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## **By Don Nelson**

If it were a perfect world, every town would have a Beral Hance.

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She was a jewel. I'm sure she must have made a conscious effort every day to be as pleasant, kind and helpful as she could possibly be to people of all walks of life.

She was a rock at the First Baptist Church and a fixture at the courthouse, where she was the Extension Office secretary many years and the district attorney's secretary many more.

She was our neighbor across the street on Oak Street when we first moved here. She was, of course, a wonderful neighbor.

Before she went to work in the courthouse, she was the teacher to the first group of black kids in the Dimmitt schools. Their "separate but equal" facility was a little converted granary on the west side of town. Her husband, Raymond, told me that she would spend most of her salary on food for her students, many of whom came to school hungry.

She was one of this newspaper's biggest fans, too. She read the News from cover to cover every week. She also filled in as a correspondent, writing "Sheffy's Chatter" for Myrtle Sheffy or "On the Go" for Mary Edna Hendrix when they needed to be spelled.

She was an inspiring mother to three exceptional children, all of PROJECT ANGEL TREE-Local residents are whom made her proud.

college choices. The choice between West Texas State and Texas Tech, the principal said, was a matter of whether Kent wanted "to be a big fish in a little pond or a little fish in a big pond." "After we left and were back in the car," Kent said, "mother told me, 'Mr. Newman doesn't seem to realize that it's possible to be a big figh in a big pond, but it is—and don't you forget it." Each of my two sons, when they were getting their first business experience in turn as paperboys downtown, would make her office their last stop, just so they could sit and visit with her a bit. That was the rial Alliance. range of her appeal to different generations.



asked to pick a paper "angel" off one of the Angel In his tribute to his mother at her Trees in Dimmitt and purchase a gift for a child who funeral Sunday, Kent told of the time might not otherwise have a happy Christmas. The when she accompanied him to the gifts need to be taken to the Panhandle Community principal's office to talk about his Services office in Dimmitt by Dec. 20 so that they

may be distributed to the children in time for Christmas. Shown are Aaron Reed, Ed Freeman and Aaron Lee, members of the Castro County Ministerial Alli-

# DISD keeps 'status quo' on drug policy

According to Federal District Court Judge Mary Lou Robinson, random, suspicionless drug testing of all students who engage in extracurricular activities violates the fourth it. amendment of the constitution, which prohibits unreasonable search and seizure.

Nov. 30 in a civil suit against the Tulia Independent School District.

Dimmitt Independent School District has a policy very similar to Tulia's, which two school board members believe could leave the district vulnerable to a lawsuit similar to the one Tulia is still contesting.

Hollister Gardner, joined by Molly and Colby Gardner, filed suit to protest the Tulia schools' policy.

The Tulia school board has voted to pursue an appeal of Robinson's ruling, taking the case to the Fifth Circuit Court, which covers parts of five states, including this area.

According to a story by Chris Russett in the Dec. 7 issue of The Tulia Herald, the Tulia district plans mitted a bid of \$32,000 to cover all

"I don't agree with (Robinson's) ruling," said board member John Nino. "The public wants us to keep it (the drug policy), and I hate to drop

"We're not the only district facing this. There are a lot facing it," said school board president David That is how Robinson ruled on Schaeffer. "It is a question of the constitutionality problem."

"I think it (the policy) is right for the kids, but it is wrong to expose the district (to legal liability)," Odom said.

"I think it is appropriate for us to postpone action until we receive further information (from TASB)," Schaeffer said.

The Dimmitt school board took no action on the matter.

In other business, the board voted to accept the only bid received on construction of a 50-foot by 50-foot addition on the west end of the Dimmitt High School field house.

Noel Industries of Plainview subto ask for a stay of Robinson's order of the construction, except for the

even her children.

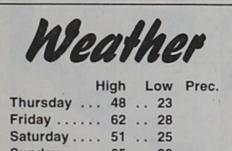
In her quiet but strong way, she was a pillar for her family, a role model for many and a rudder for our town.

It's being reported that a newly discovered chapter of the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to "Where do pets come from?"

Adam and Eve said, "Lord, when we were in the garden, You walked with us every day. Now we do not see You anymore. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much You love us."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and that will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve. (Continued on Page 14)



ance, which sponsors the Angel Tree project, and Jerry Peña of PCS, which administers the project. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Angel Tree gifts due Wednesday at PCS

might not have gotten any presents for Christmas will benefit from the annual Project Angel Tree, sponsored by the Castro County Ministe-

Local citizens are asked to select one or more paper "angels" from the In Beral's case, death came as a Angel Trees set up in financial instirelease. She had lived in the nursing tutions in Dimmitt. The angels list home for years, a victim of Alzhei- the age and sex of a child, along with mer's Disease, unable to recognize a gift request. The donor is asked to Branch; First United Bank; and Here- Angel Tree Project," Devers said.

Children from Castro County who purchase the gift requested on the ford Texas Federal Credit Union. angel, then return the gift, with the angel, to the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt at 110 SW Second.

> The gifts must be returned by Dec. 20, so that they may be delivered to the children in time for Christmas.

> in First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt

The project is administered each year through PCS, which screens the applicants. Stella Devers of the Dimmitt PCS office said that applications were accepted for 117 children this year.

"We hope to see our community The Angel Trees have been placed continue to reach out in the same way they have in the past for the

# County to buy road grader, reassign courthouse offices

At their regular meeting Monday Young's office will become the law check cases, will continue to use the morning, the Castro County Com- library, missioners accepted a bid on the purchase of a road grader for Precinct 2; and they also voted on assignment of office spaces in the Jo Campbell continuing to serve as meeting that would have been schedcourthouse.

Only one bid was received for a motor grader, with West Texas Cat will be used for a conference room offering to sell the county a 2001 for prosecutors and the state's witmodel Caterpillar for \$148,978, with nesses during district court trials. \$45,000 trade-in allowance, for a Morris told the commissioners that purchase price of \$103,978. The the new location of the law library company also offered a guaranteed buy-back after five years at pose. \$109,000.

The commissioners voted to authorize a payment at the time of delivery, and the rest to be paid in four annual installments, with an interest rate of 6.25%.

In another matter, the commissioners voted to assign office spaces vacated by the adult probation department for use by other county officials.

Touchstone will be assigned the unveiling of a plaque in the east wing space vacated by Delbert Morris, of Plains Memorial Hospital.

Commissioners said that Dobbs

will be allowed to continue to share secretary for both Young and Dobbs. The space vacated by Touchstone

also would be useful for that pur-

Jerri Horton, who handles theft by Jan. 1.

space that was formerly the law library as her office space.

In another matter, the commisa phone extension with Young, with sioners agreed to dispense with their uled for Dec. 25. They also agreed to move the Jan. 8 meeting to Jan. 5, since County Judge Irene Miller will be gone on Jan. 8.

> Miller announced that the commissioners' court will hold a special called meeting Monday at 10 a.m. to take action on the county's flood plan that must be completed before

Welch Home Place plaque to be unveiled

The Welch Home Place will be County veteran's officer Jay Lee formally dedicated Monday with the

many years.

Members of Mr. and Mrs. Welch's family, including their son, Mark, a hospital district board member, will

to stop the random testing, which would allow the drug testing policy to continue while the appeal is in process.

