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## Pheasant prospects are promising for hunters flocking to area this weekend

This weekend thousands of hunters will converge on the Texas Panhandle and each will be zeroing in on one prey—the wily ring-necked cock pheasant.

Many of those hunters will conduct their search in Castro County, one of the prime areas for pheasant hunting in the Texas Panhandle, and there should be plenty of birds out there, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. reports.

Pheasant season opens Saturday, 30 minutes before sunrise, and will continue through Dec. 28. Bag limit is three cock pheasants per day with six in possession.

Surveys conducted by the Texas

Parks and Wildlife Dept. show pheasant numbers to be at their highest since 1992, and Castro County is one of the areas where birds were found to be plentiful.

There are three organized hunts in Castro County, sponsored by the Lions Clubs in Hart, Nazareth and Easter, and several civic groups throughout the county are planning meals on opening day.

Hunters taking advantage of the organized hunts pay \$100 each for the privilege of hunting on designated land on opening weekend, and they receive a guided tour on opening day. Some groups also include meals with the paid fee.

"Prospects this year are great," said David Bownds, spokesperson for the Nazareth Lions Club. "If you're just casually looking around, you can see a bunch of birds."

Tony Leibel of the Hart Lions Club says the bird population in the Hart area "looks fair. I've seen quite a few birds around."

Eddie Matthews at Easter, one of the organizers for the Easter Lions Club's hunt, says everyone expects this will be a good hunting season.

"Everyone I've talked to says there are more birds out there than there have been in five or six years. I don't think the numbers are what they were 10 or 12 years ago, but it's better than it has been," said Matthews.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife survey also indicates plentiful numbers of birds in Deaf Smith, Sherman, Hansford, and Ochiltree County.

Danny Swepston, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. biologist, says spring rains and good cover such as milo, corn and CRP fields, boosted the spring hatch.

### Dimmitt Kiwanis Club

There won't be an organized hunt in Dimmitt, but the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club is planning its annual pheasant hunter's breakfast Saturday morning from 5:30 to 7 at the Expo Building.

Cost for the meal is \$4.50 per person and the menu features sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee.

The club will also raffle off a 12 gauge Remington 870 Pump Shotgun and the winner will be named during the breakfast. Tickets for a chance on the gun are \$2 each or three for \$5, and may be purchased at the breakfast.

### Nazareth Lions Club

The Nazareth Lions Club has signed 132 hunters for Saturday's organized hunt, and Bownds says that's all the group will accept.

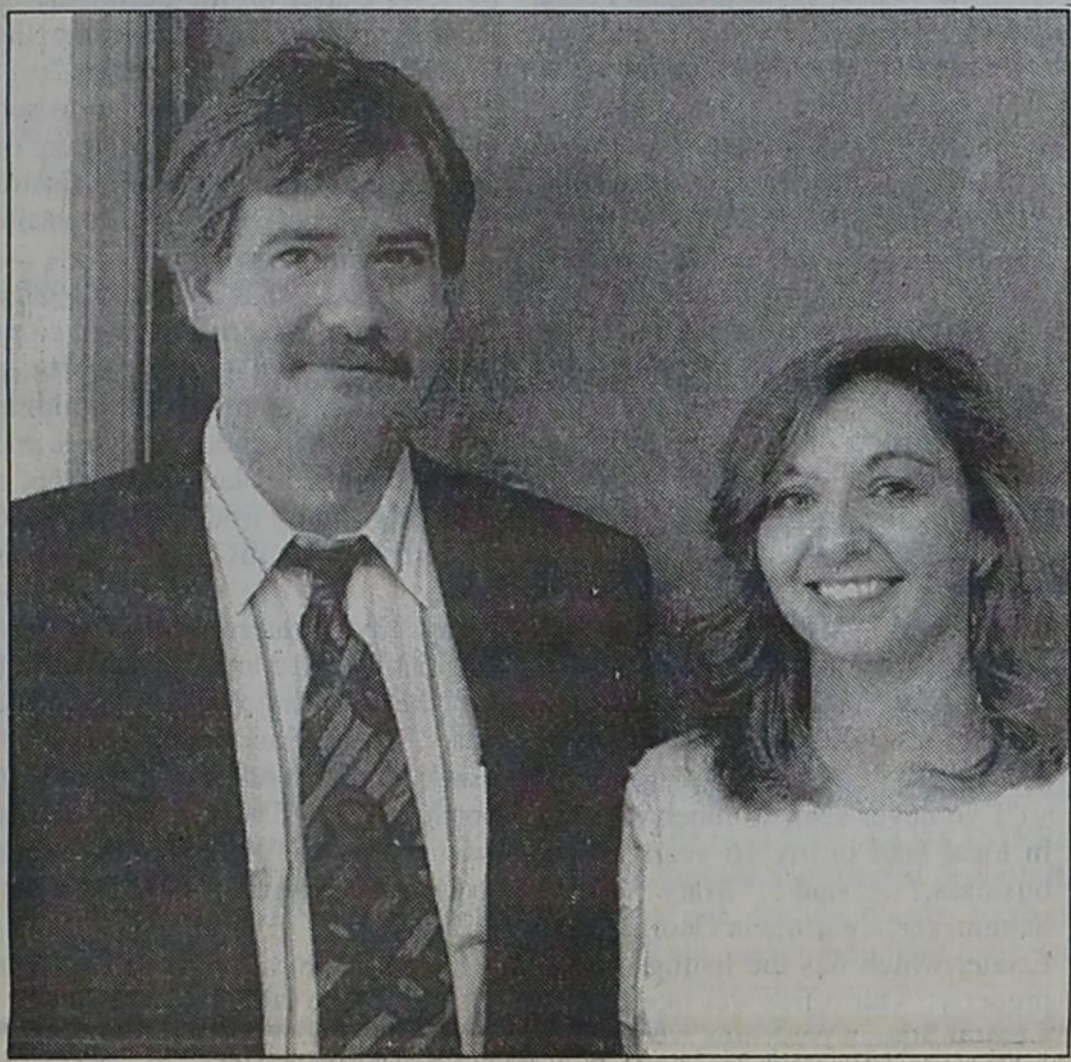
"We're booked solid and we've

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**FLIGHTS OF ANGELS**—Members of the Castro County Ministerial Alliance place angels on a Christmas tree at the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union's Dimmitt location. Trees are set up in each bank in the county. Each angel carries a tag with a child's first name, age, and gift request. Individuals are encouraged to select one of the angels, buy a gift to fulfill the request on the tag and return the gift and the angel to the Panhandle Community Services office at

108 SW Second in Dimmitt, or to the Hart City Hall, for those in Hart. Helping decorate the tree are (from left) Kelly Inman, pastor of Hart's First United Methodist Church; Larry Gilliam, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt; Howard Rhodes, pastor of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church; Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church; and Gerald Aalbers, pastor of Hart's First Baptist Church. Photo by Linda Maxwell



DR. AND MRS. DONALD P. MCGROREY  
... Plan to move here by Dec. 22

## New physician to join local staff next month

Another doctor will begin a practice here next month.

He is Donald P. McGrorey, M.D., a native of Canada who has practiced the last two years at Tonopah, Nev.

He signed a contract with the hospital board last week, and will join Drs. Gary R. Hardee, Leon Joplin, Bill D. Murphy and Dhiraj Patel at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and on the staff of Plains Memorial Hospital.

Dr. McGrorey said he expects to begin work here Dec. 22, and will concentrate mainly on family practice and obstetrics.

A native of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Dr. McGrorey earned a BS degree in chemistry from McMaster University at Hamilton, Ontario, and his M.D. degree from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies.

He served clerkships at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center,

Paterson, N.J.; his internship in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Paterson, N.J.; and his residency at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, Buffalo, N.Y.

Dr. McGrorey is a family practitioner, with extensive experience in family medicine, obstetrics and emergency medicine.

Although still a Canadian citizen, he is a permanent resident of the US.

For the last two years he has been associated with the Nye Regional Medical Center at Tonopah, Nev., most recently as medical director and acting chief of staff.

His wife, Michelle, a native of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is a Registered Nurse (BSN) and will work "in some capacity at the hospital," Administrator Joe Sloan said.

The McGroreys have three children—Eric, an eighth grader, Marissa, a fifth grader, and Patrick, a pre-schooler.

## Pct. 4 Commissioner Schmucker announces bid for re-election

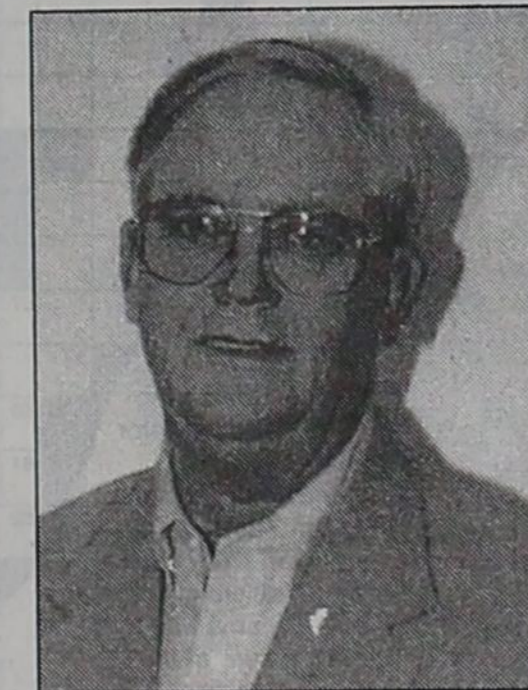
Dan Schmucker of Nazareth has announced he will run for re-election as Precinct 4 Commissioner, seeking the Republican nomination in the March primary election.

Schmucker was elected commissioner as a write-in candidate in a special election on Nov. 5, 1996, to fill the unexpired term of the late Vincent Guggemos.

Schmucker was born and raised in Castro County. He graduated from Nazareth High School and then served in the US Army. He also has served on the Nazareth School Board.

"Even before running for commissioner, I was always interested in local government and the political process," said Schmucker. "Since being elected Precinct 4 Commissioner, I have gained an understanding of how county business should be conducted.

"I have become knowledgeable of the budget process and I understand what needs to be done in order to



Dan Schmucker

maintain a low tax rate and keep spending down. I am well acquainted with all of the county's elected officials and I believe I can establish and carry on a good work-

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## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	38	25	
Friday	55	19	
Saturday	35	19	
Sunday	41	27	
Monday	53	32	
Tuesday	61	37	
Wednesday	53	23	

December Moisture ..... 0.51  
1997 Moisture ..... 24.25

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

## Young declares for Justice of Peace

Tana Young of Dimmitt has declared her intention of running for the office of Justice of the Peace of Castro County, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

She has been a resident of Dimmitt and Castro County since 1985, and has worked for the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. since 1986. She served as a communications operator for all 11 of those years, and the first two years she also doubled as a jailer.

"I have two and a half years experience serving as a Justice of the Peace, having been appointed and then elected to the post in Bailey County in 1980," Young said.

She is certified as a peace officer and has been commissioned as a deputy by the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. for the past six years.

"I firmly believe I can be an asset to the office of Justice of the Peace. I will be fair and make impartial decisions on cases coming before me," Young said. "I am aware of what the office of Justice of the Peace involves and I am willing to do those duties and give them my utmost attention.

"I believe my work history and training, both as a judge and my 11 years at the Sheriff's Office, can help achieve a sense of cooperation between the public, law enforcement and the office of Justice of the Peace. "I can assure the people of Castro



Tana Young

County that there also will be a cooperation between the judges of this county to see that a judge will be available for inquests, arraignments and juvenile matters and so forth," Young said.

"During my years of living and working in Castro County, I have become acquainted with many of the residents. I ask you, the people of Castro County, to give me the opportunity to serve you as justice of the peace, by casting your vote for me in the Democratic Primary in March," Young said.

## 'Project Angel Tree' targets needy children

"Angel Trees" are now on display at all the banks in the county and local citizens can help a needy child have a Merry Christmas by fulfilling the gift wish that is listed on one of the "Angels" that decorate the trees.

Sifting through more than 200 applications, the Panhandle Community Services office certified over 100 qualified recipients for the annual "Project Angel Tree."

Children selected to participate have their name, age and gift wish listed on a tag attached to an angel figure on the trees. Interested persons may select one of the angels, buy and wrap the requested gift and return it by Dec. 22 to the PCS office at 108 SW Second in Dimmitt, or to the Hart City Hall, for those in Hart.

Trees have been set up in the First United Bank, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, and the Hart Banking Center.

The annual Angel Tree Project is sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and Panhandle Community Services.

Church and civic groups have the option to select more than one "angel" to sponsor, or may contact PCS

about sponsoring an entire family, according to a spokesman of the project.

Parents of children selected for participation will be able to pick up the gifts on Dec. 23 at the PCS office or the Hart First Baptist Church, for those in Hart.

"We ask that those who select an

angel, please return the gift in time so that the child may receive it in time," a spokesperson said.

"I think this is a great project. I've never seen one like it before. It really pulls the community together," said Kelly Inman, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Hart, and a member of the Ministerial Alliance.

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## Thomas announces bid for re-election

Joyce Thomas, County/District Clerk for Castro County, recently announced her intention to run for re-election to the position, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

Thomas was elected to the position in 1994.

"I enjoy working for the public, and I love the job and would like to continue in it," Thomas said. "I would appreciate everyone's vote and support in 1998."

Thomas attended Dimmitt and Springlake-Earth schools, graduating from Springlake-Earth High School in 1969. She attended West Texas A&M University for a year, earning a certificate for completing the concentrated college training for business program. She also has three hours in computer training from Amarillo College and has a certificate of completion in WordPerfect from Foster Electronics in Hereford.

In addition, she has completed several training sessions for clerks, sponsored by the state.



Joyce Thomas

Thomas and her husband, Roy, have lived in Castro County for 24 years. They have three daughters, India and Poppy, who graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1991, and Kim, who graduated in 1995.

## Irene Miller seeking return as county judge

Irene Miller recently announced her intent to seek re-election to the office of Castro County Judge, subject to the March Democratic Primary.

"I believe the office of county judge should be held by someone dedicated to fair and equal treatment to every citizen regardless of race, creed or social status," Miller said. "During my term in office, I have dedicated myself to serving all citizens of Castro County, not only in the courtroom, but by working with the commissioner's court concerning the financial matters of the county and working with other department heads to find ways in which to better serve the public.

"I think I have done a good job as your county judge. I consider myself to be an employee of the citizens of Castro County, and I am grateful to you for my present term in office.



Irene Miller

"I ask for your consideration and support in re-electing me to the office of county judge," Miller said.

# Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



## Advice given for helping children succeed in school

By LINDA MITCHELL, R.N.

You can send a child to school, but you can't make him learn. As parents and teachers, we all want to motivate and encourage our children. Our intentions are good, yet the end results may be quite different from what we expected.

Many, and often complex, reasons may cause a child to be an underachiever, unmotivated, or discouraged.

Two primary reasons are:

- ▲ Fear of failure
- ▲ Feelings of inadequacy.

Some children believe they cannot meet the high standards or expectation of parents or teachers. They do not challenge or question these expectations. Such children are intimidated by competition. They question their own adequacy, thus undermining their sense of self-worth. Their self-talk says, "I can't," rather than, "I can."

Parents and teachers have many daily opportunities to encourage children. What we say in our responses and how we say it profoundly affect how children see themselves.

Demonstrate caring. Acknowledge, recognize, and describe the effort your child puts into his work.

Focus on the behavior that you appreciate, rather than imply that a child is more valuable or good when he shines or performs for us.

What to do

▲ Accept and respect your child's "specialness."

▲ Identify and foster your child's strengths—those areas she enjoys and does well in, even if not related to school work. A child's weaknesses often overshadow strengths and abilities. By minimizing weaknesses and reflecting back strengths, a parent can help the child see herself as a capable person. Like plants, our children need to be strong and well-rooted in love before we do any weeding.

▲ Keep expectations realistic and age appropriate. Brains and bodies develop over time, each reaching a stage of development at its own pace. The order is more important than the speed. We cannot hurry development, only nurture it. Be aware of your child's physical and mental readiness to move on.

▲ Help children identify their own goals, not yours.

▲ Allow your child to try doing things on his own. Provide opportunities for children to overcome their struggles. This attitude communi-

cates: "You are capable; go ahead and try!"

▲ Help your child evaluate his own behavior. Help him make the connection between what he wants and what he is doing.

▲ Accept mistakes. Let your child know it's okay to make mistakes and that everyone makes lots of mistakes as they learn. Once in a while, you may want to share your mistakes, thereby letting him know you are not perfect.

▲ Spend fun time with your child. Research shows that spending enjoyable time with your child may be the single most important thing a parent can do. Parent-child togetherness helps a child feel significant, valued and secure.

What to avoid

- ▲ Comparing children
- ▲ Unrealistic expectations
- ▲ Negative feedback (sarcasm, criticism, nit-picking)
- ▲ Forcing children to perform
- ▲ Jumping in to 'rescue' your child
- ▲ Praise that compares the child's worth to his performance.

This article by Mitchell, a parent educator, was adapted from Newsletter, Vol. No. 4, Franklin County Children's Task Force, Farmington, Me., 1991.

## DISD looks at audit, AEIS, investments and accessibility

The Dimmitt School Board voted Monday night to invest in the Lone Star Investment Pool, approved the audit report, viewed the Academic Excellence Indicator System report, and read an accessibility plan for DISD.

The vote to invest \$1.2 million in the Lone Star Pool was 5 to 1, with one abstention. In favor were Earl Behrends, Steve Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbra, and John Nino. Avery Thrasher voted against. Debbie Annen abstained because she is on the state risk management board for Texas Association of School Boards that governs the pool.

Thrasher asked whether local citizens would fully understand the move to make an outside investment, rather than leaving the funds on deposit locally. DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill recommended the move, because it will increase the amount of interest the school money will earn. He told the board the .5% to 1% difference in the interest rate would earn an estimated \$9,000-plus in additional interest.

Hill said he talked with local bankers and they had told him they would not feel slighted by the district making outside investments, and that it would not make any difference in how the banks would bid on being the school depository.

Garcia said, "We are taking every opportunity to make investments and be more aggressive with what we do (with school funds)."

Hill said the district has two \$600,000 certificates of deposit, one 90-day and one 180-day. He said he will transfer the funds of each as soon as they mature, which will be the last part of February. The district also has a 30-day CD in the amount of \$400,000, which Hill recommended leaving it with the school depository, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, for cash flow purposes.

Hill told the board that the Lone Star Pool has an initial six-month investment period, but after that time, the funds can be withdrawn in any subsequent month. He said there are also exceptions made for emergencies.

Out of 64 school districts in Region XVI, 34 of them have invested funds in the pool, Hill said.

In other business, the board approved the audit report for the 1996-97 fiscal year as presented by Randy Day of Cornell and Company of Amarillo.

Day said that the district's administrative cost ratio is well below the state standard and shows how well the district is maintaining the schools.

"You should be commended for that," Day said.

The ratio is a comparison of administrative costs (\$365,634) divided by instructional costs (\$4,626,088). The lowest state standard is set at 0.1105 for districts with enrollment of 10,000 or more. DISD's ratio was 0.0790. The district's ratio last year was 0.1024.

Day said the only unfavorable variance in the budget was in federal program revenues, which were thrown off by Medicaid receipts. There were no questioned costs or findings on the audit report for the first time in four years, Hill said.

Day said the audit report fee will be about the same as the district paid last year.

The board voted to accept the AEIS report. Miller said the scores show some improvement over last year, but some areas are still below the state average. He told the board that the report now compares DISD's results with 40 other districts of similar population and ethnic and socioeconomic levels. In the past, the comparison group had included 100 other districts.

Miller said DISD will have a District-wide Educational Compliance visit sometime soon, and part of the compliance requirement is that the district must have a handicapped accessibility plan. He said the district paid \$500 for Grimes and Associates, consulting engineers, to prepare a plan.

Miller said the plan lists 134 deficiencies throughout the school district, with 32 cited at Richardson Elementary, 45 at Dimmitt Middle School and 35 at Dimmitt High School. Main items included access ramps, doors, restrooms, and seating in gyms and auditoriums. The report stated that even though some ramps have been provided, some do not meet regulations.

The board only viewed the plan at this time and did not take any action as far as implementing it.

After an executive session, the board gave approval for hiring a school nurse to replace Cindy Ellis. Kelly Fry will start her duties as soon as possible.

## Flagg Ranch land is offered for sale

A piece of land rich in county history has gone on the market, and interested buyers are flocking in to make an offer on the remaining property that is part of the original Flagg Ranch.

