa Fe diesel locomotive that had ripped away the rear tandem wheel assembly and a fourth of the steel gondola.

Togerson wasn't thinking about his own close call. He was more worried about losing the trailer. In eight years of interstate driving for Bert Wetta Sales of Stafford, Kan., it was his first accident.

"I didn't see or hear that train," he repeated. "The engineer told me he was going 70, but all I felt (when the train hit the rear end of the trailer) was a bump. I've been over railroad tracks that were bumpier than that."

The slender, soft-spoken trucker was anxious to get to a phone and call home. To a stranger's greeting of "Hi, how're you doin'?" he answered, "Not very durned good."

The accident occurred shortly before 2 p.m. Tuesday, according to DPS Trooper Ron Morgan, who investigated. Togerson was driving north on FM 1057 when he crossed the railroad tracks in front of the westbound train, Morgan reported. Togerson was cited for disregarding a railroad crossing signal.

The railroad crossing had flashing red lights and a RR Crossing sign, with no crossbar.

By 3 p.m., Santa Fe workers had the wreckage of Togerson's grain trailer cut away from the locomotive and the tracks cleared, while a second freight train waited up the line to get through.

Shortly afterward, a towing crew from Amarillo arrived to cart Togerson's trailer away.

The tractor portion of the rig was undamaged, and Togerson was able to drive it home—while still wondering where that train came from.



RUINED GRAIN TRAILER SITS HELPLESS
... After being hit by freight train Tuesday

'Brown Bag' needs filling

More donations are needed to fill the bags and boxes for the annual 'Brown Bag' project in Dimmitt and Hart.

The project provides food and toys for needy families for the Christmas holiday. The Castro County Ministerial Alliance oversees the project each year, with help from the Dimmitt and Hart Volunteer Fire Departments and other organizations.

Alliance President Ed Freeman said that the food will be sorted into boxes on Monday at the fire departments, and delivery of the items will be done Tuesday.

"We need lots of volunteers for both parts of the job," Freeman said. "You don't have to sign up, just show up ready to work."

Those wishing to donate food or toys may still deliver their donations to their local church on Sunday, or items may be taken to the fire stations on Monday.

Freeman said cash donations also are welcome, and will be used for

toys or to purchase perishable food items.

"We still need donations to make this a really special Christmas for the needy in Castro County," Freeman said. "But we are confident that the caring people of our community will reach out to those less fortunate."

Brown Bag donations may in-

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By Don Nelson

Winter officially begins Monday, so put away your summer duds and get ready for some cold weather, and maybe a little snow....

Every year during the holiday-party season, I have to look up the word in the dictionary again. Maybe you need it, too. So here's how it's spelled: *hors d'oeuvres*.

Our rural residents aren't singing *I'll Be Home for Christmas*. They aren't that optimistic.

After four big snows (or is it five?) our unpaved rural roads are probably in worse shape now than they've ever been.

(Don't drive out to see for yourself. Take a friend's word for it. Or just look at any farmer's pickup

and draw your own conclusions.)

There's a tale behind every deep rut and every bent signpost, and if we had the time to call all our farm families and cattle growers, we could probably fill the entire newspaper with horror stories.

At the post office, a friend from Bethel was picking up his mail at the window one day last week.

As she handed him his mail, Sue Tischler said, "Maybe we can get to you tomorrow."

"Tell them not to even try yet," he said. "I'm having to drive through a pasture to get home."

School buses can't make their full runs because some of the roads are impassable. One Nazareth girl whom I heard about has been spending the nights with this family and that one because she can't get home after school. (She lives in Precinct 1, by the way.)

Tractors and 4WD pickups are the only vehicles that can make it up and down some of our roads right now. And even they get stuck on a regular basis.

It's crazy. This is 1992. You'd think we'd have the technology or expertise to build roads that could withstand even a critically timed series of ice and snow storms.

Caliche?

Nope, a farmer friend told me as we looked at his mud-caked pickup. It would take a six-inch layer of caliche on every farm road to withstand the recent weatherly rigors.

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Holiday Calendar

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

DEC. 22: Brown Bag distribution day.

Repeat offender gets 40-year prison term in Rosy Bates's death

A three-time loser who had been on parole for only seven months after serving 20 months of a 20-year sentence for robbery has been sentenced to 40 years in federal prison for the May strangulation death of 70-year-old James William "Rosy" Bates, former Dimmitt teacher.

34-year-old Travis Homer Key Jr., pleaded guilty to the murder on Dec. 3 before US District Judge Walter Smith Jr. in Waco. The case was tried in federal court because the offense occurred on US government property.

Bates was last seen at 4 p.m. on May 26 when he had left the Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center in Temple on an evening pass.

Bates' body was found early May 27 behind a building at the Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center, where he had been a domiciliary resident.

Police said the victim suffered a small cut in the center of his head and had blood around his right ear and right eye.

An autopsy revealed Bates had been strangled, and authorities later received an anonymous tip, giving them the name and description of the suspected murderer.

According to a report in the *Temple Daily Telegram*, court records show Key received a 20-year sentence for robbery in January 1990 in a plea-bargained agreement. As part of the agreement, prosecutors agreed to allow Key—initially charged with the more serious offense of aggravated robbery—to plead to the reduced charge.

Court records also show Key has a September 1984 conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and a Sept. 1977 conviction for burglary.

Key was placed on parole from his third prison sentence in October 1991, according to Bates' daughter, Martha Bates of Dimmitt. Seven months later he murdered Mr. Bates in Temple.

Since the 40-year sentence for Mr. Bates' murder will be served in

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WHERE DO WE BEGIN?—Nazareth Postmaster Stephanie Dobmeier (right) and her assistant, Angela Acker, get ready to hand cancel thousands of pieces of Christmas mail which flooded the post office Tuesday. The US Postal Service issued a special holiday cancellation which was used at the

Nazareth Post Office on Tuesday. It was drawn by local artist Rose Mary Wilhelm and featured a nativity scene, the date and the town's biblical name. The post office received approximately 4,000 requests for the pictorial cancellation.

Photo by Anne Acker



Santa letters are due today

On the Go Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Eldon and Clota Minchew spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family, Glenda and Barry Epps and boys in Dallas.

The big news is they have a great granddaughter who was born Dec. 10. She weighed 10 lbs., 7 oz. and is the first great-grandchild for the Minchews. She also is the first girl born in the Minchew family in 46 years.

Ysleta Ball gave the devotional at Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning. Since this is the Christmas season, she selected a topic of "Jesus' birthday."

The group sang Happy Birthday to those in the home who have December birthdays. Leinen is one of the Canterbury Villa staff who has a December birthday.

Renise Blair sang "Gesu' Bambino," "One Small Child," and "O Come Let Us Adore Him."

Other visitors were Martha Jo Hyman, Marzell Powell, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix. The dining hall also was decorated for Christmas with a beautiful tree. Beck Bridges told me they had their Christmas party at Canterbury Villa on Tuesday with many friends and relatives attending.

Margie Rogers directed the third-grade musical program, "Christmas—A Magic Time," on Thursday evening. Other third-grade teachers are Sheril Glidewell, Diane Axtell, Connie Merritt, Janice Nutt, Linda Koch, Vicki Robinson and Barbara Bain, who accompanied the children on the piano.

Several mothers and grandmothers made the children's colorful costumes.

The stage was decorated with snowflakes, Christmas trees and poinsettias. The children were dressed in clever costumes.

Snowflakes sang "Winter Wonderland," Snowmen sang "Frosty the Snowman," Bells sang "Jingle Bells," reindeer sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Santas sang "Must be Santa," Christmas trees sang "O Christmas Tree" and the children dressed like packages, bilingual group and children that represented "mean" children sang "The Whole World Believes in Christmas."

Glenn and Mona Merritt spent their Thanksgiving holidays in Branson, Mo. They drove over to Eureka Springs and reported the traffic is bumper to bumper in Branson and one really needs patience to drive there. They enjoyed seeing several shows including Shoji Tabutha the Violist's Christmas Show, Ray Stevens and Roy Clark.

The First Baptist Church's children's choir presented "Twinkle and the All Star Angel Band" on Sunday evening. All the children were dressed as angels with their silver halos, huge wings and white robes. This entertaining musical was directed by Tami Griffith, Paula and Wayne Proffitt and Prissy Boothe.

Children participating were Rusty Wooten, Amanda Annen, Jayme Davis, Kyle Wood, Daniel Proffitt, Carol Summers, Ashley Irons, Michelle Davis, Tanner Griffith, Alexis Proffitt, Jackie Bebout, Janie May, Tyrell Bebout, Daphne Burrows, Stephanie Burrows, Joana Olsen, Julie May, Nathan Boothe, Julee Davis, Jared Griffith and Ashley Davis.

Oleta Gollehon and Vee Gollehon went to Amarillo on Saturday to see Oleta's new great-grandson, Marshall Scott Rankin, who was born Dec. 9. He weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz. and his parents are Ron and Jeana Rankin. Grandparents are Kathy and Johnny Poer of Plano. This is Kathy's first grandchild. Ron is attending West Texas State University and is studying pre-med. Jeanna works with computers and Texas State Technical College.

Bennie Gollehon always invites some of his friends and relatives to come out for pheasant hunting, so this year he entertained 12. Since Oleta and Vee went to Amarillo this time, Bennie cooked a big pot of chili to serve his visitors from Houston and Dallas. Relatives were Rusty Bowling, Lee Gollehon and Michael Ghargouzi.

The Danusers from Arkansas were in Dimmitt over the weekend visiting Allan and Peggy Webb. I met him while we were on the home tour.

The Thursday Bridge Club went to Amarillo and toured the Harrington House which was decorated for Christmas. They ate lunch at Harrigans where they exchanged Christmas tree ornaments. While there they saw John and Flo Nichols of Tulia and their son, Jackie Nichols, all former Dimmitt residents who still take the *Castro County News* and read "On The Go." They send greetings to all their friends. Bridge Club members who attended were Ina Cleavinger, Mildred Bradford, Bonnie George of Hart, Dorothy Gilbreath, Ruth Jackson, Carolyn Jones, Doris Lust, Dorothy Mayfield, Jo Eddy Riley and Shirley Wise.

The First United Methodist Church performed its Christmas Cantata, "A Child Is Born," on Sunday morning. Charles Axtell is the director and Wayne Proffitt sang with this choir. Renise Blair played a flute solo.

The children's choir at the First United Methodist Church presented its Christmas program, "Rip Van Christmas," on Sunday evening.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock and little Allyson Smith and Leon and Billy Gunn attended the Southwestern Public Service Co.'s Christmas party Friday night at the SPS Reddy Room in Hereford. Everyone took a covered dish.

On Sunday afternoon the Murdocks went to Clovis to visit their son, Sgt. Brad Murdock, who is in the Air Force.

Harold and Don Johnston of Cleburne were in Dimmitt over the weekend for the funeral of David Nelson. Shirley Nelson is their cousin and Ruby Sims is their aunt. They still take the *Castro County News* and read "On The Go," so I wish more people would give me their news. So many out of town and former Dimmitt residents read my column

Harold Johnston brought a beautiful sculpture he made and donated it to the Castro County Museum.

On a cold, snowy Sunday afternoon, the Republican Women held their holiday tour of homes. It had been postponed the previous week because of snow.

Jay and Reba Touchstone's home was beautiful with all the Christmas decorations and I especially liked the gingerbread houses which Reba had made and placed on the kitchen countertop.

Gary Thompson's home was decorated in a masculine theme. Antiques were placed all over the house and many wooden and carved birds made by Winston Waggoner added to the decor.

The new home of Terri and Scotty Abbott was pretty with beautiful Christmas trees and in their little girl's room was a tree with carousel horses around the base.

Rev. Paul and Barbara Kenley and Nikki held a Christmas open house at the parsonage on Sunday afternoon. Deacons' wives assisted with hostess duties. They served Christmas cookies, punch, hot apple cider and coffee. While I was there Debbie Annen, Bobby Baldrige and Faye Mohon were serving.

On Nov. 18, Rae Catoe and Omega Johnson left Dimmitt for a run around Texas. First they went to Abilene to meet Paul and Kay Catoe for lunch. They live in Eastland, but were in Abilene on business. They also visited with Omega's grandson, Keldon and Amy

Johnson. Keldon is manager of Dollar Western Wear in Abilene.

Then it was on to Hamilton to visit Rae's son, Alex and family. Her granddaughter, Kayle and her husband came by for a visit. They are from Stephenville.

Next they stopped in San Marcos to visit Richard Catoe. They spent the night with him, then traveled on to Portland to visit with Rae's niece, Mary Ann and Page took us to Pepe's for dinner and serenaded by the band.

The next stop was Corpus Christi on Saturday, Nov. 21. They visited with Sissie Harpole. Some of you may remember her as a nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital in the late 1960s. She and her husband, David, had a furniture store here. They spent time talking and seeing the sights, including out to Kings Inn near Kingsville for sea food that was "out of this world." They said the foyer of the restaurant was packed when they arrived and when they left. They talked and laughed with Sissie most of the night, then took off again the next morning.

They went to Mathis to visit Rae's nephew and wife who live in Lakeshore Gardens on Corpus Christi Lake. From there they traveled to Orange Grove where Omega's son, Gene, is buried.

The next stops were George West, Beeville, Goliad and Victoria, where they stayed for the night.

The next day they traveled to Yoakum to see Rae's sister in Lou, then went to Pilot Grove where all Rae's family are buried.

They left the next day and traveled to Houston to be with Rae's sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Dempsey Hunter. They had 38 members of their family and friends for Thanksgiving, enjoying good food and a good time.

They visited with several Catoe family members in Houston and just "goofed off" on Friday. They took Ruth to lunch because "she deserved it" after Thursday.

They left on Saturday and enjoyed more visiting along the way, stopping to see another Catoe family in Country, up close to Hempstead.

They went on to Palestine and spent the night there.

The next morning they went out to Brushy Creek, about 14 miles northwest of Palestine. This is where Omega's family was from. They saw some old churches and Brush Arbor, which was built back in the 1800s and still is in use. They went through some old cemeteries where relatives are buried. Then they traveled on to Corsicana and on to Chaffield to visit Rae's niece and sister-in-law.

After that it was on to McKinny to see Omega's son, Russell, and his family. They stayed there until noon Tuesday and after having lunch with her daughter-in-law, Eileen, they left for Lawton, Okla. to visit Omega's daughter, Carol and Jim McCullough; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They left Lawton on Thursday and returned to Dimmitt before bad weather set in.

Neva Hickey was hostess for the Thursday Bridge Club, which met at the Senior Citizens Apartment complex's party room. A Christmas dinner was prepared and served by Neva with the help of her sister, Johnnie Morrison and Era Hecker-son of Quitaque and her daughter, Bettye Butler.

Those present were Dude McLaurin, Dugan Butler, Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Bernice Hill, Elizabeth Huckabay, Virginia Crider, Lorann Hamilton, Emily Clingingsmith, Gladys Benson, Reta Cluck and Johnny Vanoy.

