

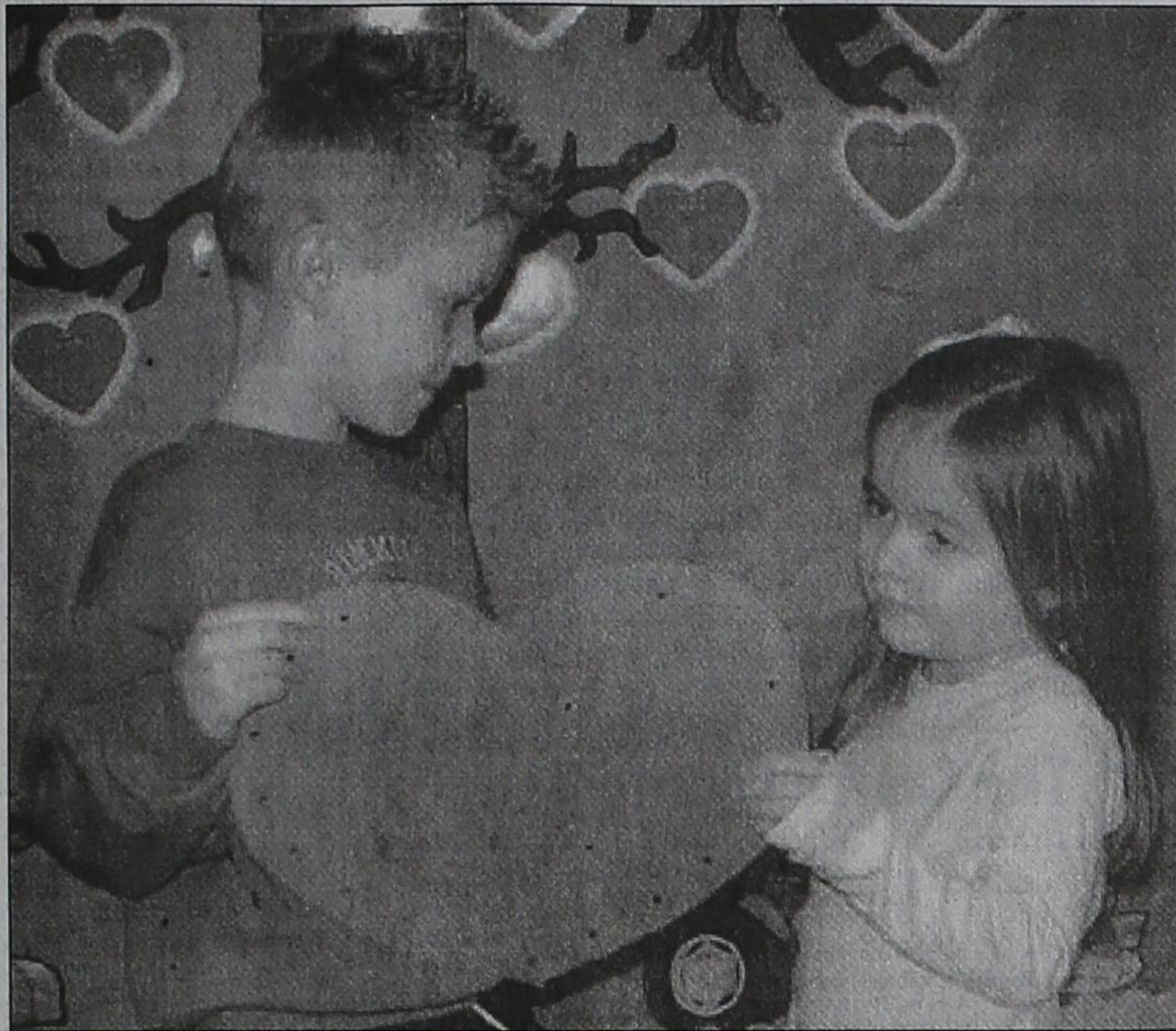
# The Castro County News

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**TAKE IT FROM ME** — Kaden Hatla, 5, is at Pybus Christian School. The Valentine Brag shown handing a valentine to Morgan Nelson, 4 Pages are running on Pages 5-8. in honor of Valentine's Day. Both are students

Photo by John Hasselmeier

## Grants, inspections, elections at DISD

The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday evening in the DISD administration building.

DISD seniors, Bianey Saucedo and Melissa Maldonado were present to provide a slide show showing the projects that the Family Careers and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) have sponsored this school year.

Among the more ambitious projects they have been involved with was the Veterans Recognition Day held for all the veterans of the area.

In addition to the Vets project, they have raised money for the American Red Cross, visited with senior citizens and shut-ins, made donations to the Food Bank of Amarillo and decorated

the Angel Tree.

The FCCLA members have a regional meet in Odessa coming up shortly. Dimmitt's FCCLA chapter is in Region 1.

In other business, the school district is expecting an inspection by the state in the near future. This visit is made by a District Effective and Compliance team that is checking to ensure that all documentation required by state and federal entities is in place. The visit will last about a week.

There are three factors that can trigger a visit. These are

high risk factors in Program Analysis System (PAS), Special Education Data Analysis System (SEDAS) or a simple cyclical visit brought on by a six year elapsed time period since the last visit. According to Superintendent, Les Miller "our visit is cyclical. We haven't had an inspection in 12-15 years and it is simply time for one."

Darlene Collins was on hand to update the trustees on the status of grants that have been awarded to the school district or grants that have been applied for

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## Nazareth UIL team wins Lubbock meet

LUBBOCK — Apparently Nazareth students excel in more than basketball.

That's because the Nazareth High School UIL team, competing in the 1A-3A division, won the meet, which was held at Monterey High School.

Nazareth scored 159 points and Brock Birkenfield was one of the reasons why. He won the News Writing and Feature Writing events and finished fifth on the Nazareth Computer Science Team, which won.

Another Birkenfield, Blake, took first place in Computer Science. He was also second in

Calculator and third in Number Sense.

Laura Gerber placed second in Editorial Writing and fourth in Feature Writing.

Trinity Robb came in second in Math.

Ky Wilcox was fourth in Calculator, Craig Birkenfield fourth in Editorial Writing and Megan Schulte fourth in Headline Writing.

As for Mandy Hoelting, she placed sixth in Feature Writing.

In looking at the Nazareth teams, the Computer Science team was first while the Calculator team came in third.

## Club lawsuit settled

The lawsuit between the local Mendoza Candlelight Club and Top Rank, Inc. has been settled.

The suit, filed by Top Rank, Inc. alleged that the club showed a boxing match between Oscar De La Hoya and Julio Cesar Chavez without first getting a commercial license.

That fight took place Sept. 18, 1998 and Top Rank filed the suit last May 1. The suit alleged copyright infringement and violations of the Cable Com-

munications Act.

Top Rank requested damages in the amount of \$270,000. The corporation then filed a motion last Monday to dismiss the suit after reaching a settlement that requires the defendants to make payments to Top Rank through next year.

The suit was then thrown out last Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson, according to court records.

## Commissioners approve sending new plan to DOJ

By JOHN HASSELMEIER

The Castro County Commissioners Court voted Monday to send another redistricting plan to the Department of Justice.

At the same time, the commissioners voted to withdraw the plan the Department of Justice had in its possession from the county.

The commissioners had sent in a plan to the department in July, but Judge Irene Miller found out that the plan that arrived in Washington was not the one the court had agreed upon.

"Yes, I am glad," Judge Miller said.

The policy for the Castro County Expo Center has changed slightly. The changes are as follows:

(1) Rental will not be granted for commercial purposes.

(2) Rental will not be granted for businesses not permanently situated in Castro County.

Judge Miller said that another recommendation was to raise the fee, but the commissioners chose not to do this.

In other business, Judge Miller said that she'd been contacted by an official with the Texas Department of Highways wanting to know if the court

would be interested in using the agency's old building.

The court moved to table the item to allow time to decide whether it was something they wanted to pursue.

The building has been appraised at \$60,000. Judge Miller said that she was told that the department would not get that much if it put out bids.

Polling places might receive some compensation. The court voted to allow such places to seek compensation in instances spelled out in Section 40.033 of the Texas Election Law books.

Specifically, the section stated that polling places would be considered for compensation if the place was not normally open on the date of the polling.

However, to get the compensation, an itemized statement must be turned in before possible compensation may take place.

The court voted to pay off \$15,365.66 in sales tax over a five-year period.

Mareta Smithson of the County Auditor's Office explained that a taxpayer in Castro County was overcharged that amount in sales tax. The state had since refunded the taxpayer (which was not specified in the documentation

accompanying the correspondence Smithson had received), but the county would still need to pay back the amount to the state.

Judge Miller informed the court that she'd been told by county health authority Dr. Skylar Bizzell that the Hepatitis "B" shots that would be needed for jailers and deputies would cost \$215 per shot and would come in a series of three.

"That's \$645 per person," Precinct 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron pointed out.

"We have 11 jailers," Judge Miller pointed out. "This is something that we have to do (because it is part of the blood-borne pathogen policy, which was also required.)"

The judge said she'd been approached by Buckner Family Services about using office space to teach parenting classes. She said she would check with MHMR to see if space were available.

The court also voted to have the mileage on county-maintained roads turned in to the Texas Department of Transportation. The amount of county-maintained roads in Castro County is 889,621 miles.

In other business, the court also approved the reading of the minutes from the Jan. 28 and Feb. 5 meetings as well as the job-related trips and expenses and the accounts.

## 64<sup>th</sup> District Court tries three cases

Three cases were tried recently in the 64<sup>th</sup> District Court.

On Jan. 31, James E. Wooley pled guilty to forgery and the court found that he had violated terms of probation.

As a result, Wooley's probation was extended three years. He'd also have to pay three years in accompanying probation fees and also had to pay \$250 additional attorney's fees as well.

Ray Lee Rodriguez also pled guilty to forgery.

His punishment was a two-

year probation and a \$1,000 fine. He was also fined \$213 in court costs, \$60 in restitution, \$50 to crime line and \$250 in attorney's fees.

Diane McClendon pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud.

Her punishment was a probationed two-year sentence of community supervision under the terms of deferred Adjudication and a \$500 fine. That's in addition to a \$213 fine for court costs and \$50 fine in crime line money.

## Weather

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Wednesday	32	19	.01
Thursday	48	17	
Friday	58	22	
Saturday	50	28	
Sunday	50	25	
Monday	45	15	
Tuesday	62	20	

February Moisture . . . . 0.09  
2002 Moisture . . . . 1.58

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

## Cable Company's parent organization to restructure

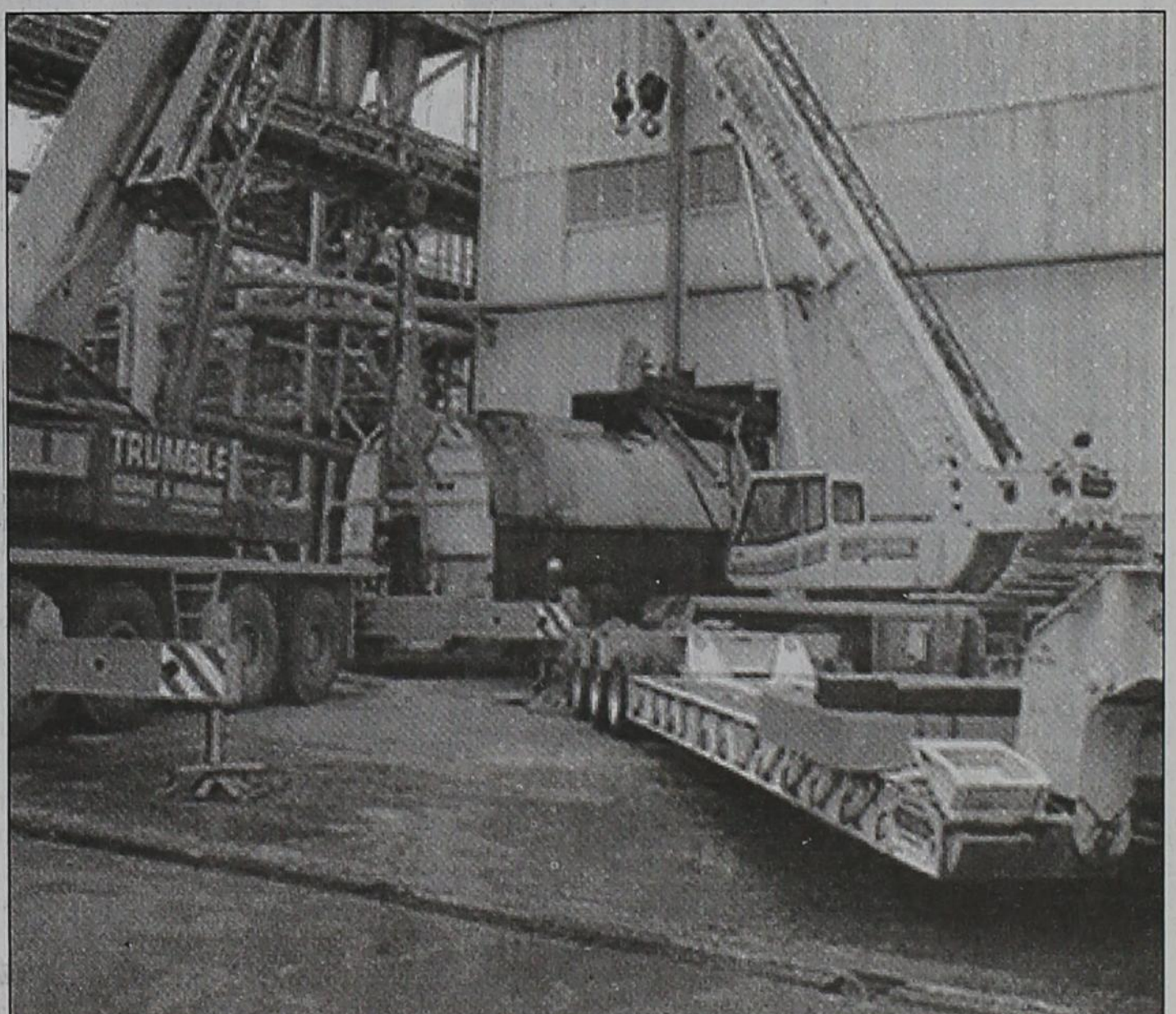
TYLER — Classic Communications, the parent organization for Classic Cable, Inc., recently filed for bankruptcy.

However, that should not cause any interruption in service.

"As far as we're informed, there will be no interruption whatsoever," said a spokesperson with the Classic Cable office in Tyler. "It'll just be a reorganization."

At the time of the declaration, according to a press release from Classic Communications, company president Dale Bennett said that some of the causes for the filing include an overburdened debt structure and lack of liquidity. He did add, however, that Classic plans to conduct business as usual.

"The reorganization is necessary to rectify operational and liquidity difficulties resulting from increased competition and the service of high-cost debt," Bennett said. "The company plans to emerge quickly from bankruptcy with a strong regional presence in its core markets of operation."



**CERESTAR WORK** — Cerestar USA Inc., in preparation for 2002, replaced the internal tube bundle in a rotary steam dryer used to dry corn germ. Two cranes were used to remove the

120,000-pound dryer from the millhouse. After the tube bundle was replaced, the dryer was moved back into the building. The \$400,000 project was completed this week.

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Check out our Bombe Chests by Ashley on Page 16 of this issue.

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It's Bragg Time!  
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# CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

## GUANTANAMO BAY

During my recent visit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to observe the detainees from the war on terrorism, I came face-to-face with good and evil. In the terrorists, I saw the greatest wickedness that this world has to offer. But in their guards I saw commitment, bravery and triumph.

For nearly 100 years, the United States has operated a 45

square-mile military base at Guantanamo Bay. I was invited to travel with Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, and leaders of the Senate Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees. Our mission was to observe Camp X-Ray, the holding camp for terrorist detainees, and assess future needs our military may have to support the continued detainment.

I wanted to visit our troops and observe the challenges of their mission first-hand. We have never dealt with such an enemy. We have never fought such a war. Our troops are forging new territory daily and they are doing an incredible job in the face of uncertainty. Unfortunately, support for their hard work has been minimized by questions raised over the treatment of the terrorists at Camp X-Ray. All the senators there, Republicans and Democrats, agreed that they are being treated with decency and humanity — far more than they have demonstrated in return. The detainees are in clean facilities with access to excellent medical care — the same care given to our U.S. soldiers at the base. We have also made efforts to respect

their religious beliefs by providing culturally appropriate foods and an Islamic cleric to facilitate their calls to prayer. This fair, just and humane treatment does not mean we have forgotten the treacherous nature of these men; we are just acting as a civilized nation should.

On September 11 these terrorists demonstrated an absolute lack of respect for human life. They have proven to the world that they are violent, vicious and dangerous. They continue to pose an enormous threat to our soldiers, even under the strictest of security. They are willing to kill themselves to destroy Americans and the liberty and freedom that we represent.

Let me also point out that these detainees are not prisoners of war. They are illegal combatants who do not meet the basic prisoner of war standards laid out in the Geneva Convention. This is an unconventional war against an unlawful enemy — they have

no military uniforms or background. These men hide in caves, hide their weapons among innocent women and children and act with utter contempt for the laws of war. We must retain the ability to interrogate, detain and prosecute them for the vicious acts that they have committed, and to obtain information that will foil future attacks.

More than 300 Texas soldiers stationed at Fort Hood have been sent to Guantanamo Bay. The security of those soldiers is one of my top priorities. I was asked to participate in this trip because I am the ranking member on the Military Construction Subcommittee, and I will be asked to approve funding for expenditures at Guantanamo Bay. Tightening security on the island is of utmost importance. Our troops are operating in a highly volatile situation. They are in an ongoing state of alert and faced with an uncertain and vicious enemy. We need to secure the base, police the

detainees and protect our troops. I will do everything in my power to make sure this happens.

In the face of an uncertain enemy, our resolve remains certain. We will root out terrorism, preserve freedom and emerge victorious.

## Quilters will need some housing

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 4-6 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Davis at 647-5362.

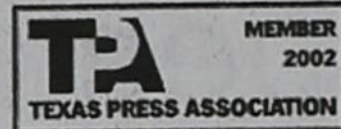
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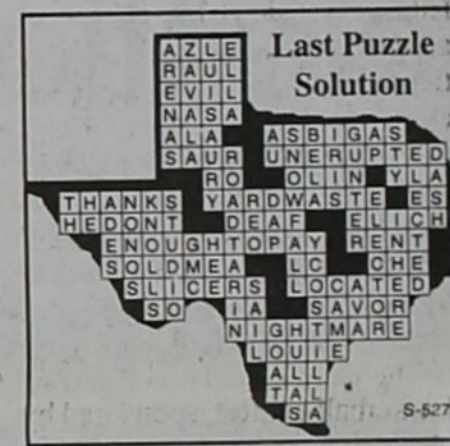
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## Richardson RIF set for Thursday

Richardson Elementary School will be having its annual Reading is Fundamental event Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school's library facility.