Flagg Ranch was 72 sections when it was established 93 years ago, but over the years, much of it was sold off to newcomers to the area who built homes and farms. The result was the establishment of the community of Flagg in the late 1920s.

Now the last 10 remaining sections of the original Flagg Ranch are going on the sale block.

The portion of the original Flagg Ranch land that remains has been owned by the Taylor/Herring Family since 1904. It is located 12 miles southwest of Dimmitt. Of the 6,500 acres being offered for sale, 3,500 are prime, irrigated farmland, mostly under center pivot irrigation. The remaining 3,000 acres are under grass.

"I've never seen so much interest in local land in my 16 years in the business," said Mary Lou Schmucker, a partner in George Real Estate, which has the listing on the property. "Our office was like Grand Central Station early this week."

C.T. Herring of Wilbarger County bought the land in 1904 and operated it as the "Flagg Ranch." He and his wife lived on the ranch for several years before moving to Amarillo.

Herring named the ranch "Flagg" because the layout of the 72 sections of land on paper resembled a flag.

The first house in the county, built by J.W. Carter on the north side of Running Water Draw, became the first Flagg Ranch headquarters.

In 1924-25, Herring began to sell the Flagg Ranch land in quarters or half sections to new settlers in Castro County and before long, a townsite was laid out.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, Flagg became a thriving small community with two grocery stores, a post office, community building where they held church services and social events, a blacksmith shop, a mill for grinding flour and meal, and a lumber yard. In 1919, a gin was built.

Jay Taylor married into the Herring family and administered the land for the Herring Estate for many years. He and his son, Steve, established a small modern feedlot on the north side of FM 145, four miles west of US 385. It is still in operation today, although under different ownership.

Steve Taylor has retained two sections of the land.

Classifieds get results!

## Santa Claus visit is set for tonight

Santa Claus is expected to visit with children in Dimmitt at the gazebo starting at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday), and a photographer will be available. If the weather is bad, Santa will be at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Office at 115 W. Bedford, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Sava announced the winners of the second weekly drawing for Dimmitt Dollars last Thursday.

Norma Velasquez won the top prize of \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars.

She had signed up at Unique Gifts and More. The \$10 winners were Maria Diaz (ALCO), Pauline Bell (Dimmitt Office Supply), and T.D. Martinez of Hart (Lockhart Pharmacy).

With two more weekly drawings scheduled for today (Thursday) and next Thursday, shoppers still have time to register for over \$250 in Dimmitt Dollars to be given away before Christmas. Registration forms are available at Dimmitt businesses displaying the "Santa's Open House" posters.

## Global warming—'hot air'?

Look for a lot of hot air (if you'll pardon the pun) between now and December about global warming. The Clinton Administration hopes to conclude an international treaty in Kyoto, Japan, that will force developed nations to cut back on carbon

dioxide emissions over the next several decades.

Trouble is, many scientists don't believe global warming is even a problem.

Politicians who want a global treaty, enforced by the United Na-

tions or other world agency, "have lost the scientific argument. So they're declaring their theories final and planning a multi-national treaty to enforce them," said Dr. Sallie Baliunas, researcher at Harvard's Center for Astrophysics at Cambridge, Md. According to Pro Farmer News, Dr. Baliunas's research shows that the earth's climate is poised to enter a long-term cooling trend.

The Clinton Administration is proposing that fossil fuel emissions be reduced to 1990 levels. A Farm Bureau study shows that reducing emissions to meet that goal would raise the cost of producing an acre of corn by almost \$23, since high energy prices would raise chemical and fertilizer costs.

Meanwhile, scientists in increasing numbers are scoffing at the notion of global warming. More than 3,000 scientists, including 72 Nobel Prize winners, dispute global warming as "pseudo-scientific arguments or false and non-relevant data."

Dr. Robert Balling, director of the Office of Climatology at Arizona State University in Tempe, told Pro Farmer, "The planet isn't warming. But even if you believe we have a green house gas problem, carbon dioxide will continue to rise globally, even if the US vanished."

So if average temperatures show climate cooling, as Dr. Baliunas suggest, politicians and environmentalists will take the credit. And who will they blame if Dr. Balling is right that carbon dioxide levels will continue to rise regardless of any limitations on fossil fuel emissions? You guessed it.

Are you a member of an ag organization that stands on sound science and logic and will argue your case before politicians and consumers? If not, maybe now's the time to join.

(From the November Texas Cattle Feeders Association Report)

The highest mountain in the U.S. is Mt. McKinley in Alaska, with a highest point of 20,320 feet.

## Your emotional health

# Counseling focuses on the whole family

By STEVE BARCHENGER



Barchenger

Although the marriage vows read "until death do us part," the high divorce rate in this country in recent decades indicates that many couples have decided they cannot wait until eternity to part.

Since the beginning of time people have lived together, although the forms of living have been many and varied. As people moved from a rural family structure to an urban family structure, powerful changes occurred that have produced pressures upon family members that did not previously exist.

It is only within the past several decades that marriage and family therapy has emerged as a counseling specialty. While individual counseling focuses on the individual person and his or her concerns, family therapy tends to focus on the "family unit."

Families very seldom seek out family counseling.

Generally, an identified "patient" is selected; often a child is the ticket of admission into therapy for the whole family.

This may be the case for the mother who wants marriage counseling and fears asking for it, the alcoholic husband who wants help but doesn't know how to seek it, or the teenager who needs assistance in working through his or her stage of development.

Family therapy emphasizes not only what happens "with an" individual member but also what occurs "between" family members in their interpersonal relationships.

The therapy setting offers the family an opportunity to interact in a non-threatening environment. The goal of family therapy is not simply to effect change in an individual within the family, but also to effect change in the interaction among its members.

The traditional image of the home and family as a cozy nest of love, security, togetherness, and never ending happiness has been severely battered, as have many of its inhabitants in recent years.

Providing effective counseling assistance to families and couples in today's complex and stressful society is a challenging and difficult task.

Steve Barchenger is program director of the Welch Home Plains unit of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

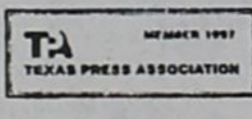
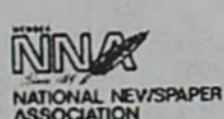
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### Last Puzzle Solution

HEAD: HEAD, ALLI, LITLS, HIA, CAP, EGYPT, CHIP, AVIARIES, HELOISE, ORVON, BARTHE, NEWTOME, KIS, CHEATER, ICAN, ATEASE, WATERGATE, WFOF, NIT, APPEICE, AMOTION, CEG, EDIBLE, AIFOND, HNS, AWOLF, NHAYS, SODYWATER, IHAD, EEL, SAL, LIS

### The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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#### ACROSS

- ladies' tote (2 wds.)
- TXism: "jump \_\_\_ (on the lam)"
- TX-born Gwynne was star in the 40s
- Alpine is \_\_\_ way to the Big Bend
- TXism: "fits like hide \_\_\_ horse"
- football division that Jimmy now coaches in (2 wds.)
- Dallas Stars confrontation: "\_\_\_ off"
- go from UT to UNT
- TXism: "good \_\_\_ boy"
- high part of the foot
- Johnny Ringo fought in the Mason Co. "Hoo \_\_\_ War"
- hwy. 21 follows old "Camino \_\_\_"
- a full Conestoga
- TXism: "kick \_\_\_ your heels"
- TXism: "outhouse \_\_\_ (catalogs)"
- \_\_\_ house
- TXism: "riled up"
- old-time TX Ranger noted for bravery
- kitchen utensil
- TX's 3rd president: Mirabeau \_\_\_
- that is (abbr)
- "plastic money" company
- TXism: "slippery as an \_\_\_"
- TX-born runner Whitfield who won 5 Olympic medals in '48 and '52

#### DOWN

- caught by the law
- TXism: "hit hard by the \_\_\_ & \_\_\_ scandal"
- TX Audie Murphy film: "\_\_\_ Hell and Back"
- TXism: "useless as screen \_\_\_ on a submarine"
- rock concert protection
- TXism: "would trade all the mineral rights in Texas \_\_\_" (strongly desire)
- TX Janis Joplin tune: "Me and Bobby Mc \_\_\_"
- WWII battleship: \_\_\_ Houston
- TX Gramm's time zone at work (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ bones" (skinny)
- fruit used in TX Blue Bell ice cream
- TXism: "if it ain't true, there \_\_\_"
- in Texas
- "Eyes of Texas" song began as a prank by the UT \_\_\_ Club
- TXism: "exciting as a fire \_\_\_ the IRS office"
- Mount Vernon is seat of this county
- this poet Sandberg said, "Texas is valor and swagger"
- name before Exxon
- TXism: "thick \_\_\_ on a dog's back"
- first 2 initials of Mr. Austin
- this Williams was the 1st mgr. of the Texas Rangers
- expand a thought
- Michael Irvin runs \_\_\_ for the 'Boys'
- TXism: "horse \_\_\_" (western)
- this Blocker designed XIT brand
- TXism: "fits like scales \_\_\_ fish"
- no. 1 woods in golf
- Roloids & Maalox are anti-\_\_\_
- this Clint started the Cowboys (init.)
- Buchanan (init.) TX
- most dangerous
- Houston rock singer Meat \_\_\_
- TXism: "near \_\_\_"
- swamp
- TXism: "big fish in \_\_\_ pond"
- six-shooter

# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Town and Country Extension Club met in the home of Ann Henderson on Friday for their annual Christmas meeting and luncheon and gift exchange. Members answered the roll call with what they would give themselves for Christmas, and most answered with good health, peace and happiness.

Gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed a lovely covered-dish luncheon with turkey and dressing, casseroles, vegetables, salads and desserts. Members present were Henderson, Betty Freeman, Martha Jo Hyman, Mattie Seale, Edith Graef, Oneida Hutto, Irene Blanton, Wannie Stevens, Claudine Langford, Ferne Dickey, Mary Edna Hendrix, Marilyn Neal, Carolyn Watts, and guests Diane Hatla, Patsy Entekin, and Millie Birkenfeld.

The Methodist Women enjoyed their annual covered dish Christmas dinner with 30 attending. Then the next night, the various circles attended a covered-dish meal.

Louise Mears and Genell Craig spent Thanksgiving with Zay and Charlotte Gilbreath in Amarillo. They entertained about 20 friends and relatives.

## Ed and Betty Freeman baked a Wright's lamb grands show at Wheeler

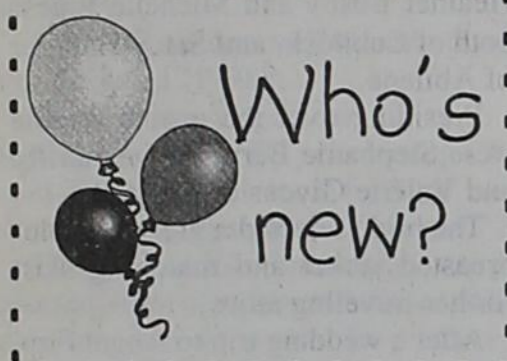
Cliff Wright of Dimmitt drove his heavyweight medium wool lamb to the grand championship in a lamb jackpot at Wheeler.

Wright's lamb was the top in its class and was breed champion among medium wool entries before earning the grand champion title. Wright also was named to top junior showman in the show.

He also exhibited a 10th place mediumweight medium wool and a third-place light heavyweight medium wool.

Jinna Wright drove her heavyweight finewool to a second-place finish and then to the reserve breed championship. She also exhibited a fourth-place lightweight finewool cross. She also showed fourth- and 13th-place lightweight medium wool lambs.

Travis Crow's lightweight finewool took second place honors and his mediumweight medium wool was seventh in its class.



**OUT-OF-TOWN**  
Lisa and Bruce Morgan of Fort Worth are the parents of a baby boy, Matthew James Morgan, who was born Nov. 7 at Fort Worth. Matthew James weighed in at 8 lbs., 11 ozs., and he was 20 1/2 inches long. He has a big sister, Lauren, who is 22 months. Grandparents are Stanley Nelson of Dimmitt, and Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Morgan of Orange Beach, Ala. Great-grandparents are Gail Nelson of Dimmitt and Johnny and Harriet Goodwin of Beaver, Okla. He has a great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Huckabay of Dimmitt.

It's a boy for Trino and Yolando Paiz of Taylor, Xavier Alexander was born at 5:04 a.m. on Nov. 15 and he weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 ozs. He was 21 inches long. He has a big brother, Rick, who is 3. Maternal grandparents are Elias and Rebecca Marin of Wharton. Paternal grandparents are Trine and Angie Paiz of Dimmitt, Teodoro and Erminia Tijerina and Trino Sr. and Concepcion Paiz of George West.

Miranda and Robert Hottel of Davis, Okla., are the parents of a baby girl, Samuella Pearl, born June 17 in Oklahoma City. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Big sister is Theresa Faith. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Yo-I Hsu of Hualian, Taiwan, and paternal grandparents are Charles and Estella Hottel of Davis, and formerly of Dimmitt.

## AC placement test scheduled

Amarillo College will give a placement exam Tuesday, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School library.

Anyone interested in taking courses for credit through Amarillo College may take the exam free of charge, according to DHS Counselor Sue Summers.

"We hope to have two courses through AC here in January," Summers said. "One will be 'Computer Information Processing,' and one will be college algebra."

Summers said the exam is also used for students who wish to take dual credit courses through AC.

turkey and invited several who would have to spend Thanksgiving alone! The Freemans are good, caring persons and they are an asset to our community!

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served a delicious banana pudding for dessert, and the others brought a sack lunch. Dude McLaurin won high score and Edith Graef won second. Others playing were Carol Lantz, Loranell Hamilton, Louise Mears, Emily Clingsmith, Bernice Hill, Helen Braafladt, Virginia Crider, Neva Hickey, Susie Reeves, and Ina Rae Cates.

Our sympathy to the families of

Dixie Bradley, Wayne Broadstreet, Laurie Watts, Clarence Nelson and Lena Mae Crum.

Oleada Hance enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays with family members David and Sandra Honea of Plano; Shari Mason, Ashley and Allison of Dumas; and Lisa Cassado, Chris and Crystal of Dumas. Also, she went to Clovis to visit Paul and Opal Wilson and Neal Honea, who was there from Hawaii.

"It All Happened in the Country," a children's Christmas musical, was presented by the children's choir of the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, with Debra Ball and Tami Griffitt directing. A large crowd

attended and hot dogs were served in the fellowship hall following the concert.

The choir sang *To Us a Child is Born, Christmas in the City, Jingle Rap, and Ballad of the Shepherds*, concluding with *It All Happened in the Country*. Wayne Proffitt, as Uncle Yule, sang the theme song, as well. Lindsey and Kasey Wood sang *What's a Savior Like You Doin' in a Place Like This?*, and Elizabeth Stephens, Haley Heard and Brandy Smith sang *Tell Me the Story*.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock attended the Christmas program given by the Clovis Nazarene Pre-school and kindergarten class, "A Celebration of Jesus's Birthday." Their

granddaughter, Katie, along with her class, recited Psalm 86:11 from memory and sang *Reindeer's Hokey Pokey*. Katie came home with them and Alyson Smith came over from Amarillo to enjoy playing with Katie. The Murdocks met their daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Doug Smith, in Plainview and attended the basketball tournament.

I called Martha Jo Hyman and asked if she had any news for me, and she said she had some big news! She has a new granddaughter, Aubrie Nikkole Durbin was born on Friday. The proud parents are Curtis and Leigh Durbin. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces.

Martha Jo Hyman and her daughter, Jo, drove to Seminole to visit her parents, Roy and Anita Bacus. They enjoyed an early Christmas.

Jimmy, Terrie Lynn, David, Audrey, Rachel and Nathan Cleavinger came from Baytown for a visit with Jim and Ina Cleavinger during Thanksgiving week. The children enjoyed playing at Grandma and Pap Paw's. A special treat was seeing the electric train display at the Hereford Senior Citizen Center.

Tommy, Dianna, Zeke, Candace, Aaron and Stevie were here for Thanksgiving supper, also. On Nov. 20, Candace Cleavinger celebrated her 18th birthday with a surprise party at the Pizza Hut in Portales, N.M., then again, when her little cousins decorated a cake at Grandma's house.

Eight members of the Friendship Quilters' Guild went to Lubbock for a Christmas party in the home of Jackie McLeroy and Mary Small. Their home is beautiful with the Christmas decorations all in place. Casseroles, salads, desserts and rolls were taken by Joyce Davis, Yvonna Hays, Claudine Langford, Twila West, Mozelle Hall, Darlene Collins, Tommie Sue Nisbett, and Ina Cleavinger. Food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Jackie and Mary send greetings to all their Dimmitt friends.

Charles and Rena Richard enjoyed a truly special Thanksgiving Holiday. For the first time in 19 years,

they enjoyed the traditional Thanksgiving feast with their four children. Charlotte and Craig came from New Orleans; Derol and his wife, Tiffany, came from Midland; and Charles Jr. came from Morehead, N.C. As a bonus, they also had their grandson, Brian, his wife, Paula, and as a special attraction, their great-grandson, Remi Richard of Bastrop. A great time was enjoyed by all.

Polly Simpson "birthdayed" all week. She joined Polly Bell at the Methodist Christmas ladies' luncheon on Wednesday and both were recognized.

On Friday, several friends brought cards and gifts and a balloon that read, "Older than Dirt," to El Sombrero for birthday lunch and on Sunday her family joined her for church and lunch.

Nine of her grandchildren participated in lighting the Advent wreath in the worship service. Brent and Sara, Lisa, Joe Bob and Patty were the offspring who also brought their offspring.

Kay Kellar and Janice Richards of Bovina celebrated their December birthdays early with their tennis friends by going to Poor Boys in Clovis for dinner and exchanging cards. The weather was too cold for tennis.

Doricell Davis, Kay Kellar, Janice Richards, Deanne Clark, Margaret Parsons and Debbie Fowell made the party trip.

The Methodists and the Baptists will join the Levelland Methodists Sunday night in Levelland to perform the cantata, "Tree of Light." On Dec. 21, the same groups will be performing in Dimmitt at First Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

Tracy Hatla and Bettye Huckabay are home after a hospital stay.

The P.O. Goodwins left this week to live near their daughter, Ricky, at Big Lake.

Rosa Acker of Huntsville, formerly of Dimmitt, had a heart valve replaced in Houston this week. Linda Soto is doing well in Denver after her brain surgery this week.



REGIONAL BAND QUALIFIERS from Dimmitt Middle School are: (back, from left) L.J. Soler, 14th chair cornet, Ruben Casas, sixth chair cornet, and Cesar Ruiz, sixth chair baritone; (middle, from left) Lyndee Behrends, second alternate clarinet, Charley Nutt, 14th chair flute, Chris Back, third alternate

clarinet; and (front, from left) Melissa Rueda, fourth chair alto sax, Lee Brown, second alternate baritone, and Ruben Leal, first alternate timpani. The Class AAA Junior High All-Region Band will present a concert Jan. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in Northern Hall at West Texas A&M University. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## New voter cards are blue, have more information

New blue voter registration cards were mailed out last week to 4,650 voters in Castro County by the County Tax Assessor-Collector's office.

The cards are effective for Jan. 1, 1998, through Dec. 31, 1999, according to Tax Assessor-Collector Billy Hackleman.

Hackleman said the cards include additional information this year for voters who reside in Dimmitt and/or the Dimmitt Independent School District.

The cards tell voters which district or precinct they are in for those entities, as well as designating which county voting precinct they are in. Other county voters only have their county voting precinct listed. Hackleman said that voters need to examine the new cards and make sure all the information is correct. If it is, they should sign and keep them.

If they are not correct, the cards should be returned to Hackleman's office with the correct information written in on the back, and new cards will be issued.

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*Some lizards give birth to live young after the eggs hatch in the mother's body. Unlike mammals, the female lizard does not nurse her young or care for them after birth.*

*The most frequent foreign destination of American travelers is Mexico, with more than 14 million visitors a year.*

## Byers and Wood exchange vows in formal, double-ring ceremony

Nicole Byers and Josh Wood were married Nov. 26 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at First Baptist Church in Olton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Byers of Sunnyside. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wood of Olton.

Duke Underwood officiated at the nuptial service.

The front of the church was decorated with heart-shaped candelabra flanked by two 29-light candelabra. The railing in front of the piano and organ was draped with white tulle accented with greenery and stemmed votives. The pews were draped with white tulle accented with tulle bows and stemmed votives.