Three door prizes were given by Neva.

Susie Reeves won high score and Alma Kenore was second. Helen Braafladt finished low.



SEQUINS AND RHINESTONES MAKE THE JACKET—At least that's what Sandy Hill of Hart thinks as she admires a decorated jacket at JJ's Art and Gifts in Hart during the first-ever Christmas Open House in Hart last Wednesday. Photo by Deana McLain

Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a breakfast Sunday morning at the Community Hall with proceeds going to the Kevin Klemman medical fund. A good crowd enjoyed an excellent breakfast and visited with the Klemman family.

A small number of Senior Citizens enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner at the Center Sunday. Christmas gifts were won by Evelyn Backus, C.B. Wilhelm and a guest, Leroy Hoelting of Colorado. The meal was catered by the Nazareth Band Mothers.

On Sunday afternoon, the Swift Band under the direction of Roger Myers, performed a Christmas concert to a standing-room-only crowd at the school cafeteria. The program opened with a special Christmas program given by the kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grade students. Then the fifth- and sixth-grade bands performed, followed by the combined junior high and high school band.

Mr. Myers is to be commended for the work he does for these students.

Lindsie and Carson Gerber participated in a piano recital Thursday evening in Tulia at the First Baptist Church. Attending were Carroll and Denice Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Beverly Hill and Virgie Gerber.

Congratulations to Gery and Connie Verkamp of Lubbock on the birth of a girl, Halen Nicole, on Nov. 25 at St. Mary's Hospital. New grandparents, Robert and Mary Verkamp, visited the baby last week in Lubbock.

Prayers are asked for Shirley

CPS board plans fiesta

Child Protective Services Board will hold a Mexican fiesta on March 7 to raise funds for its projects.

At its Dec. 10 meeting, the board voted to hold the fund raiser on March 7 and named Carleta Harkins, Clara Patton and Kathy Welch to serve on the fund raising committee.

The board received a \$250 donation from the Nazareth Lions Club and a \$100 stipend from the Dimmitt Wesleyan Sunday School class. The board expressed its thanks for the donations and earmarked the funds for support for the county's children in foster care.

The board's January meeting will be held during a WHO training session on Jan. 16.

(Brockman) Melcher of Austin, who will have surgery on Wednesday. Florene Leinen and Ernie Brockman have gone to Austin to be with their daughter. We wish her well.

Lynn Cameron is home recuperating after having surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She is doing fine.

Helen Backus was honored on her 81st birthday Sunday with a family dinner at the home of Catherine and Arnold Huseman. Other family members enjoying the day were Connie and Francis Backus of Hereford; Edmund Backus of Dumas and his daughter, Charlyn and her friend, a foreign exchange student; and Hubert and Joan Backus of Nazareth.

Alma Conrad is home to recuperate after being treated in High

Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. We wish her well.

Teresa Birkenfeld is home to recuperate after having back surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital. She is doing fine.

Fritz and Julene Gerber, Kyla Schacher, Dolores Heiman and James and Chunky Wilhelm attended the Christmas party at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt with their mother, Easy Schulte and Agnes Brockman, who are residents of the home.

Vincent Guggemos underwent exploratory surgery at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital last Friday. He hopes to be home soon.

A big thanks to the 4-H Club members and their leaders who delivered plates of fruit and homemade goodies to all the Senior Citizens on Sunday afternoon.

We Salute

The Decorators

Don't the new Christmas lights make a big difference in downtown Dimmitt this holiday season?

Forty-one businesses in the city paid the expense to line the tops of their buildings with clear lights, giving the downtown area an entirely new look.

To keep the "string of lights" unbroken, three public-minded businesses saw to it that several buildings that are vacant have lights, too.

The Chamber of Commerce coordinated the effort. Executive Director Delores Heller got bids for custom-assembling the light strings in the required lengths for different buildings, consulted with the city and Southwestern Public Service Co. on the possibility of mutual hookups and access, contacted all the businesses and processed their orders, then arranged for an installer for those who needed one.

Dan Glover and Danny Perez installed the light strings on most of the buildings. (Each light had to have its own holder-clip cemented into place.)

The City of Dimmitt, and many individual business owners, offered to provide the electricity to light up entire blocks of buildings if necessary. But in the end, it worked out best for every business to provide its own, and many paid for special wiring jobs to accommodate the rooftop lights. Many of the strings are turned on and off automatically at night via photocell switches.

The City of Dimmitt and Castro County also cooperated, lighting the city hall and courthouse to make it a full community effort.

And to add the crowning touch to the downtown lights, the county had the gazebo at the Centennial Plaza decorated with strings of lights, and American Fructose took care of all the work and expense of lighting the community Christmas tree on the courthouse square and the holiday greeting signs on the sides of the courthouse. American Fructose also decorated its own industrial buildings and towers with lights.

The result is a downtown area that is beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Thanks to all who cooperated. We're glad you're part of Dimmitt!



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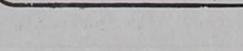
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A surprise birthday party is being given for Mrs. Mick on Dec. 26 at 12 p.m. in the building behind First State Bank, Earth, Texas.

Come help us celebrate 90 years young.

Letter

Land owner steamed over runway extension

Dear Editor:
I am not sure how many long days the citizens of Dimmitt have wished for and cherished a longer runway at your airport, but the city fathers have now made your dream come true.

You are now the proud owners of a real long runway.

I have opposed this unneeded expenditure of money. I would like to share my views with you as a concerned neighbor.

When many farmers and businessmen are struggling to stay out of poverty in this depression, why spend all this money on an unneeded airport extension? Other than spray planes, there are practically no private planes at the airport. They went with the depression. There are no private planes built in the United States now.

Many of you wanted a new \$600,000 gymnasium which you did not get. You did get a new \$680,000 REAL long runway which I doubt most of you knew anything about. It is a big slab of asphalt. Anyone for a BIG street dance?

That is about all that 99% of you will get from this waste. Unless of course a plane crashes into your high school. Check to see where that runway is aimed.

"REMEMBER AMSTERDAM."

The city fathers say we need a long runway so starch plant managers can land here. Don't ask them why they and the FAA really want this long runway. For \$680,000 Dimmitt could buy a \$100,000 limousine, hire a permanent driver and pick up all VIPs in Plainview or Amarillo for the next 40 years. It still would not be as bad as drive as all big executives in Dallas or Houston have to make to their airports.

What's my problem? When all this started a couple of years ago, the insolent, arrogant city officials trespassed on my property to survey it in preparation to confiscate it for the airport. I found out when my neighbor asked me why I was surveying my land. To this day, no city official has told me.

I did contact the Mayor about replacing my fence which was illegally cut. After our talk, I certainly can tell the mayor where to go.

After this illegal suvey, the city fathers called in a fathead from Amarillo and paid him several thousand dollars to appraise my land. He said it was worth \$36. That went over like a lead balloon. I would not sell six cow chips off of my land for \$36. Unless the city fathers desire to eat them on the town square. Then they would be generously donated.

I did not refuse to deal with the city fathers on this matter. I offered to give the city the land for free. I wanted two things which the city owes the citizens anyway.

First I wanted them to test the old open pit, dug out for the original airport, for toxic poisoning from dangerous chemicals which had been dumped there. These chemicals eventually will wind up in your underground water supply.

My cattle have drunk runoff water from this pit. Judging from the ailments of my cattle, the poisons are still there. If your legs start hurting or your toe nails start growing like little elves shoes, then you had better have the city check your water.

My second request was for the city to take over the responsibility of keeping the debris, beer containers, animal offal and used love making equipment picked up off my land and the road. I have been paying to have the debris picked up for the past five or so years. The city fathers did not trouble themselves to reply to my requests.

Since I did not accept their \$36 offer in my usual good-natured, jovial manner, the city fathers called in three of my neighbors and

paid them \$150 each to see if I had been treated fairly. They said "no"; I should be paid \$72.

This is after the city fathers apparently bought a piece of land south of town for \$300,000 just in case somebody was driving down Highway 385 and decided to build us a prison. They needed to save some money to pay for this land.

I understand we taxpayers still own this land.

The city fathers sent me a check for \$72. I cut it up in pieces and mailed it back with appropriate disposal instructions. They took my land. I do not have my \$72 and I really do not wish to look for it now. They have not fixed my illegally-cut fence. With their big hearts, I just can't guess what comes next.

If you ask the city fathers why we need an airport big enough to land B-1 bombers or 747s, they probably will say we don't, but if we don't take it, Muleshoe or Tulia will.

This reasoning by elected officials has gotten us a \$4 trillion

national debt. They say it will not cost the taxpayers a cent.

Just like Amarillo announced on television that they are going to get \$7,500,000 to rebuild their still nearly new air terminal and it will not cost the taxpayer a cent. They announced this seriously on television. I guess they think we are so brain dead we believe it will not cost a cent. If you believe it, see me about a big bridge deal in New York.

The city fathers say that the FAA is paying for all of this. If the FAA can pay for all of this without costing the taxpayer a cent, why don't you get the city fathers to get the FAA to build you a new gym, improve the hospital and pay off the national debt. It won't cost the taxpayers a cent.

It will do my old heart good and be worth the loss of my land if this letter gives the citizens of Dimmitt a wakeup call and moves them to demand their elected officials tell them what is going on.

JOE R. HASTINGS

Hart STUCO is named secretary of its district

Hart High School's Student Council will serve as secretary of District 1 of the Texas Association of Student Councils at the recent district convention.

HHS was nominated by Hereford High School with Palo Duro High School seconding the nomination.

Each school nominated was allowed to perform a three-minute skit.

HHS Student Council member Erasmo Castillo performed a coronet solo of *Achy, Breaky Heart*, which was the group's campaign slogan. Christina Diaz, president of the group, outlined the school's accomplishments, goals and reasons why it would be the best for the position.

Various members performed the theme dance at the end of the skit.

Approximately 850 other Student Council members attended the convention, during which the officers were elected. Amarillo High School will serve as president, Plainview High School will be vice president and Dumas High School will be parliamentarian.

The student council members also participated in a political convention and campaigned for positions and asked delegates to vote for them.

Hart's Student Council representatives are Christina Diaz, president; Daniel Berumen, vice president; Sandra Lopez, secretary; Cesar Salas, treasurer; Norma Velasquez, reporter; and members Debbie Velasquez, Isela Minjarez, Teddy Gutierrez, Tiffany Bradford, Raynea Garcia, Sheila Aalbers, Erasmo Castillo, Kristi Davis, Anthony Washington and Juan Lopez. Sponsors are Paul Abundez and Jeanie Birkenfeld.

As secretary, Hart's Student Council will serve as host school for the district convention and along with other office-holding schools, will plan for the conference, send out announcements to member schools and keep accurate records for the conference and executive board members.

Hart also will be responsible for sending out all convention records to the executive director of the Texas Association of Student Councils.

The school's representatives will make announcements at conferences and call roll during business sessions. They will present and file an annual financial report to the district conference and will work with the executive board for the distribution of funds.

City of Dimmitt plans to recycle Christmas trees

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

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

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

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

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

Recycling may extend the life of

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

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

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

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

Durbin earns academic honor

Brent Durbin of Nazareth, a junior agricultural business major at West Texas State University, has been listed in the 1993 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

For consideration, nominees had to be full-time students with at least 60 hours of college credit (junior standing) and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75. Additional criteria included a demonstrated record of participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, service to WTSU and potential for future achievement.



HART TEACHERS (from left) Denise Parham of Silverton, Tami Herriage of Sunnyside and Mary Olvera of Nazareth admire the variety of collectibles and other items at Kosy Korner in Hart last Wednesday during Hart's first-ever Christmas Open House.

Photo by Deana McLain

Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson took Teeny Bowden to St. Anthony's Pain Clinic for an epidural shot last Wednesday.

We went early and visited with David Sadler, who was a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital. He was dismissed Friday.

Lee and Louise Bradley stayed with Gay Sadler, Verba and Ezell Sadler during David's surgery.

.50 of an inch of rain was recorded last Wednesday.

Church services were held Sunday morning, but not in the evening.

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12—Notices

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14—Card of Thanks

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The Family of David Nelson would like to express their deepest heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of love and support from friends and relatives during recent weeks. For the many calls, visits and prayers for David while he was ill, to the ladies who organized the lunch for the family, for all of the wonderful food and to everyone who visited the house offering support and memories, thank you. Somehow you knew when to come. The flowers added so much beauty to the services and the home. Friends helping friends — the kindest act of pure love. Thank you all.
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15—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

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Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be for the full semester. 15-34-3tc

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LEGAL NOTICE

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You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Supervision & Regulation Dept., Station K, Dallas, Texas 75222. The comment period will not end before Jan. 16, 1993, and may be somewhat longer. The board's procedures for processing application may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262 (as revised, 49 Federal Register 5603 (February 14, 1984)). Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25 (1984). To obtain a copy of the board's procedures or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact the Community Affairs Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Ms. Gloria Vasquez Brown, at (214) 922-5266. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period. 15-36-1tc

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15—Legal Notices

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CITY OF DIMMITT

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1993, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the City Council which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION by the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, calling a bond election to be held within said City, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incidental and related to such election.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said City in the amount and for the purpose herein-after identified; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 9th day of January, 1993, in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, which date is forty-five (45) or more days from the date of the adoption, hereof, and the holding of the election on such date rather than on a uniform election date is hereby found to be in the public interest. At such election, the following measure shall be submitted:

"SHALL the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said City in the principal amount of \$4,500,000 for the acquisition of land and construction or other acquisition of a building and the equipping thereof for the purpose of leasing the land and building to a private entity for use in manufacturing or another commercial activity in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Article 835s, V.A.T.C.S.; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed FOURTY (40) years from their date, to be issued in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not exceed the maximum rate prescribed by law) as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the City sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2: The entire City shall be constitute one election precinct for this election and the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas, is hereby designated the polling place. The persons hereby appointed to serve as the election officers at said polling place are as follows:

CORINA MONTALVO, PRESIDING JUDGE.

DARLA STEWART, ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE.

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than three (3) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day the polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting shall be conducted at the City Secretary's office in the City Hall, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Election Code.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the precinct election officers serving at the aforesaid polling place shall serve as the early ballot board for this election.

SECTION 3: Paper ballots shall be used in this election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with V.T.C.A., Election Code, and permit

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electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,500,000 BONDS FOR LAND AND BUILDING FOR LEASE TO AN ENTITY"

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code and Chapter 1 of Title 22, V.A.T.C.S. and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be (i) posted at three (3) public places within the City and at the City Hall not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held and (ii) published the same day in each of the two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and the first of said publications shall occur in said newspaper not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 17th day of November, 1992.