During that time, each child will receive a book, the second in a series of three.

Parents are welcome to come and help. There will be drawings and giveaways throughout the day.



## ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "tight as a cinch on — horse"
- 5 TXism: "he sneezes through silk"
- 6 pecan is the TX state
- 7 SMU Raymond who was a great receiver for Baltimore (init.)
- 8 TXism: "I'll — monkey's uncle"
- 9 TXism: "useless as party hose"
- 15 — in the neck"
- 16 dangerous TX funnels
- 19 Giddings Times — (paper)
- 21 — friend"
- 22 Russian cavalry
- 27 prepare for publication
- 28 TX troopers use — gun
- 29 use a key
- 30 Italian artist who painted mural in Castro Co. chapel
- 32 Gov. " — Ferguson
- 33 San Antonio Zoo has several species of this animal
- 36 TX Joe Don was in "Cape Fear" with Robert de —
- 37 this Mary Kay was TX cosmetic queen
- 38 fancy way to say woman's bedroom
- 39 soap opera periods
- 41 TXism: "I'll — teeth!"
- 44 "Beware the — of March!"

- 45 TXism: "got — of corn to shuck" (big job)
- 46 — of the tongue"
- 47 bro's sib
- 48 what lies under Grand Saline, TX
- 51 TXism: "I — (declare)
- 52 take on
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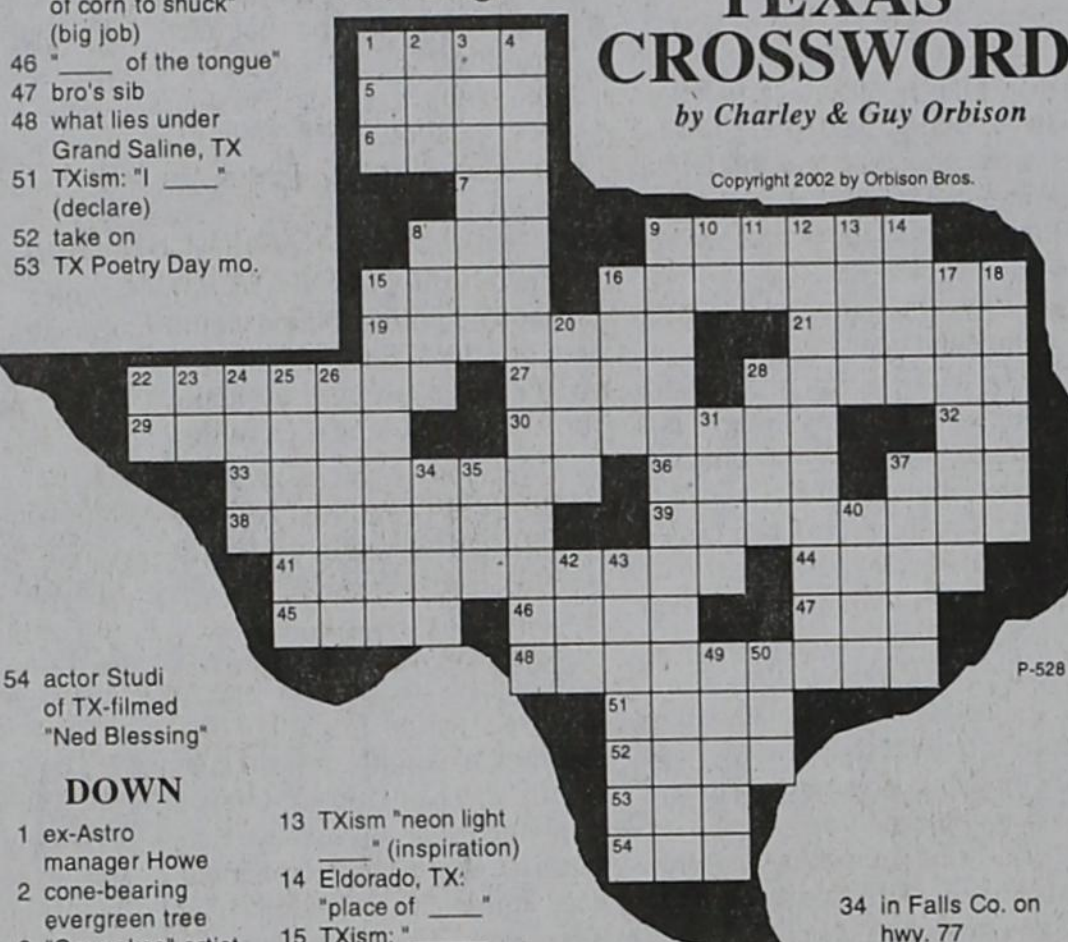
- 1 ex-Astro manager Howe
- 2 cone-bearing evergreen tree
- 3 "Cowpokes" artist
- 4 Columbus, TX newspaper
- 8 TX Bonnie & Clyde target
- 9 TXism: "she'd have — to cast a shadow" (skinny)
- 10 TXism: "it's root hog — die"
- 11 TX B.J. Thomas' "New Looks From — Old Lover"
- 12 it's been displayed since 9/11/01

## The Original

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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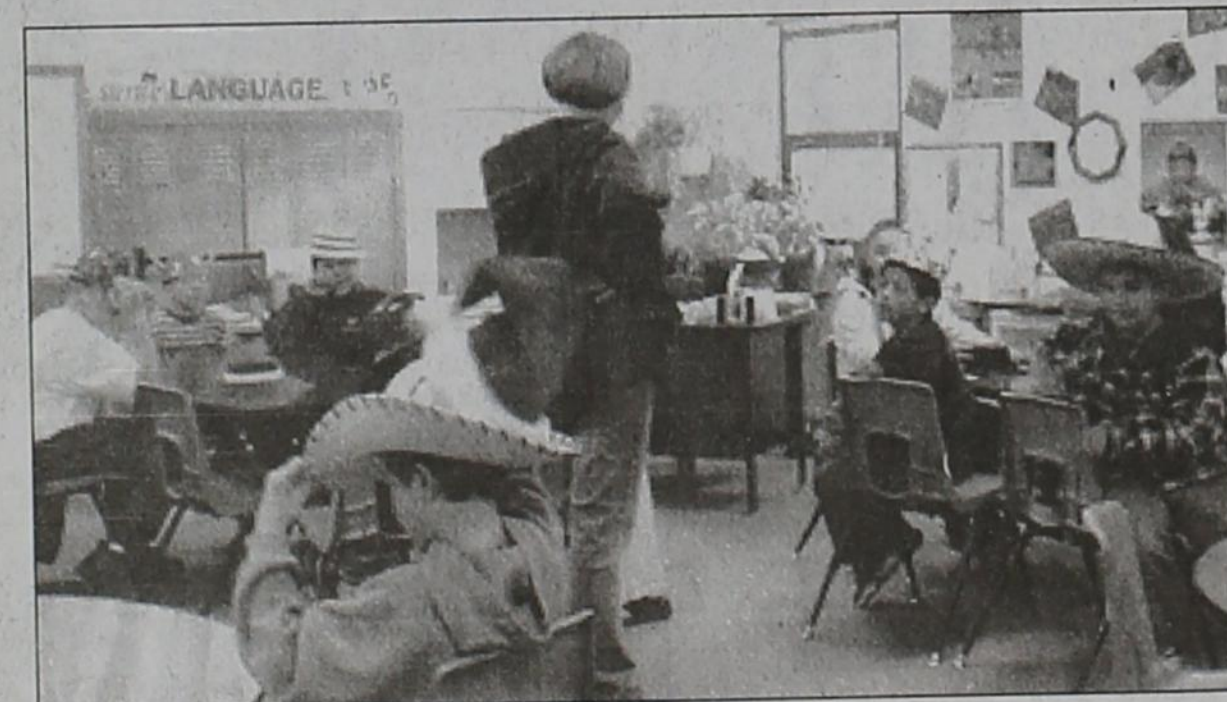
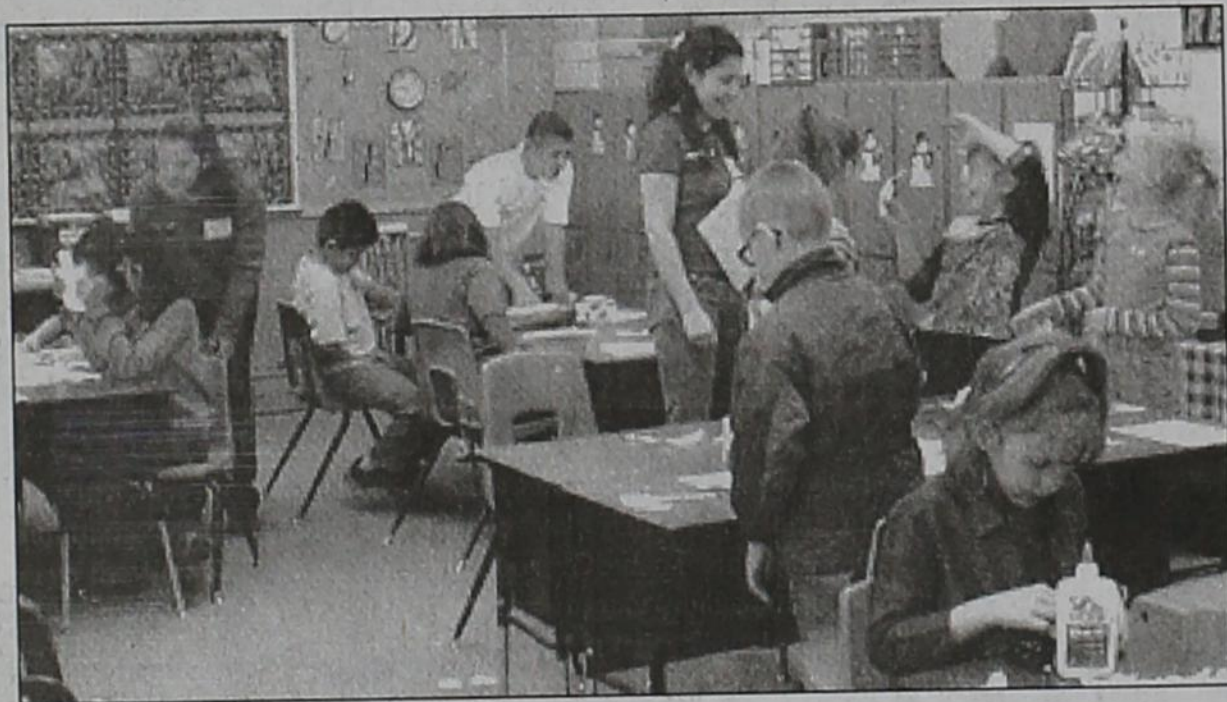
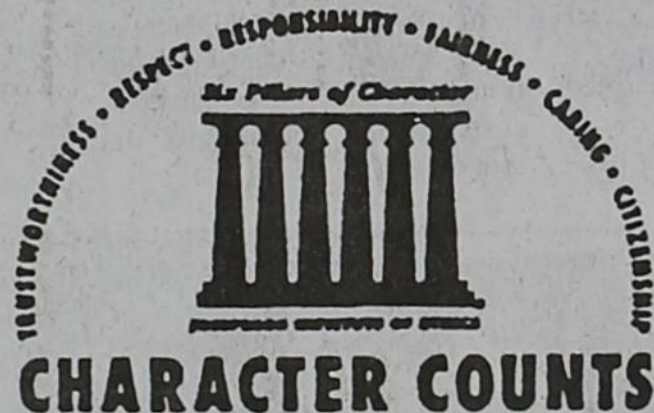


- 13 TXism "neon light —" (inspiration)
- 14 Eldorado, TX: "place of —"
- 15 TXism: " — the rafters" (crowded)
- 16 two San Jacinto battle cannon: "The — Sisters"
- 17 slips away
- 18 "Roe v. Wade" Weddington, et al. this Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet"
- 22 this sch. defeated UT in '01 gridiron game

- 23 TXism: "fits like hide — a horse"
- 24 big ol' piece of bacon
- 25 seat of Sutton Co. really exists
- 26 TXism: "sounds like — axle" (bad singer)
- 31 TXism: "he don't dance with the facts"

- 34 in Falls Co. on hwy. 77
- 35 "Texas Tea"
- 37 TXism: " — of" (a lot)
- 40 song: "Texas When —"
- 42 Tex-Mex band: Little Joe — Familia
- 43 event in Odessa: Permian Basin
- 49 pub missiles
- 50 TXism: "six of —, half a dozen of the other"

# ★ TRUSTWORTHINESS ★



These pictures were taken on Jan. 23, 2002 when Dimmitt High School students presented a "Character Counts" workshop for Dimmitt Middle School students.

## Honesty

"I trust you." We all want to hear those words from parents, teachers, friends and employers. How do you get people to trust you? Ethical people, good people, earn trust by demonstrating honesty, integrity, promise-keeping and loyalty.

Honesty is an essential quality in people of honor. We admire and respect honest people. There are two forms of honesty: honesty in communication and honesty in conduct.

Honesty in communication requires our best effort to be truthful, accurate, straightforward and fair in all communication, so no one is misled or deceived.

Honest communication requires truthfulness. (Don't lie, don't even misrepresent a fact, intent or opinion. Tell the complete truth, to the extent you know it.) It requires sincerity. (Don't deceive or mislead with words or actions that cause anyone to believe something that isn't true. Don't leave out information that would give the full, true picture. Don't tell half-truths. Don't take statements out of context.) Honest communication requires candor. (Be open. Volunteer information that people who trust you need to know or want to know.)

Honesty in conduct means being honest in everything you do. Don't try to gain anything (e.g. popularity, money or advantage) through cheating, stealing, trickery, deceit or any form of dishonesty.

## Integrity

Integrity means walking your talk, matching how you live to what you believe. Integrity requires us to treat our beliefs about right and wrong as ground rules for our actions and decisions. It requires us to make decisions that match our ethical values. There are two aspects of integrity: principle and moral courage. A principled person puts ethical values before convenience or self and makes words match actions. People with moral courage do what

is right, even when they have to give up more than they want to give up, or more than they feel is fair. Moral courage causes us to stand up for our convictions. Moral courage is a measure of character because social, economic and political pressures often make it hard to do the right thing.

## Promise-keeping

Promises give people a legitimate reason to rely on us to perform certain tasks. A promise is a moral duty to go beyond legal obligations. A promise is the responsibility to make every reasonable effort to fulfill commitments.

Avoid bad faith excuses. Interpret your contracts fairly. Don't justify any failure to meet your commitment or create excuses for failing to fulfill your promises.

Avoid foolish commitments. Before making a promise, think carefully whether you are willing and able to keep it. Imagine unknown or future events which could make the commitment difficult, undesirable, or impossible. Sometimes all we can do is promise to do our best.

Avoid unclear commitments. Be sure that the promise you're making is the same promise the other person understands you to be making.

## Loyalty

Loyalty means protecting and promoting the interests of special people or organizations. It goes beyond our normal concern for others to include allegiance, faithfulness and devotion. No one, however, has the right to ask others to sacrifice core ethical values (the Six Pillars of Character, for example) in the name of a special relationship. In fact, a person loses any claim to loyalty by demanding such a high price. Sometimes several individuals or groups make loyalty claims on us at the same time, making it impossible to honor them all at once. Rank the obligations reasonably, and make special efforts to look out for the interests of family or other special individuals.

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Since childhood, I've been told that if you didn't like something, then try to find something good about it. In other words, look for the "silver lining" I'm trying to find the plus side of February.

Mentally I've noted: Pretty days in February are scarce and should be savored, the bags of trash in the garbage are to be ignored. The alley will dry up so we can get to the dumpster. Heavy, warm coats and mufflers are a must, so bundle up!

Now for the good things:

Lots of good people were born in February, including Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and my Aunt Louis Kinsey, who passed away last month. Others with February birthdays are Edgar Dennis, Bobbie Dodd, Camille Summers Williams, Beth Odom, Vaden Kirby, Frances Frazier, Lois Wilhite, Cyndy Reynolds, James Baker, David Keith, Mickey Bishop, Darlene Walters, Terry Mixon, Garner Ball, Don Nelson, Shayla Kenworthy, Wanda Nelson, John Vick and Beth Matthews.

Every four years, Carolyn Sides, Kathy Webb, Caleb Penney and Susie Fernandez

celebrate birthdays this month. Carolyn is 16 and Kathy is 13. I gleaned this information from a 1990 Castro County Home Demonstration calendar and Kathy Webb.

It was a special Sunday at First Methodist. The Wesleyan Sunday School class provided a stew lunch and special guests were there. These include guests of Don and Karen Sheffy, their daughter Carla and her husband Ron Harris from Pleasanton, Nebr. Carla is the Methodist minister at Pleasanton and Ron is the assistant minister at nearby Kearney, Nebr. They have one daughter, Aleshia, who is three years old.

Traveling with Carla and Ron were a group from Kearney that was on its way to El Paso to do some mission work. Their plans are to help repair a school building that houses pupils from Mexico who are studying English in El Paso. The women will teach English.

Linda and Gary Langford and Polly Ball hosted part of the group. Aleshia is staying in this week with her grandparents, Don, Karen and Polly. She will

attend Pybus Christian School while she is here.

Betty Freeman and Alice Cowen enjoyed lunch with the Methodists. The Presbyterian Sunday services are not until 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. This offered them a time to visit and eat with the Methodists.

If you are tired of staying in and maybe a little bored, Jan Wishard has just the right remedy. Jan is the hospice volunteer coordinator at the Rose Garden. The Rose Garden, located at the medical center at 112 W. Jones on the east end, is a thrift shop.

There are about 26 volunteers who help there. The regulars work three hours a week, and there are others who are on call. Their duties are putting the donated items in place, pricing them, visiting with the shoppers and taking care of the sales.

Jan is very appreciative of the items that people donate. She says that the donors bring in good, clean and slightly-used clothes. There are many nice household items and other merchandise also.

The hours at the Rose Garden are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. All of the proceeds go to the hospice patient care. If you would like to be a part of this, call Jan at 647-3620 or go by and visit. A visit with Jan is a "day brightener" anytime and helping others will give you the warm fuzzies.

I shaved off 10 years of Cleo Cleo Forson's life last week when I told about her birthday. Cleo has lived 95 full years and I don't want to cheat her out of a one of them!

Martha Jo Hyman invited her neighbors Josafina Diaz-Vogt, her sons Sverre and Harald and their guest Andrew Curtis Fair of El Paso to have dinner with her at the Hereford Country Club. That was the day of the February snow.

They didn't let that deter the fun. The hearty souls grilled steaks out on the porch and enjoyed an evening in Dimmitt.

Andrew is a retired physician who has practiced in Beaumont and Alabama. He is the boys' godfather and a family friend.