Organist was Cynthia Brooks of Olton. Soloist Tanya Debnam sang *Nothing's Gonna Stop This Love*, and Duke Underwood performed *Perfect Union* and *The Lord's Prayer*. Carol Short Reid was harpist and Brenda Rowan played the flute.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white Alencon lace with a sleeveless re-embroidered lace bodice edged with pearl trim. The Basque waist flowed into a multi-layered tulle skirt, edged with a wide banding of satin. The square back was enhanced with two Italian satin bows. The detachable tulle chapel-length train was accented with Alencon appliques.

She wore a cathedral-length veil of white tulle edged with a wide band of satin.

Her bouquet was five Casablanca lilies surrounded by stephanotis,



**MRS. JOSH WOOD**  
... nee Nicole Byers

dendrobium orchids and English ivy.

Maid of honor was Brooke Byers of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Erin Byers of Earth, the bride's sister-in-law; Jill Winders of Earth, cousin of the bride; and Jill Wood of Olton, sister of the groom.

The bridal attendants wore A-line floor-length gowns fashioned of dark forest green fabric accented with a champagne-colored train and large double bow. Each carried a single calla lily.

Best man was Gary Wood of Olton, father of the groom. Groomsmen included Justin Gunter of Abilene and Drew DeBerry and Chris Kelley, both of Lubbock, all friends of the groom.

Ring bearers were Garrett Byers of Earth, nephew of the bride; and Ryan Greenway of Amarillo, cousin of the groom. Flower girl was Jessica Winders of Earth, cousin of the bride.

Megan Marks and Devny Marks, both of Earth, cousins of the bride, served as candlelighters.

Ushers were Brannon Byers of Earth, brother of the bride; and Jeff Hamilton and Brant Hamilton, both of Earth, cousins of the bride.

Following the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride's table was covered with an ecru lace cloth and held the six-

layer wedding cake decorated with forest green flowers and pearls. The groom's table held three cakes: a black forest cake, a chocolate on chocolate cake with a golf green on top, and a red velvet cake with a fish and the caption, "Caught! Hook, line and sinker!"

Punch and coffee were served at the bride's table and chocolate milk was served at the groom's table. Assorted mints and cashews completed the snacks.

Serving at the bride's table were Heather Busby and Michelle Jones, both of Lubbock, and Stacy Haberer of Abilene.

Presiding over the groom's table were Stephanie Bernier of Amarillo and Valerie Givens of Abilene.

The bride selected a green double-breasted jacket and matching skirt for her traveling attire.

After a wedding trip to Angel Fire, N.M., the couple are home in Lubbock.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and she is currently attending South Plains College in Levelland. She plans to further her education at Texas Tech University. She is employed by American Bank of Commerce.

The groom graduated from Olton High School in 1995. He is attending South Plains College and will transfer to Texas Tech University this spring. He is employed by Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP CPA.

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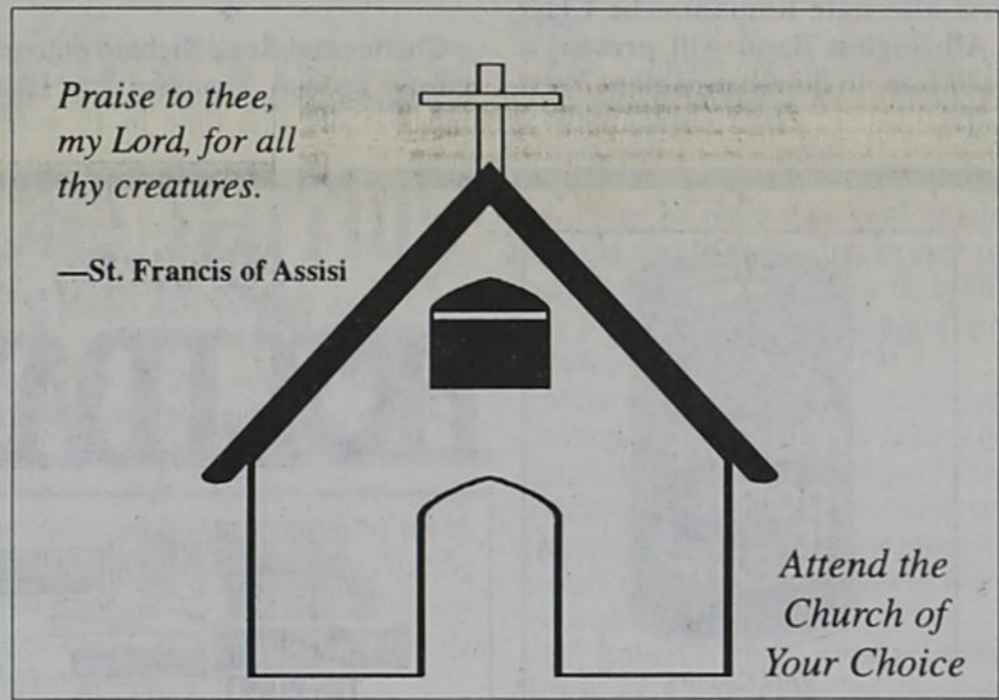
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Heather Braddock

## Braddock to compete in pageant

Heather Braddock, daughter of Gerald and Mary Braddock of Nazareth, will be one of 16 candidates vying for the crown of Miss Caprock 1998 on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plains College Theater for the Performing Arts.

Tickets to the pageant are \$2 per person and can be obtained from the SPC Student Activities Office or at the door.

Three former pageant winners will return as judges for this year's pageant.

Braddock is an 18-year-old freshman majoring in advertising at South Plains College. She was nominated by the president of North Sue Spencer Residence Hall.

Lesli Tubb Spears, Miss Caprock 1995; Aimee Fondy Teeple, Miss Caprock 1996; and Sheri Bly, Miss Caprock 1989, will be judges for the event. The winner will be crowned by the reigning Miss Caprock, Jennifer Greene of Levelland.

"Contestants will compete in both casual and formal wear, and five finalists will be selected. The winner will receive a \$500 South Plains College scholarship, and the first runner-up will be awarded a \$350 scholarship from the school.

## Schaeffer elected chairman of WT Foundation

Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt has been named chairman of the West Texas A&M University Foundation.

Schaeffer and other officers were elected at the Foundation's annual meeting on Nov. 25.

Robert Frost will serve as vice chairman, Morris Moreland will be treasurer and Gene Glazener will be secretary.

The new officers will assume duties on Jan. 1, 1998.

"Our primary goal is to raise money for WTAMU scholarships," said Schaeffer. "I look forward to working with this group of people."

The WTAMU Foundation also elected new board members at the meeting and they are Dr. James Clark, dean of the WTAMU College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences; John Mozola, Helen Piehl, George Raffkind and Ted Wimberly.

## Local church choirs to present Christmas musical on Sunday

*Tree of Light*, a Christmas musical with choir, narration, drama and banners, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and the public is invited to attend.

The program will be presented by the combined choirs of First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt and First United Methodist Church of Levelland.

It will be directed by Ruby Moultrie, former Dimmitt grade school music teacher and member of First United Methodist Church.

## DISD sets substitute in-service

The Dimmitt Independent School District has set an in-service training session for those who wish to be substitute teachers and who have not already completed a session for this school year.

The session will be held Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at the School Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

# WTAMU establishes Geneva Schaeffer Leadership Award

Thanks to an anonymous donation of \$10,000, West Texas A&M University Foundation has endowed the Geneva Schaeffer Leadership Scholarship.

The endorsement will provide scholarships to encourage and enable high school seniors to enroll and continue their education at West Texas A&M University.

Schaeffer, a Dimmitt resident, is chairman-elect of the WTAMU Foundation. She grew up in Canyon and graduated from WTAMU in 1955 with a degree in political science.

"I felt humbled and overwhelmed with someone's donation to establish a scholarship in my name," said Schaeffer.

Eligibility requirements include a minimum grade-point average of 2.5, demonstration of leadership and full-time enrollment status. Class rank and ACT/SAT scores may be considered.

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## Ministry group will perform Sunday at FBC in Dimmitt

The *Brass Menagerie*, a ministry ensemble composed of six Wayland Baptist University students, will present a holiday musical Sunday at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The group is directed by Tim Kelly,

awarded to eligible students after completion of one semester at WTAMU. If students maintain eligibility requirements, the scholarship will be renewed automatically.

For more information, contact the WTAMU Foundation at (806) 656-2065.

*Brass Menagerie* started three years ago when Kelly started teaching in the music department at Wayland Baptist University.

The public is invited to attend the program.



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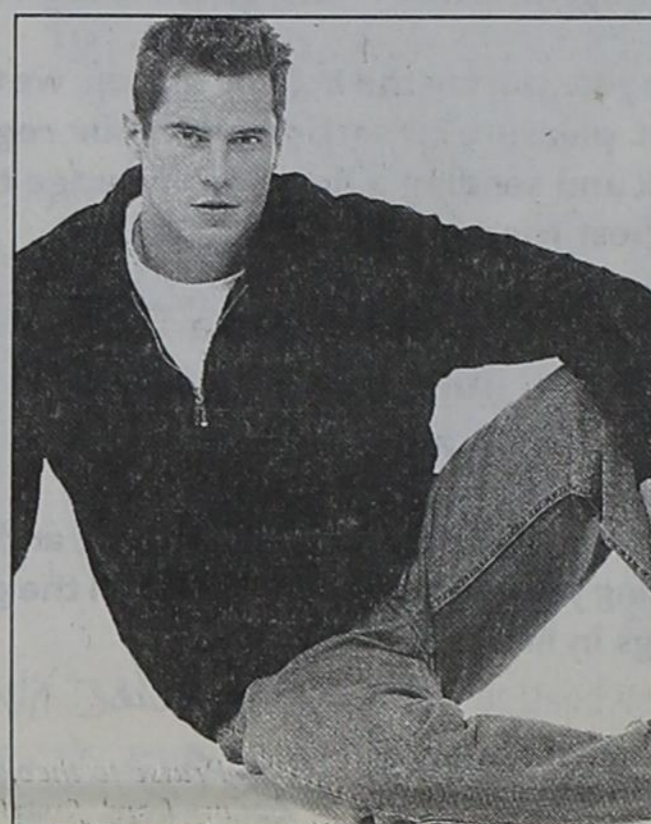
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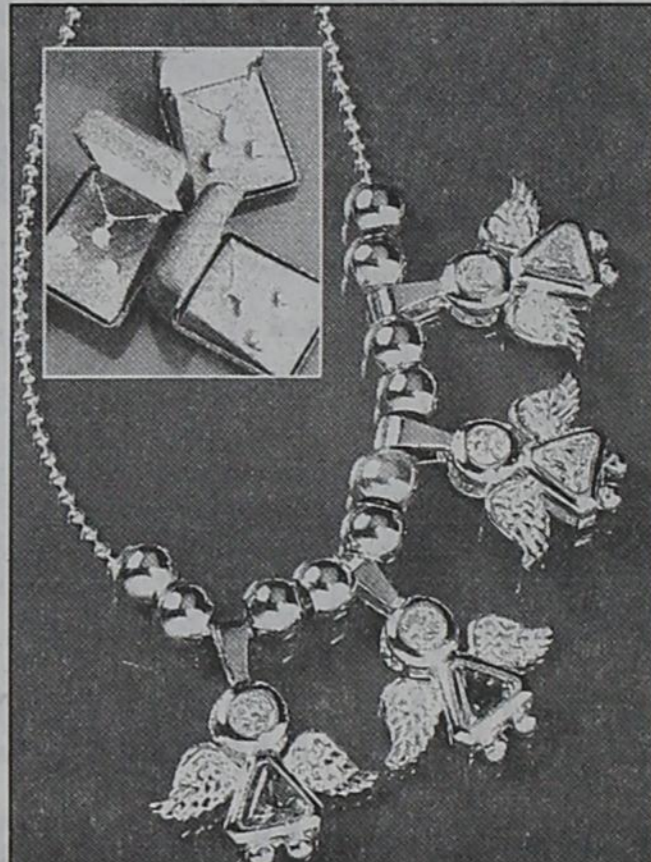
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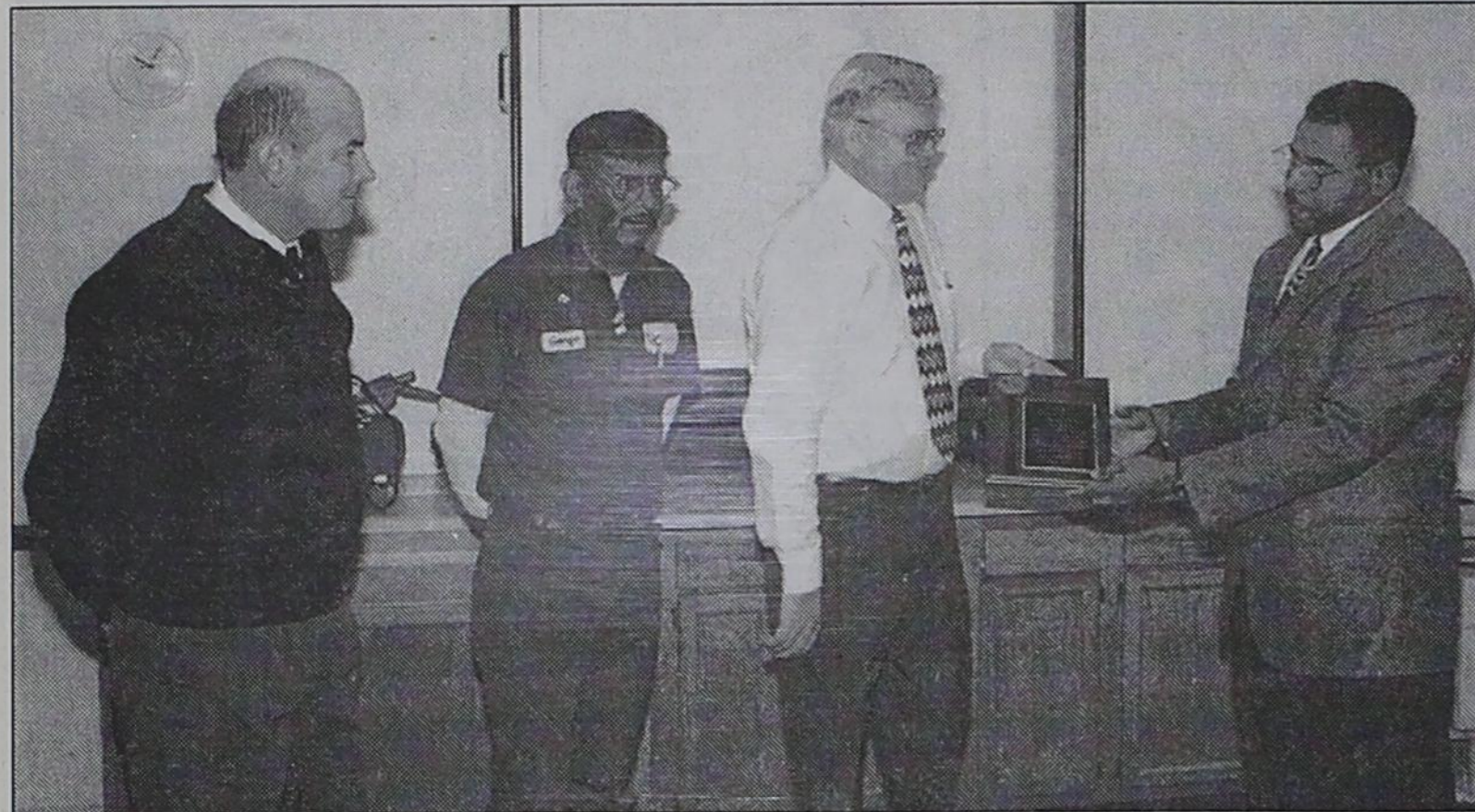
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STEVE SMALL (right) of Hammond, Ind., health and safety director of Cerestar USA, Inc., presents a safety award plaque to the Dimmitt plant Thursday for going two years without a lost workday due to

injury. Accepting are (from left) David Bone, plant manager; George Acevedo, millhouse operator; and Eddie Adams, safety, health and environment director for the Dimmitt plant. Photo by Don Nelson



CERESTAR EMPLOYEES accept a Waterford carved-crystal obelisk for setting a new safety milestone Thursday. Presenting are Bob Marshall (second from right) and Steve Small (right)

representing Cerestar USA, Inc. Accepting are (from left) Craig Kerr, mill operator; Roy Thomas, mechanic; Eddie Adams, plant safety manager; and David Bone, plant manager. Photo by Don Nelson

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## Cerestar sets safety milestone

The Dimmitt Cerestar plant has gone two consecutive years without a lost work day due to occupational injury or illness.

That's almost unheard-of in the industry, according to corporate officers who were here last Thursday to pay tribute to the Dimmitt plant.

David Spooner of Manchester, England, corporate safety and environment manager for Cerestar, Inc., worldwide; Steve Small of Hammond, Ind., health and safety director for Cerestar USA, Inc.; and Bob Marshall of Hammond, environment director for Cerestar USA, Inc., conducted an awards assembly for plant employees last Thursday morning in the plant's training room.

Small and Marshall presented the plant with a commemorative wall plaque and a Waterford crystal carved obelisk on an award-plaque base.

The wall plaque from Cerestar's American Management Committee was inscribed, "Operating two consecutive years with no employee lost

workday accidents exemplifies your dedicated effort to achieve the highest possible standards in safety."

The plaque on the crystal obelisk's base was inscribed: "Cerestar USA, Inc., Central Safety & Health Committee, 1997 Award for Outstanding Safety Achievement, Dimmitt Plant."

Spooner, who oversees safety at Cerestar plants worldwide, commented, "No European plant has ever achieved even one year (without a time-loss accident) except in a small plant not nearly as large as yours."

"As far as I'm concerned, the Dimmitt plant sets the standard for Cerestar everywhere. You have an inbuilt safety culture."

"Congratulations on your marvelous achievement."

Spooner said that Cerestar has 13 plants in Europe, three in the US, and two joint ventures in Turkey and China. The Dimmitt plant has the best safety record of any of them.

Eddie Adams, who is the safety, health and environment manager for the Dimmitt plant, noted, "Comparing our record to that of the wet corn milling industry as a whole, a plant our size, over a two-year period, will have on average eight to nine lost-workday injuries or illnesses."

"So while the plant has always had a good safety record, our safety awareness and performance the past two years have shown we can rank among the best."

Adams said the local plant has another safety record that local employees can be proud of:

"It is the number of injuries that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) defines as recordable."

"Generally, these are injuries that do not result in lost workdays, but do require some sort of medical treatment, such as a cut needing stitches or a muscle strain requiring therapy."

"In 1997 we have had only three recordable injuries, well below the industry average, which is about eight for a plant our size."

Wrapping up the award assembly,

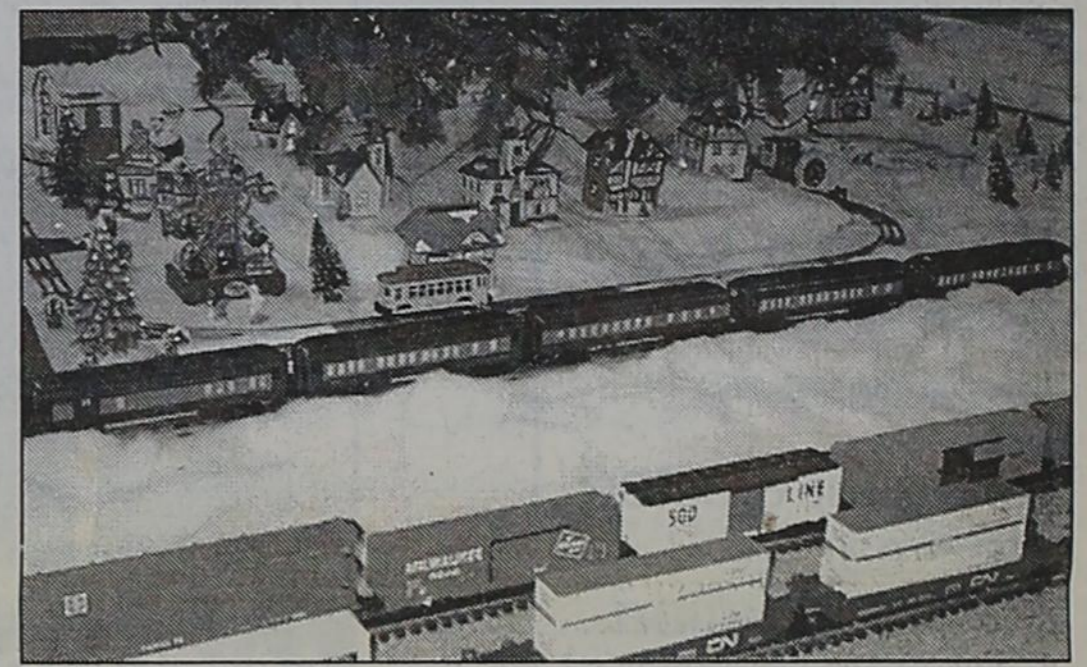
Plant Manager David Bone told the employees, "There's not any one person in the plant who can take credit for this. If we didn't have 116 people here who are safety conscious, we couldn't have achieved this record."