WAYNE COLLINS
Mayor, City of Dimmitt

ATTEST:

REEFORD BURROUS
City Secretary
City of Dimmitt, Texas
15-36-2tc

AVISO DE ELECCION PARA BONOS EL ESTADO DE TEJAS CONDADO DE CASTRO CIUDAD DE DIMMITT

AVISO de que una eleccion tendra lugar en la ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas, el dia 9 de enero de 1993, de acuerdo con una resolucio aprobada por el Concejo Municipal, la cual es parte de este Aviso para todo objeto practico y se lee como sigue:

UNA RESOLUCION ordenando una eleccion para bonos a tener lugar dentro de la ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas, estableciendo medidas para dirigir la eleccion y resolviendo otros asuntos incidentes y pertinentes a dicha eleccion.

VISTO QUE, el Concejo Municipal de la ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas, por este medio llega a saber que se debe llevar a cabo una eleccion para determinar si se deba autorizar a dicho cuerpo gubernativo a emitir bonos de dicha ciudad por un total y con el fin identificados mas adelante; por consiguiente,

ES RESUELTO POR EL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL; DE LA CIUDAD DE DIMMITT, TEJAS:

SECCION 1: Una eleccion tendra lugar el dia 9 de enero de 1993 en la ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas, cuya fecha sea cuarenta y cinco (45) o mas dias despues de la fecha de aprobar esto y el llevar a cabo de la eleccion en dicha fecha en vez de la fecha regular para elecciones se decide por este medio a ser en el interes del pueblo. En dicha eleccion, se presentara la siguiente medida:

"Se Debera autorizar al Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas, a emitir bonos de la ciudad por la cantidad principal de \$4,500,000 para comprar los terrenos y construir u otra adquisicion de un edificio y equipar el edificio para alquilar el terreno y el edificio a una entidad privada para uso en actividades de fabricacion u otra actividad comercial conforme a la Constitucion y leyes del Estado de Tejas, especialmente Articulo 835s, V.A.T.C.S.; dichos bonos a vencer en serie o de otro modo por un periodo a no sobrepasar CUARENTA (40) anos a partir de la fecha, a ser emitidos en una o mas series al precio o precios y a devengar interes a la tasa o tasas (fija, flotante, variable o de otro modo y a no sobrepasar la tasa maxima prescrita por ley) como sea determinado a voluntad del Concejo Municipal al emitir o vender los bonos; y si se deba recaudar

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impuestos ad valorem a todo bien imponible en la ciudad suficientes para pagar el interes anual y para establecer fondos de amortizacion para pagar los bonos al vencer?"

SECCION 2: Toda la Ciudad formara un recinto electoral para esta eleccion y la Camara del Concejo, Casa Municipal, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Tejas, se designa como el lugar para votar. Las personas por este medio nombradas para servir los cargos de oficiales de esta eleccion en dicho lugar para votar seran las siguientes:

CORINA MONTALVO, JUEZ ACTUANTE.

DARLA STEWART, JUEZ ACTUANTE SUPLENTE.

El juez actuante nombrara no menos que dos (2) ni mas que tres (3) oficiales para trabajar y ayudar en llevar a cabo dicha eleccion; con tal que si el juez actuante particular aqui dentro nombrado desempene sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente sera uno de los oficiales.

Durante el dia de eleccion, los lugares para votar estaran abiertos desde las 7 de la manana hasta las 7 de la noche.

Se llevaran a cabo los primeros votos en la oficina del Secretario Municipal en la Casa Municipal, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, de acuerdo con las estipulaciones en el Codigo de Elecciones, V.T.C.A.

Con el fin de revisar balotas hechas en los primeros votos, los oficiales electorales del recinto desempeñando su cargo en el dicho lugar para votar, servirán como junta para de los primeros votos de esta eleccion.

SECCION 3: Se emplearan balotas electorales de papel en dicha eleccion y se prepararan las cuales balotas de acuerdo con el Codigo de Elecciones, V.T.C.A. de manera de permitir a los electores votar "EN PRO" O "EN CONTRA" a la antedicha medida que se presentara basicamente de la siguiente forma el la balota:

"LA EMISION DE BONOS POR UN TOTAL DE \$4,500,000 PARA TERRENO Y EDIFICIO PARA ALQUILAR A UNA ENTIDAD"

SECCION 4: A todos los residentes con derecho de votar de la ciudad se les permitira votar en dicha eleccion. Se dirigira y se llevara a cabo esta eleccion de acuerdo con las estipulaciones en el Codigo de Elecciones, V.T.C.A., y el capitulo 1 de Titulo 22, V.A.T.C.S.; y como sea requerido por ley, se imprimira todo material y procedimiento electoral para esta eleccion tanto en ingles como en español.

SECCION 5: Una copia fidedigna de esta resolucio servira como aviso adecuado de dicha eleccion. Se fija dicho aviso, incluyendo una traduccion al español de esto en tres (3) lugares publicos dentro de la ciudad y en la Casa Municipal no menos que catorce (14) dias antes de la fecha establecida para dicha eleccion, y se publicara el mismo dia de dos semanas sucesivas, en un periodico de circulacion general en dicha ciudad, se hara la primera de dichas publicaciones de esto en dicho periodico no mas que treinta (30) dias ni menos que catorce (14) dias antes del dia de eleccion.

ACEPTADA Y APROBADA, esta dia 17 de noviembre de 1992.

WAYNE COLLINS
Alcalde, Ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas

ATESTIGUA:

REEFORD BURROUS
Secretario Municipal,
Ciudad de Dimmitt, Tejas
15-36-2tc

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GETTING READY—Jonyln Jones of JJ's Art and Gifts in Hart adjusts ornaments on the Christmas tree in her store just before the crowds hit last Wednesday during Hart's Christmas Open House. Jones said she was "well pleased with sales" during the event and said approximately 100 people visited the shop between 6 and 9 p.m. Toby Gerber won a door prize from Jones' shop during the open house.

Photo by Deana McLain

There is no certainty in science where one of the mathematical sciences cannot be applied.

LEONARDO DA VINCI

'Ice' signs to remain in winter

Bridges and overpasses freeze quickly in icy weather and the Texas Dept. of Transportation reminds the public of this every year with its "Watch for Ice on Bridge" or "Ice on Bridge" signs.

This year the department has a slightly different schedule for displaying the signs. In the past, department employees displayed the signs when icy weather was imminent and removed them from view when bad weather ended.

Now personnel will leave the signs posted until the threat of icy weather has ended.

Signs were posted in Castro County on Oct. 24 and will remain up until April 22.

The department made the decision to leave signs up in order to get the most personnel working on spreading materials on bridges to increase safety during adverse weather.

Transportation department officials used the state climatologist's map to create a time frame for displaying the signs. The map provides the expected first and last days of freezing weather for every county in Texas.

The Texas Dept. of Transportation will display the signs seven to 14 days before the first expected freeze in each county and remove them seven to 14 days after the last freeze.

Leaving the signs on display throughout the winter allows transportation department employees to concentrate on roadway safety.

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People



WTSU STUDENT SENTATORS
... Royce Schulte and Lori Glidewell of Dimmitt

WTSU Student Senate includes DHS grads

Lori Glidewell and Royce Schulte, both graduates of Dimmitt High School, are making their mark in the college ranks as student senators.

The two West Texas State University students are working with the school's Student Senate deliberating issues of concern. Schulte is currently on the senate's external affairs and finance committees.

Glidewell graduated from DHS in 1989 and is a junior nursing major at WTSU. She has been involved with many organizations at WTSU including Zeta Tau Alpha, Texas Student Nursing Association and Advocates for National Greek Leadership. She also has been involved with Buffalo Branding and served on its steering committee. Glidewell's reasons for her involvement in student activities are simple: "Participating in as much as I can allows me to give to WTSU a small part of what it has given me," she said. She serves as

one of five senators for the College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences.

Schulte is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is currently a sophomore agri-business major. He has been involved with many organizations while at WTSU including Student Foundation, Campus Services, Ag Wranglers and Alpha Zeta. Schulte also has been involved in Buff Branding, the Speaker's Bureau and the Legislative Study Group. He is one of five senators from the College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences.

"I find school to be fun when I'm involved," Schulte said. "This is why I try to encourage others to join in and participate in campus activities."

Student senators are elected by their peers and serve as representatives of their academic colleges. Each college has one seat per 200 students. The senators represent the student body as a whole and consider the welfare of the students. Senators look at standing policies as well as possibilities for new policies and make recommendations to the administration, faculty and staff.

This semester, senators have deliberated over such issues as the name change of the university, the university's alcohol policy and the possible implementation of new student health fees.

Who's New?

Plains Memorial
Kirby and Kim Taylor of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Jordan Wilson, who was born in the morning on Dec. 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Jordan Wilson weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. at birth.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from Dec. 17 to 18.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Barbecued turkey, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, potato chips, lettuce and pickles, apple and milk.
DEC. 21-JAN. 1: Christmas holidays, no school.

HART
THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tortillas, cake and milk.
FRIDAY: Ham sandwiches, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, potato chips, fruit and milk.
DEC. 21-JAN. 1: Christmas holidays, no school.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: Frito pie, green beans, cornbread, pears and milk.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, pickle spears, tater tots, oranges and milk.
DEC. 21-JAN. 1: Christmas holidays, no school.

U.S. RED MEAT CONSUMPTION

Pounds Per Capita, Retail Sales

	1972	1992*
Beef	85.7	67.3
Pork	54.7	52.7
Lamb	2.9	1.5
Veal	1.9	0.9
TOTAL	145.2	122.4

*Forecast

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture and Texas Beef Industry Council
Graphic by Texas A&M Agricultural Communications

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YOU CAN WIN THIS cedar chest constructed by the DATA Club of Dimmitt and members of the Dimmitt High School Industrial Arts Club. Constructed of walnut and oak, the chest is fully cedar lined and measures 20x24x48. It will be given away in a drawing Friday at 3 p.m. at the First State Bank in Dimmitt, where it is on display. Also,

tickets for the drawing may be purchased there or by calling Tammy Heard at 647-4592. Showing off the prize are (from left) Susie Ramirez, sweetheart of the IA Club, and Lorena Silva, club reporter. Proceeds from the drawing will benefit the Shawn Cotter Medical Fund. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Murray to get nursing degree

Duan Michelle McRee Murray, a 1981 graduate of Dimmitt High School, will obtain her bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas State University on Friday.

Murray is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. While attending school, she has been a full-time employee of Deaf Smith

General Hospital in Hereford. She joined the staff there as a Licensed Vocational Nurse in 1987.

Murray resides in Hereford with her husband, Robert, and twin sons, Jacob and Joseph, 8. She is the daughter of Linda McElroy of California and the step-daughter of Gerald Broadstreet of Dimmitt.

Has your Mom had a mammogram?

The risk of breast cancer increases with age. It is one of the leading causes of death among women 65 and older. Early detection through regular mammograms could prevent many of these deaths. Yet as women get older, they are less likely to get mammograms. Has your Mom had a mammogram? If not, encourage her to get one. It might be your chance to give her good advice.

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The Cancer Information Service* 1-800-4-CANCER

Jamboree sets show

The Plains of Texas Talent Show will be held Dec. 26 at the Plainview Musical Jamboree.

Those who sing or play a musical instrument or both may enter in one of three age groups: ages 3 to 10, 11 to 18, and 19 and up. The first prize for each age group will be \$100. There is no entry fee.

For more information, contact the Plainview Musical Jamboree, 313 Irene Street, Plainview, 79072, or call 293-3180 after 7:30 p.m.

DATA sets drawing

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

The drawing will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at the First State Bank of Dimmitt, where the chest is on display. The drawing was postponed from Monday to give more people a chance to buy a ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the bank or by calling Tammy Heard at 647-4592. Cost is \$2 each, three for \$5 or a book of 10 for \$15.

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Dimmitt educator tours China

By LINDA MAXWELL
 "There's no place like home."
 That is how Gainell Minnick summed up what she learned during a trip to the People's Republic of China on Oct. 23-Nov. 8.
 She traveled with a group of educators, visited historical sites, and attended many "professional exchanges" during her 17-day trip, but she was most impressed by what she was missing—home!
 Things were different there in many areas, including food, housing, and education, not to mention politics and religion!

Education
 Minnick is the curriculum director for the Dimmitt schools, and she has observed successful educational programs throughout this area.
 "However great other countries tell us their educational systems are, most of them focus only on the very best students," Minnick said.

"Here in the U.S., we tailor our programs to serve all students, including those who aren't at the top scholastically."

In China, students with a wide range of handicaps are lumped together in a school separate from other students. Visually handicapped, hearing impaired, physically handicapped and mentally handicapped all are placed in the same school, Minnick said.

Even among "normal" students, only a small percentage go on past the ninth grade level, and an even smaller number pass the 12th-grade level exam to enter technical school or college-level education.

"There are two basic requirements in China," Minnick reported. "Students must be taught Mandarin Chinese (the official language) and the material must include communist doctrine."

All the school classrooms the

group visited, Minnick said, had an average teacher-student ratio of 45 to 50 students per teacher. She said they saw some rural schools that had one teacher for the entire school, including a wide range of class levels and subject areas.

"We had the feeling that we were being shown the 'best' of everything on our 'official' tours. Everything was well-equipped," Minnick said. "One day our tour bus was driving past a rural school and we asked the driver to stop, and they let us tour the school."

Minnick said things weren't quite as nice as at the 'model' schools they had already toured.

"We didn't see a lot of books at any of the schools," Minnick said.

She told about a visit to a religious school for training Moslem priests. She said they didn't see any students there, and the only women allowed inside the school were tourists.

Religion

Chinese officials say their government supports religion, and there are state-operated churches and religious schools, such as the Moslem school the tour group visited.

"They mostly teach religion as a superstition or as a form of history," Minnick said. "Our guide told us they stopped having services at most of the state-run churches because attendance was so low."

Of course, no mention was made of any "underground" churches.

Food

Minnick said the food was wonderful on the most part—rice, lots of seafood, and an unbelievable

variety of fresh and prepared vegetables, with fresh fruits as the desserts.

A big adjustment for Minnick was having to pay extra for the drink she requested with each meal—water! The distilled water was served in a bottle with enough for two meals, so Minnick said she

often carried her "bottle" with her for the next meal or for outings.

Provided with the meals were selections of wine and beer, and occasionally soft drinks. Minnick said the hot tea they served had very strong caffeine content.

Meat was not the main menu item as it sometimes is here. Any

time sliced meat was served it was roast duck. Minnick said it was a strange sight to see duck carcasses strung on lines outdoors for drying and selling. She said the meat portion of most meals was chopped up in soups.