If you are a pool player, you

might like to know that there is a pool tournament at the VFW club every Wednesday night. You are welcome to compete.

Congratulations are in order for Beth Roberts, who was inducted into the Boy Scouts Hall of Fame Feb. 9 in Plainview. Beth, two men, one from Tulia and one from Silverton were honored at the annual Haynes District Banquet, which includes Plainview and neighboring towns.

Beth served as a den leader in 1983 when her oldest son Justin was beginning his boy scout adventures. Some of the boys in this den were Jeremy Strickland, Robert Moss, Arturo Ortega, Timonty Anes and Justin Roberts. This is for boys 7-11 years of age.

From 1989 to 1996, Beth served as cub master. This is the coordinator of all the Dimmitt dens. In 1991, when her sons Justin and Josh went into the Boy Scout troop, she became a boy scout committee member and helped with fundraisers and various other things.

On Friday, W.C. and I went to Lubbock to meet Cecilia Richardson and take her to dinner. Cecilia and I have been pen pals for about four years. She has recently moved to

Lubbock from the Waco area. We began to correspond through the Texas Women's Missionary Union that I am a member of. She is an attractive young woman with a daughter and granddaughter who live in Lubbock also. It was a very good experience. Bill and Deanne Sowder were with us, and if there was any ice to break, Deanna made it easy for all of us.

I heard from a very reliable source that Alice Cowen has

sold her home and plans to move to Wharton to be near a grandson. That is the bad news. The good news is that a doctor who is moving to Dimmitt bought her home.

Ruby Moultrie is a former music teacher at Richardson Elementary in Dimmitt, is now pastor of First United Methodist Church in Anton. She is still teaching music at South Plains College in Levelland, but is moving this week to the Anton parsonage.

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## Naz News with Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

A large group of senior citizens enjoyed Sunday evening at the center because of fellowship, dinner and cars. Happy birthday was sung to Chunky Wilhelm, Cecil Hoelting, Mona Acker, Narita Hoelting, Dan Schmucker and Jimmie Schulte. Everyone then played card games of their choice for several hours.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens are happy to know that their member, Cecil Hoelting, finally hit the "Big 70" while in Las Vegas this weekend.

The annual "Free Throw" basketball contest, sponsored by

If you ever thought the drunk driving law in the United States were harsh, think again... AUSTRALIA: The names of the drivers are sent to the local newspapers and printed under the heading, "He's drunk and in jail."

the Knights of Columbus, was held Sunday at the Nazareth Gym. Boys winners were: 10 year-old Nicky Rowland, 11-year-old Kyle Birkenfield, 12-year-old Bradley Gerber and 13-year-old Skylar Birkenfield. Girls winners were 11-year-old Alisha Womack, 12-year-old Heidi Ramaekers and 13-year-old Candace Birkenfield.

Traci Scholl and her children Annie and Ethan of Henrietta spent the weekend with her parents, Charley and Bev Hill. While here, a group of family members went to Amarillo to attend the "Circus Gatti" performance at the civic center. It was very good entertainment.

Father Dennis Boylan has returned to Nazareth from his vacation in Arizona. We thank Msgr. Eapen of Tulia for being here for us.

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Daughters of Curtis & Leigh Durbin  
Granddaughters of Martha Jo Hyman, Harold Hyman and Paul & Joan Durbin



**Sydney Settle**  
Daughter of Bill & Jo Settle  
Granddaughter of Martha Jo Hyman, Harold Hyman and Mike & Billy Settle



**Macie Potter**  
Daughter of Shawn & Amanda Potter  
Granddaughter of Jessie & Pam Odom  
Great-granddaughter of Mozelle Odom



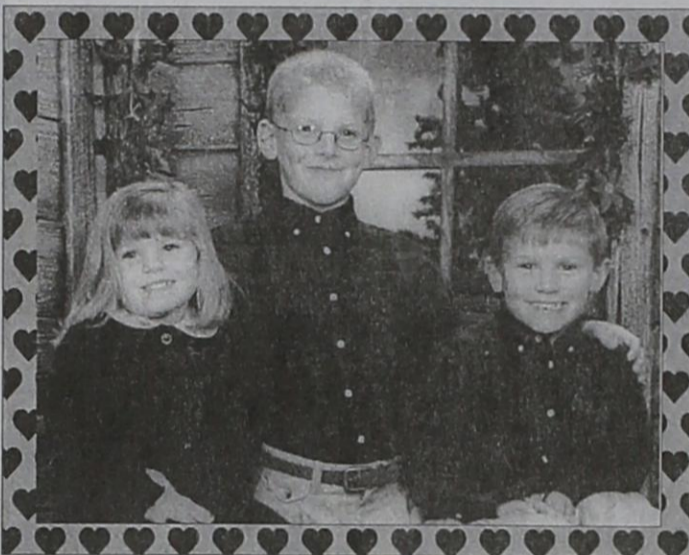
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Great-granddaughter of Mozelle Odom



**Berkli Brown**  
Granddaughter of Buck Jones and Suzy Jones



**Chandler Schulte**  
Daughter of Leroy & Jenny Schulte  
Granddaughter of Floyd & Dorcy Schulte,  
Buck Jones and Suzy Jones



**Abby, Brady & Jason Durham**  
Grandchildren of Jerry Durham  
and Charlie Russ



**Braden Scott Hill**  
Grandson of Ruben & Yolanda Olvera and Rhonda Hill  
Great-grandson of Don & Ginger Laurent,  
Butch & San Juana Olvera and Agripino & Obelia Yidaurri



**Alexandria Kathaleen Morgan**  
Granddaughter of Phillie Garza, Andrew Garza,  
Shiela Blacksheer and Mary & Bruce Morgan



**Blakely Danielle Gerber**  
Daughter of Harry & Tisha Gerber; Granddaughter of  
Danny & Shelly Rice; and Toby & Vincent Gerber;  
Great-granddaughter of Jimmie & Floyce George,  
Joyce Rice and Mary Gerber  
Great-great-granddaughter of Irene Carpenter



**Katherine Nelson-Daniel**  
Granddaughter of Don & Verbie Nelson



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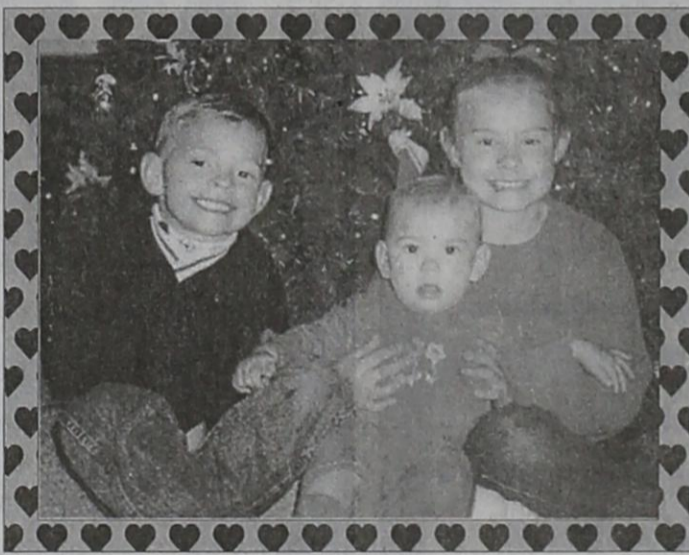
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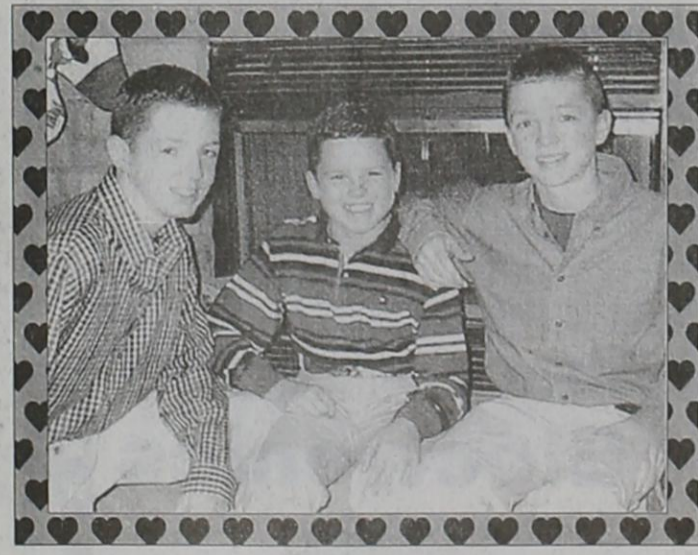
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Grandsons of Richard & Cissy Hunter and R.L. & Carol Jean McClung  
Great-grandsons of Geneva Sutton and Rachel Hunter



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and Rachel Hunter



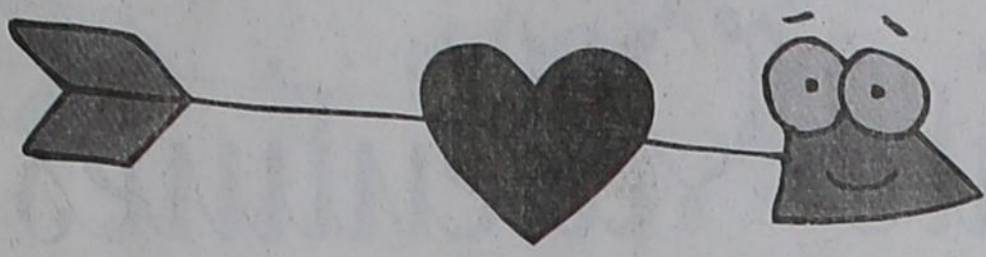
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Grandson of John & Nacola Furr



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Children of Stony & Kyane Griffith  
Grandchildren of Lue Griffith, Randy Griffith and  
Loyd & Pam Lindley; Great-grandchildren of Edith  
Richardson, Anita Pope and Mr. & Mrs. D. A. Griffith



**Samantha Marie Herrera**  
Granddaughter of Cris & Candé Melendez,  
Joann Herrera and Erasmo Castillo  
Great-granddaughter of Susie Herrera  
and John & Teresa Garcia



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**Bethenie & Brianna Sanchez**  
 Granddaughters of Jerry & Louise Engelking; Great-granddaughters of Lou Ella Isham  
**Jett Ryan Black**  
 Grandson of Jerry & Louise Engelking and Libby Black; Great-grandson of Lou Ella Isham



**Logan Garrett Black**  
 Son of Brent and Rochelle Black  
 Grandson of Tommy & Paula Portwood and Libby Black  
 Great-grandson of Pauline Hoyler and Lillian Portwood



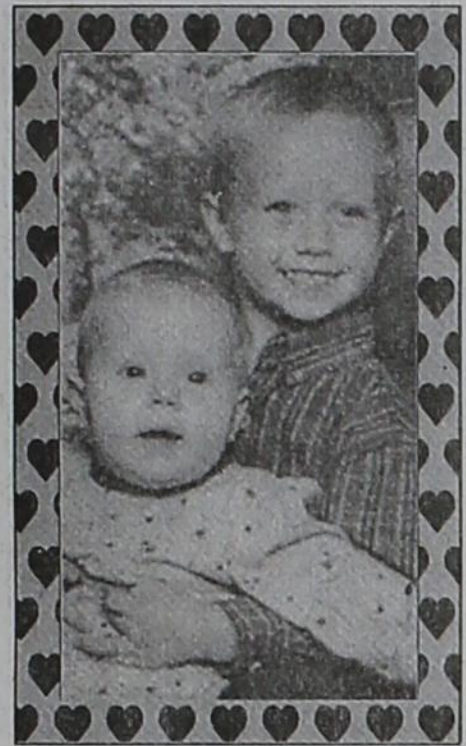
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 Great-granddaughter of Pauline Hoyler and Lillian Portwood



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 Daughter of Stephen & Kathy Parker  
 Granddaughter of Darrell & Susan Patterson



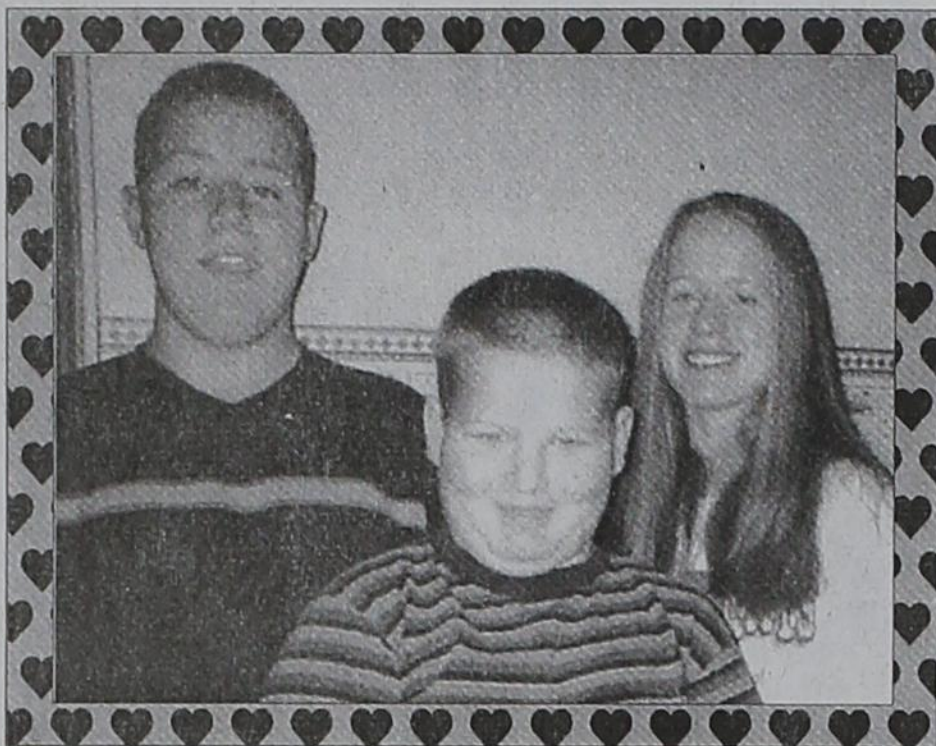
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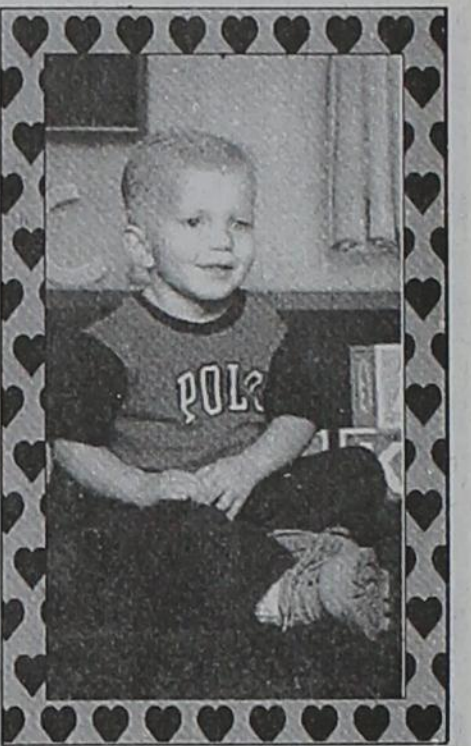
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 Granddaughters of Bob & Jackie Crozier and Gerald and Gwyn Bowser



**Matt, Carissa & Mark Holloway**  
 Grandchildren of Bob & Jackie Crozier and Dale & Betty Holloway



**Gierra Armes**  
 Granddaughter of Francis & Bea Acker  
 Great-granddaughter of Clarence & Odella Schulte



**Brennan Armes**  
 Grandson of Francis & Bea Acker  
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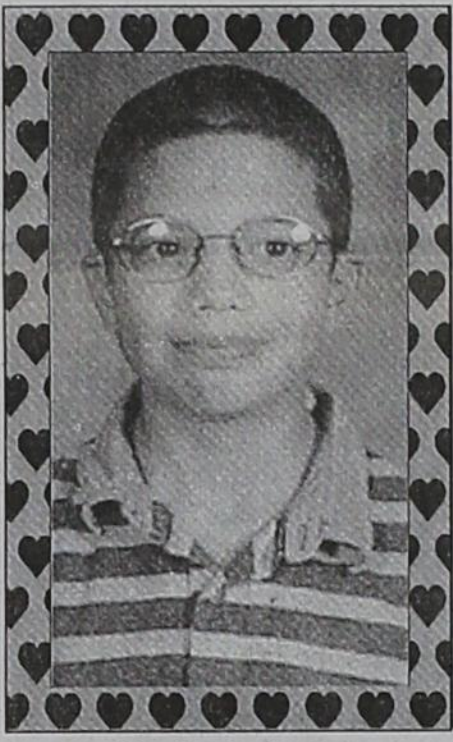
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 Grandson of Jack & Dorothy Currie and Wilton Ivey Armstrong  
 Great-grandson of Edith Graef



**Robert Hermesmeier**  
 Son of Michael & Renea Hermesmeier  
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 Great-grandson of Bill & Paula Harman and Bea Cole



**Allen Douglas Peralez**  
 Grandson of Arnold & Dalia Peralez



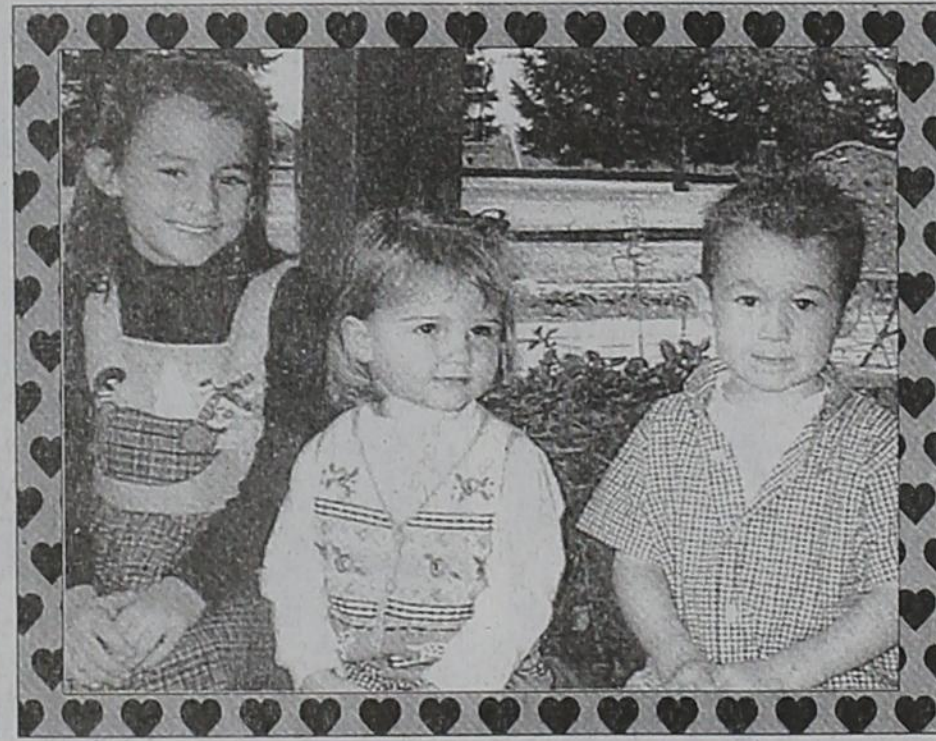
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**Brandon Colby & Reegan Diane Black**  
 Grandchildren of Gene & Ann Stroud