"We just need to continue to look out for each other. None of us wants

to see anyone else in the plant get hurt. That's what safety is all about."

Bone asked if any employee had any comments to make about the plant's two-year safety milestone.

There was only one comment, echoed by several employees: "Three!"



PART OF THE TRAIN DISPLAY ... set up in Hereford by Dave Bone of Dimmitt.

## Local man displays model train collection

Dave Bone, plant manager at Cerestar USA, Dimmitt, has set up a model train display at Hereford's Sugarland Mall as a money-raising project for the Hereford Christmas Stocking Fund.

The display is located just inside the west entrance to the mall and admission is \$1 per person. The 15 trains, with eight operating simulta-

neously, are set up around seven Christmas trees and assorted toys at the mall, which is located on North US 385 in Hereford.

Bone has been a Lionel Train collector since 1956.

Proceeds from the display will help families in need with Christmas gifts and other holiday expenses.

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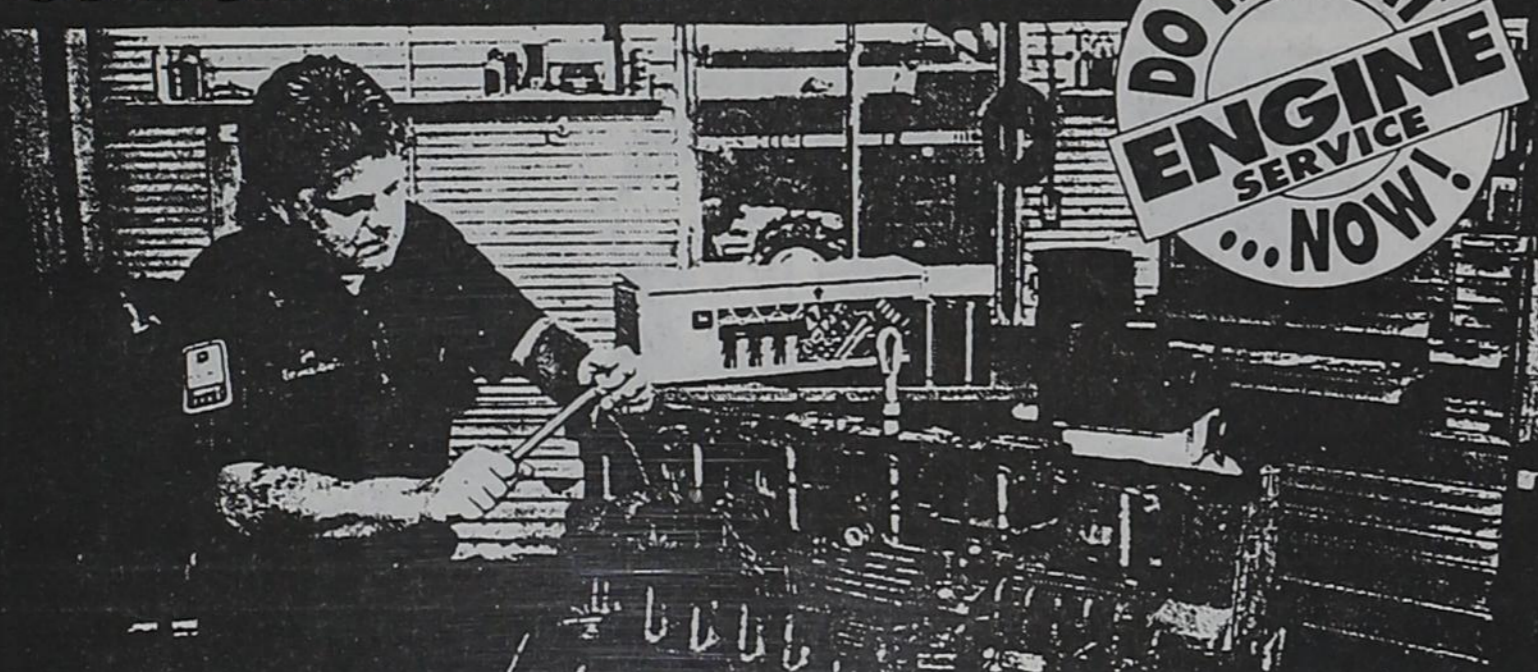
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**DIMMITT LAUNDRY GROUNDBREAKING**—In about 45 days, partners Donny McDaniel (left) and Avery Thrasher (right) expect to open a laundromat in north Dimmitt just behind Thrasher Auto Sales. The 40 x 50-foot building eventually will house 30 washers and 10 dryers, as well as various vending

machines, Thrasher said. He estimates the cost of the project at \$80,000, which he said he financed through First Bank, Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch. Contractor for the construction is Harold Gerber (operating the backhoe). Also shown is Gerber's employee, Nathan Hoelting.  
*Photo by Linda Maxwell*

# Revised hydrologic atlases available from Water District

To keep area residents informed of groundwater availability, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock has published its hydrologic atlas series, which has been updated to reflect 1995 ground water conditions.

Atlases are now available for Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer Counties as well as the parts of Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall Counties lying within the Water District boundaries.

"The hydrologic atlases have been updated every five years since their original publication in 1981," said Don McReynolds, technical division director. "We have revised the 1990 atlases to include new water table elevation and saturated thickness maps depicting ground water conditions of 1995. This revision helps enhance the estimation of ground water availability within each of the counties served by the Water District."

Each hydrologic atlas features a specific county and contains maps depicting the elevation of the land surface, the elevation of the base of the Ogallala Formation, the elevation of the water table and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Formation within that county.

The atlas packet also contains an informative booklet discussing the Ogallala Formation and explaining the use of the maps contained in the atlas.

By reviewing the information contained in the maps, irrigators can determine how deep they need to drill to reach water and how deep they would have to go to complete a well to the bottom of the water-bearing formation.

To update the original maps, technical division personnel used water-level measurement data taken in the Water District's network of 1,209 privately-owned water wells, as well as supplemental measurements in other wells.

For the updated 1995 maps, wells were measured at a density of one well per one square mile whenever possible.

Persons residing in or owning land within the High Plains Water District

service area may obtain copies of the 1995 hydrologic atlases free of charge from the Water District office in Lubbock.

Anyone residing outside of the Water District may purchase the atlases for \$5 each (plus postage and handling) by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

## Cotton Talks

Another step toward eradicating the boll weevil from High Plains cotton fields has been taken with the proposed formation of a Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

According to officials with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., cotton producers from counties located in the southern region of the Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone petitioned Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry, requesting further reorganization of the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone. The result is the proposed formation of the Permian Basin Zone.

This proposed rule follows the recent move by Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) to reorganize the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone through creation of the Southern High Plains Zone from land located in the counties of Andrews, Gaines, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

The proposed rule establishing the Permian Basin Zone was published in the Dec. 5 *Texas Register* and will be subject to a 30-day comment period prior to implementation.

Boundaries for the proposed Permian Basin Zone contained in the *Texas Register* notice are as follows:

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone shall consist of the following area originally included as a part of the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone described in Texas Agriculture Code, 74.1021 (3); all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line seven miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line.

Anyone with an interest in submitting comments on the proposed rule may do so in writing to Katie Dickey Stavinoha, Special Assistant for Producer Relations, PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 79711. Comments must be received no later than 30 days from the publication of the proposed rule.

In order to gather producer feedback, two TDA public hearings have been scheduled for today (Thursday). One will be at 10:30 a.m. at Farmers Co-op Gin in Ackerly and the other will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Seagraves.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive public comment about the proposed creation of the Permian Basin and Southern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zones.

Recent discussions between Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials and National Cotton Council (NCC) staff members could make much-needed crop protection products available to cotton producers in 1998, according to Plains Cotton Growers officials.

Earlier this year, EPA disapproved special local needs use of Furadan (carbofuran) for control of aphids in cotton. The EPA had considered feeding of gin trash a significant contributor to risk calculations for use of this and other pesticides in cotton.

EPA explained that in the absence of real data, it had assumed that 20% of rations fed to finishing beef and lactating dairy cattle is from cotton gin trash. Believing the 20% presumption to be a gross overestimation, industry representatives presented survey information indicating gin trash exposure was significantly overstated by EPA. The agency subsequently concluded that its safety factors on Furadan could be reduced from a factor of 10 to 3. FMC, manufacturer of the product, has resubmitted risk analysis which indicates that the use of carbofuran on cotton falls within acceptable risk levels.

Analysis of cotton gin trash samples for carbofuran, conducted by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, found that even samples collected behind the stripper in fields treated with carbofuran came up negative. These tests were conducted to a detection level of one part in ten million for both carbofuran and its metabolite 3-

OH carbofuran.

EPA indicated it would attempt to make a decision on pending full registration requests for Furadan by mid-winter. The status of other products, including Buctril, Rovral and PIRATE, could also be helped by this more realistic approach from EPA.

## Texas Independent Ginners Association opens office

The Texas Independent Ginners Association (TIGA) has opened an office in Tahoka to better serve its members.

Located in the Tahoka Gin Co. at Rt. 4, Box 27, in Tahoka, 79373, the new office will be used as the headquarters for the association. All member gins and associate members will be able to contact the office should any need arise. The telephone number is 806-998-5563 and the fax number is 806-998-5412.

Tommy Chapman, TIGA president, said that the office should help the association move forward.

"We felt that it was time to move

forward with the association in order to help the independent gins in Texas," Chapman said.

To staff the office, TIGA hired Vanessa (Vann) Stewart as the executive vice president. Stewart's main objectives for the position will be to visit gins throughout the year, increase membership in the association and keep an eye on legislation relating to agriculture and ginning.

"I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to serving the needs of the independent gins," said Stewart.

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*Some quadruplet sets have identical and fraternal members.*

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of **Dimmitt Consumers** will be held at the **DIMMITT CITY HALL MEETING ROOM** Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

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# Sports



## Bobcats finish third at Plainview

Repeating as champions of the Lions Pioneer Classic in Plainview turned out to be *Mission: Impossible* for the Bobcats.

**Reason: Estacado.**  
After dispatching Canyon 62-50 in the opening round last Thursday, the Bobcats suffered a 51-32 whipping at the hands of Lubbock Estacado in Friday's championship semifinals.

But the Cats regrouped and defeated Hereford 57-49 Saturday for the third place trophy—a solid accomplishment for the smallest school in the rugged tourney.

Forward Jerry Thomas, who scored 57 points in the three tourney games, and center Charley Sanders, who averaged eight rebounds, eight points and three assists per game, were named to the all-tournament team. Sanders was a repeater from last year.

In the opening round, the Bobcats got off to a sluggish start against Canyon's Eagles, trailing 10-12 after the first quarter and leading 23-22 at halftime. But they found the range in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 39-28 to take a 62-50 win.

"It was anybody's game, but we

made the points down the stretch," Coach Alan Steinle said. "We hit our free throws real well."

Thomas led the scoring with 22, with Sanders notching 14 and Casey Smith 10. Canyon had only one player in double figures, Stephen Bentley with 20.

Against the taller, faster Lubbock Estacado Matadors in the championship semis Friday afternoon, the Bobcats had a terrible time finding the basket and found themselves down by 20-4 after the first quarter.

It didn't get much better after that as the Matadors led 30-15 at halftime and 42-17 after three.

"We let them jump on us real quick," Coach Steinle said. "We had spoiled the tournament for them last year, and this year they were a little more ready, and we weren't. We just didn't get anything done in the first and third quarters."

The Bobcats connected on only 13 of 50 field goal attempts (26%), one of 10 from three-point range, and hit five of 10 free throws. Estacado hit 20 of 50 FGs, four of 20 three-point shots, and seven of 13 free throws.

Dimmitt had 23 turnovers and 10 steals while Estacado had 24 turnovers and 12 steals. Estacado won the board battle with 44 rebounds to Dimmitt's 30.

Jerry Thomas led all scorers with 18 while Estacado's Chris Shepherd had 13. They were the only players to

score in double figures, although 11 Matadors put points on the board.

"They have 14 kids, and they're all good," Coach Steinle commented. "They just have so many players, and they could just keep running them in."

In the third-place game against Hereford Saturday afternoon, the Bobcats worked to a 33-26 halftime lead and held it through the second half for a 57-49 win. It was their second victory over the Whitefaces.

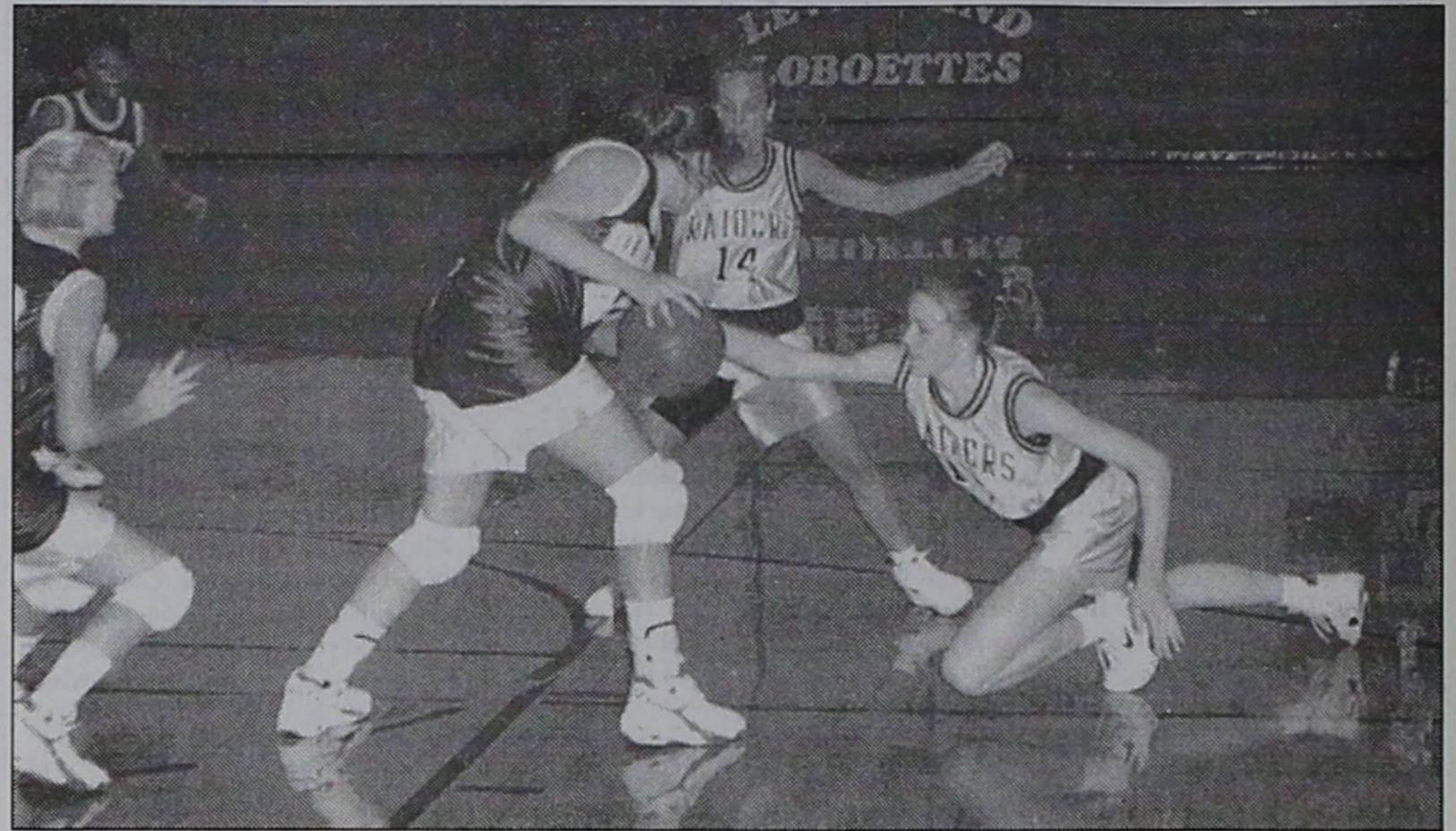
"We would have been a little more comfortable if we had hit our free throws," Coach Steinle said. "We hit only 14 out of 33."

Thomas paced the Bobcats with 17, while Smith scored 13 and Derek Buckley and Stuart Sutton nine apiece. For Hereford, Bryant McNutt had 12 and Nicholas Whatley 10.

Smith, Sanders and Thomas combined for 30 rebounds (10 each) as the two teams split the rebounds, 41-40. But the Bobcats recorded 11 steals to Hereford's eight and had only 12 turnovers to the Herd's 21.

"We wanted to go back and defend last year's championship, and we had a good opportunity to," Coach Steinle said. "The boys were a little disappointed, but I was pleased that we could get two wins out of it and get the third-place trophy."

Plainview defeated Estacado for the tournament championship.



**KIMBERLY NEWLAND** (standing, foreground) of Dimmitt goes for a steal in the second quarter of the Bobbies' game against Canyon Randall in the Levelland tournament Friday night. In left fore-

ground is Dimmitt's Carol Summers; in left background is Tonya Robertson. The Lady Raiders won this championship semifinals game, 60-41, and went on the defeat Levelland for the tourney title.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Bobbies place third in Levelland Tourney

The Bobbies posted two wins against one loss to earn third place in the Levelland Girls' Tournament.

It was close to last year's finish, when the Bobbies had the same worst record and won the consolation trophy.

"I felt like the girls had a good tournament," Coach Jan Newland said. "Everybody got to play, and they showed improvement."

In the first round last Thursday, the Bobbies coasted to a 59-22 win over the Levelland JV.

"It was good that some of the kids who hadn't seen any playing time got to play," Newland said.

Shawna Kenworthy led Dimmitt scorers with 14 points, hitting 60% of her field-goal attempts. On defense, Heidi Weaver grabbed seven rebounds while Amber Matthews and Jacy Buckley had six each.

The Bobbies drew the toughest team in the tournament Friday — Canyon Randall in the championship semifinals.

The Lady Raiders put the Bobbies into a hole early, jumping to a 13-5 lead in the first period.

Dimmitt outscored Randall 15-13 in the second and closed the margin to four points on a steal and layup by Carol Summers, but that's as close as the Bobbies could get. The Lady Raiders built a 44-34 lead in the third, then cruised to a 60-41 victory.

No Dimmitt player scored in double figures. Kimberly Newland had eight points on four-for-five field-goal shooting while Summers and Kenworthy scored seven apiece, including 100% on their free throws. Stephanie Hinojosa also was perfect at the line.

Leading the rebounding were Amber Matthews with six and Heidi Weaver with five.

"We didn't get beaten as badly as we had the first time we played Randall," Coach Newland said. "The girls showed a lot of improvement from the first time."

Randall went on to defeat Levelland for the tournament championship Saturday.

The Bobbies played their best game of the tournament Saturday when they downed Slaton 57-32 for third place.

Amber Matthews led the scoring with 15 points from her post position as the Bobbies scored consistently in every quarter. It was 14-8 after the first quarter, 29-16 at halftime and 46-23 after three.

The Bobbies also dominated the boards, with Amber Matthews getting nine rebounds, Hinojosa seven, and Weaver, Newland, Tonya Robertson and Heather Wise getting five apiece.

Kenworthy was perfect on free throws (2/2) and three-point attempts (1/1), and hit 50% of her two-point shots (2/4). Amy Matthews connected on every shot she put up—two field goals and a free throw.

"Our girls showed a lot of composure in the Slaton game, and everybody played well," Coach Newland said. "You couldn't tell the first team from the second team when they were in there."

## Seven make All-South Plains squad

Seven county youths have been named to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* All-South Plains football teams.

Dimmitt tight end Charley Sanders, wide receiver Stuart Sutton and defensive back Zack Matthews made the Class AAA team; Hart running back J.J. Finch and offensive lineman Gerard Dozal were named to the Class AA squad; and Nazareth offensive lineman Derrick Schacher and defensive lineman Stacey Schulte made the Class A list.

Sanders hauled in 24 passes for 414 yards and scored six touchdowns for the Bobcats this season. As the Bobcat's wide receiver, Sutton caught 19 balls for 462 yards. Matthews was also a first-team choice on the All-District 1-AAA team.