"The meat for meals was mostly (Continued on Page 14)



Gainell Minnick of Dimmitt (center), who recently toured China with a group of nine other educators. Courtesy Photo



TIANANMEN SQUARE in Beijing, China, is visited by Gainell Minnick of Dimmitt. She said the weather was unpredictable throughout her two-week tour, ranging from sub-tropical to very cold, depending on the region and the altitude. Courtesy Photo

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 300 NE 7th, Dimmitt
 Rev. Claude Mullins

Sunnyside Baptist
 Sunnyside
 John Hazle Jr. 647-5712

First United Methodist
 Hart
 Perry Hunsaker 938-2462

La Asamblea Cristiana
 400 NW 5th, Dimmitt
 Ruben Velasquez

First United Methodist
 110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt
 Johnny Robertson 647-4106

Iglesia De Cristo
 E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt
 Pedro A. Gonzalez

Immaculate Conception Catholic
 1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt
 Norbert Choong 647-4219

Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana
 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt
 Antonio Rocha 647-4373

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. Now Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelt in the land. Genesis 13:1-7



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 501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt
 James Alexander

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 411 NE 6th, Dimmitt
 Maria Castaneda 647-5598

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 Hart
 Norbert Choong 647-4219

Church of Christ
 SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt
 Benny Baker 647-4435

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 407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

First Assembly of God
 300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt
 Claude Hendricks 647-5662

First Baptist
 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
 Paul Kenley 647-3115

Lee Street Baptist
 401 SE 2nd, Dimmitt
 Don Webster 647-5474

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 309 NW 4th, Dimmitt
 647-3403

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 600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
 M. G. "Bud" Corless 647-5478

La Iglesia De Dios Del Promojenito
 East Halsell Street, Dimmitt

Presbyterian
 1510 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
 Rev. Edward D. Freeman 647-3214

Holy Family Catholic
 Nazareth
 Neal Dec 945-2616

Church Happenings

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Deacon Joe Ortega will conduct a class for parents and sponsors of infants who are to be baptised. The class will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, earlier than usual because of Christmas.

Because of the weather, we have not been able to televise our weekend masses. We hope to resume doing this Sunday at 2 p.m. on Channel 8 with a tape of the Dec. 6 dedication mass.

Our Christmas eve mass will be held at 8 p.m. On Christmas Day, the Eucharist will be celebrated at 9 and 10:15 a.m. in Dimmitt, and at 11:30 a.m. in Hart. We will have our first New Year's Eve family dance in the new Community Center on Dec. 31. The group, "Illusion" will provide the music and there will be no admission fee because the group is playing for free.

Presbyterian Church

Presbyterians will be in charge

of the Sunday services at Canterbury Villa. The services will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday at 10 a.m.

"Advent Grace and Peace" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, scheduled to begin at 11.

There will be a candlelight Christmas eve service next Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. Joan Craig will sing a solo. Peter and Rebecca Freeman will sing a duet.

Ministerial Alliance

Castro County's Ministerial Alliance will hold a covered dish Christmas dinner party at the Presbyterian manse Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Paul Kenley will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Matthew 2:13-23 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

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Sports

Abernathy Invitational

Tourney champs edge Swifts in semifinals

Nazareth fans held their breath as Adrian Farris launched a three-point shot in the last seconds of the championship semifinal game against Lubbock Estacado Friday in the Abernathy Invitational.

Then a groan erupted as his shot hit the rim and bounced into the waiting hands of an Estacado rebounder.

Had Farris made the basket, it would have sent the game into overtime. But Nazareth was forced into the third-place game, which they won handily; while Estacado went on to win the tournament championship.

The Swifts had a good tournament, easily winning its first-round and third-place games and edging Denver City in the championship quarterfinals. The only hurdle marring their path was Estacado.

Swifts 71, S-E 52

In last Thursday's opening round, Nazareth took advantage of strong second- and third-quarter performances to seal a 71-52 win and advance in the championship half of the tournament bracket.

Nick Johnson paced the Swifts with 22 points while Farris added 17.

The Swifts held a slim four-point lead after the first quarter, but found their shooting mark over the next 16 minutes and managed to take a 24-point lead (53-29) into the last stanza. Although Springle-Earth managed to stay with the Swifts in the final period, the Wolverines couldn't gain an advantage.

Swifts 62, Denver City 61

Nazareth had to overcome a 38-31 halftime deficit to beat Denver City in Friday morning's quarterfinal game, but they did it—just barely.

Nazareth mounted a fourth-quarter run that Denver City couldn't stop, and the Swifts gained enough of an advantage to pull out a 62-61 squeaker.

The Swifts were up on top by two in the first quarter, but Denver

City dominated the second period to post its halftime lead.

Whatever Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever told his players at halftime must have worked, because the Swifts opened the second half with a vengeance and outscored the Mustangs 18-15 in the third quarter. Denver City watched its lead dwindle farther in the final quarter as Nazareth's defense kept the Mustangs at bay for the win.

Farris was the key to Nazareth's offense, scoring 25 points to lead the Swifts. Michael Schmucker tossed in 13 and Brandon Schilling added 12 in the effort. Denver City's leading scorers were the Halls — Eric and Derrick, who scored 19 and 17 points, respectively.

Swifts 59, Estacado 62

Despite being grossly out-matched in size, Nazareth played up to the challenge against Lubbock Estacado in Friday afternoon's semifinal game.

But at the end, it was the taller Matadors that prevailed.

Nazareth's 6-1 post players and 5-10 and 5-9 guards had all they could handle against Estacado's post players, 6-7 Fred Boyd and 6-4 Deidrick McDaniel.

But Nazareth didn't let the Matadors size inside serve as an intimidating factor in the game.

In fact, the Swifts drove inside against the taller Mats and frustrated Boyd into fouling out.

The Swifts used a hot outside shooting game to spark them to a 16-13 first-quarter lead behind Farris, who hit two three-pointers, a fast-break layup and two free throws.

Farris opened the second period with another three, giving Nazareth a six-point lead, but it would be the only basket the Swifts would score—with the exception of a pair of free throws by Schmucker—until Justin Wethington scored on an offensive rebound with 3:34 left. By that time, Estacado had overtaken the lead.

Johnson tied the game at 27 with 58 seconds left, but Estacado answered with two straight inside jumpers. Scott Brockman cut the Mats lead to a point, 31-30 by

nauling a three-pointer with 17 seconds left in the first half.

The lead see-sawed back and forth in the third period, with neither team holding more than a three-point advantage. The stanza ended with Nazareth on top, 45-43 after Johnson scored with 50 seconds left.

Another three-pointer by Farris with 7:03 left in the game gave the Swifts a five-point lead. Unfortunately, that was the only field goal Nazareth would score until Schmucker converted a three-point play with 2:56 left in the game.

Between Farris and Schmucker's baskets, Estacado ran off a string of 13 unanswered points. But then it was Nazareth's turn and a basket by Johnson with 1:14 left gave his team a 59-58 lead.

Estacado followed with a short jumper to regain a one-point advantage and Nazareth got the ball back.

The Swifts had two shots under the basket with time running out, but both bounced out and Wethington fouled Rodrick Davis with seven seconds left. Davis hit both charity shots, then Johnson took the ball and drove the length of the court and put up a layup, but it wouldn't go through. He was fouled on the play and went to the line for two shots with his team down by three with less than five seconds left. He missed the first shot, then the second, but the Swifts grabbed the rebound and kicked it out to Farris at the three-point line. But his shot was off as the buzzer sounded.

Swifts 72, Crosbyton 54

Farris, Johnson and Schilling combined for 33 of Nazareth's 72 points in Saturday's victory over Crosbyton.

The third-place game was Nazareth's from the opening tip.

Nazareth ran up a 14-9 first-quarter lead which it expanded to 36-22 by halftime.

Crosbyton kept the Swifts hopping in the second half, but Nazareth still managed a 19-14 third-quarter advantage, then held off a fourth-quarter Crosbyton run for the win.

Farris was responsible for 20 of Nazareth's points while Johnson added 13 and Schilling scored 10.



WENDI ETHRIDGE snares a rebound for Dimmitt in the Bobbies' game against Lubbock Estacado here Friday night. Following the action at left

is Dimmitt's Michelle Schumacher (30). The Bobbies roared to a 77-26 victory to extend their season mark to 12-0.

Photo by Dan Nelson

Scoreboard

ABERNATHY TOURNAMENT

Girls' First Round
at Abernathy High School
Swiftettes 64, Vernon 39

Nazareth 20 20 15 9 — 64
Vernon 7 8 13 11 — 39
SCORING: N — Jill Pohlmeier 19, Kristin Brockman 13, Natalie Schmucker 11; V — M. Fullerton 12.

Boys' First Round
at Abernathy High School
Swifts 71, S'Lake Earth 52

Nazareth 15 19 19 20 — 71
S-E 11 10 8 20 — 52
SCORING: N — Nick Johnson 22, Adrian Farris 17; S-E — Brian Hulet 24.

Girls' Champ. Quarters
at New Deal High School
Swiftettes 64, Guthrie 43

Nazareth 20 14 17 13 — 64
Guthrie 4 13 11 15 — 43
SCORING: N — Jill Pohlmeier 15, Melinda Schmucker 13, Nicole Kleman 10; G — Burkett 16.

Boys' Champ. Quarters
at New Deal High School
Swifts 62, Denver City 61

Nazareth 18 13 18 13 — 62
Denver City 16 22 15 8 — 61
SCORING: N — Adrian Farris 25, Michael Schmucker 13, Brandon Schilling 12; DC — E. Hall 19, D. Hall 17.

Girls' Champ. Semis
at Abernathy H.S.
Swiftettes 41, Frenship 42

Nazareth 7 17 11 6 — 41
Frenship 8 10 12 12 — 42
SCORING: N — Jill Pohlmeier 12, Kristin Brockman and Natalie Schmucker 9; F — Meloy 19.

Boys' Champ. Semis
at Abernathy H.S.
Swifts 59, Estacado 62

Nazareth 16 14 15 14 — 59
Estacado 13 18 12 19 — 62
SCORING: N — Adrian Farris and Nick Johnson 16, Michael Schmucker 15; E — Davis 19, Kinner 14, Kinney 13.

WHITHARRAL TOURNEY

Girls' Third Place
at Abernathy H.S.
Swiftettes 60, Graham 53

Nazareth 15 22 8 15 — 60
Graham 18 18 7 10 — 53
SCORING: N — Melinda Schmucker 22, Natalie Schmucker 11, Jill Pohlmeier 10; G — Berend 14, Jones 10.

Boys' Third Place
at Abernathy H.S.
Swifts 72, Crosbyton 54

Nazareth 14 22 19 17 — 72
Crosbyton 9 13 14 18 — 54
SCORING: N — Adrian Farris 20, Nick Johnson 13, Brandon Schilling 10; C — Parrish 19.

WHITHARRAL TOURNEY

Girls' First Round
Lady Horns 55, Wellman 38

Hart 13 18 19 5 — 55
Wellman 2 12 4 20 — 38
SCORING: H — April Bennett 18, Kim Grossman 10; W — Cornelius 17.

Boys' First Round
Longhorns 61, Wellman 95

Hart 18 11 14 18 — 61
Wellman 18 34 20 23 — 95
SCORING: H — Bryan Welps 19, Anthony Washington 10; W — Paul 20, Lusk 19, Fillingim 14.

Girls' Champ. Semis
Lady Horns 70, Anton 31

Hart 14 22 20 14 — 70
Anton 9 6 8 8 — 31
SCORING: H — Shea Bennett 18, April Bennett 16, Frances Dozal 10; A — Grace 10.

Boys' Cons. Semis
Longhorns 40, Valley 82

Hart 7 11 10 12 — 40
Valley 20 21 23 18 — 82
SCORING: H — Anthony Washington 7; V — Powell 19, Price 15.

Girls' Championship
Lady Horns 41, Smyer 47

Hart 10 9 9 13 — 41
Smyer 7 12 12 16 — 47

SCORING: H — Shea Bennett 15; S — Northcutt 16.

FRIDAY

Bobcats 58, Slaton 61

Dimmitt 18 14 2 24 — 58
Slaton 14 18 13 16 — 61
SCORING: D — Derrick Thomas 23; S — Jones 16, Johnston and Whaley 13.

Bobbies 77, Estacado 26

Dimmitt 25 10 22 20 — 77
Estacado 5 9 3 9 — 26
SCORING: D — Halley Bradley 22, Kim Thomas 20, Tara Grand 10; E — Johnson 11.

TUESDAY

Swifts 69, Tulla 56

Nazareth 18 18 15 18 — 69
Tulla 18 17 13 8 — 56
SCORING: N — Adrian Farris 18, Nick Johnson 16; T — Dwain Hawthorn 22.

Longhorns 79, River Road 90

Hart 24 22 13 20 — 79
River Road 21 23 25 21 — 90
SCORING: H — Bryan Welps 27, Jason Aven 15; RR — Tony Kramer 18, Trey Frey 17.

Lady Horns 53, River Road 62

Hart 15 10 15 13 — 53
River Road 18 18 15 11 — 62
SCORING: H — April Bennett 26, Shea Bennett 19; RR — Shanna Daniel 19, Lachelle Rollins 18.

Swiftettes 57, Tulla 49

Nazareth 17 9 15 16 — 57
Tulla 5 14 15 15 — 49
SCORING: N — Jill Pohlmeier 20, Schmucker 16; T — Nolen and Altman 15.

JV Swiftettes 25, Tulla 29
JV Swifts 53, Tulla 54
JV Lady Horns 56, River Road 6
JV Longhorns 30, River Road 54

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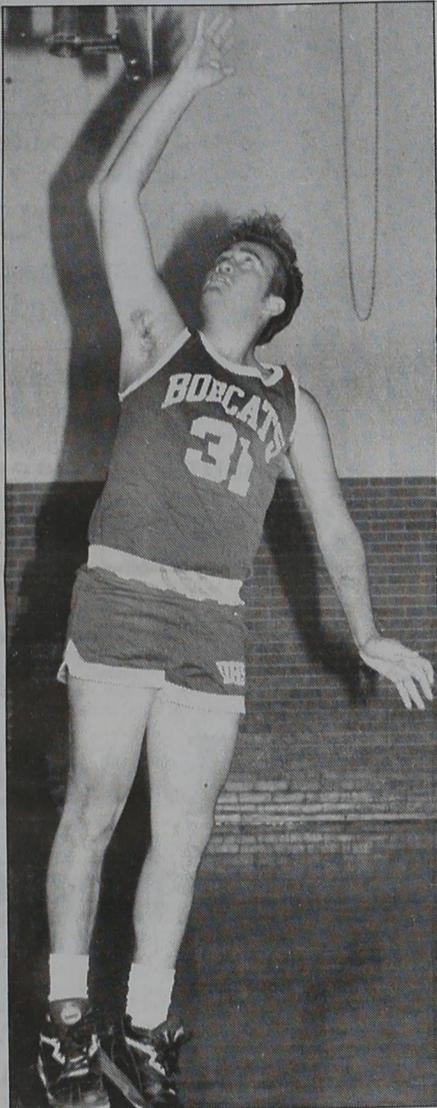
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72, Coronado 32

Levelland Tournament:

63, Amarillo 57
51, Abernathy 44
76, E.P. Eastwood 53
45, Levelland 41
(Championship)
63, Monterey 49
77, Estacado 26

Season Record: 12-0

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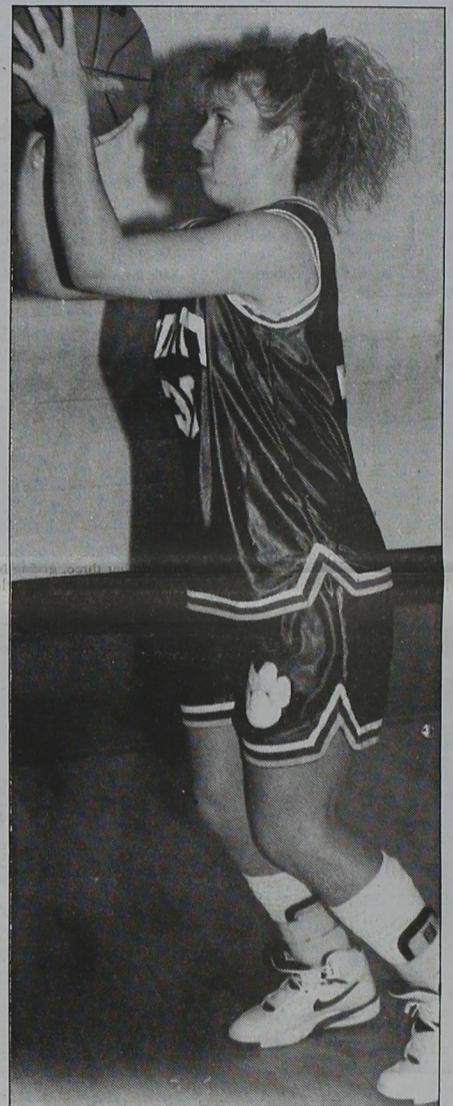
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46, Brownfield 75

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Swiftettes finish third at Abernathy

DaLawnya Meloy of Frenship scored two of her 19 game high points with eight seconds left in the championship semifinal game against Nazareth Friday, and that basket propelled her team into the title game of the Abernathy Invitational.