The appeal could take as long as a year, DISD Supt. Les Miller told the Dimmitt school board at their meeting Monday afternoon.

He said that the Texas Association of School Boards is standing behind the Tulia schools and other schools that have adopted similar policies, and is waiting to see how the Tulia case comes out.

"They are hoping to 'hit a home run' with Tulia and get it settled once and for all," Miller said.

Dimmitt school board member Greg Odom said that while he feels Dimmitt's drug and alcohol deterrent policy is "positive and a good policy, it is logical to have a suspension of our policy" until a final ruling is issued.

"We don't want to put the taxpayers in jeopardy (of a lawsuit) just because we don't like Robinson's ruling," Odom said.

"I would like to keep local control," said board member Paul Garcia. "It took a lot of work on that policy. We didn't have much negative comment (when we were drawing it up), and I haven't heard any since it was implemented.

"I think we should go with what our community is willing to accept. I suggest we wait and see (what happens with the Tulia case)," Garcia said

"It is still a defensible policy," Miller said.

preparatory dirt work. The addition will be used as a weight room.

Miller said the bid also will not include installation of rubberized flooring over the concrete flooring included in the construction. The special covering is expected to add another \$6,300.

Another \$8,700 is estimated for the purchase of additional weights, bringing the final project cost closer to \$50,000.

The current weight room will be converted to the varsity dressing room, and the present varsity dressing room will become the junior varsity dressing room. The current JV dressing area will become the visitors' dressing area.

Miller reported that Noel set the completion time at 10 to 12 weeks from the start of construction, after the dirt work is completed. Miller said the changing around in the other part of the field house will be done by maintenance personnel.

In another matter, the school board voted to accept the audit report as presented by Randy Day of Cornell & Co., P.C., of Amarillo.

Day told the school board that the audit report was "unqualified," meaning there were no problems cited.

Day also pointed out that the district's cost of administration ratio for last year was 0.1097. The administrative cost standard for school districts with an enrollment of 1,000 to 4,999 is 0.1401, and Dimmitt's ratio is well below the ratio set for schools with 10,000 enrollment and above. The (Continued on Page 6)



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

special investigator for the DA's office, who had been using the office that is in the back half of the witness was built and opened in 1997, its room.

County Constable James Dobbs, plaque, CEO Joe Sloan explained. who had been sharing office space with Justice of the Peace Tana likenesses of James and Reta Welch, Young, will be allowed to use the longtime hospital patrons who were served afterward, Sloan said. office that is just north of the DA's receptionist's office, and the office in 1997. Welch served more than 20 just north of that one will be used by years on the hospital board, and Mrs. Welch served with the Hospital Aux-Morris.

The office that is just south of iliary as a member and president for Panhandle.

The ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. Although the Welch Home Place formal dedication has awaited completion of the commemorative The plaque features the engraved killed in a car-train accident in Sudan

be special guests at the ceremony. **Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers** will make the formal dedication at the front entrance of the Welch Home Place, Sloan said.

The ceremony will last about 30 minutes, and refreshments will be The Welch Home Place is the only specialized geriatric/psychiatric unit within 150 miles, and draws patients from a large area of the Texas

HAVE YOU TOLD SANTA WHAT YOU WANT YET? Here, Yesenia Herrera, 4, the daughter of Oralia Herrera, is visiting with Santa at the Christmas Celebration held in downtown Dimmitt Nov. 16. Children are encouraged to get those last-minute Santa letters turned in at the News office by noon today (Thursday) for inclusion in the special Christmas edition of the News. Photo by Linda Maxwell 2

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# **BBB** asks scam victims to report and warn others

With a brand new "bogus" invoice victimized in order to make a report," advertising or merchandise that has country, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the Yellow Pages Publishers Association (YPPA) encourage businesses who suspect they have been a target of the scheme to report the situation to either organi- those who don't recognize the scam. zation.

It may be reported online at www.yppa.org or www.bbb.org, or the BBB may be contacted by phone. In the Lubbock area, call 1-800-687-7890.

The latest scheme involves an order form for companies to be listed in an international fax directory. The form claims that the directory will be distributed annually with a circulation of 3,000 CD's. Typical invoices been for \$965.15, much higher than the typical Yellow Pages billing scam the BBB has been battling.

According to Karen Stanek, YPPA vice president, "bogus" solicitations generally come in the form of an official-looking invoice requesting payment for a listing in a print or online directory. They are designed to mislead recipients into thinking mate publisher. Often no directory exists, and if a directory is produced, it will have a very limited distribu- following advice: tion and will not be promoted to any extent.

scheme hitting businesses across the said Ron Berry, senior vice president of the Council of Better Business the appropriate executive responsible Bureaus. "Once the BBB has infor- for written or verbal authorization. mation, we can warn other businesses, making it more difficult for you respond to any unsolicited offer con artists to successfully prey on Reporting scams also helps authorities appreciate the scope of the problem and determine what actions must be taken to combat the situation."

geted by a variety of other schemes. BBB's from across the country report ongoing complaints regarding office supply telemarketers selling computer and copier machine supplies, light bulbs and cleaning materials. In for the fax directory scheme have "these situations, fraudulent telemarketers misrepresent their status as a regular supplier and ship product without authorization at outrageous prices. Other schemers falsely advertise availability of venture capital or notify businesses that they automatically qualify for a line of credit for a large loan. Money laundering scams emanating from Nigeria and other countries are blanketing businesses that the invoice came from a legiti- through fax machines and office email addresses.

 Examine every invoice carefully. Check files for pending con-"It is not necessary to have been tracts to ensure the mailing relates to been ordered. Verify invoices with

 Contact the local BBB before from an unknown business. Ask if the BBB has a report on the company or other helpful information. If a scam is being perpetrated, the BBB can issue an advisory to alert other businesses in the area. BBBs can also assist in resolving marketplace dis-Businesses also are routinely tar- putes that arise between businesses.

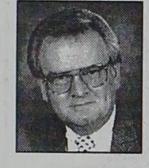
✤ If you are not certain if a directory is legitimate, ask for business and local bank references and check them out. Find out how long the firm has operated out of its present location, and verify circulation figures and that the cirbulation fits your business needs.

✤ Establish effective internal controls for the payment of invoices. Channel all bills through one department.

 Photocopy fraudulent solicitations and post them on office bulletin boards to educate staff. Make sure your receptionist and office manager also know how to identify fraudulent telephone solicitations.

 Notify the local postal inspec-The BBB and YPPA offer the tor. The US Postal Service works to stop fraudulent and misleading mail solicitations and wants to be informed. Complaints are filed according to Postal False Representation & Lottery Law and the Mail Order Consumer Protection Act.

# Hints to help unwrap your 'gift-of-gab'

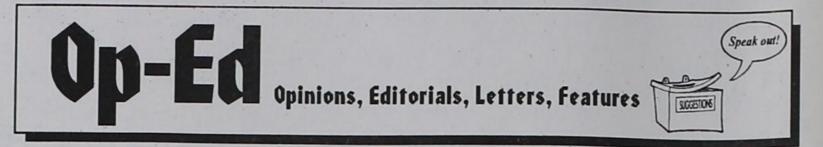


By RON can look at the general area of the TRUSLER eyes. Do not try to make so much eye Executive contact that you are staring at them. The main thing is to not be glancing Director **Central Plains** off at other things while they are talk-Center ing.