Finch ran over several teams this season, gaining 1,639 yards on 275 carries, and he scored 25 touchdowns to lead the Longhorns' offensive attack. Teammate Dozal had 23 pancake blocks and graded out at 96%.

Schacher paved the way for a powerful Swift rushing attack that averaged 220 yards per game this season. On defense, Schulte had 89 tackles, caused two fumbles and recovered two fumbles.

## Dimmitt and Lamesa to tangle today in Seminole Tournament

Dimmitt and Lamesa will battle it out in first-round action of the Seminole Tournament today (Thursday) at 4:30 p.m.

The eight-team field features several perennial powerhouses. Other first-round games feature Seminole against Snyder, Clint against Andrews and Denver City against Pampa.

If Dimmitt beats Lamesa today, the Bobcats will meet the Denver City-Pampa winner Friday at 7:30

p.m. in a championship semifinal.

Should Dimmitt lose to Lamesa, the Bobcats would face the Denver City-Pampa loser Friday at 10:30 a.m.

The Saturday schedule opens at 10:30 a.m. with the seventh-place game, followed by the consolation championship at 1:30 p.m. On the championship half of the bracket, the third-place game will tip off at 4:30 p.m. with the championship game slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.



**JERRY THOMAS** goes rim-high for a basket off of a feed by Charley Sanders in the Bobcats' game against Hereford for third place in the Lions Pioneer Classic at Plainview Saturday. This fourth-quarter basket gave the Bobcats a 49-39 lead, and they went on to win it, 57-49. Thomas led Dimmitt's scoring with 57 points in three games and was named to the all-tournament team along with Sanders. Photo by Carter Townsend

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DIMMITT'S BOBCATS and Coach Alan Steidle show the third-place trophy they won at the big Lions Pioneer Classic in Plainview. The Bobcats defeated

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## KDHN 1470 A.M.

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**FRIDAY: Bobbies vs. Levelland, There, 7:30 p.m.**

### Schedule and Scores

- Dec. 11-13—Seminole Tournament (Boys), There
- Dec. 12—Levelland (Girls), There
- Dec. 16—Open
- Dec. 19—Perryton (Girls), Here
- Dec. 20—Coronado (Boys), Here
- Dec. 29-31—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
- Jan. 3—\*River Road, There
- Jan. 6—\*Tulia (Girls), Here
- Jan. 6—Estacado (Boys), Here
- Jan. 9—\*Dalhart, There
- Jan. 13—\*Muleshoe, Here
- Jan. 16—\*Sanford Fritch, There
- Jan. 20—\*Friona, Here
- Jan. 23—\*Perryton, There
- Jan. 27—\*Tulia, There
- Jan. 30—\*River Road, Here
- Feb. 3—\*Muleshoe, There
- Feb. 6—\*Sanford Fritch, Here
- Feb. 10—\*Friona, There
- Feb. 13—\*Dalhart, Here
- Feb. 17—\*Tulia (Boys), Here
- Feb. 20—\*Perryton (Boys), Here

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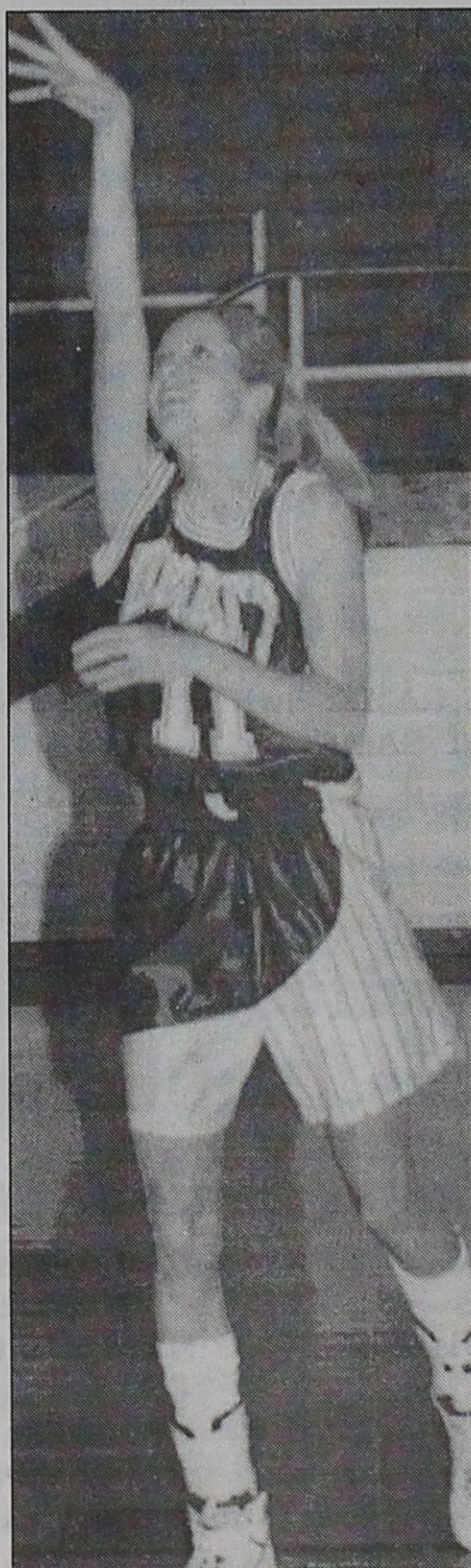
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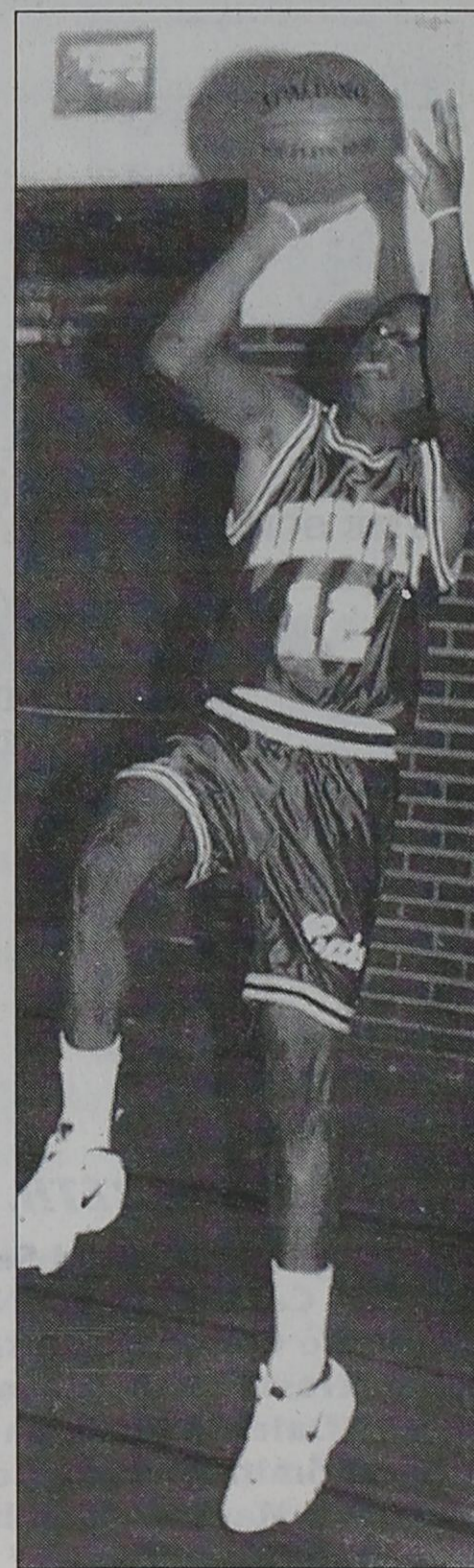
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At Canyon Classic

# Swiftettes lose to Canyon in title game

The Nazareth Swiftettes breezed by their first two opponents in the Canyon Classic and earned a spot in the championship Saturday, but the going got tougher in that game.

The host Lady Eagles upended the Swiftettes in the title game, 55-43, to claim the tournament championship.

The Swiftettes earned the right to face Canyon Saturday by knocking off Merkel last Thursday, 58-45, in first-round action. Then in the championship semifinal, the Swiftettes beat Muleshoe, 62-38.

K'Lynn Gerber, who poured in 53

points over the three games, was named the tournament's offensive most valuable player. Teammates Shawna Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier made the all-tournament team.

The Nazareth-Merkel battle was a close one for two quarters before the Swiftettes started pulling away.

The Swiftettes were on top 13-10 after the first quarter, but a determined Merkel squad kept it close and trailed by just a bucket, 21-19, at intermission.

Nazareth started pulling away in

the third period, outscoring the Badgers 15-10, then finally caught fire in the fourth, exploding for 22 points to pull out the 58-45 win.

K'Lynn Gerber finished with 17 points in the game while Shawna Gerber chipped in 13 and Amy Pohlmeier added 10.

In the semifinal game Friday night, Nazareth was unstoppable in the first quarter and the 27-14 lead the Swiftettes posted in the opening period was more than Muleshoe could overcome.

The Swiftettes nailed eight three-pointers in the game, including four in the opening quarter. Five of those eight treys were by Shawna Gerber while Tanya Wethington sank the other three.

Shawna Gerber, who finished with a game-high 23 points, led the Swiftette attack while K'Lynn Gerber added 13 and Cassie Birkenfeld finished with 10.

Nazareth reeled off the game's first six points, then jumped out to a 14-4 lead when K'Lynn Gerber scored on a pass from Shawna Gerber with 5:11 left in the stanza. Back-to-back three-pointers by Wethington put the Swiftettes up 22-6 with 2:52 left in the quarter.

Nazareth hit 11-of-16 shots from the field in the first stanza while Muleshoe managed just 6-of-12.

Nazareth extended its lead to 20 with 3:33 left in the first half when Shawna Gerber swished one after nabbing an offensive carom, and Muleshoe Coach Jim Gruhlkey called a quick time out.

After the break, Muleshoe ripped off four points, but a Shawna Gerber three ended the run and by the end of the quarter the Swiftettes were up 39-20.

Nazareth's offense struggled in the

third period, but its defense held strong.

The only Swiftette to score in the third was K'Lynn Gerber, and she had all seven Nazareth points in the stanza. Muleshoe was limited to eight, and Nazareth carried a 46-28 lead into the final period.

Muleshoe made a run at Nazareth early in the stanza, but two three-pointers by Shawna Gerber and a basket by K'Lynn Gerber in just over a minute put the Swiftettes up 54-31. From there Nazareth coasted and Muleshoe never got closer than 20.

Next up for the Swiftettes was Canyon, one of the top-rated Class AAAA teams in the state, coached by former Nazareth coach Joe Lombard.

The Lady Eagles were hot from the opening tip, and jumped out to a 20-9 lead in the first quarter.

Canyon went on to win the second and third quarters, too.

At halftime the Lady Eagles were on top 34-22, and after three it was Canyon by 18, 47-29.

But Nazareth wasn't ready to concede. The Swiftettes mounted a comeback run in the fourth quarter, outscoring Canyon 14-8, but it wasn't enough to overtake the defending champions and Canyon claimed the championship trophy with a 12-point victory, 55-43.

*Some people keep raccoons as pets because they are more intelligent than cats and can easily be trained. After a year, however, they may be easily angered and, as a result, often bite and scratch.*

*The sponge can regrow its entire body from a tiny fragment of itself.*

## Nazareth to compete in I-27 Tournament

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes each finished second in their respective tournaments last weekend, and both hope their experience in those tourneys will help them to the championships in the I-27 Tournament this weekend.

The tournament opens today and continues through Saturday at Abernathy, Hale Center and Idalou High Schools.

The boys' tournament features 16 teams and the Swifts will take on Muleshoe in a first-round game today (Thursday) at 12 noon at Idalou. If the Swifts win, they will play at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Abernathy against the winner of the Tulia-Trinity game. If the Swifts lose to Muleshoe, they will play the Tulia-Trinity loser Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Hale Center.

Other teams entered in the boys' tournament are Happy, Idalou, Colorado City, Slaton, Cooper, Crane, Hale Center, Lubbock Christian, Littlefield, Shallowater,

Whiteface and Abernathy.

The Swiftettes will meet Tulia today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. in Hale Center to open the tournament. The winner of the Nazareth-Tulia game will meet the winner of the Springlake-Earth-Hale Center game Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Hale Center. Losers of those two games will meet Friday at 9 a.m. at Hale Center.

The girls' tournament also includes Happy, Lubbock Christian, Wall, Idalou, Cooper, Clarendon, Whiteface, Littlefield, Trinity and Abernathy.

The girls' bracket on Saturday includes the consolation championship at 9 a.m., third-place game at 12 noon, fifth-place game at 3 p.m. and championship at 6 p.m. All will be played at Abernathy.

In the boys' bracket, Saturday's consolation final will be played that morning, and the fifth-place game will be at 10:30 a.m. The third-place game is slated for 1:30 p.m. and the championship will begin at 7:30 p.m.



NAZARETH POST K'LYNN GERBER (24) picks up an easy inside basket against Muleshoe Friday in semifinal action of the Canyon Classic. The Swiftettes breezed through their first and second games in the tournament before falling to Canyon in the title bout and settling for second place. Gerber was voted the tournament's offensive most valuable player.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

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## Swifts nab 12 all-district spots

The Nazareth Swifts claimed 12 spots on the 2-A all-district roster and several others earned honorable-mention honors.

Nazareth finished the season with an 8-2 record, losing only to Kress and Sudan, and posted a big win over the state-ranked Springlake-Earth Wolverines.

Swifts earning first-team honors were center and defensive end Stacey Schulte, running back and linebacker Matthew Kern, tight end and secondary player Barry Hoelting, flanker Darren Huckert, and quarterback Mitchell Brockman.

Nazareth also placed several on the second team, including offensive guard and defensive tackle Derrick Schacher, running back Cameron McLain, secondary player Huckert.

Honorable-mention all-district nominees were Kit Schulte and Jerad Birkenfeld, defensive backs; Leon Birkenfeld, defensive tackle; Josh Merritt, running back; and Shane Ethridge and Jason Maurer, offensive linemen.

The District Most Valuable Player this year was James Williams, quarterback for Springlake-Earth. Offensive MVP honors went to Monte Durham of Kress, while Slayton Moya of Kress claimed Defensive MVP honors.

Here's the complete all-district roster.

### ALL-DISTRICT 2-A

**First-Team Offense**  
**Offensive MVP:** Monte Durham, Kress.  
**Flanker:** Darren Huckert of Nazareth.  
**Tight Ends:** Barry Hoelting of Nazareth and Trusstin Perry of Springlake-Earth.  
**Tackles:** Rudy Monreal of Springlake-Earth, and Ted Jobe of Kress.  
**Guards:** Slaton Moya of Kress and Taylor Whitley of Sudan.  
**Center:** Stacey Schulte of Nazareth.

**Quarterback:** Mitchell Brockman of Nazareth.

**Running Backs:** Matthew Kern of Nazareth, Donyale Weaver of Sudan and Jason Miller of Farwell.

**Kicker:** Travis Pittman of Kress.

### First-Team Defense

**Defensive MVP:** Slayton Moya of Kress.  
**Defensive ends:** Stacey Schulte of Nazareth, Frank Toscano of Springlake-Earth and Joseph Trevino of Kress.

**Tackles:** Rowdy Clark and Chris Polando of Springlake-Earth, Taylor Whitley of Sudan and Maverick Murrell of Kress.

**Linebackers:** Matthew Kern of Nazareth, Cody Barret of Kress and Jared Hammett of Happy.

**Secondary:** Barry Hoelting of Nazareth, Keane Cruse of Motley County, Jeremy Searcy of Kress and Gabriel Garcia of Springlake-Earth.

**Punter:** Travis Pittman of Kress.

### Second-Team Offense

**Flanker:** Aaron Green of Motley County and Mark Lunsford of Farwell.

**Tight Ends:** Jay Carr of Sudan and Aaron Binder of Motley County.  
**Tackles:** Chris Polando of Springlake-Earth and Anthony Lopez of Sudan.

**Guards:** Derrick Schacher of Nazareth, Rowdy Clark of Springlake-Earth, Jared Hammett of Happy and Joseph Trevino of Kress.

**Center:** Maverick Murrell of Kress.  
**Quarterback:** Keane Cruse of Motley County and Patrick McCuaig of Happy.

**Running backs:** Cameron McLain of Nazareth, Robert Mendoza of Springlake-Earth, Jerry Hinojosa of Kress, Richard Campbell of Kress and Dustin Provence of Sudan.  
**Kicker:** Brett Curtis of Farwell.

### Second-Team Defense

**Defensive ends:** Richard Campbell of Kress, Russ King of Sudan and Mikey Monreal of Springlake-Earth.

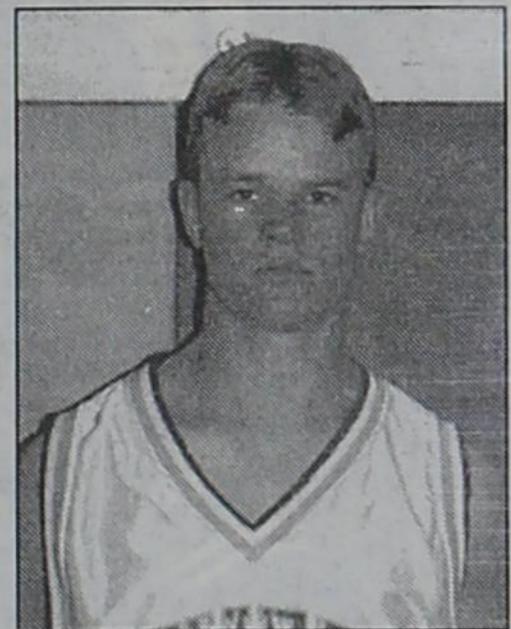
**Tackles:** John Monreal of Sudan, Derrick Schacher of Nazareth, Beau Brown of Happy and Rudy Monreal of Springlake-Earth.

**Linebackers:** Jason Miller of Farwell, Greg Gardea of Kress and Robert Mendoza of Springlake-Earth.

**Secondary:** Darren Huckert of Nazareth, Jerry Hinojosa of Kress, Brett Curtis of Farwell, Cuyler Smith of Sudan and Jose Mendoza of Springlake-Earth.  
**Punter:** Tyler Chadwick of Farwell.



JAYME SCHMUCKER  
Junior Guard



JOSH MERRITT  
Senior Guard

## Good Luck, SWIFTETTES and SWIFTS in the Abernathy Tournament!

FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Muleshoe, Thursday, 12 noon  
 FIRST GAME: Swiftettes vs. Tulia, Thursday, 3 p.m.

## TUESDAY: Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Muleshoe, Here

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**Lady Horns and Longhorns claim consolation crowns**

# Chieftains edge Swifts for Friona Tournament title

The Nazareth Swifts came within 10 points of winning the Friona Invitational Saturday night, but had to settle for second place after they lost to the host Chieftains, 66-56.

The Swifts beat Friona JV in the first round and knocked off River Road to earn a spot in the championship against Friona.

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns won the consolation championships in their respective divisions, both posting wins over Friona junior varsity on Saturday.

The tournament field was split into two pools, one featuring four teams and the other featuring three. The teams with the best record from each pool met for the championship.

The Lady Horns opened the tournament with a win over Floyd, N.M., before losing to Friona and Farwell on Friday. The Lady Horns posted a record of 2-2 enroute to the consolation title.

The Longhorns suffered a loss to Friona in the opening round, but beat Floyd, N.M., in the second game. Farwell knocked off the Longhorns on Friday, but Hart bounced back to beat the Friona JV Saturday for the consolation crown. The Longhorns finished with a 2-2 mark in the tournament.

Three county athletes were named to the all-tournament team. The girls' all-tournament team included Hart's Charbra Lee, who scored 10 against Floyd and Friona and 22 against Friona JV; and Nazareth's Barry Hoelting and Darren Huckert. Hoelting was the Swifts' leading scorer in two games, finishing with 16 against Friona JV and 21 against Friona. Huckert had 15 in the first game, 17 against River Road and 14 in the championship.

**Swifts**

Nazareth coasted to a first-round win over Friona JV last Thursday, holding the Chieftains to eight first-half points enroute to a 57-30 win.

Nazareth led 15-4 after the opening period and extended that advantage to 30-8 at the break.

Friona JV did manage to gain back a little ground in the third, outscoring the Swifts 13-9, but the Swifts silenced the attempted comeback with a big fourth quarter.

Hoelting and Huckert teamed for 31 of the Swifts' 57 points in the game.