The Swiftettes held a 35-30 lead headed into the final quarter, but saw that lead evaporate as Meloy scored seven points in the last 4:18 to pull off the win.

Nazareth stepped to the free throw line six times in the last four minutes, but only connected on two of the attempts. That proved to be costly for the Swiftettes.

Nazareth reached the semifinal round after posting a 64-39 win over Vernon last Thursday, and a 64-43 decision over Guthrie on Friday morning. After losing the semifinal game Friday afternoon, Nazareth bounced back to claim the third-place trophy with a 60-53 win over Graham on Saturday.

Swiftettes 64, Vernon 39

Vernon never stood a chance against the fired-up Swiftettes last Thursday.

Nazareth didn't waste any time, scoring 20 points in each of the first two quarters to mount an impressive 40-15 lead by halftime. The Swiftettes slacked off in the second half, but still held the Lady Lions under 40 points for the game and advanced to the championship quarterfinals with a 64-39 win.

Jill Pohlmeier scored at will, finishing with 19 points. Kristin Brockman added 13 points and Natalie Schmucker contributed 11 to the Swiftettes' cause. Vernon was paced by Malinda Fullerton's 12 points.

Swiftettes 64, Guthrie 43

Although most of the world was

trying to wake up and begin a productive day's work Friday at 8 a.m., the Swiftettes were already on a roll.

While Nazareth was wide awake and ready to play, their championship quarterfinal opponent, Guthrie, couldn't get anything going offensively.

The teams tipped off at 8 a.m. and by the end of the opening quarter, the Swiftettes had reeled off 20 points, while limiting Guthrie to four.

The Lady Jags managed to pick things up in the remaining three quarters, but still fell a step behind the Swiftettes during most of the game.

Nazareth added another point to its lead, outscoring Guthrie 14-13 in the second period, they extended that margin further in the third stanza.

The Swiftettes were never threatened in the second half, especially after extending their lead to 51-28 in the third stanza. Guthrie managed to outscore the Swiftettes 15-13 in the final eight minutes, but it was too late.

Pohlmeier once again sparked the Swiftettes, this time scoring 15 points. Melinda Schmucker finished with 13 and Nicole Kleman added 10 for Nazareth. Guthrie's leading scorer was Jenny Burkett, who finished with 16.

Swiftettes 41, Frenship 42

Nazareth had several chances to put Frenship away in the semifinal game Friday, but the ball just would swish the net in the last four minutes and Frenship came from behind to pull out a 42-41 win.

Pohlmeier gave the Swiftettes a one-point lead, 41-40 after she sank the front and back end of a one-and-one with 1:59 left, but that was the last time Nazareth would send the ball through the hoop.

Frenship didn't fare any better, missing four field goals during that time span before Meloy grabbed an offensive rebound and scored the game-winner with eight seconds left.

Nazareth turned the ball over with seconds left and Frenship worked the ball inside, but missed the shot. A Frenship player came down with the rebound, but missed again before Meloy put it away.

The game was a nick-and-tuck battle most of the way. Frenship scored the game's first six points, then held on for an 8-7 lead after the first period.

The Lady Tigers went up by six points early in the second period on back-to-back baskets—including a three-point play—by Meloy.

Nazareth chipped away at that lead, and hit four three-pointers in the quarter — one by Natalie Schmucker, two by Chris Wethington and one by Kristin Brockman at the buzzer—to take a 24-18 lead as time expired in the first half.

Nazareth posted its biggest lead of the game when Brockman canned a three-pointer with 2:30 left in the third quarter. That basket gave the Swiftettes a 35-26 lead, but back-to-back baskets by Frenship's Susan Cain cut that lead to 35-30 at the end of the stanza.

Frenship's Priscilla Acy made it a two-point ballgame early in the fourth quarter, and although Nazareth managed to gain back a six-

point lead after Pohlmeier and Melinda Schmucker scored, it wasn't enough of a margin to ensure a victory.

Pohlmeier was Nazareth's leading scorer with 12 points while Brockman and Natalie Schmucker added nine each.

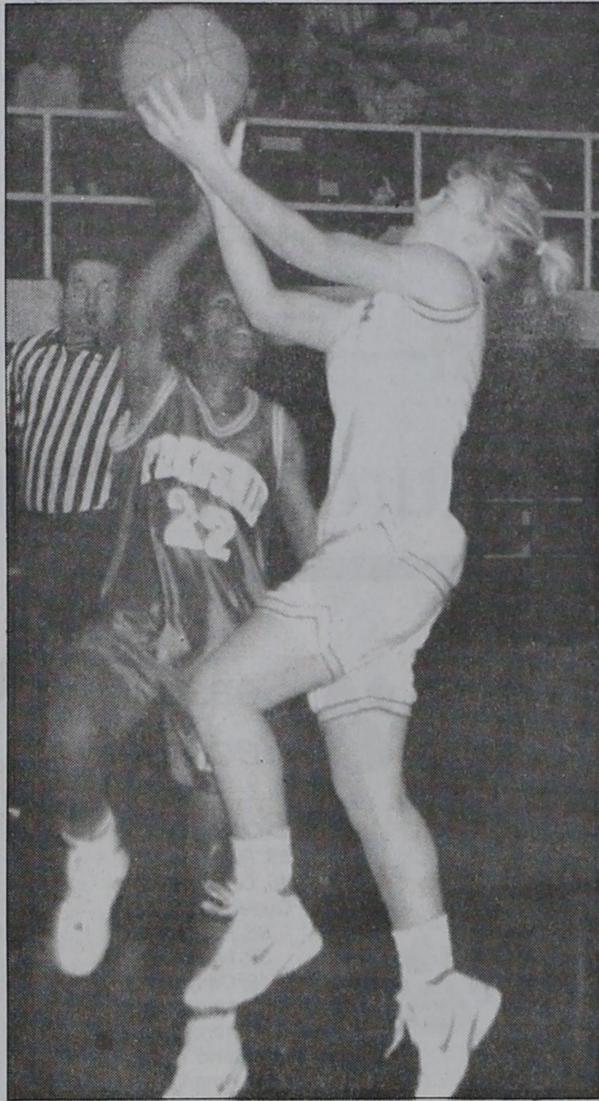
Swiftettes 60, Graham 53

After a slow start against Graham in the third-place game Saturday, Nazareth expanded a one-point halftime lead to a 60-53 victory.

Nazareth was down by three points, 18-15, after the first eight minutes, but outscored Graham 22-18 in the second period to gain the one-point advantage.

The Swiftettes gained an extra point in the third quarter, then put the game away with a 15-10 run in the final eight minutes.

The Schmucker sisters, Melinda and Natalie, scored a combined 33 points—22 and 11, respectively—to lead Nazareth, while Pohlmeier added 10. Graham's Kasi Behrend scored 14.



THREE-POINT OPPORTUNITY—Nazareth's Natalie Schmucker (right) drives the length of the court and scores on a layup as she's fouled by Frenship's Priscilla Acy (22). Nazareth and Frenship met in a championship semifinal game Friday afternoon at the Abernathy Invitational Tournament with Frenship edging the Swiftettes, 42-41. Nazareth defeated Graham Saturday to claim third-place honors in the tournament.

Photo by Anne Acker



DRAWING THE FOUL—Nazareth's Michael Schmucker makes a move inside the paint and is shoved—and fouled—by Lubbock Estacado's Rodrick Davis (44). The Swifts and Matadors met Friday night in a championship semifinal game in the Abernathy Invitational Tournament. The game was a see-saw battle almost from the beginning, and the Swifts were on the down side when the final buzzer sounded. After beating Naz, 62-59, Estacado went on to win the tournament. Nazareth finished third.

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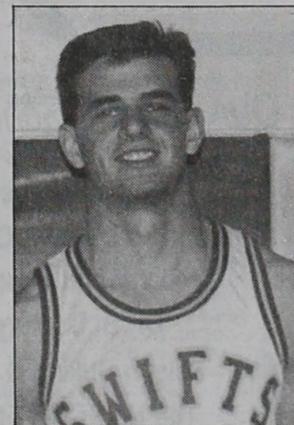
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Whitharral Tourney

Lady Horns stumble in championship game

Hart's girls suffered their second six-point defeat at the hands of Smyer Saturday when the two teams met in the championship game of the Whitharral Tournament.

The Lady Horns took a 10-7 lead, but saw that lead evaporate and found themselves tied at half-time. Smyer outscored the Lady Horns by six points in the second half to win the tournament.

It was the second time Hart had lost to Smyer—the first defeat was a 57-51 decision in the season opener.

Lady Horns 55, Wellman 38

Although the Lady Horns stumbled in the final game of the tournament, they posted two good wins in the opening and semifinal rounds.

Wellman was Hart's first victim.

The Lady Horn defense allowed Wellman only two points in the first quarter and four in the third enroute to a 55-38 route.

After mounting the 13-2 first-quarter lead, Hart patiently worked the ball and added to that margin for a 31-14 halftime lead.

A 19-4 third-period run gave Hart a commanding lead with just eight minutes to play, but Wellman wasn't ready to give up.

The Lady Cats outscored Hart 20-5 in the stanza to cut the Lady Horns' final victory margin to 17 points.

Hart's April Bennett's 18 points was game high while teammate Kim Grossman had 10. Melissa Cornelius scored 17 to lead Wellman.

Lady Horns 70, Anton 31

Hart's next victim was Anton's Lady Bulldogs and this time Hart didn't let up in the second half,



ANOTHER BASKET FOR BENNETT—Shea Bennett (00) scores two of her game-high 18 points here, as she makes a strong inside move against Anton defenders in championship semifinal action of the Whitharral Tournament Friday. Hart won the game, 70-31, but was defeated in the title game by Smyer, 47-41. Photo by Deana McLain

crusing to a 70-31 victory.

Hart scored 14, 22, 20 and 14 points in the first through fourth quarters, while its defense limited Anton to 9, 6, 8 and 8 points.

Translation: Hart 70, Anton 31.

It was never close.

Shea and April Bennett tossed in 18 and 16 points, respectively; while teammate Frances Dozal added 10.

Hart didn't let up after its 14-9 first-quarter lead, in fact, the Lady Horns looked more determined as the game progressed. The 22-6 second-quarter total allowed Hart to more than double its lead by halftime (36-15).

The second half proved to be more of the same as Hart sealed the win and earned a spot in the title game.

Lady Horns 41, Smyer 47

It just wasn't meant to be Saturday.

Hart won the first quarter by three points, but the Lady Horns gave up three points in each of the remaining three quarters and were forced to accept second place in the tournament.

Smyer's Jo Beth Northcutt scored 16 points against Hart's defense, and she boosted the Lady Bobcats in the second half when they outscored Hart and posted the win.

Hart's girls looked sharp in the opening stanza, outscoring Smyer 10-7. But Smyer battled back to tie the game in the second period.

Hart allowed Smyer to gain a three-point advantage, 31-28, at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Horns attempted to make a run late in the game, but Smyer held off the effort and managed to add another three points to its lead for the 47-41 win.

Shea Bennett's 15 points was

Hart's best while Northcutt scored 16 for Smyer.

Hart stayed with Wellman for the first eight minutes, fighting to an even 18-point first quarter.

But Wellman outscored Hart 34-11 in the second period to begin the road to victory.

Hart couldn't get back on track after that, and was outscored 43-32 in the second half.

Bryan Welps was Hart's leading scorer with 19 points while teammate Anthony Washington added 10.

In the consolation semifinal round, Hart fell victim to the Valley Patriots, 82-40 with Washington scoring seven points to lead the Longhorns.



REJECTION—Hart's Anthony Washington (23) and Junior Lee (25) knock the ball down after Valley's Joe David Valdez (4) launches a shot in third-quarter action Friday at the Whitharral Tournament. Valley downed Hart, 82-40, in the consolation semifinal round of the tournament. Also pictured is Hart's Cesar Salas (22). Photo by Deana McLain

TABC ranks Bobbies No. 1

Anyone looking for a seemingly invincible girls' team need look no further than the high-powered Dimmitt Bobbies this year.

That's what Editor Alton Ballard of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Roundball Roundup says about the undefeated girls' team, which has been named as the top Class AAA girls' team in the state.

TABC's recent poll lists the Bobbies at No. 1 while defending state champion Canyon dropped from the top spot to second after Dimmitt blasted the team in the championship of the Queens Classic, 46-25.

Other Class AAA teams in the region listed in the Top 20 are Brownfield, ninth; and Abilene Wylie, 14th.

In the Class A girls' poll, Nazareth heads the list of area teams with a seventh-place ranking while Happy comes in 11th and Sudan is ranked 14th.

The top six teams in the state are defending state champion Celeste, who is ranked No. 1; 2. Moulton, 3. LaPoynor, 4. Brock, 5. Karnack and 6. Guthrie. (The Swiftettes defeated Guthrie, 64-43 in the Abernathy Invitational Friday.)