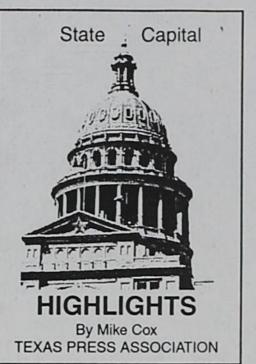
# **Speak Out!**

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FAREWELL, LITTLE FRIEND! OFF YOU GO INTO WHO KNOWS WHAT CONVOLUTED FATE ----OFF INTO THE DEEP, DARK CHASM OF UNCERTAINTY --- WHAT NOW WILL BECOME PLEASE, SIR-OTHER OF YOU? WILL YOU BOLDLY DISCHARGE PEOPLE WANT TO PUT YOUR ORDAINED DESTINY, OR WILL SOME THEIR BALLOTS IN IMPOSSIBLE TWIST OF CIRCUMSTANCE FLING THE BOX, TOO-YOU INTO THE MEASURELESS LABYRINTH OF BLIND AMBIGUITY? WHO KNOWS? WHO CAN SAY? I'VE DONE MY BEST TO PREPARE YOU --- NOW I MUST GIVE YOU OVER TO THE IMPENETRABLE MAELSTROM OF TIME AND CHANCE -- FAREWELL! FAREWELL!



tedious, and in the end, everyone dies.

There are two things you never want to see being produced: Sausage and legislation.

Finally, an editorial comment supposedly made by an Austin newspaper when the Legislature came to town during Reconstruction, in the early 1870s: "No man, woman, child or civil liberty is safe when the Legislature is in session."

have passed similar right-tohunt amendments

Nearly \$50 million in matching grants has been the Texas awarded by Historical Commission's Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program to dozens of Texas counties for restoration of their historic courthouses.

So far, 44 courthouse projects have been funded. with work under way or planned all across Texas, counties from and courthouses as diverse as Jeff Davis and Williamson to Cameron and counties counties. Project Denton coordinator is Dan Utley with THC's Architecture the Division.

not a comfortable position for some people. It can be very unsettling to talk to another person you are not familiar with. It really can get bad in a room full of strangers. What do you do, besides grinning foolishly, blushing and wanting to get-the-heck-out-of-Dodge?

Being

volved in a

conversation is

in-

Maybe the following will help:

1. Start the conversation with something relevant-something that is going on currently-not something that went out with high top shoes. For example, it would not be best to say, "Wow, isn't that exciting about Neil Armstrong walking on the moon?" That is not quite relevant today. It is old news. This is where the weather is a handy subject. It's small talk, but it is a start.

2. Do not talk too much and do not talk too little. Talking too much especially shows nervousness or that you are trying to show off. If you talk too little, it could be hard for another person who is feeling awkward to talk to you. Try to find a balance of your talking and letting the other person talk.

3. Ask questions about what they said. You could ask them for more details about something they just said. That shows you are interested and it helps the conversation go further.

4. Focus on what they are saying, not on what you want to say when they are through. It is very easy to hear something that is said and then start to think of how you will reply. Your mind is on your reply more than on what they continue to say. If they pick up on that, the conversation will be cut short and that person will not feel too good about talking to you again.

5. Watch your eye contact. You dress is ron@cplains.org

6. Have good breath. Talking to some people is pure torture because of bad breath. Have breath mints, gum or something to make it smell pleasant when people talk to you.

7. Be genuine. You may not be a good talker naturally. Do not pretend to be something you are not. It will take away from the conversation. It is not a bad thing to not be a social type person. A person is of more benefit and appreciated more if they are genuine in what they say and do.

8. Refrain from talking about yourself a lot. A good thing to keep a conversation going is to ask questions about the other person-job, kids, hobbies, etc.-things they are interested in.

9. Be sensitive to when they are through talking. I know of some people who ask short questions and give short answers and that's all they care to say. They do not elaborate on much of anything. When you get the idea they are through, do not keep hanging on by trying to keep the conversation going. That brings up my last thought.

10. Do not be afraid of the silent times. There will be silent times even with the closest of relationships. They are not bad. They do not have to be uncomfortable. Silence is not a sign that things are going bad. The more experience you have in making conversation, the more confidence you will have with it. Also, face the fact that you will not hit it off with everyone you try to talk to. Some situations will fall flat and you will think, "good grief. I wish I had kept my mouth shut."

I hope this helps you enjoy your "gift of gab."

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The average American eats eight and a half pounds of pickles a year.

People believe if a spider swings down in front of you, you will hear good news.

People believe if you catch a falling leaf, you will have a good and happy life.

Freezing changes some flavors: the potency of onion flavor decreases;' that of spices and garlic increases.

AUSTIN--Still not knowing a month after the elections whether Texas will get a new governor and lieutenant governor, not much is going on in the halls of state government other than the hiring of staff, monitoring

prefiled bills and following the daily news from Florida. And relishing a little humor, even if some of the jokes are a With the opening on

gavel of the 77th Legislature barely a month away, here are four tried and true legislative jokes to help you through the winter of our electoral discontent:

The Legislature • meets every two years for 140 days. Some say it should be every 140 years for two days.

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Legislation is like Russian novel: Long,

Texas' Constitution has been around since Feb. 15, 1876, and we're still adding amendments. At last count, the amendment tally is upwards of 370.

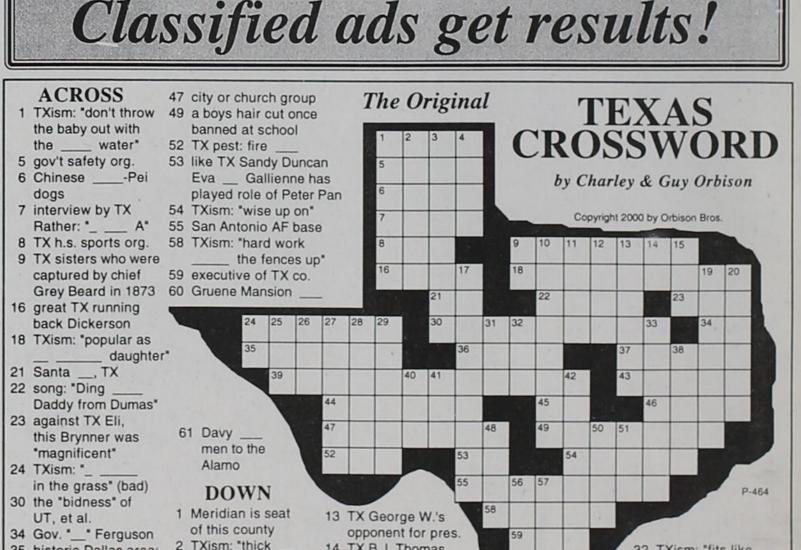
Among the scores of bills prefiled so far, one that should appeal to most Texans who like the great outdoors: Rep. Barry Telford's House Joint Resolution 14. The bill would allow Texans to vote constitutional a amendment that would make hunting and fishing a constitutional guaranteed right.

Telford, a Democrat from DeKalb, said the proposed amend is intended to protect Texans who enjoy hunting and fishing from disapproving animal rights groups. Voters in North Dakota and Virginia

One county that will get help is Newton where its historic courthouse was gutted by fire in August.