**Kayla & Rianna Schacher**  
 Daughters of Wayne & Liz Schacher  
 Granddaughters of Walt & Sue Kotas and Dick & Shirley Schacher



**Virginia Ann Scholl, Brynlee Shea Hill and Ethan Guy Scholl**  
 Children of Todd & Misty Hill and Traci & Kevin Scholl  
 Grandchildren of Bev & Charley Hill  
 Great-grandchildren of Virgie Gerber



**Amy Ann Adams**  
 Granddaughter of Pauline Adams and Roy & Sandi Blevins



**Paula Sue Adams**  
 Granddaughter of Pauline Adams and Roy & Sandi Blevins



**Ruth, Audrey, Victoria, David, Nathan & Rachel Cleavinger**  
 Children of Jimmy & Terrie Lynn Cleavinger  
 Grandchildren of Jim & Ina Cleavinger



**Chase & Kaden Hatla**  
 Grandsons of Glenn & Diane Hatla and Carl & Jo Parks  
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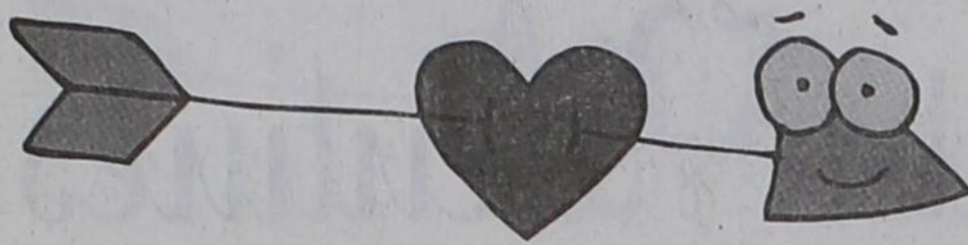
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 Granddaughter of Richard & Peggy West



**Paige Patrick**  
 Granddaughter of Richard & Sue Stahl



**Jake Patrick**  
 Grandson of Richard & Sue Stahl



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**Davalynn Monroe**  
Granddaughter of Chris & Joye Bradford



**Jace Perkins**  
Grandson of Chris & Joye Bradford



**Tyler Bradford**  
Grandson of Chris & Joye Bradford



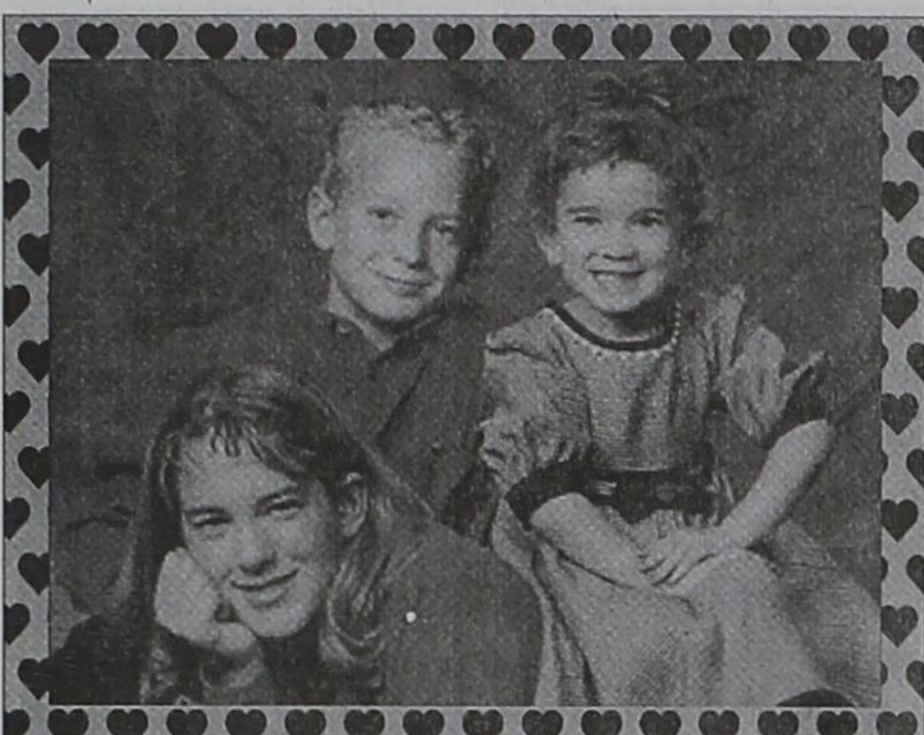
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**Jewel Roberts**  
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and Ray & Fay Ethridge



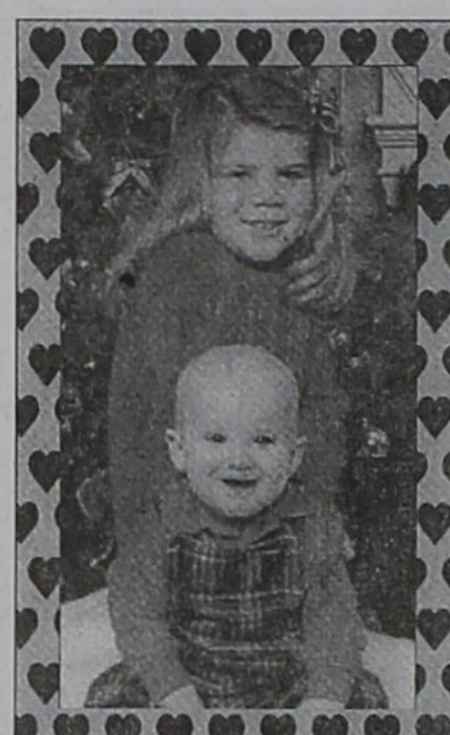
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Children of Alan & Lynne McCright  
Grandchildren of Fred & Sandy Lookingbill



**Austin McCright**  
Son of Andy & Vicki McCright  
Grandson of Fred & Sandy Lookingbill



**Sean & Lacey Lookingbill**  
Children of Kelly & Tonya Lookingbill  
Grandchildren of Fred & Sandy Lookingbill



**Shayle & Slade Swink**  
Children of Ned & Alison Swink  
Grandchildren of Fred & Sandy Lookingbill



**Callie Crum & Berkley Kirby**  
Granddaughters of Don & Carlie Warren  
and Troy & Billie Kirby



**Jody Murdock**  
Daughter of Brad & Rhonda Murdock  
Granddaughter of Bob & Wanda Murdock



**Katie Murdock**  
Daughter of Brad Murdock  
Granddaughter of Bob & Wanda Murdock



**Alyson Smith**  
Daughter of Doug & Debbie Smith  
Granddaughter of Bob & Wanda Murdock



**Brody Andrew Nelson**  
Son of Jason & Lyndy Nelson; Grandson of  
Donny & Wanda Nelson and Ricky & Janet Mitchell;  
Great-grandson of Alma Nelson, Nell Hrabal,  
Helen Mitchell Ayers and Oscar & Doris Wylie



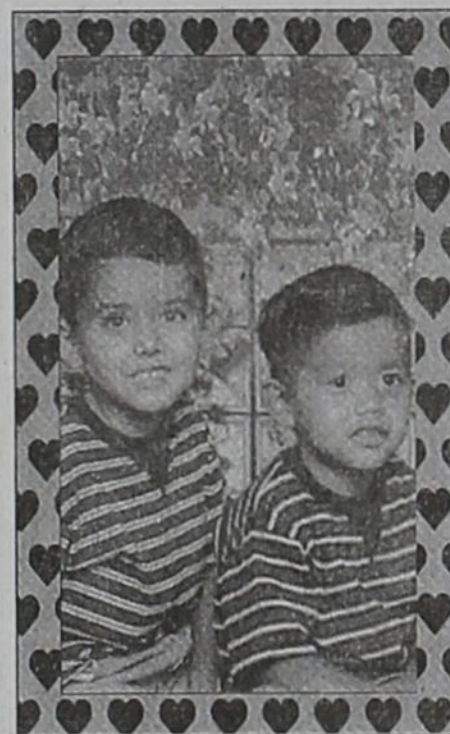
**Katy Elizabeth & Kyle Nelson**  
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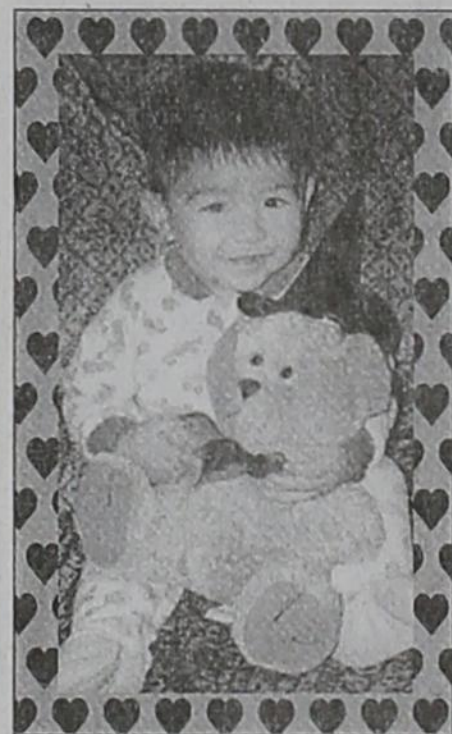
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Grandsons of Donny & Wanda Nelson and Jan Fleet  
Great-grandsons of Alma Nelson, Nell Hrabal,  
Don Goodwin and Virginia Hoover



**Tomas Domingo Mora**  
Son of Gina Hernandez and Daniel Mora  
Grandson of Tomas Hernandez, Gloria Hernandez,  
Hope Ogas and Enrique Ogas



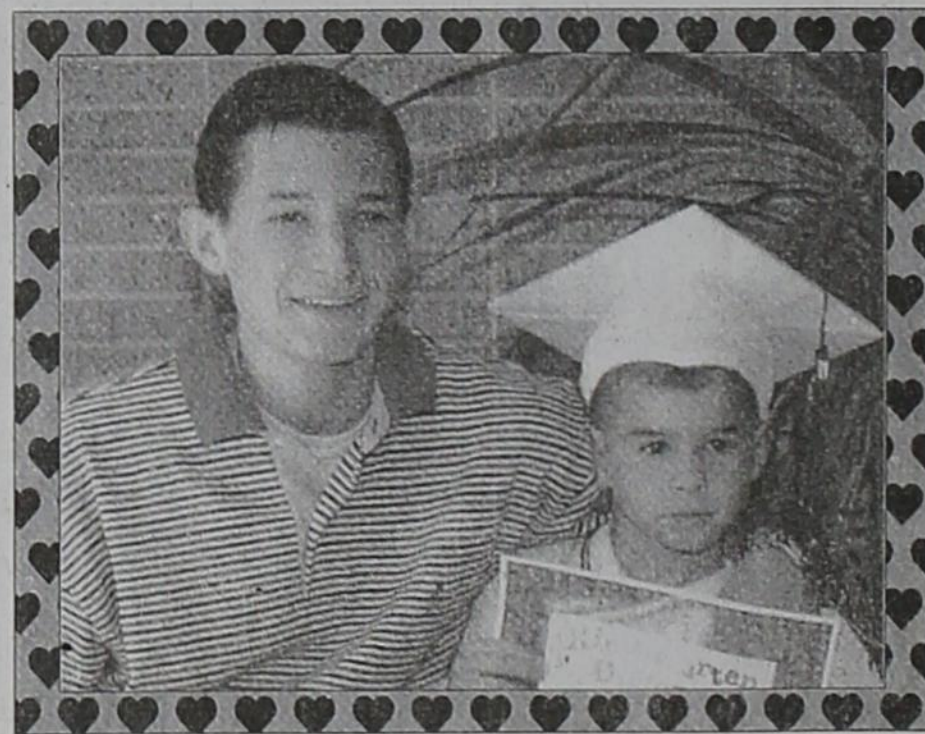
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Sons of Floyd & Mariza Lopez  
Grandsons of Floyd Lopez Sr., Mary Lopez  
and Antonio & Rufina Rodriguez



**Marcus Angel Reyes**  
Son of Jessica Herrera and David Reyes Jr.  
Grandson of Robert & Isabell Perez  
and David & Delores Reyes



**Leyna Kennedy**  
Granddaughter of John & Carolyn Roberts



**Daniel Mata and Jarrett Roberts**  
Grandsons of John & Carolyn Roberts



**Ashton & Kaden Ellison**  
Grandsons of Zane & Carole Ellison



**Sara & William Wall**  
Grandchildren of Zane & Carole Ellison  
and Georgie Wall



**Kaitlyn D'nae Rodgers**  
Daughter of John & Haylei Rodgers  
Granddaughter of Georgie Wall



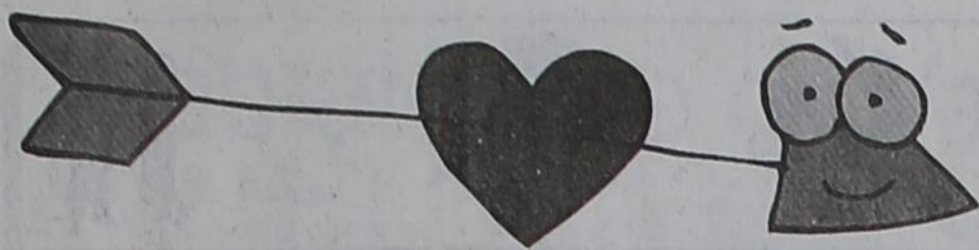
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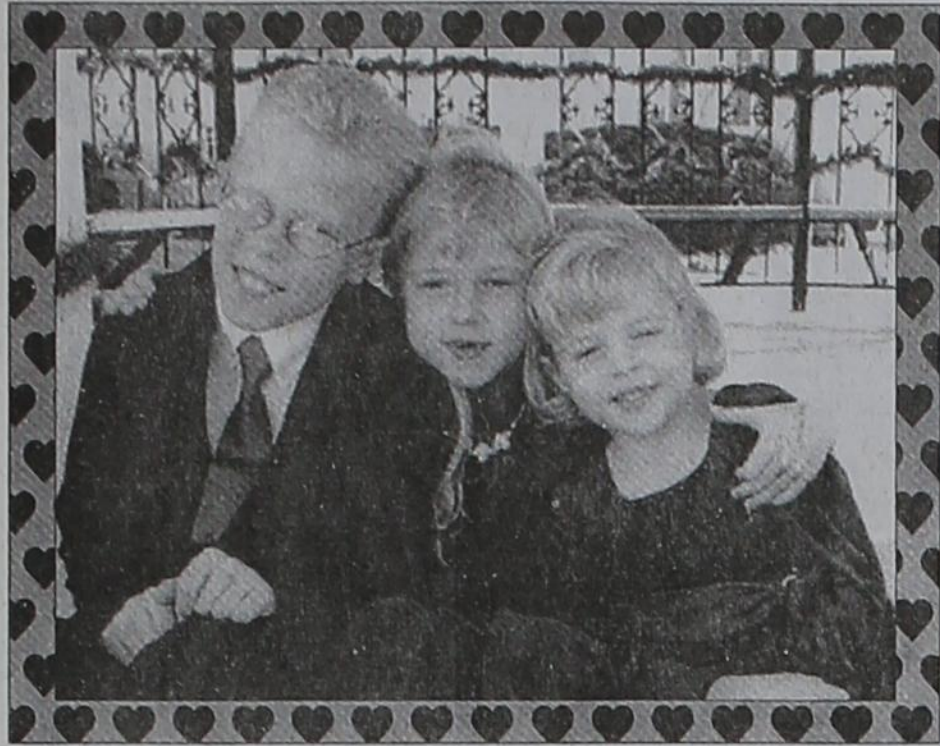
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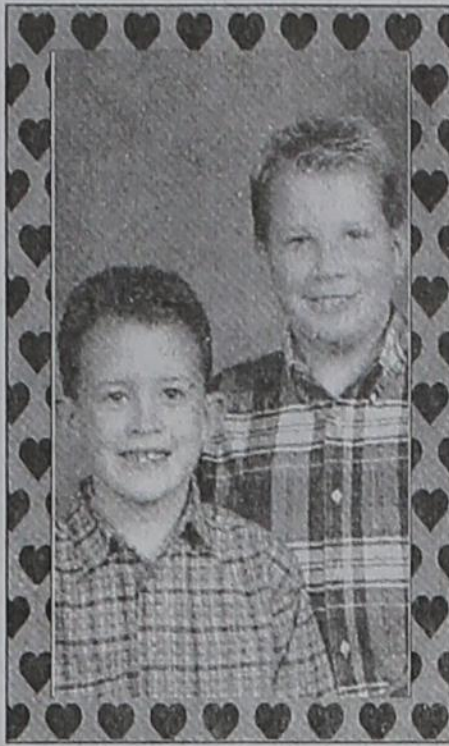
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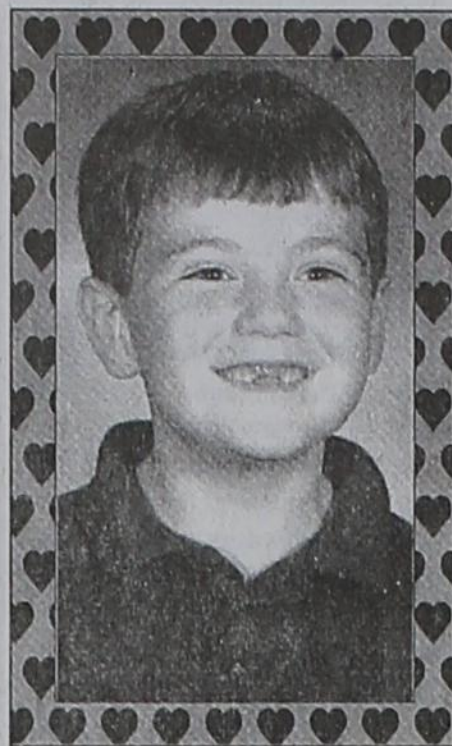
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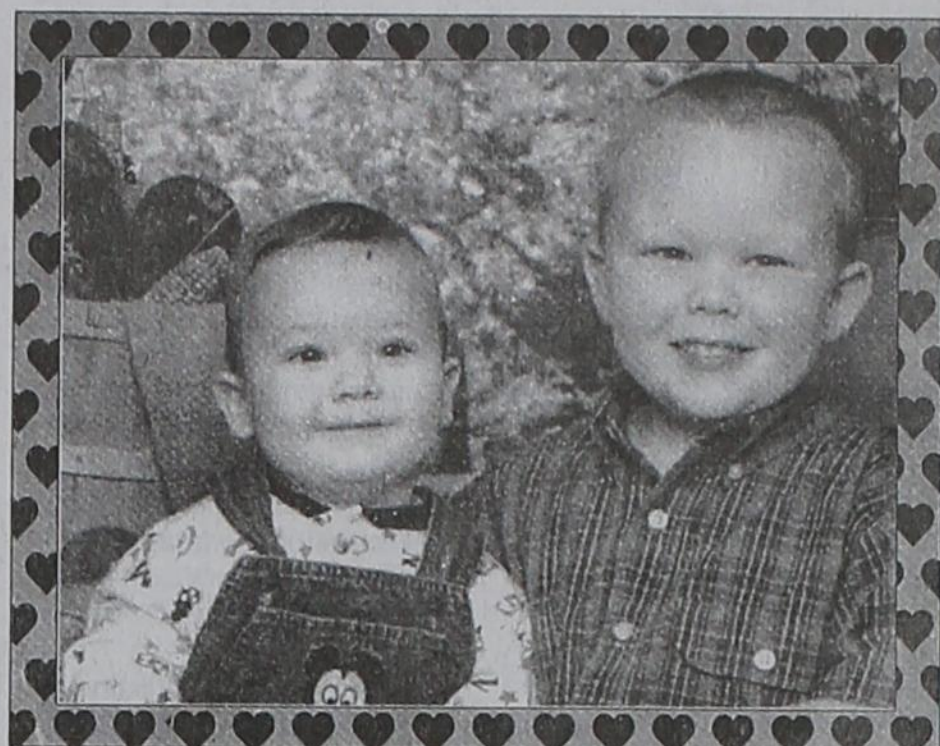
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Grandchildren of Bill & Vicky Murphy and Roy & Sherron Addison  
Great-grandchildren of James & Pat Murphy, Quay Murphy, Wanda McCloud and Joe Musacchia