In Class A boys' the Swifts fell from the Top 20 ranks (after being listed 12th in the pre-season poll), but the recent poll was taken when the Swifts were having games cancelled because of weather conditions or because their opponents were still playing football. The latest pole lists Laneville's boys as the top team, with Petersburg ranked fourth, Paducah ranked eighth and Knox City at 19th. Since the Swifts have started playing, they have posted some impressive wins, including a 62-61 win over the No. 4-ranked Class AAA boys' team, Denver City.

Dimmitt's boys also dropped out of the Top 20 after enjoying a No. 4 ranking in the pre-season poll. Area Class AAA boys' teams ranked in the Top 20 in addition to Denver City are No. 2 Brownfield and No. 10 Perryton.

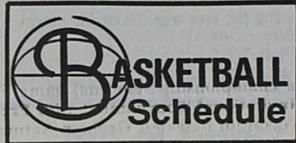
Correction

In publishing a letter to the editor last week from Doug Higgins, district director of the Texas Farmers Union, the News omitted two words that changed the meaning of a sentence.

In the published letter, the sentence read, "Family farm history can only be changed with the involvement of large farmers like ourselves."

It should have read, "Family farm history can only be changed with the involvement of large numbers of farmers like ourselves."

The News regrets the omission.



FRIDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Canyon Randall in Dimmitt; Junior Varsity and Varsity Lady Horns and Longhorns at Spade; Junior Varsity and Varsity Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Anton in Nazareth.

SATURDAY: Bobbies at Clovis, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY: JV and Varsity Lady Horns and Longhorns at Lazbuddie.



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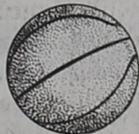
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C of C elects new directors

Gail Bruegel, Layne Myatt, Eddie Matthews and Jerry Lilley were elected as directors of Dimmitt's Chamber of Commerce at the group's annual meeting last Thursday.

Bruegel was elected to serve her second three-year term while Myatt, Matthews and Lilley each will serve a two-year term.

Directors also elected officers for the 1993 year and they are Reta Welch, president; Les Miller, vice president; and Charles Axtell, secretary.

The group approved its 1993 budget and copies of the financial statement and budget are available at the Chamber office upon request.

The Chamber boasts 247 members, and members are being encouraged to sign up for 1993 committees, according to Executive Director Delores Heller.

Members present at the annual meeting passed a resolution stating their support of the upcoming bond election for "economic develop-

ment initiative" and urged all citizens of Dimmitt to vote in favor of the issue on Jan. 9, 1993.

In November, the Dimmitt City Council agreed to hold a bond election after it was told that general obligation bonds would be the best way of financing \$4.5 million for economic development.

The Economic Development Committee met Wednesday morning to discuss the upcoming bond election and possibility of attracting Rubino Foods, Inc. to Dimmitt.

According to the resolution, "The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce recognizes that a community cannot stand still—it must move ahead or it will surely fall back... We do control our own destiny and we can improve the economic well being of all our citizens... Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce believes the risk of this project is small compared to the potential for great rewards for the entire community."

Deaf Smith REC gets ultra high band radios

Field crews of Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative now will have clear communication with their Hereford headquarters, and with one another when working in Castro County or elsewhere in the cooperative's service area, thanks to an ultra high band radio system.

The system was sold, designed and installed by WT Services, Inc. of Hereford, a wholly-owned subsidiary of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.

WT Services technicians installed 25 mobile radios in REC service vehicles on Nov. 9 and 10.

Deaf Smith REC's only radio system lacked sufficient range to reach throughout its 4,600-square-mile service area, which includes Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer and Oldham counties.

Because Deaf Smith REC crews must service 3,780 miles of line, much of it in remote locations, good audible communication is essential.

A proposal was made to replace the aging REC system with a 450 MHz repeater-equipped system and Deaf Smith REC agreed.

WT Services installed a radio system which includes license for two 450-470 MHz repeater pairs, and handled the licensing of these facilities.

It also took care of the construction of a repeater building at a tower site in Dimmitt and the building of a 150-foot tower at the

cooperative's Hereford office.

Deaf Smith REC is leasing three repeater sites from WT Services, Inc., and these are located in Summerfield, Dimmitt and Lariat. It is leasing a four site at Adrian from XIT Rural Telephone.

The electric cooperative purchased 25 mobile radios, three portable radios and a base station. Numerous remotes also were wired into the system. Using the Hereford office remotes, individuals in the local office will be able to talk to anyone in the field and hear both sides of the conversation.

The ultra high band radio system will provide uniform radio coverage throughout Deaf Smith REC's service area and will greatly decrease system noise, which was a problem on the old system.

The system will allow office remotes to hear both sides of main dispatch to mobile communications, allow portables to operate the main dispatch and allow all mobile units to hear main dispatch. All repeaters and base stations also are equipped with a battery backup, in case of power outages.



PRECIOUS SELECTION — Denise Parham of Silverton, a teacher at Hart Independent School District, browses through the Precious Moments

collection and other collectible figures and candles at Kosy Korner in Hart during last Wednesday's Christmas Open House. Photo by Deana McLain

Producers to receive 1992 final deficiency payments

The five-month weighted average market price has been announced for the 1991 crops of wheat, barley and oats and employees at the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) are mailing payments to eligible producers in Castro County.

The payments will be in cash and producers whose payments have been assigned will be mailed directly to the lending institution and the producer will be mailed a payment stub showing the amount of payment received. Producers who have filed a joint payment application will have payments mailed directly to them.

Target prices are established for wheat, feed grains, upland cotton and rice. If the national average market price received by producers during the five months of the mark-

eting year (or for upland cotton, during the calendar year in which the crop is planted) drops below the target level, a payment is made to eligible producers equal to the difference between the target price and the higher of the loan level or the average market price.

The five-month weighted average market prices are \$3.19 per bushel for wheat, \$1.80 per bushel for barley and \$1.28 per bushel for oats.

The final deficiency payment subject to the \$50,000 limitation for planted payment acreages is 81 cents per bushel for wheat, 56 cents per bushel for barley and 17 cents per bushel for oats.

Producers who received an advance payment on planted acreages will receive final payments in the amount of 48.5 cents per bushel for wheat, 38.5 cents per bushel for barley and 9.5 cents per bushel for oats.

Production adjustment and price support programs administered by ASCS are designed for the purpose of stabilizing, supporting and protecting farm income prices; assisting in the maintenance of balanced and adequate supplies of food, feed and fiber; and aiding in the orderly marketing of farm commodities.

ACP approval period is set

The Castro County ASC Committee has funds available for producers who want to apply for cost-sharing on conservation practices.

"We have a continual sign-up throughout the year, but are limited to six approval periods," said Scott Abbott, county executive director of ASCS.

The county committee has established the first approval period for Jan. 6, 1993.

Practices to be cost-shared during this approval period are establishing grass, constructing terraces, pipeline and storage facilities for livestock on range land, sod waterways and reorganizing irrigation systems.

Cost-shares are paid on a 50% flat rate cost. Practices are not approved on a first-come basis, but on conservation priorities established by the county committee.

Producers interested in having a practice considered during the Jan. 6, 1993, approval period should apply now, Abbott said.

ASCS to hold meeting Tuesday

Farmers may learn about beneficial interest in a crop and when it is considered lost at a meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

Scotty M. Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will conduct the meeting.

Abbott said a producer must have beneficial interest in the crop to be eligible for a loan or loan deficiency payments.

He will discuss options to purchase contracts, options to purchase contracts with sales contracts, sales contracts and other marketing options and how they affect the producers' eligibility for loans or loan deficiency payments.

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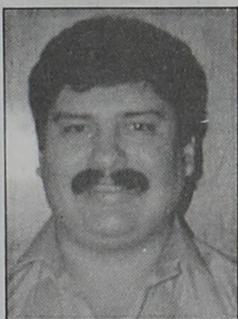
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Agriculture census to be taken in 1993

According to the most recent census of agriculture, which was taken in 1987, Texas ranks first in the number of farms with 188,788, representing 9% of the total farms in the United States. Its \$10.5 billion worth of agricultural products sold in 1987 placed it second in sales among the states.

The evidence comes from the census of agriculture, taken approximately every five years. Further trends will be measured early in 1993 when the 1992 Census of Agriculture is taken.

The Census Bureau will mail the 1992 Census of Agriculture report forms to agriculture producers late this month. Title 13 of the US Code which requires farmers and ranchers to report in the census also protects the privacy of their reports. Only sworn Census Bureau employees may see report forms. Other government agencies cannot obtain individual reports. Information

is used for statistical purposes and only summary information is published.

Sampling is used to collect data for selected items and to account for nonresponding farm operations. Thus the results are subject to sampling variability as well as reporting and coverage errors. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.

The census of agriculture is the only source of uniform, comprehensive data on agricultural production, inventories, sales, expenditures and other items for each county, state and the nation. The census, an integral part of the other economic censuses, helps local, state and federal governments and organizations determine regional economic health and vitality.

In the 1987 census Texas ranked first among states in cattle and calves sold. The state reported 142,244 farms with cattle and

calves and an inventory of 13 million head in 1987. The number of cattle and calves sold during 1987 totaled 12.1 million head. Texas also ranked first in beef cow inventory with 5.1 million head.

The state ranked sixth in milk cow inventory with 356,538 head. Dairy products sold totaled \$545.2 million in 1987.

According to the most recent census of agriculture, Texas had the greatest number of sheep and lambs sold with 16.7% of the nation's sales.

Texas harvested 4.1 million bales of cotton from 4.3 million acres. The value of cotton, including cotton seed, totaled \$1.2 billion. Texas ranked first in bales of cotton harvested.

Wheat for grain was harvested on 3.6 million acres from 19,386 farms. There were 98.2 million bushels of wheat during 1987. Wheat represented \$232 million in agricultural sales. Texas ranked sixth in bushels of wheat harvested.

Farm organizations, farmer cooperatives and agribusinesses, universities, state and federal agencies and legislators use the information reported in the agricultural census.

Here are some examples:

◆ Congress uses the census to help develop, evaluate and revise farm production and rural development legislation. Information can be used to target farmers and farm communities with specific needs.

◆ State and local governments use census data to analyze and develop policy on land use, irrigation needs, farmland assessment and rural development.

◆ Farmer cooperatives and agribusinesses use census data to develop sales territories and to determine the most effective and efficient locations for distribution centers for farm equipment, machinery and supplies.

◆ Farm organizations use census

data to devise farm programs and policy proposals.

◆ Universities use census data to understand trends in farming and the rural economy. Specialists analyze data which assists planners and developers in directing state and local development.

◆ The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) uses crop information to devise payment schedules in the administration of soil improvement, set aside and related conservation programs.

◆ The US Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service uses census data to plan operations during outbreaks of disease or infestations of pests.

The agency estimates the extent of the problem to appropriately distribute resources.

◆ The Extension Service and Cooperative State Research Service of USDA rely on census information to determine the number of farmers by race, gender and type of operation, which enables county Extension agents and university professors to better serve farmers and community needs.

◆ USDA's Economic Research Service uses the census of agriculture to prepare farm income and cost of production estimates, as well as to assess patterns and trends in resource use and management. Census data serves as a reference to USDA survey data.

Small businesses eligible for loans

Small businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Castro and 46 other counties in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains may apply for low-interest loans to help recover from agricultural damages.

The areas were designated as eligible for disaster assistance by the Small Business Administration due to agricultural damages caused by excessive rain and hail which occurred between May 1 and July 30, according to US Sen. Phil Gramm.

The closing date for applications is June 28, 1993.

The program covers small businesses which are without credit elsewhere. The interest rate available is 4% with a maximum of 30

years allowed for repayment.

The Small Business Administration provides these loans to small businesses which have sustained substantial economic injury resulting from natural disasters.

Other counties eligible for the loans are Andrews, Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Childress, Cochran, Cottle, Crane, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Ector, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Hockley, Howard, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Motley, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Reagan, Scurry, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Upton and Yoakum.

Final winners

The grand prize winners in the Shop at Home Christmas promotion sponsored by Dimmitt merchants were announced Monday.

The winner of \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars was Dee Brisco, who registered at Lockhart Pharmacy. Barbara Bain won the \$200 in Dimmitt Dollars by registering at the Headhunter.

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion began Nov. 19 with the annual Christmas Open House and a visit from Santa. Other winners throughout the four-week period were awarded \$50 in Dimmitt Dollars.

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

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

Irrigation conference is planned

The annual High Plains irrigation conference and trade show will be held Jan. 7 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 7 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.

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.



Cotton Talks



The 1992 High Plains crop is well on its way to being off the stalk and in the gin yard, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG estimates that the crop is now at least 75% harvested and that a week of favorable conditions could easily allow the remainder of the crop to be harvested. Rain in southern parts of the area during the past week has kept some producers out of the field completely and has delayed others for at least a couple of days.

How much cotton the area crop will produce is still unknown at this time. Most industry estimates for the area still are below the US Dept. of Agriculture's estimate of 1.51 million bales; however, the size of the crop is changing everyday as more cotton makes its way to gin yards around the area.

"The numbers we have been able to put together indicate a crop below the USDA estimate," said Donald Johnson, PCG executive vice president. "Few people have been able to get an accurate estimate of the crop because of the unique circumstances around which this crop was produced."

The December USDA estimate, released Thursday, left expectations for the size of the crop in Districts 1-N and 1-S unchanged. These districts often are used as a measuring stick for the 25-county area known as the Texas High Plains.

In contrast to the USDA estimate, preliminary figures on how much cotton is expected to be classed in the Lubbock and Lamesa cotton classing offices continue to indicate a crop slightly over 1.235 million bales, considerable lower than the USDA estimate of 1.51 million bales.

Some adjustment; however, must be made in the classing office figures to allow for a difference in the average weight of those bales. This adjustment is

necessary since the estimate reflects the actual number of bales to be received from area gins. These bales, known as "running bales," tend to vary in weight both above and below the 480-lb. figure used to compute statistical bales.

Applying the necessary conversion factor moves the classing office estimates up to 1.27 million bales. An additional 100,000 bales can then be added to account for gins in the area that send their cotton to classing offices other than Lubbock or Lamesa. This brings the total to 1.37 million bales, still 140,000 bales below the USDA estimate. Most trade estimates place the crop approximately 100,000 bales below the USDA figure.

Calculations to figure the 1992 deficiency payment continue to indicate that the maximum payment rate will be paid to producers on the 1992 crop, according to PCG officials.

Average prices received by farmers and cumulative marketings through the month of October, as received from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, are shown in the table below.

	Markets (1,000 Bales)		Price (\$ per lb.)	
	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Weighted Ave.
January	2515	2515	51.6	51.60
February	1678	4193	49.6	50.80
March	1144	5337	49.9	50.61
April	737	6074	52.0	50.78
May	247	6321	52.2	50.83
June	361	6682	56.9	51.16
July	184	6866	55.3	51.27
August	278	7144	53.8	51.37
September	710	7854	52.6	51.48
October	1214	9068	52.7	51.64

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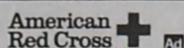
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fish or mutton, and we had squid often. For some of the meals they would bring raw food to the table and you would cook it yourself in a sort of fondue pot. You knew it was ready to eat when the lid rattled from the steam pressure," Minnick recalled.