The Swifts' second game provided a little more of a challenge, and Nazareth had to battle back from a halftime deficit to claim the win, 56-52.

The Swifts had early success against River Road, taking a 14-7 lead in the first before the Wildcats started making a comeback. By the end of the stanza, the Wildcats had narrowed the gap to four, and trailed just 14-10.

River Road outscored the Swifts 15-8 in the second period and that put the Cats up 25-22 at halftime.

But Swift shooters found their mark in the second half, nailing a three-pointer here and there, and they regained their early lead in the third quarter and they never trailed again.

The Swift defense limited the Wildcats to 10 points in the third, and were on top 37-35 with eight minutes left.

The fourth quarter was a hard-fought battle, but Nazareth eventually prevailed at the end and claimed the 56-52 win.

Huckert finished with 17 to lead the Swifts while Mitchell Brockman finished with 12.

Nazareth gave Friona a run for its money Saturday in the championship game, but came up just short of claiming first place.

Hoelting poured in 21 points and Huckert chipped in 14 for the Swifts. Nazareth held a slim, 13-12 lead

after the first period, but Friona turned the tables in the second, outscoring Nazareth 16-14 to lead 28-27 at half. Nazareth kept it close in the second half, but Friona outscored the Swifts 19-16 in the third and 19-13 in the fourth to claim the win and title.

**Longhorns**

The Hart Longhorns ran into a brick wall in their first game in the tournament, losing to Friona, 73-39. Hart had problems handling the ball and were ice cold from the field throughout the game and Friona took advantage, running ahead to a 17-4 lead in the first and adding to it in the second for a 35-14 halftime score.

Things didn't improve for Hart in the third quarter, either. The Chieftains rattled the nets for 21 points in the stanza and Hart managed just eight.

Lupe DeLaFuente was Hart's top point-getter with nine points.

Hart had better success in their second game of the day last Thursday, handily beating Floyd, N.M., 54-38, behind DeLaFuente's 13 points and Moses Reyna's 12.

The game was close until the third quarter, when Hart's defense, virtually shut down Floyd.

Hart held a slim 13-10 lead in the first quarter and carried a 27-23 lead into the locker room at half.

But the Horns blew the game wide open in the third quarter, outscoring Floyd 17-4.

Floyd managed to keep up with Hart point for point in the final quarter, but the third quarter did the trick, lifting Hart to the win.

Farwell handed the Longhorns their second loss of the tournament Friday, posting a 50-37 win.

Hart started off hot, winning the opening stanza battle, 10-7, but slid downhill from that point.

Farwell picked up the pace of the game over the next three quarters, outscoring Hart 43-27 to steal the win.

Reyna finished with 18 points to lead the Longhorns.

In the consolation championship game Saturday, Hart took an early lead, but this time the Longhorns were able to hold on and claimed the consolation crown with a 56-44 win over Friona JV.

DeLaFuente paced Hart scoring with 12 points and Jeremiah Velasquez added eight.

The Longhorns held a 13-9 lead

after one, but Friona battled back to cut that lead to two at halftime, 25-23.

A big third-quarter effort gave Hart a little breathing room, then the Longhorns fought off a late Friona run to claim the victory.

**Lady Horns**

The Hart Lady Horns went 2-2 in the tournament, downing Floyd 63-40 and Friona JV 53-34, but losing to Friona by 20 and Farwell by 15.

Lee was Hart's sparkplug in the tournament, leading the Lady Horns in scoring throughout the tourney.

The Lady Horns pulled away from Floyd early in the game and coasted to the win.

Hart's in-your-face defense smothered Floyd's girls, holding the New Mexico team to 12 first-half points. By intermission Hart had managed a comfortable 30-12 lead. They turned it into a 28-point advantage after three, outscoring Floyd 18-8 in the third period.

Lee led a balanced Hart scoring attack with 10 points.

Friona handed the Lady Horns their first loss on Friday, 45-25.

"They were very, very good," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox. "We played with them for a half, but they had a super third quarter and we couldn't recover."

Hart struggled in the first quarter, allowing Friona to claim a 14-4 lead. But the Lady Horns improved in the second and trailed just 23-15 at halftime.

The killing third quarter did the trick for Friona. The Squaws held Hart to a lone free throw in the stanza and reeled off 13 points to take a commanding lead. Hart stayed right with Friona in the fourth, but didn't recover any lost ground.

Lee finished with 10 points to lead Hart while Ysa Rodriguez had seven.

Hart had to play its two toughest games of the tournament within a few hours of each other on Friday.

After losing to Friona Friday morning, Hart had to go up against Farwell later that day and the outcome was almost a duplicate of the morning showdown.

"It was a 15-point game, but we played hard. It wasn't as bad as that, they just gained on us at the end," said Wilcox. "I was very proud of

how we competed."

Hart got back on the winning side Saturday with a 53-34 win over Friona JV and Wilcox said it was good to get another win.

Lee had 22 points and Rodriguez had 11 for Hart.

The Hart defense limited Friona to single-digit scoring in all but one quarter Saturday.

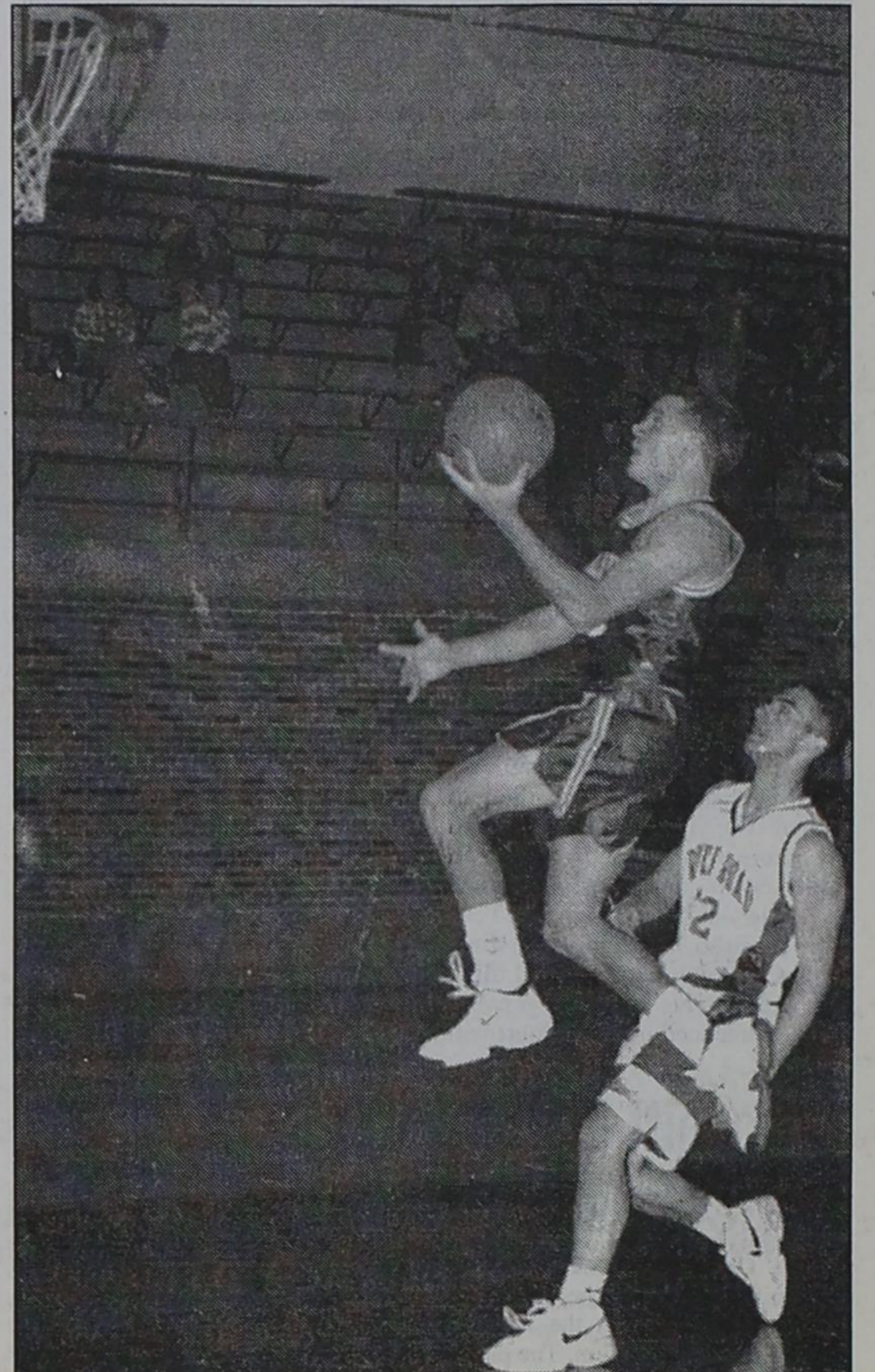
A 15-6 Hart lead in the first was erased by the Squaws in the second period, and Hart only led 29-25 at the end of the second period.

The determined Lady Horns came out in the second half and gave up next to nothing, holding Friona to five points in the third and four in the fourth while reeling off 12 points in each of the stanzas to run away with the consolation championship.



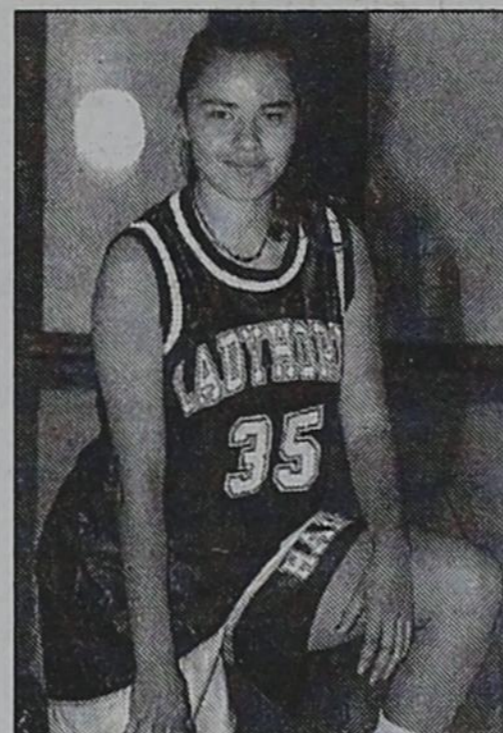
IT'S A TOSS-UP WHO'LL WIN THE BOARD BATTLE between Hart's Chris George (23) and a Friona opponent last Thursday, but Friona, which boasted a slight height advantage over the Horns, won this battle and many others in a first-round game in the Friona Tournament. Hart struggled against the Chieftains, losing 73-39. The Longhorns won two of four games in the tournament and finished as consolation champs.

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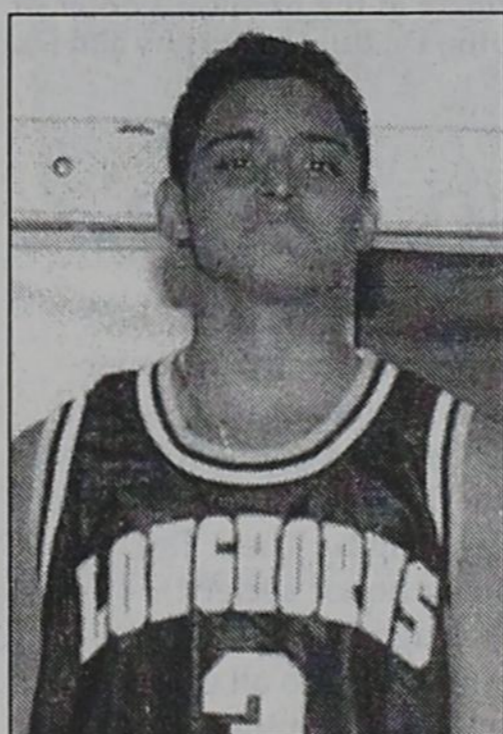


FAST-BREAK PLAY—Darren Huckert of Nazareth beats a River Road defender downcourt and scores an easy layup during action Friday afternoon in the Friona Tournament. The Swifts beat River Road, 56-52 to advance to the tournament championship. Friona edged the Swifts in the title game, 66-56. Huckert was named to the all-tournament team.

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# Commissioners okay purchase of new motor grader for Pct. 3

Commissioners agreed Monday to allow Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige to purchase a new motor grader and accepted the bid for a new unit from West Texas Caterpillar.

Baldrige offered a 1988 John Deere 770b grader as a trade-in, and opened bids from three companies Monday.

He elected to go with the bid from West Texas Cat.

Pct. 3 will purchase a new 140H Caterpillar for a trade-difference of \$97,196 plus a \$1,500 guaranteed maintenance charge. West Texas Cat also offered a five-year guaranteed buy-back of \$109,000.

A bid was also received from Yellowhouse Machinery and a no-bid from AIS was opened.

Baldrige said he preferred the bid from West Texas Cat because Caterpillar offers a 27-inch mow board not included on the John Deere bid from Yellowhouse Machinery.

Debbie Annen asked commissioners for permission to use the courtrooms for Teen Court, a new program being implemented in Dimmitt.

Annen told commissioners the court will be conducted just like a regular court session, only the attorneys, jury, bailiff, etc., will be teenagers.

The court will be for those 12-17 years of age who have committed a Class C Misdemeanor, according to Annen. The youths will still have to go before a judge, and must plead guilty or no contest, then they will have the option of going to Teen Court instead of paying their fine. Teen Court will require a \$10 filing fee and parents must be present. Those sentenced in Teen Court will

have to serve Community Service hours and must serve on a Teen Court jury in the future.

All involved must take an oath of confidentiality, Annen said.

Teenagers will only be allowed to have their case heard in Teen Court once every two years.

"This program has been successful all across the state," said Annen. "We have 20 teen volunteers now and we hope to have 50. We'll start off meeting the first Monday of every month and we may be twice a month if needed. We plan to hear four cases each night."

Annen said she hopes to expand the program to Hart and Nazareth in the future.

Commissioners agreed to allow Annen to use the courtrooms for the program.

Annen also asked commissioners if the county would be able to help with expenses of the court, but commissioners declined that request for now.

Annen said the Teen Court budget for the first year will be \$8,500, and the city has given \$5,000 toward that. She has spoken to all civic clubs in Dimmitt and all have expressed interest, but she hasn't received any other donations yet.

The budget includes a salary for Annen, part-time coordinator of the project; travel and conferences and printing, office equipment and supplies.

Commissioners also agreed to allow those conducting DWI schools to use the district courtroom for classes.

Every defendant placed on probation after a DWI conviction must complete a program before they can get their driver's license back. The person conducting these classes had requested that the county furnish a room to hold the classes.

"If we don't offer the space here, those people will have to go out-of-town to take the classes," said County Judge Irene Miller.

In other action, commissioners approved construction of water lines across County Road 503 between County Roads 622 and 623 for Kent Vaughn, and across County Road 509 for Stan Isaacson; and heard a report on the fire department from Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy.



**HART'S YSA RODRIGUEZ (14) goes up for a layup after getting a steal from the Lady Horns press against Floyd, N.M. last Thursday in first-round action of the Friona Tournament. The Lady Horns claimed a big win over the New Mexico team, 63-40. They went on to claim the consolation championship in the tournament.** Photo by Anne Acker

# Dimmitt band concert slated

The Christmas Concert for the Dimmitt bands will be held Tuesday, starting at 6 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School auditorium. The public is invited.

Band members are required to attend as a part of their grade, and are asked to wear nice clothes.

## In Lockney Classic today

# Longhorns will face Clarendon, Lady Horns to meet Roosevelt

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns are among the teams featured in this weekend's Lockney Classic, and the tournament gets underway today (Thursday).

The Lady Horns will face Roosevelt at 12 noon today (Thursday) in a girls' first-round game,

while the Longhorns are scheduled to meet Clarendon at 1:30 p.m.

Both brackets feature eight teams. Other girls' teams entered are Lockney, Plainview Christian Academy, Post, Kress, Lorenzo and Motley County. In the boys' bracket, teams entered are Lockney, Motley County, Roosevelt, Kress, Floydada and Lorenzo.

The Hart girls will play either Lorenzo or Motley County on Friday. If they win, they will play at 12 noon and if they lose to Roosevelt they will play at 9 a.m.

If the Longhorns beat Clarendon, they will face either Floydada or Lorenzo on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Should the Horns lose to Clarendon, they would meet the Floydada-Lorenzo loser Friday at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, the girls' seventh-place game is scheduled for 9 a.m., consolation championship is at 3 p.m., third-place game is at 12 noon and championship is at 6 p.m.

Saturday's boys' schedule opens with the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m. The consolation title match will begin at 4:30 p.m. On the championship side, the third-place game is penciled in for 1:30 p.m. with the title game set for 7:30 p.m.

# Hoop Roundup

**LIONS PIONEER CLASSIC**  
at Wayland Baptist University

First Round  
**Bobcats 62, Canyon 50**  
 Dimmitt 10 13 16 23 —62  
 Canyon 12 10 12 16 —50  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Jerry Thomas 22, Charley Sanders 14, Casey Smith 10.

Championship Semifinals  
**Bobcats 32, Lubbock Estacado 51**  
 Dimmitt 4 11 2 15 —32  
 Estacado 20 10 12 9 —51  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Jerry Thomas 18, Charley Sanders 6.

Third-Place  
**Bobcats 57, Hereford 49**  
 Dimmitt 17 16 8 16 —57  
 Hereford 15 11 0 15 —49  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Jerry Thomas 17, Casey Smith 13.

All-Tournament Team: Jerry Thomas and Charley Sanders of Dimmitt.

**CANYON CLASSIC**

First Round  
**Swiftettes 58, Merkel 45**  
 Nazareth 13 8 15 22 —58  
 Merkel 10 9 10 16 —45  
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 17, Shawna Gerber 13, Amy Pohlmeier 10.

Championship Semifinals  
**Swiftettes 62, Muleshoe 38**  
 Nazareth 27 12 7 16 —62  
 Muleshoe 14 6 8 10 —38  
 SCORING: NAZ—Shawna Gerber 23, K'Lynn Gerber 13.

Championship  
**Swiftettes 43, Canyon 55**  
 Nazareth 9 13 7 14 —43  
 Canyon 20 14 13 8 —55  
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 23, Shawna Gerber 13.

All-Tournament Team: Shawna Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier. Offensive MVP: K'Lynn Gerber.

**LEVELLAND TOURNAMENT**

First Round  
**Bobcats 59, Levelland Red 22**  
 Dimmitt 18 9 20 12 —59  
 Levelland Red 2 4 7 9 —22  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Shawna Kenworthy 14.

Championship Semifinals  
**Bobcats 41, Randall 60**  
 Dimmitt 5 15 14 7 —41  
 Randall 13 13 18 16 —60  
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Kimberly Newland 8, Carol Summers and Shawna Kenworthy 7.

Third Place  
**Bobcats 57, Slaton 32**  
 Dimmitt 14 15 17 11 —57  
 Slaton 8 8 7 9 —32  
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 15.

**FRIONA INVITATIONAL**  
Thursday's Games

Swifts 57, Friona JV 30  
 Nazareth 15 15 9 18 —57  
 Friona JV 4 4 13 9 —30  
 SCORING: NAZ—Barry Hoelting 16, Darren Huckert 15.

Longhorns 54, Floyd, N.M. 38  
 Hart 13 14 17 10 —54  
 Floyd 10 13 4 11 —38  
 SCORING: HART—Lupe DeLaFuente 13, Moses Reyna 12.

Longhorns 39, Friona 73  
 Hart 4 10 8 17 —39  
 Friona 17 18 21 17 —73  
 SCORING: HART—Lupe DeLaFuente 9.

Lady Horns 63, Floyd, N.M. 40  
 Hart 13 17 18 15 —63  
 Floyd 8 4 8 20 —40  
 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 10.

Friday's Games  
**Longhorns 37, Farwell 50**  
 Hart 10 8 8 11 —37  
 Farwell 7 13 12 18 —50  
 SCORING: HART—Moses Reyna 18.

Swifts 56, River Road 52  
 Nazareth 14 8 15 19 —56  
 River Road 10 15 10 17 —52  
 SCORING: NAZ—Darren Huckert 17, Mitchell Brockman 12.

Lady Horns 25, Friona 45  
 Hart 4 11 1 9 —25  
 Friona 14 9 13 9 —45  
 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 10, Ysa Rodriguez 7.

Saturday's Games

Championship  
**Swifts 56, Friona 66**  
 Nazareth 13 14 16 13 —56  
 Friona 12 16 19 19 —66  
 SCORING: NAZ—Barry Hoelting 21, Darren Huckert 14.