**Dustin Paul & Coby Ross Venhaus**  
Grandsons of Linda and the late Eddie Campbell  
and Greg & Mary Lou Venhaus  
Great-grandsons of Dorothy Yates



**Wade McCall Brown**  
Son of Daniel & Chrissy Maxwell  
Grandson of Leroy & Linda Maxwell,  
Fred & Shirley Williams and Troy & Helen Brown  
Great-grandson of Jeanne Thackeray and Linda Smith



**Logan Garrett and Ethan Chandler Maxwell**  
Sons of David and Melissa Maxwell  
Grandsons of Robert & Kathy Lowrey and Leroy & Linda Maxwell  
Great-grandsons of Bob & Jane Lowrey, Bertha Runkel, Royce Davis and Jeanne Thackeray



**Jasmine Carissa Hill**  
Daughter of Bobby & Myra Hill  
Granddaughter of Jerry & Sandy Peña  
Great-granddaughter of Don & Ginger Laurent,  
Alfredo & Vicky Barrera and Luis & Elvira Peña



**Devon Bryce Martinez**  
Grandson of Jerry & Sandy Peña  
and Richard & Bonnie Martinez  
Great-grandson of Alfredo & Vicky Barrera,  
Luis & Elvira Peña and Santos Martinez



**Amrah Laurent**  
Daughter of Jennifer Lilley  
Granddaughter of Rhonda Hill  
Great-granddaughter of Don & Ginger Laurent



**Lanah Millican**  
Son of Pammy & Jill Millican  
Grandson of Ronnie & Kay Gfeller



**Madeline Gfeller**  
Daughter of Matt & Mandy Gfeller  
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**Mavrik Gfeller**  
Son of Matt & Mandy Gfeller  
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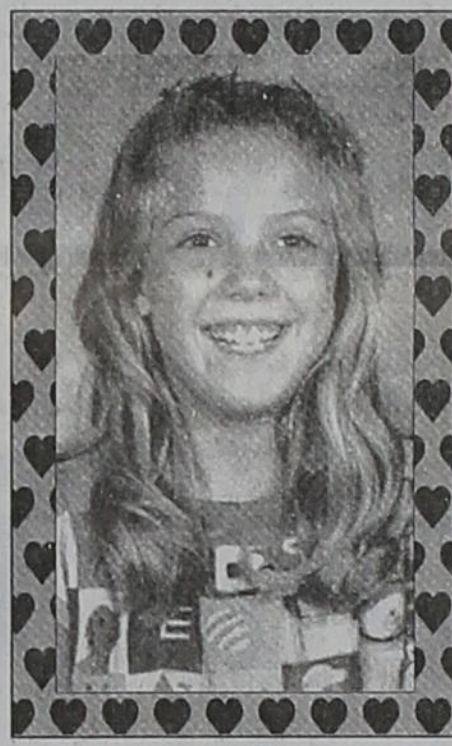
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**Charley, Cassidy & Bailey Nutt**  
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**Shauna Nutt**  
Daughter of Steve & Shelly Nutt  
Granddaughter of Dorothy Nutt



**Stormy Nutt**  
Daughter of Steve & Shelly Nutt  
Granddaughter of Dorothy Nutt



**Grant & Madison Petty**  
Children of Kevin & Shelly Petty  
Grandchildren of Dorothy Nutt



**Braden Buckley**  
Son of Dustan & Brooke Buckley  
Grandson of Steve & Vicki Buckley and Joel & Gwen  
Sinclair; Great-grandson of Don & Betty Carpenter;  
Great-great-grandson of Ann Carpenter



**Paige McKenna & Macy Markay Howell**  
Daughters of Kennen & Jennifer Howell  
Granddaughters of Karen Carter and Jimmie & Sue Howell



**Jake, Jensen & Jarrison Kelsey**  
Sons of David & Pam Kelsey  
Grandsons of Dorothy Nutt



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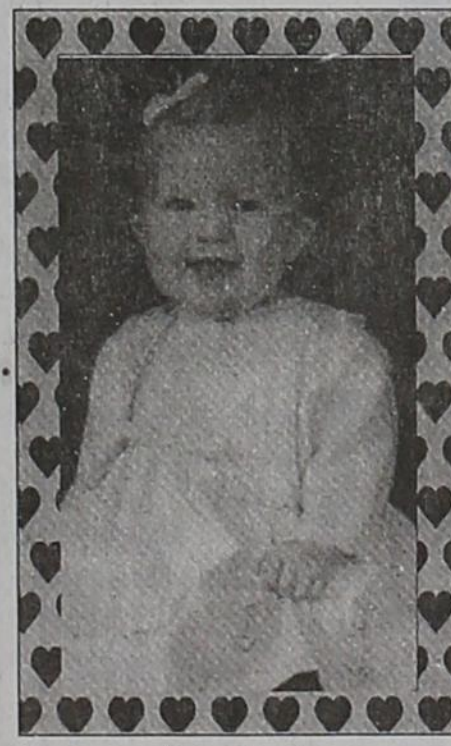
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**Daniel Antonio Arriaga**  
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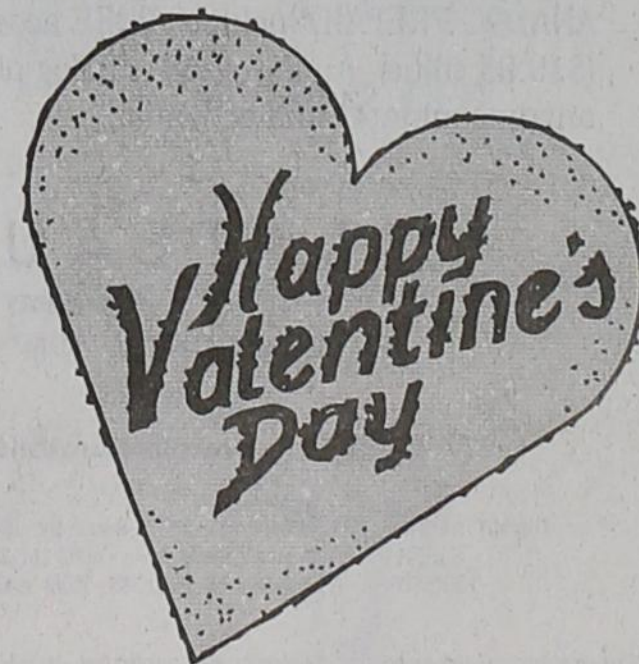
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and Carrol & Eileen Burnam



**Cray Lust**  
Son of Cory & Wendy Lust  
Grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Rex Lust, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thompson  
and Mr. & Mrs. Doug Meil



# People



## A few dollars and a dream

By JIM DAVIDSON

When our forefathers were establishing this nation, they never intended we should all be equal. Rather, their goal was for every individual to have equal opportunity. This simple philosophy or concept has produced more "rags to riches" success stories than any other economic system in the history of the world. If we don't see opportunity all around us, in most cases it's not because it is not there; it's because we cannot see it. Do you have any idea what it takes to get ahead financially in this country? Well, I can answer this question in just six words: a few dollars and a dream.

There is a story behind these six words that has given them a very special meaning and I believe it will also give you something worthwhile to think about. When the United States of America was celebrating the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty, many true life stories came to light about people who had come to this country with little more than the shirts on their backs, but over the years they had become highly successful. The story I mentioned is about Casey Rowe. Casey Rowe came to America from South Korea some time after the great depression. At the time, all he had was a wife, seven children and \$700. As he said, all he had was "a few dollars and a dream." He had no job, no friends, and except for a few personal items, he had nothing else. Casey's first job was as an

axe grinder. At night he would come home so tired he would literally cry himself to sleep, only to get up and do it all over again the next day.

But Casey Rowe did not give up and he worked and worked, and saved a small portion of what he earned. His close family relationships gave him great emotional strength and courage and before many years had passed, he had saved enough money to go into business for himself. Today, if you go to the Terminal Building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, you will find Casey Rowe and his family hard at work in the produce business -- at 4 a.m., and the whole family works. They do over a millions dollars worth of business each year!

I'm sure many people who do business at their produce market have no idea of the tremendous struggle and the years of hard work it took for their business to prosper as it is doing today. It's easy for the casual observer to say, "Oh, these people are hard workers" or "They had money to begin with" or "They inherited the business." For people who have never achieved financial success, they either don't want it or haven't been willing to pay the price for it. The saddest part of all is that there are millions of people who have opportunity all around them, but have never been able to see it or develop a sufficient belief in themselves to go after it.

The fact that Casey Rowe came from another country may have been an asset, because life

where he came from may have been harder than it is here. On the other hand, we know of thousands of people who came from other countries who don't achieve financial success. Many of these people have returned home broke and discouraged, while others stay but have to struggle to survive.

The message of Casey Rowe's story is simple. If you want to achieve greater financial success, all you need is a few dollars and a dream, and then be willing to work hard for the next ten to twenty years to make your dream come true. As Elbert Hubbard once said, "Success is the realization of the estimate which you place upon yourself?"

### Three Castro WT students graduate

CANYON — Three Castro County residents were among those to pick up diplomas from West Texas A&M during fall commencement exercises.

The three in question are Krisse S Bruton of Dimmitt and Marcus J. Brockman and Bill M. Hochstein of Dimmitt.

Burton earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree in General Studies. Brockman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture/Ag Business and Economics and Bill M. Hochstein a Bachelors of Science in Exercise Sciences.

The graduating class represented seven states and 68 Texas cities and towns.

### Castro TDH clinic set for Feb. 21

The Texas Department of Health will be holding an immunization in Dimmitt on Thursday, Feb. 21.

The clinic is set for Dimmitt City Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.



**CHOICE BLANKETS** — Students in the Dimmitt High School CHOICE program presented blankets to the Dimmitt Police Department to give to abuse victims Friday. (From left to right): Tony Aranda, student; Ray Aleman, Dimmitt Police Chief; Marcus Cruz, student; Joe Josselet, Children's Protective Services board; Crystal Garibaldi, student and Jessica Dominguez, student. The program is part of "Character Counts". CHOICE students Jacob Doñes, Oscar Juarez and Jesse Ramirez are not pictured.

Photo by John Hasselmeler

## Nazareth students go on mission trip

ARTEAGA, Nuevo Leon, Mexico — Two students from Nazareth, now attending West Texas A&M, recently went on a missionary trip to Mexico.

The two in question were Dawn Ramaekers and Andrea Braddock. The trip, which sported about 15 students, was headed by Father Scott Raef, director/chaplain for the campus Catholic Student Center and

Father Michael Colwell, vocations director for the Diocese of Amarillo.

Among other things, the students helped with a construction project, building onto a Catholic church in San Juan de Dolores. Altogether, the students visited some 50 mission churches.

They also visited the Cathedral of Monterrey. Other experiences included waiting while

their passports were checked, making cement for an outhouse and participating in Mass at an altar at St. Rita's Church in Santa Rita.

Among other places the group visited were the Church at St. Martin de Porres and the Church of San Juan de Dolores. The group also handed out candy and bubbles to children at Cañon de Buey.

## Swisher co-op to award scholarships

TULIA — Swisher Electric Cooperative will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants.

The scholarships are available to any student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of Swisher Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, or persons wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Recipients will be chosen based upon character, community involvement and service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or by calling Swisher Electric Cooperative at 995-3567. Applications must be received by March 1.

In addition, the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative of Amarillo, a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 10 Texas and one Oklahoma distribution cooperative, is offering a \$1,200 scholarship.

The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of individuals who were dedicated to the development and advancement of rural electrification for the benefit of their member/consumers.

The scholarship provides fi-

ancial assistance to electric cooperative family members seeking post-high school education in fields of study that are generally beneficial to electric cooperatives. It is available to an entering freshman college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of a rural electric cooperative which is an owner (member) of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative.

Applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from Swisher Electric Cooperative or The Opportunity Plan, Inc.; P.O. Box 1035; Canyon, TX 79015-1035, the scholarship administrator.

## Castro County WT Students honored

CANYON — Several Castro County students earned honors for quality grades at West Texas A&M University for the fall semester.

The students who earned honors on that list include Kristin M. Doss and Angelica Walton from Dimmitt, Eric Montemayor from Hart and Jill M. Pohlmeier and Jill D. Schulte of Nazareth.

Doss is a senior generic special education major, Walton a senior reading major, Montemayor a senior sports/exercise sciences major, Pohlmeier a senior mathematics major and Schulte a sophomore communications major.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a mini-

mum of 12 undergraduate hours.

That list is rather lengthy. It includes Andrea L. Braddock, Elizabeth Martinez, Cassie H. McLean and Jade L. Vick from Dimmitt, Stacy E. Bennett, Kandee B. Grossman, Angel Pantoja and Rachel Wall from Hart and Marcus J. Brockman, Lindsie M. Gerber, Trina R. Johnson, Leah E. Peacock, Tiffany J. Schmucker, Sara C. Schulte and Kaci J. Wethington of Nazareth.

Braddock is a sophomore generalist/EDE major, Martinez a senior Spanish major, McClean a junior generic special education major and Vick a freshman generalist/ED major.

As for the Hart students, Bennett is a senior speech communications major, Grossman a senior reading major, Pantoja a senior sports/exercises major and Wall a junior criminal justice major.

In looking at the Nazareth group, Brockman was a senior agriculture/ag business and economics major, Gerber a freshman pre-medicine major, Johnson a senior social work major, Peacock a junior generic special education major, Schmucker a junior sports/exercise sciences major, Schulte a sophomore social work major and Wethington a junior sociology major.

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# Celebrate love on Valentine's

by Joe N. Vaughn

(Joe Vaughn is the pastor of Dimmitt First Assembly of God).

Once again Valentine's Day is upon us. With this in mind I want to talk to the husbands and men of our community. Are you planning to celebrate it with the one that God has given you to love and cherish? Whether you are or not, I would like for you to consider just how important your relationship with your wife of the present, or future is to God.

God is the Creator of not only the universe, but love as well. It was He who recognized that it was not good for a man to be alone. So God paraded every type of livestock and bird for Adam, the first man, to name and to demonstrate the importance of choosing your partner. But when he was finished there was neither a twinkle in his eye nor a lightness in his step. God knew that not one of these creatures could ever be a suitable partner for Adam, but He wanted Adam to know this. After Adam was finished and realizing that he was still alone, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and performed the first surgery ever recorded as He took one of Adam's ribs and made Eve. You see God had placed into man a desire for intimate companionship that could only be filled by a woman.

You notice that God did not create another man for Adam, as in Adam and Steve, but a woman, as in Adam and Eve. In fact God condemns homosexuality in all of its forms. We read that God destroyed two communities by fire, Sodom and Gomorrah, because of homosexuality. (Genesis 9) Homosexuality's very nature is to destroy man and all mankind with it whether those that are actively involved in it realize it or not. Two people of the same gender cannot procreate. If it were practiced by all of mankind, then we would eventually cease to exist. If there are no children, then there is no future. Secondly, true satisfaction can never be obtained in this type of a relationship. There is no fulfillment in the nature of mankind with this type of relationship. Neither a man nor



Joe N. Vaughn

a woman can be proud and love a child in the way God intended if they never had one. Sure, I know some of you are thinking about alternatives of science, but what kind of a relationship could that be when a child is born in those circumstances. Without a natural father and mother that the child lives with and knows loves them, then there is another unfilled void in its life.

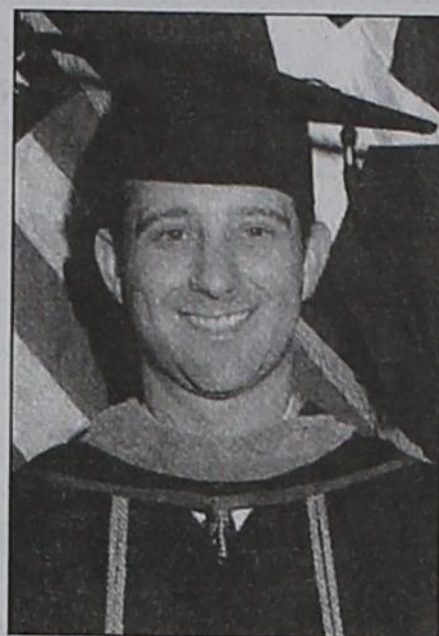
Did you notice that God did not create but one woman for Adam? He gave Adam just one wife, to love, honor, cherish, and provide for in the best fashion Adam is able to. Paul writes in Ephesians 5:25-31, to explain to us just what Jesus had in mind as responsible husbands. Remember, Jesus literally gave his life for the church and we are to do no less for our wives, if necessary.

Adam's wedding was a celebration of love indeed for Eve was "bone of (his) bone and flesh of (his) flesh." (Genesis 2:18-23a, KJV). This partner for life was to be called a "woman, because she was taken out of man." (Genesis 2:23b, KJV). Our Father then presides over the first wedding recorded in history as He said, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:24, KJV). As He presents Eve to Adam to become his wife, I can imagine how God must feel as Eve, His only daughter is given to Adam. As the father of only one daughter myself, there is a feeling of joy and concern.