The group always ate in private dining rooms of the eating establishments they visited, so they didn't have a chance to observe the customs of "the natives."

However, they followed some of the customs themselves.

"Our tour guide and our group leader had to taste everything first before it would be served to the group," Minnick said. "Most meals had eight to 10 courses, but some of the banquets had as many as 20 courses."

She said she finally got fairly proficient with chopsticks near the end of the trip. At one point, she was having such difficulty, she said the host smiled and advised her to just pick up her bowl and eat directly from it.

Housing

The hotels were very nice, Minnick said. One place they stayed had satin everywhere — curtains, comforters, and upholstery. The only problem was that the heat is not turned on in public buildings until Nov. 18. She said they had no problem keeping warm at night, because of the down-filled pillows and comforters on the beds.

"I thought about trying to buy one of them, they were so comfortable," Minnick said. "But we were advised not to because they probably were infested with lice! I didn't sleep as well after that."

After all of the "official" activities of each tour day concluded, Minnick said the members of the group would go out on their own in the cities and look around or shop.

"In some areas it was hard to tell the shops from the residential sections. Once, we walked right into a family's home, thinking it was a shop," she said. "Most of the shops looked like the rental storage units you see in the US, with a big front opening and no back door."

She said there were a lot of high rise apartment buildings, too, but the apartments are small and often house extended families in one apartment. Many of the buildings look modern, but are lacking in some conveniences. She said there may be only one bathroom for each floor of apartments, and the heating stove may be vented through a pipe stuck through a window or wall.

Minnick told about one morning when she got up early and went out on the streets in Beijing. She said that every open area of pavement was covered with people doing aerobics or other exercises, dancing, or practicing martial arts.

In every city, the open squares in front of buildings were lined with flower pots filled with colorful flowers. She said the flowers were brought in by trucks each morning, replacing any that had wilted or died. She also noted that the streets and highways are swept with brooms.

In one of the outlying provinces, the people live in yurts, leather tents built with a cooking fire in the

center of the floor. Some areas have primitive houses without doors or windows, no electricity, phones or running water. Many places have sewage running along one side of the street.

Industry

Minnick said most of the "factories" they saw were large buildings where articles were made by hand, including jade items, oriental rugs, and cloisonne items. She said they never saw a single tractor, and most of the cars were driven by government officials. The only traffic jams they saw were in the bicycle lanes of the roads.

Sightseeing

A part of each day was set aside for touring and sightseeing. Minnick said they were able to see the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs, the Forbidden City, and Tianmen Square around Beijing.

In Kunming in the Yunnan province, she said they saw the Stone Forest, where huge stone formations jut up into the sky and harbor caves and passages throughout; and the cultural museum, where entire "mini-villages" are set up to display the various cultures of the region.

Urumqi in the Xinjiang province in the northwest area of the country is the most inland city in the world, Minnick said. It is over 2,000 miles to the nearest ocean. Heavenly Lake is located near Urumqi. It is the largest source of unpolluted water in China, and it retains a layer of ice at least a yard thick for a large portion of each year. Minnick said the Chinese ice skating teams have their training facilities at the lake.

Politics

The tour group was not allowed to see some things. On a trip in the tour bus, the group saw what appeared to be a prison, but none of the guides seemed to know what it was.

The "professional exchange" sessions held each day included meetings with educators and government officials from each province, city or facility the group was visiting. The sessions lasted from three to four hours at a time.

"A large part of what they told us was about how wonderful communism and socialism are," Minnick said.

She said the group knew they were being "watched," and they were aware that their belongings were gone through several times. Minnick said some souvenirs were taken from her luggage.

"We asked about drugs when we were in the Yunnan province, since it is one of the biggest heroin and opium producing regions in the world," Minnick said. "Of course, the officials said it is not grown in their country."

She said they were told that the region has the highest incidence of AIDS in the world, due to intravenous drug use and communal needles. A medical school in the region is devoted solely to training doctors in the treatment of AIDS.



A SKILLED WORKMAN manufactures tools in primitive conditions in a village in China visited by Gainell Minnick of Dimmitt. She said the country ranged from very modern to very primitive, and noted that a lot of manufacturing work is still done by hand. Courtesy Photo

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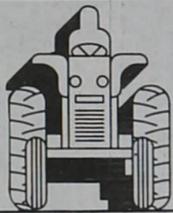


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Hart, Nazareth players earn all-state laurels

Hart defensive linemen Israel Garcia and Bryan Welps have been named to the Class A all-state second-team by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Welps also earned honorable mention all-state honors for his work as an offensive lineman. Also earning honorable mention were Nazareth tight end Brandon Schilling and quarterback Michael Schmucker and linebacker Russell Huckert.

Hart and Nazareth both competed in District 2-A along with Sudan, who will be playing for the state championship this week. But although the Hornets are one of the top two teams in the state, they only placed one player on the all-state first team — punter Tim Williams, who averaged 41 yards per kick. Williams also was named second-team kicker with five field goals and 27 extra points to his credit; and earned honorable mention honors as a running back. His teammate, Ricky Weaver, earned honorable mention as a secondary player.

Welps, a 6-1, 230-lb. senior defensive end, recorded 103 tackles and 10 sacks for the Longhorns,

who advanced to the state quarter-finals before being eliminated from the playoffs by Sudan. Hart finished its season with a 12-2 record, and both of its losses came to Sudan.

Garcia, a 6-2, 228-lb. junior tackle was responsible for 83 tackles and nine sacks.

Nazareth senior tight end Brandon Schilling (6-1, 180) caught 33 passes for 538 yards and six touchdowns this year and most of those passes came from senior quarterback Michael Schmucker (6-1, 185), who completed 114 of 194 passes for 1,565 yards and 18 touchdowns with only seven interceptions. Schmucker also rushed 66 times for 214 yards and seven touchdowns.

Senior linebacker Russell Huckert recorded 93 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery for the Swifts, who finished the season with a 9-1 record as district tri-champions with Hart and Sudan. The only team to beat the Swifts this year was Hart, and that game forced District 2-A into a three-way tie. A coin flip sent Hart and Sudan into the playoffs.



HOLIDAY CONCERT—The Dimmitt High School Choir, directed by Dwight Joiner, sings *Christmas Lullaby of Joy* during its "Christmas '92" concert last Thursday night at the First United Methodist

Church. In addition to nine full-choir numbers, the concert featured four soloists, a duet, two trios, and a zany ensemble arrangement of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* by "The Fractured Fairy Tale Tellers."

Photo by Don Nelson

Breast screening clinics planned

A breast cancer screening clinic will be offered in Dimmitt Saturday, Jan. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and on Monday, Jan. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Exams will be performed by appointment only.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE (toll-free).

The community outreach clinic is operated under the breast cancer screening program of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist, both of Amarillo.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for screening mammography for Texas residents qualifying for financial assistance.

Early detection of breast cancer is the major goal of cancer control. The clinic will provide low-cost screening mammography, which includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self examination, and a mammogram.

Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection, which is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer.

The guidelines are to learn and perform breast self examination every month, have a physical examination every year and have a mammogram according to the following recommendations by age: one base-

line mammogram between the ages of 35 and 40, a mammogram every one to two years for those 40 to 50 years old and yearly mammograms for those over 50.

4-H'ers show at Hereford

Six Castro County 4-H'ers exhibited show pigs at Hereford Dec. 5, and won eight placings and a reserve breed championship.

Those participating included Shad McDaniel, who showed a first place Duroc, which also was named reserve breed champ. Colby McDaniel showed a second place Hampshire and a fourth place Duroc. Jason Wooten took second place honors with a Poland, and eighth place with a Chester.

Dagon Newton showed a third place Chester; Summer McLean showed a third place Hampshire; and Stace McDaniel showed a fifth place Duroc.

Two of the youths also competed at a show in Plainview on Dec. 6.

At that show, Shad McDaniel had a first place and a second place Duroc, and he took reserve breed champion honors. Stace McDaniel showed a second place Hampshire and a third place Duroc.

The Ombu Tree of Argentina is one of the hardiest trees. The tree's wood is so moist that it will rarely burn and so spongy that it usually cannot be cut down.

Calendar changes discussed

Five more make-up days can be squeezed out of the school year calendar for Dimmitt schools if bad weather causes any more cancellations of classes.

The school board approved a list of changes that could be made in the calendar at their meeting Monday night. Two weather days have already been taken, and will be made up on May 7 and May 14, which had been allowed for in the calendar.

Moving the last day of school would allow for one or two more days if needed. The current calendar sets May 26 as the last day of school. The board decided that school could end on May 27 or May 28, but graduation would remain as scheduled on May 27. Teacher workdays also would have to be adjusted.

If additional days are needed, a planned inservice on April 22 would be used as a school day and the inservice would be held on April 23-24. Also, April 23 could be used as a school day, moving the

inservice to March 23-24 for after school hours.

As a final resort, the board considered holding classes on April 9, Good Friday, which has been planned as a holiday. DISD Supt. Bob Barrett told the board he intended to petition for a waiver on the state requirement for total number of school days if more than two additional weather days are needed.

Any calendar changes will be announced as needed, and the proposed changes also may be amended.

In another matter, a group of eight parents and patrons met with the board in executive session to discuss the status and future of the football program at Dimmitt High School. Board president David Schaeffer asked that the matter be discussed in executive session because personnel matters probably would be included in the discussion. Following the executive session, Schaeffer said no action would be taken.

In other business, the board approved appointment of Charles Wales as one of the school district's representatives on the board of the Castro County Appraisal District. Wales had been serving on the board, and agreed to serve another two-year term.

DISD board member Paul Garcia asked whether any Hispanics were serving on that board. He advised that it might be wise to appoint a Hispanic in the future to avoid any possible discrimination complaints. The other board members agreed to look into it when another vacancy on the appraisal board comes up next year.

A bus ordered back in February

has not been delivered because it was impounded due to litigation involving the manufacturer. The board authorized Barrett to change the order if the bus is not delivered by the first of the year. The 35-passenger bus was estimated to cost \$32,813 plus \$575 for installation of a rear heater. An available 47-passenger bus will cost \$33,908, and it will not require installation of a rear heater.

Board members viewed a report on the 1992 TAAS test results for third and seventh grade students, and commended the teachers, students and parents for the improvement shown.

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Grain elevator workshop to feature storage issues

Registration is due Jan. 10 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 Agricul-

tural 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.

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Hart's sales tax rebate increases 32%

The December sales tax rebate issued to Hart was up 32.32% over the same period in 1991, but the rebates sent to Dimmitt and Nazareth reflected 16.66% and 10.91% decreases, respectively.

Hart received \$1,539.98, 32.32% more than the 1991 rebate of \$1,163.81. For the year, Hart has received \$16,613.07, which is a 1.98% increase over 1991.

Dimmitt's rebate dropped from \$18,684.88 in 1991 to \$15,572.91 this year. But the city is still 1.73% above its total of 1991. For the year, Dimmitt has received \$291,987.76, compared with a 1991 total of \$287,023.75.

Nazareth's December decrease holds with 1992 payments to date. The city received only \$623.12 for this period, down 10.91% from the 1991 rebate of \$699.43. A 12.12% decrease is reflected in the year-to-date totals of \$12,330.29 for 1992, compared with \$14,030.37 for 1991.

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on October sales and reported to the comptroller's office in November by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Retail sales up in county

Castro County's 157 outlets (for all industries) reported a 5.3% decrease in total sales for the second quarter of 1992, according to information released by John Sharp, comptroller of public accounts.

But if you break it down to retail sales outlets, the county businesses sold 1.2% more in the second quarter of 1992 than during the same period in 1991.

The Castro County businesses reported gross sales of \$15,613,476 for the reporting period, and that was down from the 1991 second quarter sales of \$16,481,684.

Those businesses also reported \$1,555,056 in use tax purchases.

The amount of the sales subject to state sales and use tax was \$5,737,937.

Ninety-one retail sales outlets reported gross sales of \$9,344,425, up 1.2% from 1991's sales of \$9,232,613. Use tax purchases during the period were \$5,409 and the amount of the sales subject to state sales and use tax was \$3,290,579.

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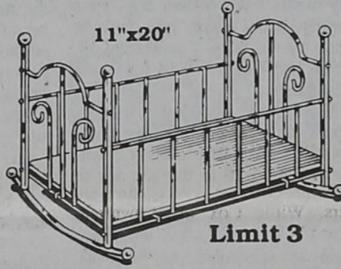


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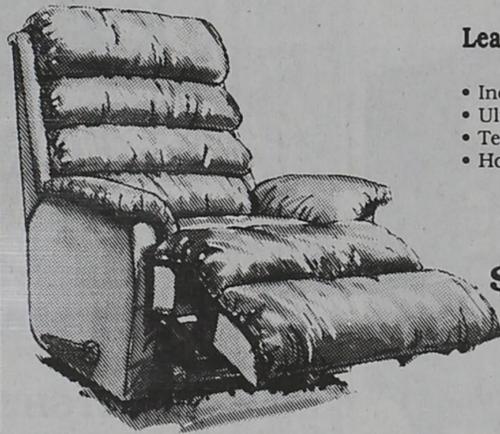
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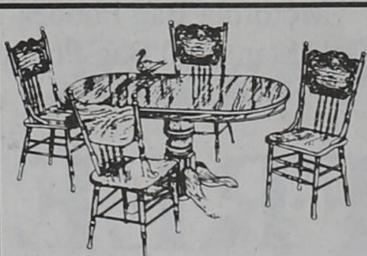
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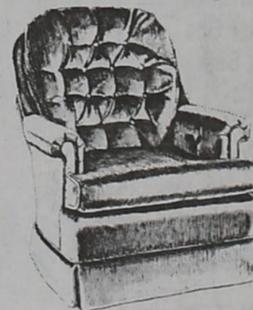
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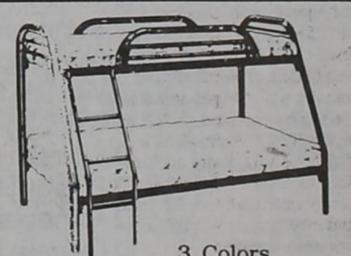
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Police calls

Dimmitt police are investigating a sexual assault reported around 12:15 a.m. Sunday in Dimmitt. An 18-year-old female told police that a suspect had made her have sexual intercourse without her consent.

Reports of a black Chevy supercab pickup running other vehicles off the road and of shots being fired resulted in aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charges against a 23-year-old Dimmitt man, who is out on \$12,500 bond.

Sheriff's deputies received a report at about 10:35 p.m. Friday that a red GMC pickup had been run off the road on FM 168 north of Hart. Daniel Ramirez of Hart told officers he had been driving north on FM 168 and passed the black Chevy. He said the Chevy then passed him and slowed down, so he tried to pass again, but then the Chevy would speed up.