Longhorns 56, Friona JV 44  
 Hart 13 12 17 14 —56  
 Friona JV 9 14 6 15 —44  
 SCORING: HART—Lupe DeLaFuente 12, Jeremiah Velasquez 8.

Lady Horns 53, Friona JV 34  
 Hart 15 14 12 12 —53  
 Friona JV 6 19 5 4 —34  
 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 22, Ysa Rodriguez 11.

All-Tournament Teams: Charbra Lee of Hart on the girls' team; and Barry Hoelting and Darren Huckert of Nazareth on the boys' team.

**VALLEY VIEW FRESHMAN TOURNEY**  
First Round  
**Freshman Bobbies 48, River Road 19**

Championship Semis  
**Bobbies 26, Valley View 82**  
 Dimmitt 7 4 8 7 —26  
 Valley View 23 12 16 31 —82  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Cassandra Casas 6.

Third Place  
**Bobbies 21, Borger 24**  
 Dimmitt 10 4 3 4 —21  
 Borger 4 7 9 4 —24  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Rachel Fabela 6.

**MONDAY**  
**Freshman Bobbies 55, Friona 37**  
 Dimmitt 11 21 19 4 —55  
 Friona 5 11 10 11 —37  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Heather Black 11, Tamara Robertson 10.

**TUESDAY**  
**Bobcats 58, Caprock 55**  
 Dimmitt 12 17 10 19 —58  
 Caprock 15 18 11 11 —55  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Jerry Thomas 18, Derek Buckley and Charley Sanders.

**Bobbies 48, Amarillo High 61**  
 Dimmitt 11 8 13 16 —48  
 Amarillo 13 25 10 13 —61  
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Amber Matthews and Shawna Kenworthy 12.

Swifts 52, Plains 66  
 Nazareth 10 16 13 13 —52  
 Plains 17 19 13 17 —66  
 SCORING: NAZ—Billy Don Cannon 27.

Longhorns 50, Crosbyton 49  
 Hart 5 13 18 14 —49  
 Crosbyton 10 17 8 14 —50  
 SCORING: HART— Jared Aven 16, Moses Reyna 10.

Lady Horns 64, Crosbyton 50  
 Hart 18 17 10 19 —64  
 Crosbyton 9 20 15 6 —50  
 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 19, Ysa Rodriguez 15, Veronica Gonzales 14.

Swiftettes 50, Plains 24  
 Nazareth 14 13 12 11 —50  
 Plains 9 9 6 0 —24  
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 20.

JV Lady horns 40, Crosbyton 25  
 JV Longhorns 40, Crosbyton 47  
 JV Bobcats 53, Caprock 64  
 JV Bobbies 38, Amarillo High 59  
 JV Swiftettes 35, Plains 20  
 JV Swifts 43, Plains 66



Kim Sava, M.S., R.N., C.F.N.P., is one of five health-care providers at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. She works alongside Dr. Gary R. Hardee, Dr. Leon Joplin, Dr. Bill D. Murphy and Dr. Dhiraj Patel to provide primary health care to local residents.

# It's Her Nature to Care.

Kim Sava has been providing health care to local people since 1980. All those initials you usually see behind her name (M.S., R.N., C.F.N.P.) stand for Master of Science Registered Nurse, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. What she *does* is provide quality health care for you and your family at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, including primary care and several types of advanced care. Family nurse practitioners are important links in the delivery of primary care. In fact, every rural health clinic is supposed to have at least one F.N.P. on staff. Kim is certified not only in family practice, but also in advanced cardiac

life support, advanced pediatric life support, trauma care, pediatric emergency care and neonatal resuscitation. She also is a certified paramedic and a member of the Texas Nurse Practitioners Association and Sigma Theta Tau, national nursing honor society. Kim's knowledge and specialized training are important to all of us—perhaps more important than we realize. We're glad that she's a part of our community and a part of our staff. The Medical Center of Dimmitt is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. You may "walk in" for care, or call 647-2194 for an appointment.

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# Locals to perform in Dickens evening

Six locals who are members of the Texas Plains Chorale will appear in the Dickens' Christmas Evening Saturday at 7 in the fellowship hall of Hereford's First United Methodist Church. The public is invited. The group will perform excerpts from a musical presentation of "Scrooge," in a reader's theater format. The presentation will include costumes. Admission charge will be \$5 per person, and dessert and coffee is included. The cast includes Avie Lewis, Violet Barton, Dwight Joiner (as Jacob Marley), Charles Axtell (as Tom Jenkins), Jerry Heller, and Wayne Proffitt. The group also will sing some old English Christmas carols, as well.

# W.I.T.H. group sponsors home decorating event

The W.I.T.H. Association in Hart will sponsor a holiday home decorating contest in Hart and each home entering the contest will be charged a \$15 entry fee. Deadline to enter your home in the contest is Friday. Hart residents will vote by secret ballot Dec. 15 through Dec. 19 and the winner will be announced in the Christmas edition of *The Hart Beat*. The winner will receive a yard decoration. Entry forms are available at Hale County State Bank, Lowe's Pay and Save, City Hall or from any W.I.T.H. member. Entry fees and completed forms should be delivered to Aurelia Perez at Hale County State Bank.

# Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Nazareth basketball fans were treated to a weekend of good basketball games. The Swifts played in the Friona Tournament and the Swiftettes were in the Canyon Classic.

The Swifts came in second playing against Friona. The Swiftettes also finished second, losing to the Canyon Eagles and Coach Joe Lombard in the finals.

Many of us spent Sunday afternoon at the Christmas Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Nazareth FHA. The homes being featured this year were the Martins', Karen Schulte's, Edith Huseman's, Julene Gerber's and LaDawn Schulte's.

Baked goods and poinsettias were available to purchase.

The Christian Mothers' annual Christmas party was held Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall with a nice crowd of members and their husbands enjoying the Christmas dinner and program.

Three new members were welcomed into the Christian Mothers and they are Darlene Fetsch, LaDawn Schulte and Nikki Wethington.

Ralph Albracht's Saturday evening church choir led everyone in singing Christmas songs. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Cyril and Mitzie Brockman hosted their annual Santa Claus party at their home last Wednesday evening. A large crowd attended and children enjoyed having their picture taken with Santa.

The party is held each year in memory of Mitzie's parents, Leonard and Alma Conrad. Any donations made will be given to the Holy Family Parish Charity Fund.

Ida Gibson recently made her annual trip, south to see her married children and their families including Erlene and Tony Fritz and family of Temple, Mark and Vera Hoelting and family of Point, and Roxanne and Bo Richardson and family of Livingston.

During her trip, they visited the Sam Houston Museum in Huntsville and the Old Spring Arts and Crafts; the George Bush Library, which has one portion of the Berlin Wall; and attended a musical that Mark and Vera's children participated in and a basketball game. It was a very enjoyable trip.

A birthday dinner honoring Dolly Schulte was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Dan and Karen Gerber.

Many of us enjoyed the annual Christmas party held at the home of Kevin and Melinda Gerber on Saturday night in Plainview. Friends came from Plainview, Lubbock, Midland, Dimmitt, Hereford, Nazareth and Amarillo.

Joe, Imogene and Lucille Drerup recently drove to Ottawa, Ohio, to attend the wedding of their cousins, Dennis Schroeder. They enjoyed being able to visit with many of their relatives.

One day they drove to an Amish community. It was interesting to see the Amish people going to town in their horse-drawn buggy. Most were dressed in black or light blue. Many women rode a bike to town, pulling a cart with small children in it.

They also visited the beautiful old Catholic Church in Glendorf, Ohio. It was built before the 1900s and its altars are over 50 feet tall.

While they were in Ohio, Lucille celebrated her 80th birthday.



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**—Dimmitt Middle School recently named the Students of the Month. They are (front, from left) Shelley York and Garrett Behrends; (middle, from left) Erika Mendoza, Jill

Merritt and Jarod Newland; and (back, from left) Matthew Larra, Marcela Salinas, Efran Gomez, Jake Wright, and Layne Penney. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

## Great communicators aren't born—they're made



Don Taylor

Long before I achieved any success in life, I observed the lives of successful men and women. I was curious about the characteristics that took them to the top.

One day I discovered a common denominator. There is a definite link between a person's ability to inform, persuade and inspire and their proficiency in getting ahead. Those who can speak forcefully, fluently and convincingly climb the ladder of success more quickly.

Once I saw this powerful correlation between speaking and success, I set out to improve my public speaking skills. I accepted all offers to speak. Gradually, I improved and made the transition from willing volunteer to paid professional.

Here are several tips for improving your speaking ability. Use them to build skills and accelerate your career.

### Building your speaking skills

• **Develop an area of expertise.** Study your topic thoroughly and blend in your own experience and uniqueness. Don't give a "book report" of others' information. Become an expert yourself. When you have something important to say, it's easy to find an audience.

• **Take time to learn about your audience.** Know who they are, what they need and their level of experience and expertise. Do your homework and talk to audience members before your presentation.

• **Don't just define problems, propose solutions.** Several years ago, I heard a highly-qualified speaker spend three hours defining a challenging business problem. At the end of his presentation the audience had only one question, "What do we do?" The speaker didn't have an answer.

• **Define, outline and refine.** First, define the central theme or thought of your presentation. Then outline the opening, body and close. Leave some space in your outline so you can add ideas as you develop them. Finally, edit and refine your concepts until they flow smoothly.

• **Keep your focus.** Successful speakers limit the number of ideas they try to present in any given speech. All ideas should link to your central theme. Begin with the idea, develop it and then summarize it.

• **Put yourself into your speaking.** Personal stories, experiences and beliefs allow you to relate to your audience. Reveal your human nature so your audience will feel that you are one of them.

• **Watch your time.** The best way to ruin a good 30-minute speech is to make it last an hour. If you're scheduled to speak for 30 minutes, speak for exactly 30 minutes. Meeting planners don't rehire speakers who blow the time limits.

• **Practice, practice, practice.** Prepare your presentation well ahead of time. Then practice your delivery. Time each practice and keep editing sections until they are smooth and connected. A tape recorder can help you find and eliminate mistakes, stumbling blocks and awkward phrases.

• **Use humor sparingly.** Unless your goal is purely to entertain, use humor carefully. Avoid off-color jokes, ethnic stories and inappropriate topics. The best humor is clean, original, funny and presented well.

• **Anticipate questions.** Research your topic until you know it thoroughly. Then anticipate questions and smooth out your answers ahead of time. If you don't know the answer, say so. No one knows everything. However, if there are many questions you can't answer, you need to do more homework.

• **Join a Toastmasters Club.** Toastmasters helped me learn new skills, polish presentations and develop marketable techniques. For a listing of local clubs call 1-800-9WE-SPEAK or check out the Toastmasters web page at <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

• **Read "The Toastmasters International Guide to Successful Speaking"** by Jeff Slutsky and Michael Aun. These two authors have crafted an excellent book for the beginner or seasoned veteran.

Use these tips to increase your speaking skills. It takes commitment, practice and patience, but it can change your life.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 11-18.

### DIMMITT

**Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.  
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on a bun, potato salad, fresh watermelon and milk.  
TUESDAY: Poor boy steak, parsley green rice, cantaloupe, hot cheese rolls and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Turkey and dressing Supreme or baked ham with cherry jubilee sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans amandine, tossed salad with dressing, hot rolls, cherry upside-down cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.  
FRIDAY: Fishburger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.

### 2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choices of beef stir fry, grilled chipped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or taco pie; potato salad, creole green beans, Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or orange wedges; garlic bread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
TUESDAY: Choice of poor boy steak, chef's salad or Monterey casserole; parsley green rice, cantaloupe or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fresh watermelon or cucumber and tomato salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Turkey and dressing Supreme or baked ham with cherry jubilee sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans amandine, tossed salad with dressing, hot rolls, cherry upside-down cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, escalloped tomatoes or refried beans; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings, cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, fish burger or fajitas with sauted onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot-raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

### HART

**Elementary School**  
THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog or lasagna with ground beef, salad, pinto beans, wheat rolls, whole wheat sugar cookies, gelatin dessert and milk.  
FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog, potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza, lettuce, tomato and pickles; potato chips, fresh fruit, peaches and milk.  
TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or hoagie sandwich, potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, parmesan cheese and milk.  
FRIDAY: Choice of ham sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

### Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or lasagna with ground beef, salad, green beans, wheat rolls, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, ice cream, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog, potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza, lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of turkey with bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or toasted cheese sandwich, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding, and milk, punch or tea.  
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of hoagie sandwich, chicken quesadillas or tuna salad sandwich, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, lettuce, green beans, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti with roll or pizza, salad, corn, pineapple, applesauce and milk or juice.

MONDAY: \* Nachos or corn dogs, salad, beans, pears, fruit cocktail and milk.  
TUESDAY: \* Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, peas, peaches, cookies and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Baked potato or pizza, salad, corn, oranges, apple crisp and milk.

THURSDAY: \* Enchilada with roll, hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, applesauce, pineapple and milk.  
FRIDAY: \* Sandwiches or corn dogs, lettuce, tater tots, fruit, dessert and milk.

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# The Castro County News

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# Classified Advertising

Buy, Sell or Trade



## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

### PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

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**GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!** Ruskin Swim Club completely equipped. Lots of possibilities. \$75,000.

**OVER 2,000 SQUARE FEET**, two living areas, fireplace, large bedrooms, well located. \$95,000.

**NAZARETH**—Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, good location. Lots of possibilities. \$37,500.

**EARTH** off Highway 70 on five lots. Three large bedrooms, two baths, large living area with fireplace, sunroom and wet bar. \$55,000.

**MUST SEE!** Well located, three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, large living with fireplace. \$55,000.

**EDGE OF CITY**—Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, two car garage, living with fireplace, built-ins. New on market! \$55,000.

**GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD.** Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, hardwood floors. Ready for new owner. \$49,000.

**THREE BEDROOM**, two bath on corner lot by golf course. Two living areas and fireplace. \$75,000.

**LARGE HOME** at affordable price. Central heat and air, fireplace, large storage. \$33,500.

**TWO LIVING AREAS**, three bedrooms, two baths. Great price! \$45,000.

**THREE BEDROOM**, 1-1/2 bath brick on quiet street. Free standing fireplace. Large carport and yard. \$48,000.

**THREE BEDROOMS**, one bath, one car garage, storm windows. \$37,500.

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Mobile, 647-7942

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## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

### MORRIS REAL ESTATE

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**THREE BEDROOMS**, one bath, laundry room, carport, storage building. \$30,000.

**WEST HWY 86**, 2515 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, extra large living area and kitchen, fireplace, two-car garage. \$131,500.

**PINE STREET**, extra large living area with fireplace, three bedrooms, two baths, one-car garage, \$71,500.

**WEST OF DIMMITT.** Five bedrooms, three full baths, basement, extra large 2-car garage, large kitchen with lots of storage, brick. \$140,000.

**THREE BEDROOM**, one bath, central heat and air, large lot. Great starter house. \$40,000.

**TEN ACRES** with house north of Dimmitt. Three bedrooms, two baths, all highway frontage. \$85,000.

**GRANT STREET**, three bedrooms, two baths, one car garage, corner lot, storage building, large kitchen. \$60,000.

**MAPLE STREET**, 3,700 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two full baths, two half baths, one 3/4 bath, two-car garage, fireplace, finished basement with fireplace, bar, dishwasher, bathroom, sprinkler system front and back. \$175,000.

**THREE BEDROOMS**, two full baths, two-car garage, central heat and air, fence, corner lot, \$60,000.

**SUNSET CIRCLE**, three bedrooms, two baths, large living area, fireplace, two-car garage. \$75,000.

### FARMS

**80 ACRES** between Nazareth and Hart. Comes out of CRP in October. \$300 per acre.

**330 ACRES** west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60' spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

**615+ ACRES** west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, five wells—two gas and three electric. Highway on two sides. \$550/acre.

**300 ACRES** close to town, three wells, one quarter mile pivot, perfect cattle farm. \$425/acre.

**160 ACRES** in the Sunnyside area, sprinkler, good water. \$850/acre.

*We still have several tracts between Dimmitt and Nazareth. Please call for terms.*

**COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE**—1200+ sq. ft., three offices, receptionist area, two bathrooms, coffee bar, easy access to a bank, lots of parking. \$45,000.

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## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

**FOR SALE: WELL ESTABLISHED AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS**, complete with all equipment and parts inventory. 3,200 square foot building in a very good location on three lots. \$90,000.

**THREE BEDROOM**, two bath home on Oak Street. New carpet, new paint, large storage house.

**TWO BEDROOMS**, one bath, large living area, storage house. Priced to sell on Grant Street.

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## 2—Farms For Sale

**PLEASE CALL** if you need a nice home for your family or a son or daughter and their family, together with a good set of feedpens fully equipped with covered working area, truck/cattle scale, concrete bunks, office, large commodity barn, on pavement.

**WE HAVE** other farms and ranches in Texas and N.M.

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## 3—Real Estate For Rent

**Stafford Apartments**  
One, two and three bedroom apartments. Call for availability. Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings.

**DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS**  
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ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT  
Call 647-2638  
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**THREE BEDROOM**, two bath house for rent. Carla, 647-3399; or 915-267-4279. 3-32-tfc

## 5—For Rent, Misc.

**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
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## 6—For Sale, Misc.

**IBM COMPUTERS** with color monitors for sale: 386, \$200; 486, \$400. (806) 355-8011 after 6 p.m. 6-34-tfc

## 10—Agricultural Services

**CUSTOM FARMING:** No-till drill; mini-till tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard, 806-945-2270 or 806-627-4623. 10-4-tfc

**ROUND BALE HAULING:** Donald Shelton, 647-3558, 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-tfc

**WILHELM CUSTOM FARMING:** Lavern, 945-2518; Henry, 647-5425. Subsoil and conventional plowing. 10-51-tfc

**CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING.** Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-tfc

## 13—Livestock, Pets

**FREE PUPS:** Five males, eight weeks old. Mother, German Shepard, father, lab. On their way to the dog pound, please come get yours as soon as possible. Come by 707 W. Etter or call 647-2055. 13-35-1tc

## 14—Automobiles

**1987 SILVERADO SUBURBAN**, new transmission, runs great, being sold to settle estate. Call (806)995-4133, days; or (806)668-4459, nights. 14-35-2tc

**1990 FORD TEMPO** for sale. \$1,500. For more information, call 647-4479. 14-35-3tc

**1991 FORD TAURUS**, low mileage, extra nice. 1988 Chevrolet Suburban, extra clean, new paint. 1994 Lincoln Town Car, low mileage, extra nice. Call 647-0135. 14-35-tfc

## 18—Services

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## TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



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**ADOPTION**

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- ✓ Each consecutive time you run your ad with no changes, it will cost 25 cents per word with no minimum.
- ✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

Where to find ads:

1. Homes and land for sale
2. Farms for sale
3. Homes and apartments for rent
4. Things people want to rent
5. Miscellaneous items for sale
6. Garage sales
7. Household goods for sale
8. Farm equipment and supplies
9. Agricultural services
10. Feed, seed and grain for sale
11. Farm produce for sale
12. Livestock and pets
13. Automobiles for sale
14. Recreational vehicles
15. Auto parts and supplies
16. Business opportunities
17. Services
- 18A. Insurance
19. Students seeking work
20. Help wanted
21. Notices
22. Lost and found
23. Cards of thanks
24. Legal notices

## 18—Services

**COMPUTER SUPPORT**, on-site software installation, training and equipment repair. Two weekends per month. Call Frank Mendoza at 806-748-0510 for info. 18-36-tfc

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## 20—Help Wanted

**MEDICAL CENTER OF DIMMITT** has an opening for a full-time LVN clinic/office nurse. LVN and clinic experience preferred. Applications accepted at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027, (806)647-2191. EOE. 20-35-2tc

**THE CASTRO-SWISHER COUNTY Juvenile Probation Department** is seeking a person for the position of Juvenile Probation Officer. Qualifications and applications should be picked up at the Castro County Treasurer's Office at the Court-house. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 1997. Castro/Swisher County is an equal opportunity employer. 20-35-2tc

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for RNs, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call 806-364-7113 or come by 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

## 20—Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED:** Bailing rig operator and rig helpers. Call Big T Pump Co., (806) 364-0353 or apply in person at Big T Pump Co. On East New York Avenue in Hereford. 20-34-2tc

**TEXAS OIL COMPANY** urgently needs dependable person in DIMMITT area. Regardless of training, write W.H. Hopkins, Dept. W-79027, Box 711, Fort Worth, Texas 76101-0711. 20-34-2tc

**RNS WANTED** for Saturday and Sunday shifts, 6-2 or 2-10. Also wanted, a full-time RN on weekends. Sign-on bonus for full-time. Contact D.O.N. at (806) 995-4810 at Tulla Care Center. 20-35-2tc

## 22—Notices

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 647-2577. 22-35-4tc

## 24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts who ministered to our family before, during and after the loss of our loving son and brother. A special thank you to Bro. Larry Gilliam, Bro. Vincent Sandlin and Bro. Rusty Dickerson. Thank you for all the food, cards, phone calls, and visits, and most of all for your love, support and prayers. God bless each of you.  
RUBY GOWDY  
VALERIE COOKSEY  
ELAINE BROADSTREET & BOYS  
24-36-1tc

**OAKWOOD HOMES OF AMARILLO**—\$499.00 down on single-wide homes O.A.C. \$999.00 down on doublewide Homes O.A.C. 5300 Amarillo Blvd. E. 1-800-372-1491. 1-36-2tc

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## 3—Real Estate For Rent

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**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Dixie Bradley wishes to express our gratitude for all the kind deeds shown us during our loss. The cards, phone calls, visits, food, flowers and prayers have been a comfort.