Husbands, Eve is taken from the rib of Adam to be his equal. God gives you your wife in the same manner and He expects you to treat her as your equal as well. She is not to be treated as a slave or a servant, but your intimate and loving partner for life. She is your reason to celebrate love. No, you do not have to buy an expensive gift or take her out to the best place to eat around, but it may not be a bad idea. Your investment in your wife is the best investment you will ever make in this life. It is second only to your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Take time out of your busy schedule and treat her like the queen God has intended her to be. Do not worry about spending too much money. If you are a little low on cash right now, at least try to spend some of your precious time talking with her. If she is anything like my wife, she loves to talk and have her husband to listen. The usual one word response is not what she has in mind either. She wants some intelligent conversation with the man she married. She sees something in you that she really likes and only you can fulfill her greatest desires. You are her security, love, and desire. You may even want to talk to her about those desires.

Another idea is to spend some time doing what she wants to do. She will tell you that it does not have to be a weekend getaway or a cruise on a luxury liner in the Caribbean. She just wants to know you still love and appreciate her. Remember, God thought enough of you to give her to you to take care of and she has worked hard this past year to meet your needs. So go on, she deserves the best treatment you can possibly give her. Celebrate love with her while you still can.



UH MBA RECIPIENT — Scott Hill of Houston, son of Dr. W.J. and Sara Hill of Dimmitt, recently graduated with a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Houston.

Courtesy Photo

## Hill earns MBA from Houston

HOUSTON — Scott Hill of Houston, son of Dr. W.J. and Sara Hill of Dimmitt, recently graduated with a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Houston.

Hill, a 1987 graduate of Dimmitt High School, earned the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence along the way.

He is the vice president of Kanaly Trust Company of Houston. His undergraduate degree is from Texas A&M University and he has also earned his Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) degree.

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Would you like a chance to experience Spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas"? That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood.

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"Spring Fling...Spring Returns" will be the featured theme of the week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a

closing banquet.

If you are 50 or older then "Spring Fling...Spring Returns" 2002 is for you. Call Marilyn Neal at the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Dimmitt at 647-4115 for more information.

## Dimmitt to host District 9 VFW meeting and dance

Castro County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8056 will be hosting the District 9, Department of Texas VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Saturday and Sunday.

M. John Knapp of Fort Worth and state auxiliary president Kay Paulk of Amarillo will be in attendance.

District 9 consists of 20 pots and auxiliaries throughout the panhandle. The District 9 Commander is Roy Grona of Amarillo and the Auxiliary President is Dee Branch, also of Amarillo.

On Saturday night, from 8 p.m. to midnight, there will be a dance at the post home. Music will be provided by "Double D", Dawn Merriott and Don Conner from Amarillo.

The cost of the dance is \$5 and members and guests are welcome.

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## DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

### CALENDAR EVENTS

- Thursday, Feb. 14**
- 2nd grade to Nursing Home
  - DHS Student Council Meeting - 12:00
- Friday, Feb. 15**
- Basketball: DHS Varsity Boys Playoffs - Opponents, times and locations to be announced
- Saturday, Feb. 16**
- Dimmitt Junior High Choir and Solo/Ensemble Contest at WTA&MU
  - Baseball: DHS JV & Varsity Scrimmage at Friona
- Tuesday, Feb. 19**
- TAAS Writing for 4th, 8th and 10th-12th grades
  - TAAS Math for 10th-12th grades
- Wednesday, Feb. 20**
- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade GT fieldtrip to Amarillo College.

### CAMPUS EVENTS

- RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY**
- 2nd grade students will be going to the local nursing home to play Bingo with the residents as part of the "Character Counts" program.
- DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- 4th and 8th grade students are preparing to take the TAAS Writing test on Tuesday, Feb. 19.
- DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL**
- TAAS Tests will be taken Feb. 19-21 in Writing, Math and Reading for grades 10-12.
  - The DHS varsity boys basketball playoffs will begin this week. Good luck to the Bobcats as they progress through the playoffs!
- DIMMITT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
- A School Finance Academy will be held at Region 17 in Lubbock on Wednesday, Feb. 20.
  - Visit Dimmitt ISD on the web at [www.dimmittisd.net](http://www.dimmittisd.net) updated daily!

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# Sports



## Bobbies denied playoff berth after falling to LHS Friday

The good news is that the Dimmitt High School varsity girls basketball team got to play after the regular season.

The bad news is that the Bobbies didn't ultimately end up with a state playoff berth as Dimmitt lost to Littlefield for the third time this season, this time by a 37-21 score Friday.

The Bobbies fell to Cooper, but ended up tied for third place in district with three other teams and ended up in a third-place tournament with Cooper, Littlefield and Roosevelt. Dimmitt defeated the Lady Eagles last Thursday before coming up short in the finals.

The Bobbies fell to Cooper in the regular-season finale 52-46 in Woodrow.

It was a close game throughout. However, the Lady Pirates led at the end of the first period 10-9. Kelsey Welch led in scoring for Dimmitt during the quarter with three points.

Cooper scored 10 more points in the second period, while Dimmitt was held to five, giving the Lady Pirates a 20-14 halftime lead. Welch and Ashley Irons led in scoring for the quarter with two apiece.

Things got better for the Bobbies in the third period as they outscored Cooper 18-14. Jenna Steinle and Sharla Kenworthy led in scoring for the quarter with six apiece.

In the final period, however, Cooper scored 18 more to 14 for the Bobbies in earning the victory. Welch led in scoring for the quarter with five.

Steinle and Welch co-led in scoring with 12 points apiece for the contest.

Irons almost got there with nine points. Kenworthy was right behind her with eight, three coming on one shot. Jill Merritt had four points and Sally Stahl one.

Dimmitt then had to sweat out the results of the

Roosevelt/Littlefield game. However, when the Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Wildcats, the Bobbies were in the third-place tournament, which was played in Shallowater.

The Bobbies started out against Roosevelt and beat the Lady Eagles for the third time this year, this time by a 57-37 score.

Dimmitt started out getting the best of Roosevelt, outscoring the Lady Eagles 14-9 in the first period. Kenworthy topped the scoring for that period with five.

In the second quarter, the Bobbies beat the Eagles 18-10 to take a 32-19 halftime lead. Merritt led the way for the period with six.

In the third period, Roosevelt actually outscored Dimmitt 12-10, but still trailed 42-31. Irons was high point of the period with six.

The Bobbies then played some ferocious "D"; in the fourth period, limiting the 'velt to just six points while scoring 15 of their own in taking the 57-37 decision. Irons was also high point for this period with six.

Overall, Irons led in scoring with 18 points, including a three-pointer. Merritt joined her in double figures with 13, including two "three's".

Steinle almost got into double figures with nine points, including a three-pointer. Kenworthy also hit a three on the way to seven. Welch had six and Stahl four.

The win earned the Bobbies the right to play another day, but Friday would be the final day of the season as Littlefield won 37-21.

Dimmitt's offensive woes started with the very first quarter as they scored four points to Littlefield's 11. Irons and Kenworthy each had

baskets in that frame.

The Bobbies played some good defense themselves in the second quarter as they limited Littlefield to seven points. Unfortunately, they only scored five of their own and trailed 18-9 at halftime. Steinle scored four of the five points.

Littlefield then turned it on in the third period, outscoring Dimmitt 12-5 to take a 30-14 lead after three quarters. Welch scored three of the five Bobbie points.

In the fourth period, the teams came out even 7-7, but Littlefield had its victory and state playoff berth wrapped up. Stahl led in that final period with three.

Overall, Merritt topped the scoring column with five points. Steinle and Welch each finished with four. Stahl hit a three-pointer for her points while Irons, Kenworthy two apiece and Lyndee Behrends one.

The game was the final one for four seniors. These were Behrends, Kenworthy, Stahl and Welch.

### JV Bobbies close season with loss

WOODROW — The Dimmitt High School junior varsity girls basketball team closed out the regular season with a 50-26 loss to Cooper.

Heather Hargrove topped the scoring column with nine points, including a three-pointer.

Meggie Lemons was next with seven points. Shelley Paxton and Nallely Reyes had three points apiece, Raynee Bradley two points and Holly Lane one.

The Dimmitt High School junior varsity girls basketball team finished the season 15-10 overall and 5-5 in district play.



**ITS GONE!**-Kelsey Welch (31) has shot and is looking for the results before the defense can respond. Ashley Irons (21) moves into position for the rebound. The Bobbies ended the season in a four-way tie for third place and a sudden death playoff for the final playoff spot. They defeated Roosevelt in the first of those games 57-37 before losing to Littlefield 37-21 to end the season

## Hart Ladyhorns close with defeat

EARTH — The Hart Ladyhorns varsity girls basketball team closed the season with a 65-38 loss to Springlake-Earth last Tuesday.

"We didn't shoot like we should have shot," Hart varsity girls basketball coach Jon Curry said. "We shot poorly last night. We were as cold on the inside (the gymnasium) as the weather was on the outside."

Crystal Diego led the way for the Ladyhorns with 11 points. She was the lone Hart player in double figures.

Maegan Farris was next in line with seven points. Amanda Carasco and Lacie Curry each put in five. Jessica Guerrero had

four, Sonya Garcia and Kellie George two points apiece and Isidora Andaluza one.

"We did have some high points," Curry said. "We beat Kopperl in the Nazareth Tournament when they were ranked No. 8 in the state. We beat Amarillo Trinity Christian and they're still No. 8 in the state."

Thoughts now turn to next year and it looks like things will be better.

"We have four starters coming back," Curry said. "We've got six players altogether coming back and a good JV coming up. However, being back in the same district with Sudan and Farwell again, we've got our work cut out for us."

### Dimmitt Kids Inc. sign-ups continuing

Dimmitt Kids Inc. is having sign-ups for Little Dribblers basketball through Feb. 22.

Forms will be handed out at school or may be picked up at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

Children aged 9-12 and anywhere between third and sixth grade are eligible. The entry fee is \$25. Anyone wishing to coach must also sign up. No late sign-ups will be accepted.

The coach's meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. This is a mandatory meeting and anyone not present will not get a team to coach.

For more information, please call either Sal Ortiz at 647-3653 or Randy Griffitt at 647-4114.

### Amarillo YMCA to host basketball tournaments

AMARILLO — The Amarillo YMCA is set to host Youth Basketball Tournaments starting in March for boys and girls aged 10 through 17.

The first tournament will be open to boys and girls who are 10-and-under, 11-and-under, 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under. The tournaments will be held in Amarillo high school gyms, and each team is guaranteed at least three games.

The dates for these tournaments are March 1-3; March 22-24; April 5-7; April 19-21 and May 3-5.

The registration deadline for the first tournament is Friday, Feb. 22 and the fee is approximately \$175.

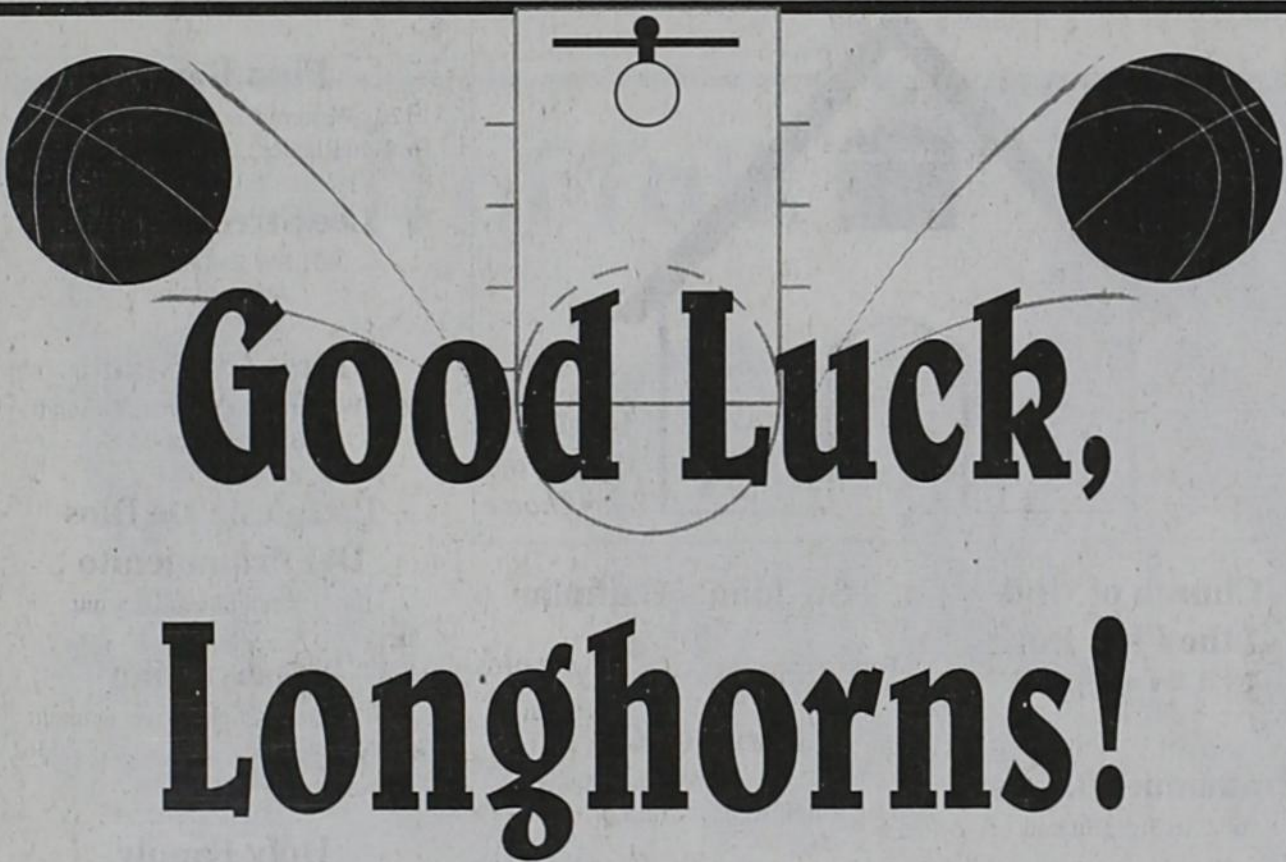
Anyone interested in entering a team or needing more information may call (806) 374-4651 or e-mail [me@amaonline.com](mailto:me@amaonline.com).

### Wall receives patriot scholarship

CANYON — Rachel Wall of Hart was one of three West Texas A&M University students who have been named winners of a scholarship contest triggered by the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Wall is a junior criminal justice major. She has received a non-renewable \$500 scholarship for the spring 2002 semester.

The contest, Reflections of Patriotism, was sponsored by WTAMU's Student Government and funded by the WTAMU Foundation. Entries had to be in reaction and/or response to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and be submitted in one of three areas: written, performance or art. Wall won in the written category.



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**NICKY GAUNA FOR TWO**-Nicky Gauna (10) lays in two for the good guys in last week's action that saw the Bobcats defeat Cooper, 57-52 in overtime and Littlefield 70-51. The Bobcats closed out the season last Tuesday against Lubbock Roosevelt. Photo by Chris Bradford

# Bobcats to play Mustangs for first

The Dimmitt Bobcats will play Shallowater for first place in District 2-3A at a time and site to be determined.

The Bobcats kept up their end of the bargain, getting past Cooper in overtime 57-52 and then knocking down Littlefield 70-51 and then beat Roosevelt Tuesday 90-78 to seal the deal.

Free throw shooting helped the Bobcats immensely against the Pirates in that extra period as they went 10-for-11 in that extra frame.

Things started slow for both teams in the game as Cooper led 6-5 after the first quarter. Michael Norman led in scoring with three points.

Dimmitt got the better of things in the second period as they scored 15 points to Cooper's seven. Matthew Wright scored eight of the Bobcat points in that frame.

In the third period, Cooper came back and outscored Dimmitt 14-7 to tie things up at 27-27 after that period. Austin Sherman's three-pointer made him the scoring leader for that period.

In the fourth, both teams tied at 14-14 to make it 41-41 after

the fourth. Nicky Gauna and Norman each scored four points apiece.

Finally, in the extra period, Dimmitt asserted itself by outscoring the Pirates 16-11. Brent Josselet and Norman each scored eight points in that period.

Norman led in scoring with 18 points, including a three-pointer. Josselet finished with 15 points, including three three-pointers. Wright had 11 and also hit a "three".

Gauna followed with six points. Austin Sherman hit a three on the way to five while Kenneth Worsham scored the other two.

In the Littlefield game, the Wildcat fans made a lot of noise in the LHS gym because their team outscored the Bobcats 14-10. Nicky Gauna led in scoring for the period with five.

In the second period, however, the Bobcats came out inspired, outscoring Littlefield 22-11 to give Dimmitt a 32-25 half-time lead. Sherman scored 10 points in that period.

Dimmitt kept things going in the third quarter, outscoring Littlefield 16-10 to take a 48-35

lead after three quarters. Wright, Norman and Worsham each had four points for that quarter.

In the fourth period, Dimmitt put up 22 more points to outscore Littlefield 22-16. Josselet and Sherman each scored six points apiece.

Sherman led in scoring with 19 points, including two three-pointers. Norman had another two "three's" on the way to 14.

Josselet made three three-pointers for most of his 13 points.

Nicky Gauna was next in line with seven points. Worsham was right behind him with six. Wright followed with four while Lee Brown had three and Patrick Hunter and Matthew Gauna two apiece.

The Bobcats and Mustangs split this season, each winning on the other's home court.

# JV Bobcats fall to Cooper, Littlefield

Times have been tough lately for the Dimmitt High School junior varsity boys basketball team.

The JV Bobcats lost to Cooper 42-35 and then fell to Littlefield 49-38.

In the Cooper game, Kris Lindsey led with 14 points, including four three-pointers. He was the lone JV Bobcat in double figures.

Eric Ward wasn't far from double figures with eight points while Charley Saenz had six. Jared Griffitt three (on one shot).

and Matthew Lara and Matthew Sanders two.

As for the Littlefield game, Ward was the leading scorer with 15. He was the lone JV Bobcat in double figures.

Lindsey hit a three-pointer on the way to finishing with seven. Griffitt was right behind him with six while Saenz had three, Adam Wright two and Sanders one.

The Dimmitt High School junior varsity boys basketball team closed out the season at Roosevelt Tuesday.

# Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

## District Championship Game

# Bobcats vs. Shallowater

Time and Place to be Announced



# Thanks, Bobbies, for an exciting season!

Scores	
Bobbies	Bobcats
35, Randall 60	49, Randall 51
30, Levelland 44	70, Levelland 62
29, Borger 52	59, Borger 65
<b>Queens Classic</b>	74, Hereford 57
51, Hereford 45	<b>Pioneer Classic</b>
33, Plainview 71	80, Clint 65
45, Levelland 67	68, Hereford 56
56, Hereford 58	77, Borger 62
<b>Nazareth Tournament</b>	62, Plainview 63
75, White Deer 46	79, Tulia 62
57, Hamilton 63	<b>Crossroads Classic</b>
62, Hale Center 49	55, Hereford 46
47, Tulia 42	53, Clyde 42
31, Sudan 44	77, Trinity Christian 70
37, Abernathy 50	66, Abernathy 63
49, River Road 53	61, Caprock 39
52, Dalhart 37	63, Dalhart 43
<b>Caprock Tournament</b>	<b>Caprock Tournament</b>
43, Trinity Christian 58	82, Panhandle 45
52, Brownfield 41	52, Estacado 69
42, Abernathy 36	49, El Paso Coronado 66
42, Estacado 82	68, Tulia 50
43, Littlefield 47	71, Dalhart 52
53, Roosevelt 50	56, Amarillo High 76
29, Shallowater 41	64, Shallowater 65
44, Muleshoe 72	77, Muleshoe 71
45, Cooper 38	72, Cooper 39
42, Littlefield 44	65, Littlefield 55
55, Roosevelt 33	80, Roosevelt 69
38, Shallowater 59	69, Shallowater 64
47, Muleshoe 57	70, Muleshoe 53
46, Cooper 52	57, Cooper 52
57, Roosevelt 37	70, Littlefield 51
21, Littlefield 37	90, Roosevelt 78
<b>Season Record: 11-20</b>	<b>Season Record: 24-7</b>
<b>District Record: 4-8</b>	<b>District Record: 9-1</b>

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**SIGNING WITH WEST TEXAS A&M**—Hart football players Jacob Reyna (front left) and Keith Finch (front right) signed with West Texas A&M last Wednesday in the Hart High School Library. Front row: Reyna, Hart head football coach Jay McCook and Finch. Back row: Mona and David Reyna, Jacob's parents and Willie and Barbara Finch, Jay's parents.

## Finch, Reyna sign to play football with West Texas A&M

By JOHN HASSELMEIER  
HART — Wednesday, Feb. 6, was a proud day for a lot of folks in Hart.

That's because two Hart athletes, Keith Finch and Jacob Reyna, signed to continue their football careers at West Texas A&M in the Hart High School library.

Finch will be receiving a full scholarship from the Canyon school while Reyna is going on a part athletic/part academic scholarship.

Finch did just about everything for the Longhorns this season and earned a few honors along the way, but he did admit he was a bit nervous on signing day.

"I've been looking forward to this day for a long time," Finch said. "I've been anticipating this day for so long."

He said that he'd also looked at Abilene Christian, but West Texas State won out for a couple of reasons.

"West Texas A&M offered a full ride," Finch said. "Everything's paid for. Also, I liked the type of program coach Ronnie Jones is running. When I was first contacted under the

previous coach, I really didn't care that much for the program."

Finch gained many a yard at running back, including 1,579 yards and 18 touchdowns. Not only that, he caught five passes for 114 yards and another score and even threw 59 passes, completing 29 for 439 yards and another five touchdowns. He also made 139 tackles, came up with three interceptions and kicked 27 field goals and three extra points.

As for his West Texas A&M career, however, they're putting him at tailback.

"I'm looking forward to just coming in and working hard," Finch said.

For Reyna, he really didn't think he'd get a chance to play college football.

"I just didn't think I would," Reyna said. "I'm excited."

Reyna, who starred at receiver for the Longhorns in catching 43 passes for 591 yards and eight touchdowns and also rushing 27 times for 405 yards and two scores, was told he'd be looked at at receiver, but also in the return game.

It was also a proud day for both sets of parents, Willie and Barbara Finch and David and Mona Reyna.

"It sure is a big day," Mr. Finch said. "I think he deserves all that he gets. He's a good role model for children."

"It seems like a dream," Mrs. Finch said. "He's earned it. He's worked hard and paid his dues."

"A lot of kids don't get this chance," Mr. Reyna said. "I told him 'Put God ahead of you and everything else will fall into place.'"

"I'm sure excited and very pleased," Mrs. Reyna said. "Yes, we plan to make all the WT games we can."

Not only that, it was also a proud day for Hart head football coach Jay McCook, who had two players sign in just his first year as a head football coach.

"Those kids did an outstanding job," McCook said. "Before the season, everybody thought all we'd have was Keith, but we proved we had more talent than that. We had a talented team this year."

## Longhorns to face Lorenzo

By JOHN HASSELMEIER  
LUBBOCK — Hart's first trip to the playoffs since the 1986-87 school year will be starting Tuesday as the Longhorns will battle Lorenzo in the bi-district round Tuesday at approximately 8 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University.

The Longhorns qualified for the playoffs as the No. 2 seed in the district. The game will be the second half of a doubleheader as Farwell and Petersburg will play the first game at 6 p.m.

"I haven't seen Lorenzo play," Hart head boys basketball coach Carl Irlbeck said. "But I remember seeing their coach (Larry Birdwell) play at Dimmitt when I was coaching at Abernathy."

Hart's making the playoffs might have surprised a few folks, but what surprised a few more people is how the Longhorns qualified. It looked like HHS was going to have to face Sudan for second place, but Bovina shocked the Hornets 63-61 on the road, so no playoff for a playoff was necessary.

"I was excited because I didn't have to go to a meeting," first-year Hart head boys basketball coach Carl Irlbeck said. "We were going to meet at Earth to figure things out."

The Longhorns were already on the bus, knowing they'd taken care of their half of the deal, but not knowing that the win meant that long-sought after playoff berth.

"I was just about to get in a car to head to the meeting," Irlbeck said. "I had sent an assistant coach (Bob Leby) to that game to give us the score. He called right before we got in the car."

Irlbeck then went to the bus to inform the team and they were pretty happy campers.

Earning that playoff spot in itself was a chore. The Longhorns found themselves down 38-37 after three quarters.

"I just told them to take it one possession at a time and just try to score two points at a time," Irlbeck said.

The magic worked as Hart

rallied to take a 58-45 victory, limiting the Wolverines to seven points in that final period.

In that game, Keith Finch led the way with 22 points, including a three-pointer. Jacob Reyna joined him in double figures with 18.

Joel DeLaFuente was next with seven points, including a "three". Albert Velasquez scored six and Corey Moore five.

Irlbeck brought quite a pedigree to Hart as he'd won state championships at Abernathy and Plainview and had coached numerous teams to the playoffs.

"This is probably the hardest struggle I've had in reaching the playoffs," Irlbeck said. "We had to overcome a lot of obstacles. The key was coming together as a unit defensively."

Since then, the Longhorns played two practice games, beating Lazbuddie Friday 80-56 and then Wellman-Union 62-40 Monday in Smyer.

Finch led in scoring for the Lazbuddie game with 19 points, including a three-pointer. He was one of five Longhorns in double figures.

Reyna scored 18 points, including one three-pointer. DeLaFuente and Velasquez each scored 14, with DeLaFuente hitting a "three". Moore scored 12. Castillo scored the other three points.

Finch was also the leading scorer in this game with 19 points, this time hitting two three-pointers. Velasquez joined him in double figures with 16.

Jorge Marin followed with eight points. DeLaFuente was right behind him with seven points, including a three-pointer.

Castillo followed with four points. Roy Robledo was right behind him with three points. Matt Gonzales and A.J. Carrasco each had two while Marcial Mendoza scored the other point.

## Swifts to commence playoffs vs. Lefors

The Nazareth High School varsity boys basketball team will be starting its playoff march against Lefors Monday in the bi-district round of the playoffs at 7 p.m. at the Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

The Swifts closed out the regular season with a victory over Valley.

Kade Wilcox led the way with 13 points, including three three-pointers. Ky Wilcox joined him in double figures with 10 points. He also had a three-pointer.

Daryl Pohlmeier and Eric Schilling each scored six points

apiece. Trey Robb, Blake Birkenfield, Tyler Ehly and Jordy Rowland each had four points while Chase Schulte had three and Justin Kleman two.

On Monday, the Swifts faced Crosbyton in a practice game at Plainview and beat the Chiefs 63-55.

Schilling topped the scoring column with 23 points, including a three-pointer. Kade Wilcox hit four three-pointers on the way to 14. Pohlmeier joined them in double figures with 12.

Ky Wilcox and Ehly were next with four points while Schulte, Kleman and Rowland each deposited a deuce.

## Swiftettes defeat Groom Tuesday night

CANYON — The Nazareth Swiftettes defeated Groom for the second year in a row in the bi-district round of the playoffs 74-50 Tuesday night.

As a result, they will next play Follett Friday night in Borger at 6 p.m.

Before that the Swiftettes finished out the regular season with a perfect 6-0 district mark after dispatching Valley last Tuesday.

"We scored more points in the fourth quarter than we did in the first three," Nazareth girls basketball coach Matt Garrett said. "We'll have to learn to play better than what we did."

Stephanie Thiel led the way with 23 points, including a three-pointer. Wendy Black joined her in double figures

with 15, including three three-pointers. Mandy Hoelting joined them in double figures with 12, including two three-pointers.

Eric Gerber also hit a three-pointer on the way to seven. Jackie Thiel had five, including a three-pointer. Danette Ramaekers and Megan Schulte each deposited a deuce.

As stated earlier, the Swiftettes defeated Groom 74-50 Tuesday night in bi-district. More details on that game will be in next week's edition.

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**FRIDAY: Area Game**  
**Swiftettes vs. Follett**  
**at Borger**  
**at 6 p.m.**

★  
**MONDAY: Bi-District Game**  
**Swifts vs. Lefors**  
**at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo**  
**at 7 p.m.**

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# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 14-22.

## DIMMITT Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Grab-and-go breakfast

THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and white milk.  
FRIDAY: Blueberry muffin, assorted fruit juice and white milk.  
MONDAY: Rice Krispies treats, pineapple juice and white milk.  
TUESDAY: Strawberry danish, peaches and white milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Super donuts, fresh bananas and white milk.  
THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and white milk.  
FRIDAY: Student holiday.

## Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with ground beef, frijoles refrito, apple slices with cinnamon, white or chocolate milk.  
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, mexipinto beans, taco condiments, fruited gelatin, birthday cake, white or chocolate milk.  
MONDAY: Italian lasagna, broccoli w/cheese, mexicali corn, fruit fantasy, garlic bread, white or chocolate milk.  
TUESDAY: Corn dogs, peas, fried okra, fruited gelatin, white or chocolate milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, seasoned black-eyed peas, fresh bananas, white hot rolls, white or chocolate milk.  
THURSDAY: Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, hot cheese rolls, peach cobbler, white or chocolate milk.  
FRIDAY: Student holiday.

## 2nd-12th Grades

THURSDAY: Choices of nachos w/ground beef, grilled chopped steak or pigs in a blanket, Chinese-style vegetables, frijoles refrito or lynnoise corrot, tossed salad, apple slices with cinnamon or fruit fantasy; hot cheese rolls, sliced bread or tortilla chips and white or chocolate milk.  
FRIDAY: Choices of chicken enchilada, fishburger or salmon casserole; tomato and okra, baked potato, mexipinto beans or tossed salad or applesauce; crackers or Frito corn chips; fruited gelatin or birthday cake and white or chocolate milk or punch.  
MONDAY: Choices of Italian lasagna, poor boy steak or chicken taco; broccoli w/cheese, mexicali corn or potato rounds, taco condiments, tossed salad or fruit salad; white hot rolls, garlic bread or crackers and white or chocolate milk.  
TUESDAY: Choices of corn dogs, turkey salad sandwich or salad plate; fried okra, parsley buttered peas or peas, fruited gelatin, tossed salad or cole slaw; hot wheat rolls, garlic bread or crackers, white or chocolate milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Choices of fried chicken; bean chulapas or hoagie submarine; mashed potatoes, seasoned black-eyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, vegetable medley or hamburger salad, white hot rolls, corn meal twist bread or crackers and white or chocolate milk.  
THURSDAY: Choices of chicken spaghetti, enchilada casserole or ham and cheese on bun; Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiments or peach cobbler; hot cheese rolls, white hot rolls or tortilla chips and white or chocolate milk.  
FRIDAY: Student holiday.

## HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Pancakes w/ syrup, hash brown potatoes, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, and milk.  
MONDAY: Breakfast burrito, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice, variety of milk.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers,

assorted fruit juice, variety of milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon toast, sweetened applesauce, peanut butter bar, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Pancakes w/ syrup, peanut butter, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

## Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger, burrito or enchilada casserole, salad, chips, tortilla pieces, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream, chocolate milk and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, pizza with cheese top or chulapas, Spanish rice, peaches, salad, gelatin dessert, longhorn cookie, milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or McRib w/ chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, sliced cheese, peaches, assorted fruit juice, salad, whole wheat sugar cookies, variety of milk, Kool Aid and tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger, chicken sandwich with cheese or steak finger basket, salad, green beans, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler, ice cream, variety of milk, Kool Aid and tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with cheese, burrito with sliced cheese or sloppy joe on bun, french fries, lettuce, tomato or pickles, assorted fresh fruit, pears, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.  
THURSDAY: Choice of hot pocket-pizza, burrito or pizza slice, salad, green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, white cake w/cherry topping, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets, cornbread, potato, wedge, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.

## NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cinnamon pastry, rolls, cereal, fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal, juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage patty, Lucky Charms cereal, juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on roll, rolls, Lucky Charms cereal, juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.

## Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Choice of hamburger or chicken sandwich, french fries, green beans, lettuce, fresh apples, sugar cookies and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Choice of bean chulapas or hamburger, french fries, lettuce, corn, pineapple chunks, apple crisp, milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Choice of chicken pot pie or chef salad, fresh apples, carrots, tossed salad, spice cake and milk, assorted fruit juice or tea.  
TUESDAY: \* Choice of beef tacos or hamburger, french fries, green beans, apple crisp, peaches, green beans and variety of milk, assorted fruit juice or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Choice of beef fingers or sausage pizza, cream-style gravy, rolls, mashed potatoes, gelatin, peaches, variety of milk, assorted juice or tea.  
THURSDAY: \* Choice of burritos or pizza, broccoli, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, chewy peanut bars and variety of milk, assorted fruit juice or tea.  
FRIDAY: \* Choice of baked potato or chef salad, tossed salad, corn, peaches, s'mores, variety of milk, assorted juice or tea.

(Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.)



**CLASS OF 1961 REUNION** — The Dimmitt High School Class of 1961 recently had a reunion at the Lubbock Inn. Front row (from left to right): Sam Kirk, Ka Estes Cotter, Dickie Reinhardt, Jean Hilburn Morris, Mary Behrends Curl and Amy McSpadden Gilliland. Middle row: Zeldaxe Anderson, Mareta Odom Smithson, Eloise Cleaver Varner, Beth Cleaver Odom, Kay Carpenter O'Briant, Keith Davis Scott, Priscilla Glidewell Jefferies, Jerry Cox. Back row: Jerry Blackwell, Ronnie

Buckmaster, Don Moke, Mike Chaney, Kent Hance, George Drake, Jimmie Campbell, Stanton Calvert, Bobby Carmichael, Gary Moore, Jimmy Barber, Marshall Young, Leeroy O'Briant, Larry Morris, Kenneth Frye, Paul Ivey and Jack Thompson. Others who attended, but are not pictured are Jackie Clark, Stanley Nelson, Zandra Barnes Nash, Ronda Sanders Powers and Jackie Powers.

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## Letter

# Writer talks food production

Dear Editor,  
Do you remember Ray McIntire, or Jerry Siegel or Julian Hill? Maybe 10 or so persons in this country will recall all three names and their accomplishments. Ray McIntire invented Styrofoam in a 1944 experiment gone wrong. Jerry Siegel created "Superman" in a single bound in 1938. In 1930 Julian Hill discovered nylon. All three died the week of Feb. 8, 1966. All three of these creations are utilized by the American people and take for granted in literally every consumer household. What else do we take for granted? Our food supply.

The best food supply in the history of man, at an unbelievable low price. When the history of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is recorded, the ability to feed ourselves should rank at the top. The ability to deliver to Sam's in Amarillo and Lowe's in Dimmitt, Texas, and to all other U.S. cities and small towns in the US, an abundance of selection of the highest quality of food is the miracle of the age. In addition, with 39 days of labor, a family can purchase a year's supply of one of the three basic requirements of life. How can this be? It is the productivity of our farmers and the capacity of our commerce to come together at a single point — the checkout counter! Food is so easily accessible with such a high degree of choices available in processing and packaging that the shopper pushing the cart never thinks of the producer, the processor, or anyone else involved in the food system chain unless there is a problem with price, quality or quantity in that order. Then there is a reaction that rivals the thoughts of the end of

the world! I can not help but wonder if the people employed in the Food and Drug Administration and the state health agencies have ever given a moment's thought regarding the most deadly and heart-stopping food-related consideration? For 80 percent of the world today, it is known as "malnutrition" or in the universal language of man "I am hungry!" Nonetheless, despite of all the activists and their agendas, governments and their regulations and the complacency of the consumer, the food supply system in America operates in a more professional manner than any other system devised or implemented by man. I agree that, in a free market system, the consumer pays a fair price for a quantity product. The farmer, who is the key participant in determining quality and quantity of the commodities, receives only a minimal payment for his contribution. A part of that payment comes in the form of governmental production deficiency payments to the producers. This is a tax that must be paid for the 326 days of compensation for employment that will not be spent on food. This cost comes to about \$5.82 for every man, woman and child in the United States per year or about 68 minutes worth of work at minimum wage. But change is a constant and change is on the way. For this millennium, the producer must form links in the food production chain with the processing and distribution industry. Accountability for quality as well as liability will be demanded by the consumer. Contract farming is a nauseating

thought in the agricultural industry. However, in the real world, contracts are a very important component of the business community and those farmers who will survive will be directly affiliated with the food retail system with a resulting decline in the importance of commodities market in Chicago and elsewhere. No longer will producers be part of a system in which price is linked to considerations that have no relationship to production, but will be a part of a system which demands a fair price for goods and services produced. Yes, it is a capitalist system that secures quality and quantity at the checkout counter! So tonight, "thank you" Mr. Farmer, Mr. Distributor, Mr. Processor and all who are involved in providing us with a full tummy to sleep on, knowing that tomorrow we can do great things! Just 39 days, who would have thought?  
Paul Wayland  
Dimmitt

This year, on Feb. 8, the average American family will have earned enough money to pay for its food for the entire year of 2002. Just 39 days — that's all it takes! The Women's Committee of the Kansas Farm Bureau initiated a program known as Food Check Out Day to celebrate this fact. It has since become a national program to recognize the American farmers and ranchers for the parts they play in providing in abundance,

## Letter

# Smith gives prison housing figures

Dear Editor,  
I went to the Castro County Auditor to get the following information:  
**Editor's Note: The figures are the amount of money spent by the county to house prisoners elsewhere. The figures are broken down from Oct. 1 of one year to Sept. 30 of the next year.**  
93-94: \$37,462.25.  
94-95: \$9,600.  
95-96: None.