But the THC said much more work remains to be done in other counties. Numerous other historic Texas courthouses are in desperate need of restoration, according to the agency. Because of that, THC will be seeking funding in the coming session for additional projects.

For more information on Texas' historic courthouses, check out the THC website, www.thc.state.tx.us.



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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Troy and Billie Kirby enjoyed a recently. They were a part of a group of seven couples with seven mobile homes that gathered there.

They not only fished, but they malls and antique shops. They were Sally Ellis of Muleshoe. all impressed with the very large Bass Pro Shop in Grapevine.

Winter weather had moved in early to that usually warm climate, but they braved the elements. The fishermen did catch some fish and they had a good time cooking and eating keeping score. them.

Others going were Galen and Keri Jack of Friona, the Kirby's daughter Brenda of Dimmitt and Karen of and son-in-law; John and Cheree Taylor, Jim and Amelia Taylor, Lee and Elwanda Campbell, Johnny and Beulah Miller, all of Friona; and Ray and Paula O'Brian of Grady, N.M.

started the Christmas season with a trip to Branson, Mo., with friends to see several good Christmas shows.

The shows they saw included the Andy Williams Show and The Presleys.

The Presleys started as a family group, but others have joined the cast throughout the years. One of the Presleys' sons married Mel Tillis' daughter.

While the Parsons were seeing the Mel Tillis show, some of the Presley family sat on the row behind the Parsons' party as spectators. Mel's other two daughters also were a part of the show.

The Parsons' group enjoyed "Country Tonight," which is a variety show featuring some of the local talent, not usual big-name entertainment.

The icing on the cake was when fall fishing trip to Lake Texhoma they received the all-time Branson favorite, Shopi Tabuchi.

Joining the Parsons family for this Sanders. holiday excursion were Jimmy and Bobbie Banks, Lola and Sandy Sanvisited, and shopped at the outlet derson of Springlake and Frank and

Martha Jo Hyman reports that she won second at the Senior Citizens' bridge party on Tuesday. Ben Hill was the high-score winner. That is twice lately for Ben-in case you are

Cleo Seely and her daughters, Levelland, spent the weekend in the Dallas area visiting the son and brother, Noble; his wife, Debbie; and the couple's children.

Noble, Dimmitt born and bred, is an executive with the Home Interior Percy and Margaret Parsons Decor company. He and his family have recently moved into a new home. We understand that the greatest thing in their life now is a new grandson. I like to hear "hometown boy makes good" stories. Don't you?

> Mark and Peggy Wohlgemuth and children, Laura, Lindsey and Kyle, were the guests of Charlie Wohlgemuth over the Thanksgiving holidays. They live in Austin.

Oleda Schumacher and Christie Wilcox's children, Bob and Yvonne Schumacher Wilcox of Mineral Wells have been visiting here recently.

Yvonne recently had knee surgery and has chosen to spend some of her recuperation time in Dimmitt.

Carole Hopson hosted her bonko group for a special Christmas paprty along with her co-hosted, Edna

Pick-up foods and several games of bonko made for a fun time. Others present were Mozelle Lilley, Kathy Webb, Linda Grand, Tara Grand, Sandy Ward, Carolyn Moke, Val Davis, Sue Phillips, Genell Craig and Kay Conyers.

Curtis and Leigh Durbin hosted a 3-year-old December birthday party for their daughter, Aubrey.

They served Mexican salad to 27 people. If you haven't already driven by their home on Grant Street, you should see their Christmas decor. It is a small boy with a stocking full of coal and switches. The little boy is demanding a recount.

Since this presidential election seems doomed to last forever, several people have exercised their sense of humor to make some parts of it fun.

V.C. and I received a card from our niece and nephew, the Mark Johnstons of Dallas. The front of the card was a picture of their two children, Tony and Melissa. The caption under the picture says, "Canvassing Board." Inside the card it reads, "As we count and recount our many blessings this Christmas Season we pause to give thanks for friends and family like you!"

On the opposite page is an "Official Christmas Ballot" with the instruction to vote carefully.

The candidates listed are:

- Frosty the Snowman • The Grinch
- Santa Claus

• Rudolph the Red-Nosed Rein-

deer. The circle by Santa Claus's name

is very clearly punched all the way through-no dimples or chads. The closing comments are "Wishing you holiday cheer and a

President-elect." The Johnstons

Do you suppose this just might be the week we get a president-elect?

Mildred Bradford tells us that her granddaughter, Airman First Class Laura Bradford Quiroz, and her husband, Luciano, are now in Japan and they are loving it. The young couple purchased a car and are touring Japan. Mildred's comment was, "I can't believe they are having so much fun, and at the government's expense.

Gary and Linda Langford are looking forward to their daughter, Amber's, graduation from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches this semester. All of the family, grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Malone, Corky and Daisy Langford and Uncle Max and Aunt Doris Swinburn are planning to join Amber's immediate family including her brother, Jeremy, for the graduation exercises.

Amber will be receiving her bachelor of science degree and she plans to teach. Jeremy lives in Fort Worth and is an accountant for the New Bridge Capitol Group. They are planning to be in Dimmitt for Christmas with their families.

If you are rushed for time, the cooking and shopping are not done and you need something to give you the Christmas spirit, let me share this little poem with you. It helped me.

Life holds no sweeter thing than this! To teach a little child the tale most loved on earth,

And watch the wonder deepen in his eyes While you tell of shepherds and a song. Of gentle drowsy beasts and fragrant hay, On which that starlit night in Bethlehem. God's tiny Son and his young mother lay. -Adelaide Love

This is from a daily prayer devotional calendar that is many years old, "Bless Your Heart."



Nazarot

## I CALCEL & I II with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

joyed a full house gathering Sunday evening at the center.

Everyone enjoyed some fellowship time, a delicious dinner catered by the Nazareth Band Parents, and a of the food served to great selection of Christmas carols performed by the Nazareth Swift Bass Ensemble featuring Jason Birkenfeld, Mark Birkenfeld and Craig Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman, Brett Hoelting, Koty Huseman, Nathan Huseman, Quentin Jones, Becca Olvera and Kristi Ramaekers. Each member was recognized by

their director, Fidelis Fetsch. Norita Hoelting recognized those celebrating December birthdays

including Mary Kleman, Dean John- Huseman, Lori Huseman, Leonard son and Dorothy Pohlmeier.

of cards and dominoes.

Guests for the dinner were Father Darryl Birkenfeld and "The String Technicians," who were performing at Home Mercantile Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed the extra activ-

Jackson wins is set Jan. 5 weekly prize

Lauro Jackson was the winner of the Dec. 7 drawing for \$100 Chamber of Commerce's weekly ment. holiday contest.

Other winners were Edna Kittrell and Karen Hutson, who received \$10 each.

Winning entries were submitted at tem. Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply, Thriftway.

Drawings will be held again today (Thursday), and on Dec. 21. \$120 in Dimmitt Dollars will be awarded in Texas Dept. of Health for Texas each of the drawings.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens en- ity this weekend, brought to our little city by the pheasant hunters who came from near and far.

Besides getting their quota of birds, they were very complimentary. them-breakfast by the Legion Auxiliary, lunch by the Nazareth Band Parents and supper by the Nazareth Museum Committee.

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus are to commended and thanked for the beautiful nativity set placed on the southwest corner at the intersection of FM 168 and SH 86.