We are also very grateful for the love and support shown to Dixie and her family by the staff at Canterbury Villa while she was ill.

Your kindness will always be remembered by our families.

THE FAMILY OF DIXIE BRADLEY  
24-36-11p

**25—Legal Notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

The Castro County Sheriff's Office will conduct a public auction of seized motor vehicles on Dec. 15, 1997, at 10 a.m. in the front foyer of the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt, Texas.

The following motor vehicles will be sold at public auction:

1982 Toyota 2-door passenger car, VIN/JT2RA64L4C6054133, 98 Texas LIC/BDS55D.

1993 Chevrolet Pickup, VIN/2GCEK19K9P1188297, 98 Texas LIC/DH8715.

1983 Oldsmobile 2-door passenger car, VIN/1G3AM47A8DM301225, 94 Texas LIC/BBX84L.

1984 Ford 2-door passenger car, VIN/1FABP0542EW107335, 92 Texas LIC/FYT74H.

Persons wishing to inspect these vehicles before the day of the public auction may contact Sheriff CD Fitzgearld at the Castro County Sheriff's Office at (806) 647-3311.

CD FITZGEARLD, Sheriff  
Castro County, Texas

By: JERRY W. JANS, Deputy  
14-35-21c

**Crime Line offers \$500 reward in vehicle vandalism**

The Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalism of a vehicle.

The damage was done Nov. 25 to a 1996 green Mitsubishi Eclipse belonging to Cassie McLean, while the vehicle was parked at the Dimmitt High School gym.

The caller may remain anonymous and the reward may be paid through a drop system.

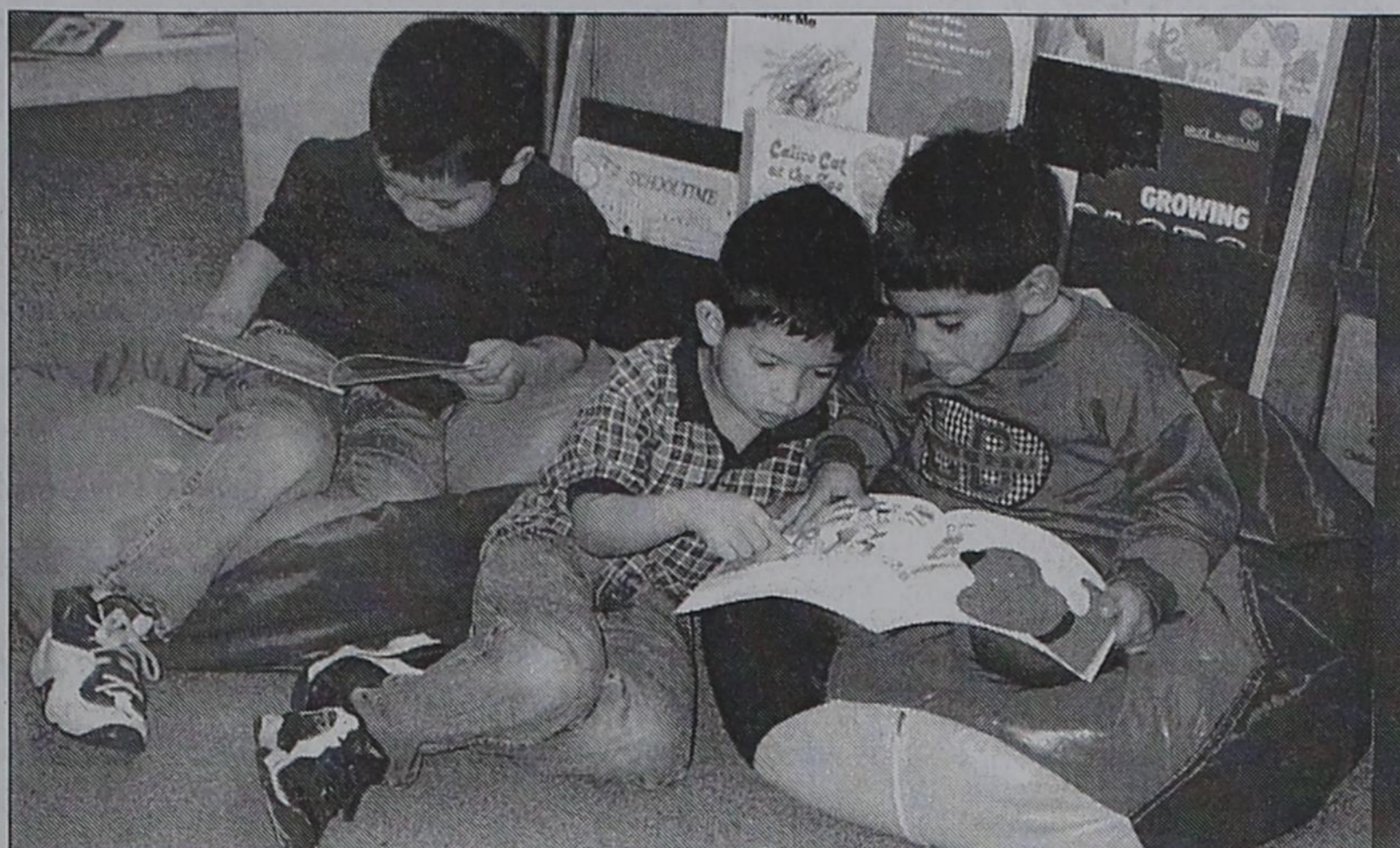
Anyone having information may call the Crime Line at 647-4711 or the Dimmitt Police Dept. at 647-4545 or the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. at 647-3311.

**Breakfast set Sunday**

The Catholic Order of Foresters is sponsoring a breakfast Sunday from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

All are invited to enjoy the all-you-can-eat menu of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee for \$5 per person for ages 12 and up and \$3 each for those under 12.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the projects of the group, including the purchase of playground equipment.



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students (from left) Anthony Cisneros, Diego Rivera and Josue Quiroz read books provided through a grant from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation through the school's Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

program. Local citizens can participate in the school's "Read Me a Story" project Dec. 17 to help the school earn points toward future funding of the RIF program. Those interested in reading to students may contact Doricell Davis at 647-3102. Courtesy Photo

**RES benefits from RIF grant, prepares for 'Read Me a Story'**

The Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School was recently awarded a grant from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation for "outstanding service in motivating youngsters to read."

Also, the school has slated its annual "Read Me a Story" campaign for Dec. 17, with parents and local citizens being invited to come to the school and read to the students. Those wishing to participate may contact Curriculum Director Doricell Davis at 647-3102.

Participants may bring their own book or use one supplied by the school. Appointments may be set at times convenient for the readers.

The foundation grant, one of many

**Primary candidate filing ends Jan. 2**

Applications for a place on the political party primary ballots may be received through Jan. 2.

The applications for a place on the Democratic Primary ballot may be filed with Don Newman, continuing through Jan. 2.

Applications for a place on the Republican Primary ballot may be filed with Deanne Clark through Jan. 2. Clark said that during the Christmas holidays another individual may be designated to receive the applications. Applicants may check at the courthouse for notification.

An individual who signs a petition for a party candidate may only vote in the party primary of that candidate. Also, signees may only sign a petition for a single individual in any particular race.

For example, if a person signs a candidate filing petition for a Democratic candidate running for county judge, then that person would be obligated to vote in the Democratic primary and could not sign the petition for any other candidate running for county judge.

awarded to RIF programs nationwide, will be used to purchase additional books for youngsters.

An earlier RIF grant was used to purchase books for students in grades 1-3. The additional grant has been used to purchase books for students in Pre-K and kindergarten, according to Davis.

The earlier grant received by RES was from funding through Visa USA Inc., based on the number of stories that were read to children on "Read Me a Story" day last year and on the number of Visa® card sales transactions during November and December.\*

"Reading with children is one of the most important ways that parents and other adults can help children's growth and development as readers," a program spokesman said. "This community outreach effort is part of a nationwide reading awareness campaign."

The RIF program inspires children to read through planned reading-related activities and by making it possible for youngsters to choose and to own books that interest them, without cost to them or their families.

Students at Richardson have received 4,500 books over a period of three years from the RIF program.

**Holiday greeting lists due Dec. 19**

The deadline for signing up on the holiday greeting card projects is next Thursday, Dec. 18, and organizers of the collections should have their completed lists submitted to the News by 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 19.

The annual Christmas card projects benefit Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Dimmitt, the Hart Cemetery Fund and Holy Family Cemetery Association in Nazareth.

"The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation grant will help us continue providing a wide variety of books that awaken and nurture youngsters' interest in reading," Davis said. "RIF's unique approach makes youngsters want to read. And the more they read, the more their skills improve."

(\*Void where prohibited or restricted.)

**DHS Student Council will collect coats**

If you have a coat or two that you don't wear anymore, the Dimmitt Student Council would like to have it, according to a representative of the group.

The Student Council will be conducting a coat drive through Friday, and all types and sizes of coats will be accepted.

Those wishing to donate a coat may drop it off at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Lee Street Baptist Church or at any Dimmitt school.

Coats collected will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy individuals this winter.

**Police Calls**

A suspect assaulted both his wife and mother-in-law in an incident of domestic violence, which was reported to deputies early Saturday in Coronado Acres. The man used his hands and a claw hammer to attack the two, who refused medical treatment. Deputies reported that the suspect had slapped and punched one victim in the face and pushed the other one down, then fled before deputies arrived at the scene. Investigation is continuing.

Just after midnight Monday, deputies received a call of a burglary in progress. John Garcia, of HCR 2, five miles southeast of Dimmitt on SH 194, told deputies that a suspect was entering the garage of his home, but was scared away by a dog at the residence. After a deputy arrived, a check of the premises found nothing missing or disturbed.

Deputies are continuing to investigate an incident of vandalism at Flagg Fertilizer. Owner of the business, Fred Kuntz, reported Sunday that someone had fired several rounds from a .22 caliber weapon into the doorglass and window at the business.

Monty Boozer told deputies Friday that someone destroyed a fence charger near the intersection of CR 505 and CR 611.

Jesus Federico Aguirre of Dimmitt told police Sunday that someone burglarized his vehicle and took a .410 shotgun with clip, valued at \$60.

A 39-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for public intoxication and

disorderly conduct early Monday in the 300 block of Southwest Third. A 36-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed last Thursday afternoon for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Friday afternoon a Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed for investigation of a burglary of a vehicle.

Saturday night, a Dimmitt woman, 18, was jailed for public intoxication.

Arrested on warrants: Dec. 2, a Dimmitt man, 23, theft by check, evading arrest, issuance of a bad check, failure to appear; Saturday, a 41-year-old Hereford man on TBC warrants from Hale County and Deaf Smith County; a Dimmitt woman, 23, on a Randall County felony warrant for aggravated theft of property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Nov. 28, a 1995 Chevy pickup belonging to Armando Ruiz of Dimmitt was parked in the 200 block of South Broadway and was struck in the rear by a vehicle which left the scene. Damage was rated light.

Dec. 2 at 7 a.m., a 1985 GMC pickup driven by Harry Hauf, 65, of Dimmitt, backed out in the 600 block of Northwest Sixth and struck a parked 1994 Nissan pickup owned by Charles Richard Jr. Damage to both vehicles was rated light.

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**Christmas Special**

**Mattress Sale**

Queen Size Set **\$499<sup>95</sup>**

**Back Supporter Conforma Wool Limited Edition**

Only the Conforma® Wool has over 6 thick inches of special Conforma® foam which is designed with seven different zones that contours to your body's shape and weight. Plus the elegant damask cover is quilted to a layer of blended wool.

**You'll Feel The Difference!**

This set is advertised in the Amarillo, Lubbock, Plainview and Hereford area at \$599 a set. **Why pay more?**

This mattress set has a quilted damask wool blend cover to allow you to sleep cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. The Conforma Wool has seven zones of comfort that conforms to your body weight. The box spring is Spring Air's famous five zone innerspring unit with edge supports. This truly is an exceptionally priced mattress set found only at Modern Carpet & Furniture Center in Dimmitt.

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## Obituaries

### Xavier Balderas

Graveside services for Xavier Balderas, infant son of Carlos Balderas III and Monica Guillen of Amarillo, were held Saturday morning in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Michael Colwell of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church officiating.

Arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

The infant died Dec. 4. He was born in Amarillo.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Isaac Nathan Cisneros of Amarillo; grandparents, Carlos and Arlene Balderas of Canyon, and Johnny and Olivia Guillen of Amarillo; and great-grandparents, Cruz R. Chavez of Amarillo, Eulalia Balderas of Dimmitt, and Ramona Oliveras, and Juan and Minnie Guillen, all of Hereford.

### Lydia Fierro

Lydia Fierro, 55, of Dimmitt, died at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

The body was cremated and arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Fierro was born Oct. 8, 1942, in Marathon. She graduated from Marathon High School. She lived in El Paso before moving to Dimmitt in 1982.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Elisa Gutierrez, in 1989, and by a brother, Enrique Valdez.

Survivors include four sons, Marco Valdez of Lubbock, Julio Gutierrez of Dimmitt, Oscar Medelline of Dallas and Victor Medelline of Austin; a daughter, Marisela Fierro of Shamrock; two brothers, Ambrosio Valdez Jr. and Sabino Valdez, both of El Paso; five sisters, Eva Rico, Mage Rodriguez, Dalila Rodriguez, Drucilla Valdez and Josefina Garcia, all of El Paso; longtime companion, Chris Melendez; and eight grandchildren.

### Mary Gollehon

Mary Ella Reynolds Gollehon, 93, of Orlando, Fla., former Dimmitt resident, died Monday.

Friends may view the body at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Funeral services will be held in Lubbock and burial will be in Dimmitt.

The family will be in Lamar Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church following graveside services.

Mrs. Gollehon was born in Gorman and had lived in Dimmitt. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Central Florida. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Ruth Gardenhire; three brothers, Carlos Reynolds, Floyd Reynolds, and Rankin Reynolds; and a sister, Iva Huckabay.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Warren of Orlando; two sisters, Alma Reynolds Umberson of Dimmitt and Christine Reynolds Harris of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

## 4-H plans clothing workshop

Connie Wilhelm will instruct 4-H'ers in a pre-Christmas clothing workshop at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Extension office.

Under Wilhelm's supervision, 4-H'ers will make polar fleece mitten and headbands.

Cost of materials will be \$2, and those planning to attend should call the Extension office at 647-4115 to register.



### Guadalupe B. Ramirez

Guadalupe B. Ramirez, 61, of Dimmitt, died at 9:10 a.m. Monday at University Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.

A vigil service was held Wednesday evening at 8 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Mass of Christian burial will be read at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Ramirez was born May 4, 1936, in Mission and she had lived in Dimmitt since 1965, moving here from Tulia. She married Alberto C. Ramirez on Dec. 17, 1965, in Littlefield. He died in 1983. She was a dietary aide at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt for many years. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Patricio and Manuela Basaldua, and a brother, David Basaldua.

Survivors include a son, Albert Ramirez Jr., of Virginia Beach, Va.; a daughter, Janie Beck of Dimmitt; a brother, Abel Basaldua of Tulia; eight sisters, Juanita Garcia of Hamingford, Neb., Tere Mireles, Maria Macias, Jane Gujoso, all of Tulia, Mary Granado of Dumas, Elva Reyna of Lubbock, Mary Lou Casias of Hale Center and Emma Garcia of Roswell, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

### More about Schmucker . . .

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ing relationship with each of them," said Schmucker.

"I want to thank Virgil Huseman, Glenn Ehly, Elias Bermea and Craig Huseman for a friendly and smooth transition during my completion of Vincent Guggemos' final two years. I have been blessed with a fine group of employees who have made my job as commissioner so much easier," Schmucker said.

Since he was elected, Schmucker has earned 28 credits in continuing education courses for governing Texas counties. The classes are intended to enhance one's understanding of county operations and the duties, responsibilities and liabilities within Texas county government's legal, administrative and financial framework.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the relationships I've had with the residents of Precinct 4 during my tenure," said Schmucker. "With that in mind, I would like to continue to serve as Precinct 4 Commissioner."

The largest leaf of any plant belongs to the raffia palm of the Mascarene Islands. Leaf blades may measure up to 65 1/2 feet.

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### ★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

## First him, and now her

Nell Kelley of Dimmitt duplicated her husband Ewell's recent win in the POWER POINTS Football Contest.

In an upset-ting week in which local winners scored as few as 80 points of a possible 136, Kelley scored 89 to win the weekly \$100 cash prize from the News.

In the statewide contest for the \$1,000 grand prize, 124 points won it. Robert Cunningham, 30, a Kerrville building materials salesman who said he doesn't watch much football, entered on a whim and finished in a tie with Cory Stayton of Mt. Pleasant. Cunningham's guess of 35 total points in the Dallas debacle broke the tie for the statewide honors.

"It was sheer luck," Cunningham said. "I don't watch a whole lot of football anymore."

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 8. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St., before 2 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

### More about

# Pheasant prospects . . .

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turned people away," said Bownds.

The majority of the hunters registering with the club are from the Midland, Dallas and Houston areas.

Members of the Lions Club, the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept., and volunteers from the Nazareth community will guide the hunters around on reserved lands Saturday, but the hunters will be on their own Sunday.

Hunters will be served breakfast from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Saturday in the Nazareth Community Hall, and the menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee.

A lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Hall for those signed up for the hunt and for workers, Bownds said.

That evening, the Nazareth Museum Association will sponsor a steak dinner from 5 to 9 at the Community Hall and the public is invited to attend.

The menu will include steak, baked potato and all the trimmings. Cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for

children 12 and under.

### Hart Lions Club

The Hart Lions Club will host 200 hunters for its annual hunt Saturday, and "we've shut it off there," said Leibel. "That's really too many."

In addition to the usual number of hunters from across Texas, Hart is expecting a couple of marksmen from Virginia and another from Alabama this year.

Those registered with the club can hunt the entire season for their \$100 fee, but guides will be available only on opening day, according to Leibel.

The Hart Lions Club has approximately 70 places on which to hunt.

A breakfast buffet featuring scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice will be served Saturday morning at the Hart High School Cafeteria. The meal is open to the public and cost will be \$4 per plate.

The Hart Fire Dept. is selling tickets on a 1187 Remington

Shotgun which will be awarded during the breakfast. Tickets are \$3 each and are available from any member of the department, and also will be sold during the breakfast.

### Easter Lions Club

The Easter Lions Club is expecting between 45 and 50 hunters Saturday for its organized hunt and that group will be treated to guided hunts and a

### More about

## Project Angel Tree . . .

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"It results in an appropriate gift the child wants to have and involves more people in the community," said Gerald Aalbers, pastor of Hart's First Baptist Church.

"It not only benefits the children, it's good for us to give like this," said Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church. "It is purposeful giving on the part of the giver."

barbecued dinner Saturday.

Those hunters can hunt on Saturday and Sunday, according to Matthews.

The barbecued dinner will be served Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Easter Community Building and it's free to those signed up for the club's hunt. Others may enjoy the meal, but a fee will be charged per plate.

"I think it is something like what Jesus would have done," said Alliance president Larry Gilliam, pastor of Dimmitt's Assembly of God.

PCS director Stella Devers said that Classic Cable already has collected 75 gifts that may be distributed to children who did not qualify for Project Angel Tree. The company has been offering installation discounts to those who donate a child's gift valued at \$10 or more.

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