96-97: \$1,340.  
97-98: \$39,734.  
98-99: \$57,839.50.  
00-01: \$7,382.  
Nothing was spent after Jan. 1, 2001.  
Harold Smith  
Hart

**Editor's Note: Castro County Attorney James Horton explained that since he'd come into office, he'd worked to keep people coming through.**

## More about

# Grants, inspections ...

(Continued from Page 1) and are pending. Grants that have been awarded to DISD include Ninth Grade Initiative Extension Funding—\$90,967, Safeguarding America's Youth—\$15,000, Pregnancy, Education and Parenting—\$4,100, Tech Prep—\$996, Learn and Serve—\$6,000, as well as Safe and Drug-Free Schools—\$11,200. Those grants that are pending include Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Grant—\$44,000 and E-Rate Discounts—\$62,165. Grants on which the writing is in progress include Intel (a Bill and Melinda Gates grant administered through the University of North Texas). The amount of this grant is unknown but thought to be in the neighborhood of \$66,000. DISD is also applying for an additional \$5,000 for Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The total of the grants currently operating in DISD is \$366,150. The board also approved a

Trustee election for places 3, 6 and 7. The date of the election will be May 4, 2002. Candidates must file with the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on February 18, 2002 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2002 except when properly completed, signed, mailed and postmarked before midnight on that day. Due to Spring Break, the next meeting of Trustees will be March 18, 2002.

## Wilhelm to appear at book club meet

AMARILLO — Stacy Wilhelm, whose pen name is Staci Stallings, will appear at a meeting of the Books with a Message Book Club Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble. Wilhelm, a native of Nazareth, is a writer of inspirational romance. She will be discussing the benefits and challenges of being a Christian author.

## Girl Scout cookie sales ongoing

Besides Valentine's Day, February is known for one other thing — Girl Scout Cookies sales. There are two new varieties of cookies, All-Abouts and Ole' Ole' to go along with the old familiar favorites, Thin Mints, Samoas, Aloha Chips, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Do's and Trefoils. The cookies, priced at \$3 per box, will remain on sale through March 3.

## Schulte makes SWT Dean's List

SAN MARCOS — A Dimmitt native made the Dean's List at Southwest Texas State University. The individual in question is Lori G. Schulte. To get named, she had to complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

## Methodist Church to hold Sweetheart Banquet

The Dimmitt Methodist Church will hold a Sweetheart Banquet on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14. The activities will start at 6:30. The \$7.00 ticket price includes steak, potato and the trimmings. Tickets will be available at the door. Raneta Patton and Susan Coleman will provide the entertainment.

## Consignment farm auction is slated for Saturday

Consignments of farm equipment are current being accepted for the Nazareth Knights of Columbus farm auction, which will be held Saturday for area farmers.

The auction will be held at the Dimmitt Agri Industries location just west of the light in Nazareth.

Five Star Auctioneers of Plainview will be conducting the auction and will donate half of the commission to the Knights of Columbus. The money earned will benefit Knights of Columbus charities in the panhandle.

Consignments will be taken up to the day of the sale. Those who wish to place equipment for the sale should contact either Joe Kleman at 945-2301 or 647-7259 or Brian Raemakers at 945-2331 or 647-7372.

## Soil Fertility Day set for Monday

PLAINVIEW — Soil Fertility Day has been set for Monday at the Ollie Liner Center.

The topics will focus on cotton production, pest management, marketing strategies, irrigation efficiency, corn and grain sorghum production, herbicide strategies, alternative crop options and risk management.

In addition, Lewis Britt, a District 13 Representative from Congressman Mac Thornberry's office, will be providing the farm program legislation update.

Registration will run from 8-9 a.m. at the center. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected at the door and the first 200 farmers will receive a gift.

A noon meal will be provided. All private, non-commercial and private applicators will receive five hours CEU's. For more information, please contact the Texas Cooperative Extension for Hale County at (806) 291-5267.

## Rivera updates Rotary on Racial Profiling-S.B. 1074

Officer Sal Rivera of the Dimmitt Police Department provided an update to the Dimmitt Rotary Club last Thursday relative to the new racial profiling law created by S.B. 1074. The law has been in place since January 1, 2002. According to Rivera, all contacts (pedestrian and traffic) made by police officers must be recorded via video and audio. This gives the officer a certain amount of protection in a case where the evidence comes down to the officer's word against the suspect's word. The officers are also required to report more information than in the past. Additional attention is paid to the race and

sex of the person who has been stopped. The video tapes must be retained for a period of 90 days in the event there is a challenge to them. If a challenge is made, the tapes must be retained until after the final disposition of the complaint. Officer Rivera says that each time his tapes have been used as evidence, the result has been a plea agreement on the part of the suspect. Racial profiling can come in many forms-color, sex or even age. It would be unlawful to stop a car occupied with teenagers unless there was a traffic or curfew violation.

## Contest deadline Feb. 20

AMARILLO — Barnes and Noble Booksellers is sponsoring an "I Have a Dream" essay contest in conjunction with February being Black History Month. The subject of the essay is "I have a dream", a phrase coined by slain Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The essays are to be no longer than 500 words long. The contest is open to all children between the ages of five and 18. All essays must include name, teacher's name, school, school

address, school phone number, age and grade. The essays are to be returned to Barnes & Noble Booksellers no later than Sunday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. The address is 2415 Soney Road; Amarillo TX 79124. The judging will be done by a panel assembled by Barnes and Noble. Winners will be notified by Friday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. The winners will be presented by age group at a reception at the book store Monday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

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**22—Notices**

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## LE water planning group sets hearing

**LUBBOCK**—A public meeting to receive input for use in developing a scope of work for inclusion in a grant application by the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group will be held Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the USDA-ARS Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory at 3810 4th Street.

The regional water planning group is applying for a grant from the Texas Water Development Board in Austin for preparation of an updated regional water plan pursuant to Senate Bill 2 passed during the last legislative session and Texas Water Code Section 16.053.

The updated regional water plan will include updated population data, water needs, management strategies, and projects needed to meet needs as recommended by the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan approved by the TWDB in

January of 2001.

The regional water plan is available for review at the TWDB web site at [www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us) or at the office of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.1, located at 2930 Avenue Q in Lubbock.

An updated regional water plan will be submitted to the TWDB in 2005. The TWDB will consolidate its reports from the 16 regional water planning areas and report to the state legislature no later than January 2007.

Recommendations to be included in the proposed scope of work should be submitted in writing to Jim Conkwright, general manager of the High Plains Water District.

Information about the regional water plan is available by contacting Chairman H.P. Brown Jr at (806) 765-8851 or Conkwright at (806) 762-0181.

## TDA secures tilt exemption for ergot

**AUSTIN**—The Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use Tilt fungicide (propiconazole) to control sorghum ergot on grain sorghum.

The specific exemption for Tilt, manufactured by Syngenta, applies to all grain sorghum-producing counties in Texas. All applicable directions, restrictions

and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Tilt fungicide, as well as restrictions within the EPA approval notice, must be followed.

Other restrictions include:  
• Applications should be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. Applicators must have a copy of the Section 18 exemption before making any applications.  
• Tilt may be applied at the rate of four fluid ounces (.113 lb a.i.) per acre when ground application equipment is used or in a minimum of five gallons of water (10 gallons recommended) per acre when aerial application is used.

• Tilt should not be applied within 21 days prior to harvest.  
• Crops intended for good, grazing or any component of animal feed or bedding should not be planted within 105 days of Tilt application, unless the crop appears on the product label.  
• Tilt may be used on a maximum of 300,000 acres of grain sorghum in Texas.

For more information, please contact either your county Texas Cooperative Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA approval notice is available on TDA's web page ([www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/pestilt02.htm](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/pestilt02.htm)).

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**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE** No. PR-2484

**IN THE ESTATE OF RETTA CLUCK, DECEASED** IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Retta Cluck, Deceased, were issued on February 4, 2002, in Cause No. PR-2484, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: BILLIE CLUCK and JERRY CLUCK. The residence of the Co-Independent Executrix is 704 West Lee Street, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o BILLIE CLUCK 704 West Lee Street Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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# PCG board highlights legislation in quarterly meet

**By Shawn Wade**  
**LUBBOCK** — The Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors gathered the latest insights into development of new farm program legislation and a report on the status of the U.S. textile industry. PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett updated the board on the situation in Washington, DC in regard to prospects for completion of a new farm bill. He noted that

some of the comments now circulating brighten prospects for getting a new program in place for 2002. He explained that probably the most important indicator that things could get done is the fact that USDA and Administration officials are now saying that their preference is to get a program in place for 2002. The administration's change in attitude appears to have begun following the hiring of

Chuck Conner as White House liaison and an early December meeting between President George W. Bush and House Agricultural Committee Chairman Larry Combest. Although it is unfortunate that the chance to pass a Bill is the Senate before Christmas was missed, Congress returns January 23 and the Senate could begin to reconsider their version shortly after that time. Verett noted that while it will

surely take more cooperation and less political gamemanship from both sides to move the process forward, all sides appear to have the goal of 2002 implementation as a mark they work toward. The bottom line noted Verett is that past actions are water under the bridge as far as producers are concerned and that U.S. agriculture needs a farm bill as soon as possible. He added that agricultural lenders have made it clear that supplemental assistance won't provide enough help to allow producers to overcome the cumulative effects of the past few years.

In other business, incoming American Textile Manufacturers Institute (ATMI) president Van May of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock, discussed the issues surrounding the current downturn in the U.S. Textile industry and the prospects for

seeing that trend reverse itself. He noted the symbiotic relationship that exists between cotton and textile production in the U.S. will eventually be the key to turning around the fortunes for both industries. He noted that the U.S. textile industry has been and continues to be cost-competitive with its overseas counterparts, but that post-production barriers eventually puts the U.S. product out of the picture. The key point that he made remains a source of consternation for producers as well — U.S. trade policy has been one keyed around giving access from other countries. He added that one of the most notable changes that could positively affect the future

would be formulation of trade that requires the same conduct from both parties and is viewed as fair trade and not protectionism. He noted that implementation of trade opportunities, such as the Caribbean Basin Initiative that provides U.S. companies access to lower-cost labor in nearby countries, can eventually make a big difference in how much U.S. cotton is actually purchased by U.S. consumers. He concluded that it appears the textile industry is bouncing along the bottom and that things could start improving from where they are now. That rebound, however, will be significantly influenced by both current and future trade policy decisions and the new farm bill.

# Texas producers serious about improving beef quality

**FORT WORTH** — Texas beef producers are serious about improving the quality of their product says Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President John E. Dudley. As evidence, he cites figures from the first full year of the Texas Beef Quality Producer program. More than 1,600 producers attended one of 14 Level 1 training sessions held across the state in 2001. Four hundred of those same producers turned out for Beef Quality Assurance certification training during five Level II sessions held last month. TSCRA bears the major responsibility for conducting the TBQP program, in cooperation with Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Beef Council. The Texas Veterinary Medical Association provides valuable input. The programs are provided free of charge to producers and are funded partly by TSCRA and partly by checkoff dollars from TBC.

Producers with 100 to 200 cows. "But was what exciting to me was the large number of smaller operators with 25 to 50 cows," Chambers said. "The other exciting thing was the ages represented. There were a lot of young couples in their 30s and a lot of wrinkled old timers. All of them were there to learn how to produce a better, safer beef product!" Level 1 of the Texas Beef Quality Producer program involves an intensive six hours of training relating to beef quality, beef safety and the relationships between beef production and the environment. Beef quality tips include all points in the production chain that can influence the health and performance of cattle or eating quality of beef. These include breeding and genetic selection, utilization of animal health products and practices, cattle handling, nutrition and culling management. Beef safety topics include how to avoid pathogens, foreign materials and antibiotic/chemical residues and how to manage injection sites. Environmental issues are covered because caring for natural resources ensures that cattle production is ecologically and socially sustainable. Topics include forage management, soil fertility, use of pesticides, and disposal of dead animals. Level II provides Texas cow-calf producers and stocker operators with the opportunity to become certified in Beef Quality Assurance. Previous Level I training is required.

Level II involves developing a treatment protocol book, a veterinary drug order (VDO) and a quality management plan. Participants must work in advance with their personal veterinarians to develop the treatment protocol and VDO and the veterinarians must sign statements verifying that they worked with the trainees to create the records. TBQP instructors review the documents and issue a certificate stating that the producer has been trained in Beef Quality Assurance. "Producers who make a commitment to Beef Quality Assurance are improving the quality and safety of beef for the consumer and improving their own market access," Dudley said. "Other segments of the industry, from feedyards to food service, have already adopted similar management principles," Dudley said. "These companies are looking to do business with cow-calf producers and stocker operators that utilize the same management philosophy." Dudley encouraged producers to take advantage of an upcoming Texas Beef Quality Producer program. Level II sessions have been scheduled for March 17 in Fort Worth and April 18 in Yoakum. Level I sessions will be held on April 15 in Midland, April 17 in Brady, April 19 in Yoakum, May 14 in Sulphur Springs, May 15 in Weatherford and June 5 in Candian. For more information, please contact Chambers at 1-800-242-7820.

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# Sheriff's Report

Several people have been incarcerated in the Castro County Jail in recent days. That list follows below:

- Feb. 8: A 22-year-old Hart man; Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.
- Feb. 9: A 20-year-old Hereford man; Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon.
- Feb. 9: A 46-year-old Dimmitt woman; Public Intoxication.
- Feb. 9: A 26-year-old Dimmitt man; Public Intoxication.
- Feb. 9: A 20-year-old Dimmitt man; Possession of Marijuana (under two ounces).
- Feb. 9: A 32-year-old Hereford man; Driving While Intoxicated.

- Feb. 10: A 20-year-old Dimmitt woman; No Driver's License, 3<sup>rd</sup> or More.
- Feb. 10: A 20-year-old Dimmitt man; Driving While Intoxicated, Open Container.
- Feb. 10: A 40-year-old Dimmitt man; Warrant, Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility.
- Feb. 10: A 44-year-old Dimmitt man; No Driver's License, Driving While Intoxicated, 3<sup>rd</sup> or More.
- Feb. 11: A 17-year-old Dimmitt man; Driving While Intoxicated.
- Feb. 11: A 39-year-old Dimmitt man; Burglary of a Building (Randall County Warrant).
- Feb. 11: A 22-year-old

Hart woman; Theft by Check, Aggregated (Randall County Warrant).

## Police Calls

The Branch Manager of the Hereford Credit Union reported Friday that a suspect withdrew money from an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) using fraudulent deposits. The total amount of the money is between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

A 39-year-old Dimmitt woman in the 200 block of West Cleveland reported phone harassment in which an unknown person calls and hangs up Monday.

A 74-year-old Dimmitt man reported Friday that \$30.90 was taken from his wallet at the Canterbury Villa.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt High School student reported Saturday that she was punched twice in the face in the 600 block of NW 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Kuykendall to minister Sunday at Assembly of God

Rev. Roger Kuykendall, Youth Ministries Director & Christian Education Director, of the West Texas Assemblies of God, will be ministering in both services Sunday, February 17. (11 A.M. & 6 P.M.) Roger will be speaking about the Youth and College ministries of the West Texas Assemblies of God. Roger is an ordained minister and an excellent motivator of youth throughout West Texas. He is responsible for conducting the Youth Camp at Roaring Springs, Texas and the candy sale in our area. For more information concerning Youth Ministries in our area, you may contact First Assembly of God at (806) 647-5662 or at Dimmittfirsttag@msn.com.

# Swisher co-op to award scholarships

TULIA — Swisher Electric Cooperative will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants.

The scholarships are available to any student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of Swisher Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, or persons wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Recipients will be chosen based upon character, community involvement and service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or by calling Swisher Electric Cooperative at 995-3567. Applications must be received by March 1.

In addition, the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative of Ama-

rillo, a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 10 Texas and one Oklahoma distribution cooperative, is offering a \$1,200 scholarship.

The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of individuals who were dedicated to the development and advancement of rural electrification for the benefit of their member/consumers.

The scholarship provides financial assistance to electric cooperative family members seeking post-high school education in fields of study that are generally beneficial to electric cooperatives.

Applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from Swisher Electric Cooperative or The Opportunity Plan, Inc., P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015-1035, the scholarship administrator.

# Obituaries

## Brendan Andrew Anes

Brendan Andrew Anes, 17 days of Dimmitt, died Monday, Feb. 4.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in Westlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 15, 2002, in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his mother, Melynda Anes; and grandparents, Robert and Rosa Garcia of Dimmitt.

## Morea Patton Leon

Morea Patton Leon, 94, of Dimmitt, died Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 1:05 a.m. at Canterbury Villa.

Graveside services will be Friday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. at Rule Cemetery in Rule. The Rev. Shane Brue, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of both Haskell and Rule, will be officiating. Arrangements are under Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 7, 1908 in Rotan and was married Sept. 9, 1928 to Michael T. Leon in Aspermont. He preceded her in death in July of 1979.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lubbock for many years. She and her husband farmed in Abernathy and Petersburg for several years.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

## Joy Heidi Long

Joy Heidi Long, 21 of Dimmitt, was found dead Monday, Feb. 4 in Amarillo.

Services were Friday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church in Dimmitt with Bruce Murphy, pastor, officiating with Spence Moore of Amarillo. Burial will take place at Castro Memorial Gardens under the auspices of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

She was born June 17, 1980 in Amarillo. She graduated with honors from Nazareth High School in 1998. She attended Amarillo College and was pursuing a degree in the health field.

Survivors include one daughter, Attaleigh Ross of Dimmitt; one son, Dane Ross of Dimmitt; her parents, Jim and Carlene Long of Dimmitt; two brothers, Jason Long of Louisville, Ken and Jeff Long of Amarillo; paternal grandmother, Janice Long of Dumas and maternal grandmother, Betty Langston of White Deer.

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo.

## Braden Shawn Scroggins

Braden Don Scroggins, an infant from Amarillo, died at 7:39 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002 at Castro Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Glenn Truett officiating. Burial will be under the auspices of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 10, 2002 in Amarillo.

Survivors include his parents, BeAnn and Billy Scroggins of Amarillo; one brother, Brian Gregory Scroggins of Dimmitt; his grandparents, Randy Scroggins of Dimmitt; Barbara Scroggins of Vermont; Frank and Teresa Frizzell of Carlsbad, N.M. and David See of Arkansas; great-grandparents Jim and Joan Wigley of Vega; John L. and Belva Scroggins of Dalhart and John and Sharlett See of New Mexico and his great-grandmother, Faye Ellsworth of Carlsbad, N.M.

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