Prayers are asked for Edith Gerber, Deanna Huseman, Brad Everyone then played their choice Klein, Eric Wilhelm, Alice Palazzini, Tammy Drerup and Ray Schmucker.

# **Breast cancer** screening

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Jan. 5, 2001, and appointments are still available.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) Dimmitt Dollars last Thursday in the 356-1905 to schedule an appoint-

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health Sys-

Participants will receive a low-cost Unique Gifts and More and Dimmitt screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in selfexamination by a registered nurse. Funding is available through the

residents who qualify for assistance.

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# **Open House**

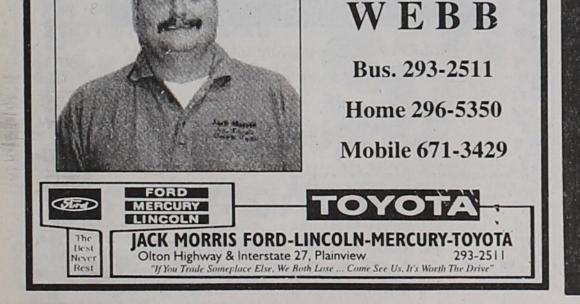
Monday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our lobby



Enjoy our video, "Dimmitt 2000," during Open House

Santa will be here to hear your holiday wishes from 11:30 to 2.

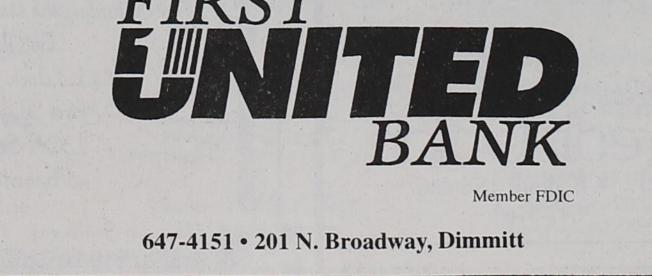
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People

**Bridal shower** honors Nelson

Cannon, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Pat Bagley.

A Christmas arrangement served as the centerpiece for the serving table.

Guests were treated to spiced apple cider, miniature muffins, spinach balls, cinnamon sticks and ham puffs.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a set of Fiesta dishes.

Jan Nelson, bride-elect of Jon , Special guests included grandmothers Bertha Thompson and Gail Nelson.

> Out-of-town guests were Jill and Emily Rushing of Amarillo, the bride-elect's sister and niece; Katy, Hannah, Sara and Lea of Friona, the honoree's niece and girls; Sara Cannon, mother of the prospective groom; Amber Garrett of Amarillo, the prospective groom's niece; and Nancy Haning of Amarillo, friend of the honoree.



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Get These Stocking Stuffers Before They're All Gone!

A GIFT FOR BABIES AND THEIR MOMS-Joe Sloan (left) Dimmitt Boss Lion, presents a \$100 check to Jamie Mendoza for the Baby's Coming Shop incentive program. The funds will be used to help purchase diapers, clothes and other gifts for Castro County mothers and babies. Mendoza, a new mother, is currently a participant in the program.

Photo by Don Nelson

# Baby's Coming Shop gets donation from Dimmitt Lions

will benefit from a \$100 donation courtesy of the Dimmitt Lions Club. The donation will be used to purchase more diapers, clothes and other gifts for Castro County mothers and babies eligible for the Baby's Coming Shop incentive program.

A partnership project of the for MOMS. Coalition of Health Services and the March of Dimes, the Baby's Coming Shop was established to distribute gifts to participants in the Coalition of Health Services 2CARE for MOMS and 2CARE for Babies the children in their community. programs. These programs encourage mothers to obtain early and continuing prenatal care and breast-feed their babies. They also provide extra incentive to parents to obtain parenting-related education and complete their child's well-child checkups and immunizations. Accepting the donation on behalf of the Baby's Coming shop was Jamie Mendoza, a new mother who recently participated in the 2CARE for MOMS program. Mendoza is now an active member of the Castro County Area Partnership for Moms

Castro County mothers and babies and Babies, a committee that supports the missions of 2CARE for MOMS and a related program called 2CARE for Babies.

> "This donation from the Dimmitt Lions Club represents a great step for the Baby's Coming Shop," said Holly Hancock, director of 2CARE

"The success of this program depends on support from each of the 26 counties served. With this donation, the Dimmitt Lions Club has demonstrated leadership in caring for Only 76% of pregnant women in the Texas Panhandle receive prenatal care within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. That rate is among the lowest in Texas and lower than the national average of 85%. The Baby's Coming Shop is stocked with donations of new and gently used baby items from retailers, individuals, churches and civic organizations. Grants and donations are used to purchase needed items ranging from diapers and blankets to strollers and car seats. Participants may personally select gifts during a visit to the Baby's Coming Shop or request delivery. The Baby's Coming Shop is located in the March of Dimes office at 104 West Sixth, Suite 301, at the northwest corner of Sixth and Polk in downtown Amarillo. The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The Coalition of Health Services is a nonprofit alliance of 20 area hospitals and providers working to enhance community health. For more information about the Baby's Coming Shop call toll-free at 888-89-2CARE (888-892-2273).

# Buckley inducted into Golden Key

Jacy Noel Buckley of Dimmitt, daughter of Darrell and Beth Buckley, has accepted membership in Golden Key National Honor Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas Tech University, where she is a senior majoring in exercise sport science with a minor in business. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1998.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Jacy be recognized by Golden Key," said Jim Lewis, Golden Key founder and executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the society's commitment to service."

Golden Key National Honor Society is a non-profit academic honors organization that provides academic Malaysia, South Africa and New recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The society has more than 300 fields of study.



## Jacy Buckley

chapters in the US, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Zealand. Membership into the society is by invitation only to the top 15% of juniors and seniors in all



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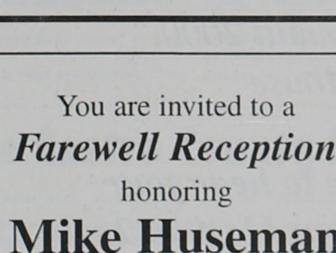
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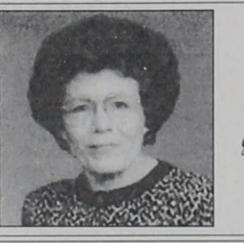


# Post Office sets appreciation day

The Dimmitt Post Office will hold a customer appreciation day on Tuesday, and the public is invited to attend.

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the oath of office will be administered to Dimmitt's new postmaster, Karen S. Martin.

Refreshments will be served.



The family of Florine Brockman wishes to thank all of the great people who helped us through her illness and remembered her in death.

request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Jan D'Aun

Gary Jon Cannon son of

**Cindy Marnell** 

**Ryan Buchanan** 

# Hereford 7<sup>th</sup> grade students take ACT

Ryan Buchanan and Cindy Marnell of Hereford Junior High were among those taking the Duke University seventh-grade ACT test Saturday.

The two are the grandchildren of Anthony and Angela Acker of Nazareth. Buchanan is also the grandson of Nora Buchanan of Dimmitt.

# Nominations sought for Chamber honors

merce is seeking nominations for the honors that are bestowed each year at the annual Chamber Banquet, set for Jan. 20.

the Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Teacher of the Year, and Chamber Member of the Year.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford and must be returned to the office by Jan. 4.