Ramirez told officers that two passengers of the black Chevy supercab climbed out the sliding rear window into the bed of the pickup. He alleged that one of them had a gun in his hand and began firing at Ramirez's pickup, and other passengers of the Chevy began throwing beer bottles. He reported that he did not know how many shots were fired, but he said he feared for his life. Ramirez said the Chevy finally caused him to run off the road into a muddy ditch where his vehicle got stuck. The Chevy did not stop but continued down the road.

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Brian Witt stopped a pickup answering the description of the suspect vehicle in the 500 block of East Bedford in Dimmitt and took the five occupants to the Sheriff's office for questioning.

Joe Isaguirre of Hart told officers that he had seen a black pickup southeast of Hart on FM 194, and it had tried to run him off the road. Isaguirre said when he got into Hart, he saw the pickup again and someone in the vehicle began shooting at him.

Three other witnesses told officers that they had seen a red pickup try to pass a black pickup and saw the black pickup swerve at the red pickup. They said they also saw the occupants of the black pickup throwing beer bottles at the red pickup.

A hunting accident Saturday afternoon resulted in injury to Shannon Arthur Himango, 26, of Leveland. He suffered wounds to the head, neck, chest, upper abdomen and upper arms from shotgun pellets. According to reports, he was taken to the emergency room at Plains Memorial Hospital where he received treatment and then was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

An incident of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle is under investigation by Sheriff's deputies. Hershel Wilson reported the theft of a cotton stripper Friday afternoon, and estimated the vehicle's value at \$26,000 to \$30,000. Deputy Brian Frieda located the vehicle about a mile down the road from where it had been taken. He said it appeared that the stripper had been used to extricate a stuck vehicle.

Monday afternoon, Shari Dameron of Hereford told Frieda that someone had taken a cellular phone from her car while it was parked at Cluck Feed Yard. She valued the phone at \$400. It is a Nokia brand "bag" phone.

Two Lubbock men, both 20, were charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces and one also was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after being stopped by DPS Trooper Ron Morgan Sunday afternoon.

David Lloyd West, 18, of Dimmitt was ticketed for failure to control speed in an accident Monday at 3:55 p.m. in the 100 block of Northwest 12th Street. Police report that Michael Keith Odom, 32, of Dimmitt was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of 12th and West Bedford, when West's car slid on the icy roadway and struck the back of Odom's Suburban. Damage was rated light to the Suburban and moderate to West's car. No injuries were reported.

The Schwan's truck received light damage in an accident Tuesday at 10 a.m. The police report states that the truck was coming to a stop at the intersection of Southeast Second and US 385, but was unable to stop and continued into the roadway, striking a pickup driven by Terry Lynn Deckard, 22, of Tulia. Damage to the pickup was rated moderate and no injuries were reported.



ACCIDENT SCENE — Emergency Medical Technicians help a man and woman from a wrecked car last Thursday afternoon on North Highway 385. The car was traveling north on US 385 when it was struck by a pickup. The car's rear end was damaged while the pickup sustained minimal damage. No other information was available. Photo by Deana McLain

Obituaries

Vicki Lacy

Funeral services for Vicki L. Lacy, 38, of Vernon were held Friday afternoon in the First Assembly of God Church in Vernon with Rev. Scott Olson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Eastview Memorial Park of Vernon, under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mrs. Lacy died last Thursday after a sudden illness.

Born Feb. 7, 1955 in Olney, Vicki L. Stanford married Carl Lacy on June 22, 1974 in Hart. (He is the son of the late Bill Lacy and Doris Lacy Frazier of Dimmitt, and the grandson of Ethel Lacy of Dimmitt and of Ruth M. Shive of Hart). Mrs. Lacy had been a resident of Wilbarger County for the past six years, and was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dorwin L. Stanford, on Oct. 18.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Cally, of Vernon; a sister, Debbie Collier of Vernon; a brother, Alton Stanford of Vernon; her mother, Mrs. Kathryn L. David of Vernon; two grandmothers, Alta Stanford of Archer City and Lucille Stone of Cross Plains; a half-sister, Phyllis Schomaker; her step-mother, Shorty Stanford; and two stepbrothers, Rusty McCord and Dusty McCord.

R.D. McLain

R.D. McLain, 71, of Alanreed, brother of Tom McLain and Hubert McLain, both of Hart, died last Thursday.

Services were held Saturday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Q.D. Beville, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Alanreed Cemetery by Lamb-Ferbuson Funeral Home.

He was born in Duncan, Okla., and moved to Alanreed in 1976. He was ranch manager for Johnson's Ranch for 14 years. He married Ruth Dorman in 1952 in Clovis, N.M. He was a US Army Veteran, having served in World War II.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Tammy Hanes and Diane Rigby, both of McLean, Shirley Harbour of Stinnett, Brenda McLain of Alanreed and Pat Cockrell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sons, Don Horn of Claude, Danny McLain of Channing and Dean McLain of Racine, Wis.; three sisters, Willie Cox of Brownfield, Anna Willem of Roswell, N.M. and Jo Butler of Atwater, Calif.; three brothers, Tom and Hubert of Hart and Jack McLain of Bluejacket, Okla.; 28 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

David Nelson

Services for David Nelson, 64, of Hart, were held Sunday afternoon in Hart's First United Methodist Church with Rev. Perry Hunsaker, pastor, officiating; assisted by Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of the

First United Methodist Church of Turkey.

Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Nelson died at 5:34 a.m. Friday at his residence after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Newlin. He was a 1945 graduate of Estelline High School and lived in Tulia from 1946 to 1953, when he moved to Hart. He married Shirley Sims on Sept. 4, 1951, in Lawton, Okla.

He was an active supporter of the Boy Scouts in Hart and served on the Hart Independent School District board for six years. He was a member of the boards of directors of the Hart Producers Co-op Gin and Dimmitt Agri. Industris. He was a member of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee and the First United Methodist Church.

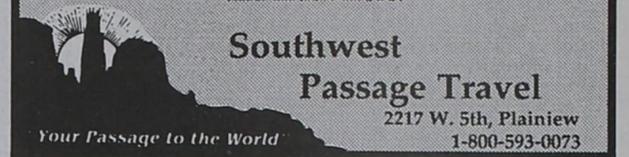
He was preceded in death by a sister, Anne Helmstetter, in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Vic Nelson of Dimmitt; two daughters, Cathy Drewry of Lubbock and Lisa Kiernan of Plano; two brothers, Lanham of Hobbs, N.M. and Grady of Lubbock; two sisters, Dorrace Latham of Tulia and Mildred Guthrie of Ralls; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Clarence Kerns, Joe Newman, Jim Black, Charles Black, Ed Bennett and Deryl Clevenger.

The family requests memorials be made to the Hospice of the Plains in Plainview or to the Hart First United Methodist Church.

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federal prison, Key will have to serve at least 85% of his sentence.

Martha Bates and her sister, Jo Beth Mays, along with Mr. Bates' younger brother, Doc Bates, were present at Key's sentencing.

"We're happy about what he got. In my lifetime, he won't be freed," said Martha Bates. "The man shouldn't have been out of jail in the first place. I can't believe a repeat offender like that would be let out. But this time he'll be at least 70 (years old) before he gets out — and that'll be with good behavior."

Martha Bates said when the judge handed down Key's sentence, the accused killer had no reaction.

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PHEASANT HUNTERS from across Texas flocked to Castro County Saturday for opening day of pheasant season. This group of hunters including (standing, from left) Mike Meyer of Victoria, Sonny Meyer of Refugio, Donnie of Duncan, Okla. and Mike Reilly of Uvalde; and

(kneeling, from left) Ronnie Martin of Uvalde, Chief Reilly of Uvalde, Bill Adams of Deport and Sammy Ward of Bogata reportedly bagged a combined 13 birds Saturday.

Photo by Deana McLain

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And even then, caliche gets so slick when it's frozen or wet that it can be dangerous.

Fly ash topping, maybe? Nope, the same friend said. Fly ash is too expensive, and this kind of weather, coupled with truck traffic, would tear up a fly-ash topping, too.

A built-up crown with deeper barditches alongside would help the roads drain faster and keep rutting to a minimum, another friend told me as we negotiated a set of ruts west of Flagg Saturday. However, many people worry about sliding off of a crowned road and into the ditch.

Our county road crews have a

massive job ahead of them. All of our dirt roads will need grading and filling. And some of them obviously need to be completely rebuilt.

My mother used to say, when it was raining with the sun shining, that the devil was beating his wife.

What is the folk description when it snows while the sun is shining?

It happened twice during the week—at the end of the weekend snow as the clouds were drifting away, and again at the beginning of Wednesday morning's snowfall, before the clouds were actually over us.

Southwest Outdoors

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Oh my aching feet... toes, knees, thighs and other places that I don't remember ever hurting before. Each year hundreds of us city boys can't wait for pheasant season to begin, and in less than two hours of walking in the snow and mud, we can't wait for the day to end. The weight of mud that a hunter can tolerate on his boots while continuing to hunt is inversely related to age and experience.

The ideal pheasant hunt consists of a group of approximately 10 hunters that alternate as walkers and blockers. It is necessary to have a line of walkers slowly move through the corn or milo stubble in order to force the quick running birds down the field. The blockers wait at the end of the field and act as a human fence to keep the pheasant from escaping. When the walkers and the blockers work in tandem, the hunting can be awesome.

The unwritten rules of the game dictate that the younger hunters will walk every field. The middle age hunters will alternate between walking the fields and acting as

blockers. The elder statesmen will either block or sit in the suburban drinking Irish coffee and swapping lies about previous hunts, good bird dogs and old girlfriends.

The thrill of watching the birds run down the field creates an air of anticipation unequalled in other kinds of hunting. Did I mention that only the brightly-colored cocks can be shot while the drab hens are legally protected? The challenge is to quickly identify the sex of the bird and shoot it before your buddy can accomplish the same task. Courteous sportsmen use a shout of "HEN" to warn others in their party not to shoot hens that are scared up.

The first pass through the stubble occurs at first light when every pheasant initially looks like a drab hen. It is not uncommon to hear your buddies cry out "HEN" and just when the bird is out of range, they yell "It's a cock, shoot him, shoot him!"

Like the University of Texas football team getting ready for the Aggies, next year I will be better prepared.

More about

Smith against dropping suit . . .

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work done on roads by their property, but Cluck had paid for all of his, so far. Smith said the county "definitely owes it to him (Cluck)" to do the work.

Smith's motion to do the work died for lack of a second.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson reported to the commissioners on a visit with a US Labor Dept. official in Amarillo recently. She said it was recommended that the county spell out a policy establishing the bounds of the "normal" work week for county employees.

The commissioners voted to set the week from 12 a.m. Sunday to 11:59 p.m. Saturday for policy purposes. The new week determination will begin Sunday.

Smithson also reported on other items concerning personnel policies.

A representative of Santa Fe Energy Co. requested a letter from the county commissioners granting permission for use of road right-of-ways and several road crossings for the company's gas lines. Mike Butler told the commissioners that the lines have already been in place for quite some time, but no record could be found authorizing them. He said a written record is needed so that the company's lines can be sold to another company.

County Attorney Jimmy Davis said he saw no problem with issuing the letter as long as the company would assure the county that the lines are placed according to county requirements. Mark Bergen said the lines are at least three feet below the level of the bar ditches, and five feet in some places.

The commissioners agreed to provide the letter for the company.

Mokey Ivey told the commissioners he has completed training

as an inspector for on-site sewage facilities, and would be willing to serve the county if they decide to authorize a local inspection department. He said he could divide his services between two counties if neighboring counties wanted to share the cost.

Simpson asked that the matter be tabled until the commissioners could review a sample policy from Hutchinson County. She also said she would like to confer with neighboring counties to see if any would be willing to work together with one inspector.

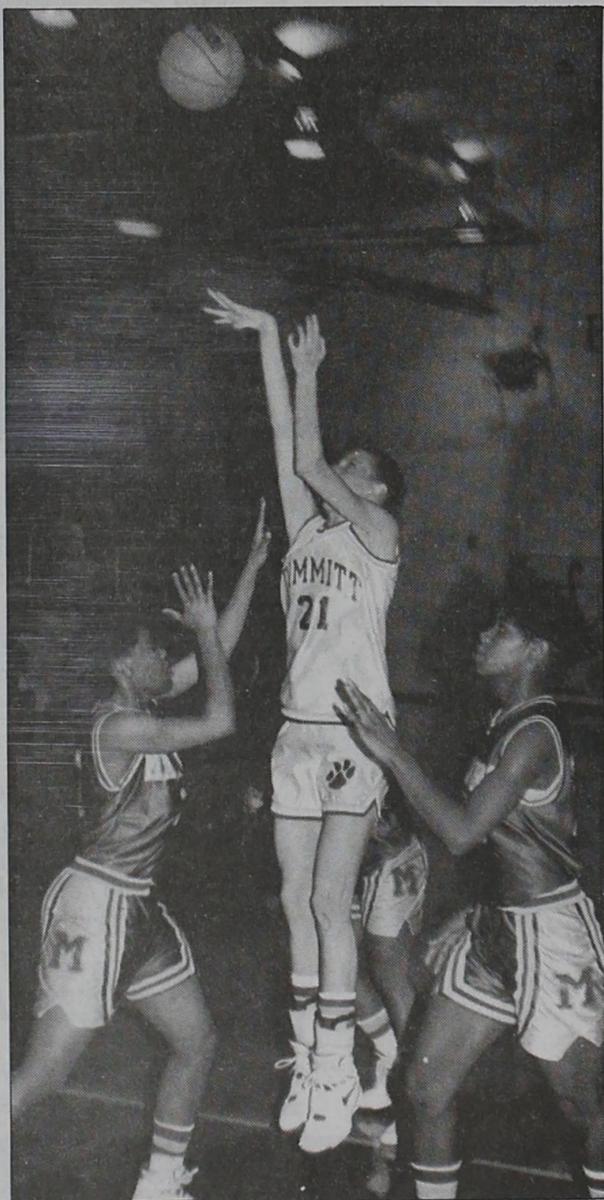
Foskey Funeral Home in Dimmitt has informed the county the cost of indigent funerals will be going up. The county had been paying \$450 for an adult burial and \$150 for infants. It would increase to \$600 for adults and \$200 for infants.

The commissioners authorized Simpson to look into the matter further and consult with other funeral homes before any action is taken.

A 1957 Chevy pickup that had been seized in a drug arrest in 1989

was sold to Clyde Hoelting for \$527. Other bids were: \$499.50 from Avery Thrasher, \$400 from Sonny Thomas, \$300 from Mike Boothe, \$205 from David Allison, and \$151 from Johnny Vick.

A planned executive session to discuss pending litigation was cancelled since Daugherty was unable to be here because of the weather.



HALLEY BRADLEY releases her picture-perfect jump shot during the Bobbies' game against Lubbock Estacado here Friday night. Bradley scored 22 points in less than three quarters of play as the Bobbies won easily, 77-26, to extend their record to 12-0.

Photo by Don Nelson

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