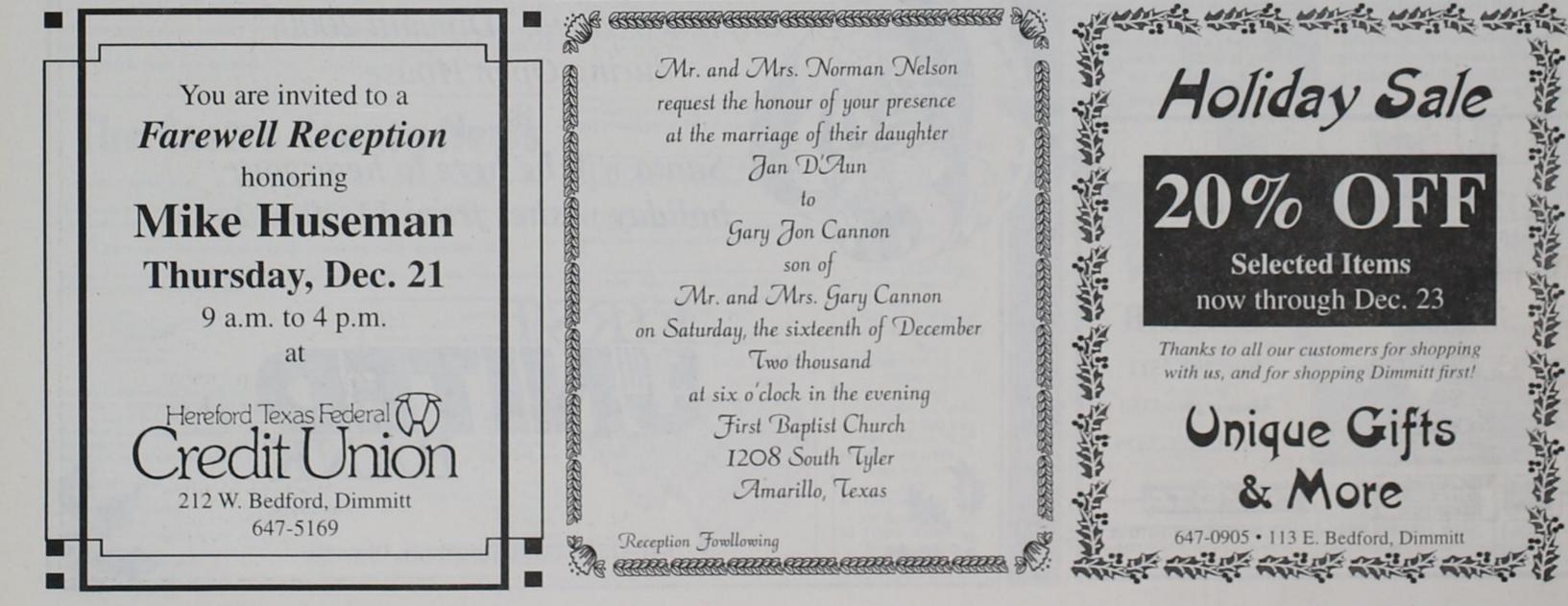
"We'd like to see a lot of nomination forms turned in, because we quet this year is "Castro County know a lot of people are deserving of

The Dimmitt Chamber of Com- recognition," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

If someone cannot stop by to pick up a nomination form, they may call the chamber at 647-2524 and request A selection committee will choose that a form be mailed. Forms also have been mailed with Chamber dues notices and with newsletters.

> Nominations also may be submitted in letter form, but are generally more complete and effective if a regular nomination form is used, Sava said.

The theme for the Chamber Ban-Cattle, Cotton, Corn and Cowboys."



# **RIF** Day to include skits and free books

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will celebrate Reading is FUNdamental Day on Friday.

Dimmitt High School students will present skits, portraying characters out of popular children's books. Students of Jackie Odom and Katie Ivey will present the skits starting at 9:30 a.m., with Pre-K through first grade students being entertained in the morning, and students in second and third grade seeing the program at 1 p.m. and following.

The skits will be performed in the **RES** library

Also during the day, every student at the elementary school will have the opportunity to select free books that they may take home to keep.

This is the seventh year that RES has received RIF money, with \$3,412 received for the purchase of more than 1,700 books and giving away at least three books per child.

"Throughout the days and weeks to come, students at RES will be receiving books," said RES Librarian Diane Leatherwood. "They are to keep the books and enjoy them.

"Please encourage your child to read their RIF books to you and to friends or relatives," she said.

RIF is the nation's oldest and largest non-profit children's literacy organization. In 1966, Mrs. Robert S. McNamara and a group of citizens in Washington, D.C., organized the first RIF project, with the goal of encouraging children to read by showing them that reading is fun.

Their methods included giving the children a chance to choose and to keep books that interested them, to involve their parents, and to provide other activities that emphasize the fun of books. The program worked so well that there are thousands of RIF projects in all 50 states, including the one at RES.



CROSS-COUNTRY BIKE RIDE-Ronald Vachio of Bristol, Conn., pedaled his way across Castro County last Thursday, heading east along SH 86. Vachio, who says he "has no home and no family," was looking for a place to settle. He's been on the road for a couple of years now. He said he can travel about 60 miles on a good day. As he rides his bike across the country, Vachio said he does odd jobs to support himself, and he avoids traveling through bigger cities. Photo by Anne Acker

# 'Light up' Friday to honor victims of drunk driving

Safety advocates want drivers to "light up" the roadways Friday in memory of the 16,000 people killed in alcohol-related crashes last year. That translates to one person dying every 33 minutes.

"Lights on for Life Day is really to honor those who have been killed in drunk driving crashes," said Leland Harris, director of Emergency Medical Services for the Castro County Hospital District.

Organizers of the Lights on for Life campaign want drivers to think about those killed and take steps to avoid joining their ranks, Harris said.

People are asked to drive with their headlights on throughout the day and leave their porch lights on Friday night to honor those killed.

People become more likely to

"When you get to drinking, you become a lot more aggressive," Harris said. "It makes a difference in people's behavior and what they are willing to risk.

"If you are going to drink alcohol this holiday season, please make sure you don't get behind the wheel. The choice is yours: you drink and drive-you lose," Harris said.

# Local school seeks box tops

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School is participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program sponsored by General Mills. Schools may send in the specially marked box tops and labels to the food company and receive money for purchase of equipment or other school needs.

Need a ride to church?

We at Abundant Life Family Church, a spirit-filled Christian community, will gladly pick you up and bring you to our 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Sunday services and 7 p.m. Wednesday services. Call 647-5288 for arrangements.

Youth Nights Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

## 5 Castro County News \* December 14, 2000 Churches plan holiday services

cial services for the holiday season, and those reported to the News are listed below.

will have their all-church musical, "A Christmas Celebration," on Sunday at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, the Lord's Supper and a candlelight service will Dimmitt will present their Christmas be held at 6 p.m.

Lee Street Baptist Church will have their Christmas program on Sunday at 6 p.m., with the children of the church portraying characters

Local churches are planning spe- from the birth of Jesus, accompanied by congregational singing and special numbers.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, the congregation will cancel Sunday School classes. The morning worship service First Baptist Church at Dimmitt will be held at the regular time of 10:55 a.m., but the evening worship service will be canceled.

> First United Methodist Church of cantata Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, there will be no Sunday School classes, and the morning worship will be held at 10 a.m. A candlelight service will be held at 6 p.m.

There are about 550 hairs in the average eyebrow.

Eighty percent of the world's rose species come from Asia.

Hear The First United Methodist Church Morning Worship Service Sundays, 10:45 a.m. **On KDHN 1470** 



drink and drive during the holiday season because of the numerous parties and social events, Harris said.

"They're just willing to take a chance on their lives and others'," Harris said. "They know they are getting into a car impaired, but it's always the 'It won't happen to me; I can drive' attitude."

Even those who think about their alcohol consumption can be fooled by its effects on their judgment, he said.

# Cheerleaders to conclude drive Friday

The Nazareth Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Christmas Food Drive, and they will conclude their collections on Friday.

Everyone in Nazareth is invited to participate by donating canned food that will be taken to the High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo to be distributed for Christmas meals.

Two barrels set up in the school were filled in one day, according to a spokesperson for the cheerleaders.

A competition between the elementary classes was won by Mrs. Schulte's kindergarten class (110 cans of food), with Mrs. Gerber's third grade coming in second (105 cans).

Cans may be brought to the school through Friday. Also, those wanting to contribute may call the school at 945-2231 and someone will come by and pick up donations.

"We want to thank everyone for all the donations of food," the spokesperson said. "We received more than we ever thought we would!"

There is a school bus-shaped box in the elementary library where the specially marked box tops and labels may be deposited by community members who want to help the school. Also, the tops may be sent to school with the students.

The school will receive 10 cents for each box top or label that is sent

"We have a goal of \$500 this year, but of course we would love to get more," said RES Librarian Diane Leatherwood.



## OUT OF TOWN

Miranda and Robert Hottel of Davis, Okla., are the parents of a baby boy, Joshua Shammah, who was born Oct. 11 at Midwifery Health Practitioners in Oklahoma City, Okla. Joshua weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs., when he was born. He has two big sisters, Theresa and Samuella. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Yo-I Hsu of Hualian, Taiwan. Paternal grandparents are Charles and Estella Hottel of Davis, formerly of Dimmitt.

Kyle and Kelley Yates of Arlington are the parents of a baby girl, Alyssa Danielle, who was born at 7:54 a.m. on Dec. 6 at Arlington Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 19 inches long. She has a big sister, Alanna Renee, 16; and an older brother, Joshua Lee, 4. Grandparents are Bill and Dee Brisco of Dimmitt, Chris Perry of Arlington and Jim and Mary Perry of Wautauga.



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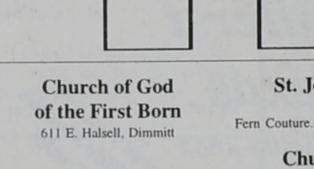
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# Agriculture, Business & Industry



A FREEZING SITUATION-In the background is the new, large freezer purchased by community donations for the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services in Dimmitt. Shown are (from left) Johnny Raymond, executive director of PCS, Castro County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Marilyn Neal, Aaron Lee of the ministerial alliance, County Judge Irene

Miller, PCS employees Lorena Corrales, Esther Espinosa and Jerry Peña, Karen Sheffy who was instrumental in getting the freezer project started, Dimmitt Mayor and PCS board member Wayne Collins, PCS employee Estella Salinas, David Bone, general manager of Cerestar, a regular supporter of the food pantry, and Stella Devers, PCS center coordinator. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Water use, management is focus of Dec. 14 meeting

Farmers and stockmen can update their knowledge of water use and management next Thursday, Dec. 14, at a seminar in Friona.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Dept. of Agriculture, the seminar will be held at the Friona Community Building. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

Those who attend can also earn several continuing education units (CEUs) applicable to private and non-commercial applicators and certified crop advisors.

The day-long session will start at 9 a.m. featuring the following topics and speakers:

· Parmer County soil characteristics, discussed by Willie Crenwelge with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

• Milo and corn weed control alternatives, discussed by Jack Lyons with DuPont.

 Total maximum daily loading, explained by Donna Long with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

 Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) laws and regulations, outlined by Randy Rivera and Levon Harman with TDA.

· Point- and non-point source pollution, discussed by Jim Williams with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

 The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), explained by Mike Hare of TDA.

The seminar will include a morning break at 11 a.m., a one hour onyour-own lunch break, and should conclude around 3:30 p.m.

"This is a good chance to learn about water management options, ways to protect groundwater and earn CEUs at the same time," said Parmer County Extension Agent Cody Hill. "The Community Building is on the northwest side of Friona. Feel free to call the Parmer County Extension Office at 806-481-3619 for directors or more information."



# **USDA** says most of Texas is free of cattle tuberculosis

The US Dept. of Agriculture rule granting Texas split-state status for tuberculosis eradication in cattle and bison, effective immediately. Of the state's 254 counties, 252

are declared tuberculosis-free. The tuberculosis-free zone contains all but around 100 of the state's 153,000 cattle herds.

(USDA) has published an interim tion, nearly all of El Paso County and a small portion of Hudspeth County are not tuberculosis-free, and have been recognized as a "tuberculosis-modified accredited advanced zone."

> Some testing, identification and documentation will be required when moving livestock susceptible to tuberculosis out of this movement

Due to recurring bouts of infec- in humans typically is traced to the Mycobacterium avlum or Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacteria, rather than Mycobacterium bovis, the cattle form of the bacteria.

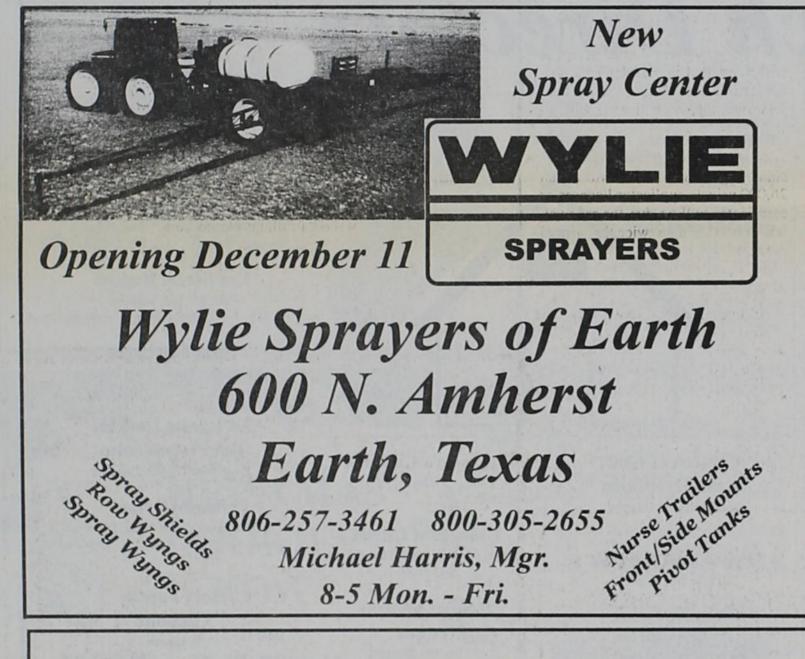
The US currently has only two infected cattle herds, both of which are dairies in the Texas portion of the El Paso Milkshed.

"It may take several months for cattle and bison producers in the 252 "free" counties to realize benefits of the new status," commented Dr. Dan The US has worked to eradicate Baca, tuberculosis epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "USDA rules allow cattle from tuberculosisfree states or zones to move without a TB test. Individual states have been notified about our new status, but since they may adopt entry requirements that are more stringent than the USDA's, producers or their veterinary practitioner should check with the state or destination prior to moving livestock.

More about (Continued from Page 1)

ratio is found by comparing the administrative costs (\$587,175) to the

In addition, Day complimented the district for the smooth transition in changing business administrators.



# This man deserves a



Drastic cuts in Medicare reimbursements have pushed many rural hospitals to the brink of closure. But not ours.

Despite a \$1.2 million cut in Medicare reimbursements caused by the Balanced Budget Act, the Castro County Hospital District made it through the last fiscal year with a loss of only \$71,000. And all district employees are working to erase that deficit.

The reason our hospital district has fared so much better financially than others is the additional services that we provide, such as specialized geriatric/psychiatric services, psychiatric outpatient service, ultrasound, expanded lab services, helical CT scanning, Hospice Care, therapy center, social work, occupational health services, community outreach, and more.

As our chief executive officer, Joe Sloan has been instrumental in establishing these new services, which make the hospital district more viable to the community, provide

restriction zone. The USDA's final rule will be

published after January 2001. cattle tuberculosis infection since the early 1900s, when nearly 5% of the

nation's herds were affected by the Myobacterium bovis bacteria, which can cause internal lesions on the infected animal's lungs and other organs. Swine, goats, elk, deer and bison also are susceptible.

Prior to pasteurization, or heattreatment of milk to kill bacteria, humans also were at risk of contracting the disease from infected cows. Today, tuberculosis infection In other business, the board:

instructional costs (\$5,352,375).

-Appointed Charles Wales as the district's representative to the Castro County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Wales had agreed to serve another two-year term.

-Heard a report from Curriculum Director Doricell Davis on the District and Campus Report Cards, in relation to the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report.

-Recognized band students who tried out for the All-Region Band at the junior high and high school levels.

# Area could experience more winter-like weather this year

This will be the first winter in have been very mild. several years that is not dominated by an El Niño or La Niña, and that could mean more winter-like weather for the Texas Panhandle.

These events typically have a dampening effect on the long-term weather across West Texas during the winter season, which usually results in a fairly persistent weather pattern throughout the winter months, according to the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center.

With the long-term effects of an El Niño or La Niña, it appears likely that West Texas will experience a weather pattern that is marked by extreme variability with prolonged cold snaps and periods of warm weather. Therefore, the winter season will likely be more winter-like than the past three winters, which

There are signs that the highly variable weather pattern that should dominate our upcoming winter is already in place.

The extreme drought conditions that persisted across West Texas this summer and early fall, which included the driest September and the second-driest August on record, were immediately followed by considerable rainfall during October.

According to the Climate Prediction Center, this period of rainfall was both widespread enough and heavy enough to bring much of the area's soil moisture conditions back to near normal.

Temperature extremes have been just as evident already this fall. In late September, portions of the ex-

treme southwestern Texas Panhandle experienced their first freeze of the season. The average date for the first freeze in the fall for this area is in the last week of October.

On Oct. 3, temperatures soared to

100 degrees, as recorded at the Lubbock International Airport. This was the latest recorded date for a temperature to reach 100 degrees.

Only a few days later, on Oct. 8, the earliest recorded snowfall occurred at the airport.

The odds are pretty good that the Southern High Plains will continue to experience this highly variable weather pattern through the upcoming winter months, according to the National Weather Service.





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## **By SHAWN WADE**

With 2000 crop prospects continuing a steep downward spiral, producers are doing their best to look ahead to 2001.

Unfortunately, 2001 is shaping up to be just as challenging. Producers trying to develop operating plans that will project enough income to cover production expenses and allow financing to be approved are facing an uphill battle unless significant relief can be initiated quickly.

Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) has been working for several months to develop both short- and long-term policy goals to try and get producers through this difficult period.

Chief among the policy changes PCG will be pushing for, and one that could make the most immediate impact on producer cash flow, is the immediate increase of the base cotton loan rate by 20%.

Such a change would increase the loan rate to about 60 cents per pound.

The second part of PCG's shortterm relief initiative would entail changing the 2001 Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment rate and authorization of a second is now looking into include:

AMTA payment for the 2001 crop year. PCG would like 2001 AMTA payments to be calculated using the 1998 payment rate of 8.17 cents per pound.

Texas Cotton Producers is supporting a parallel agenda for shortterm producer relief and will be working closely with PCG and the National Cotton Council (NCC) to achieve the changes outlined above.

The short-term changes that will hopefully get producers back in the game in 2001 are only the start of the policy work that will be taking place in 2001.

Efforts are underway already to develop a comprehensive set of policy reform suggestions to set the stage for development of the next farm bill.

PCG is currently looking to initiate changes aimed at several areas key to shoring up the safety net provisions of current farm policy. The balance that must be struck; however, is to also maintain the flexibility that growers currently have under Freedom to Farm.

Long-term reform ideas that PCG

1. Permanent increases in marketing loan rates for all program commodities.

2. Initiation of a voluntary setaside program that producers can use to further increase loan rates along the lines of the "flexible fallow" program being studied at this time.

3. Initiation of a counter-cyclical price protection mechanism to kick in automatically when prices are down.

4. Continuation of some form of de-coupled payment mechanism similar to current AMTA payments utilizing updated acreage and yield figures.

The PCG Board of Directors will be seeding additional input throughout this process.

As cotton producers in PCG's 25county area try to wind up the 200 harvest, most are concerned, worried and even depressed as they struggle with low prices, deteriorating grades and the prospect of unbearable fuel costs increasing next season.

Although world prices have risen, resulting in lowered and disappearing loan deficiency payments, the cash price for High Plains cotton remains in the doldrums. Prices have rallied a little from 1999, but the loan deficiency payment has dropped to less than one-hundredth of last year's 21 cents or more per pound to just 0.18 cents last week.

The net result is that growers selling their cotton and collecting the loan deficiency payment are ending up with as much as a full 10-cent per pound drop from 1999 levels.

To make things worse, yields are lower this year for a variety of reasons, including drought and insects.

Many producers who have made a crop are reporting yields lowered by 25 to 35%. They will make just enough to be rendered ineligible for the recently announced disaster package. For those that fit into this "notch" he or she receives in the mail.

## \* Pesticide applicators have more options for obtaining continuing education credits

options than ever to earn the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license, according to Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28 renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Dec. 31 deadline.

"We believe education is important for safe pesticide use," Combs said. "Applicators need to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods."

The Texas Integrated Pest Management Foundation has become the second company to offer credits over the Internet. Applicators can check out the site [www.tipmf.org] or call 512-836-5221. Pestnetwork.com (512-288-8288) has been offering courses over the Internet for about a year.

TDA and other government and private groups offer traditional classroom courses. Applicators can also obtain some credits at home through self-study options. Applicators can obrain a list of approved courses or other information on CEU courses by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or 512-463-7622 or by logging on to TDA's web site:

## [www.agr.state.tx.us/oesticide/ceuh] ome.htm]

All private applicators may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Applicators will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each course. They should hold onto these for a year after they have renewed their license. The certificate contains the course number and CEU hours completed. The applicator transfers this information to the renewal form

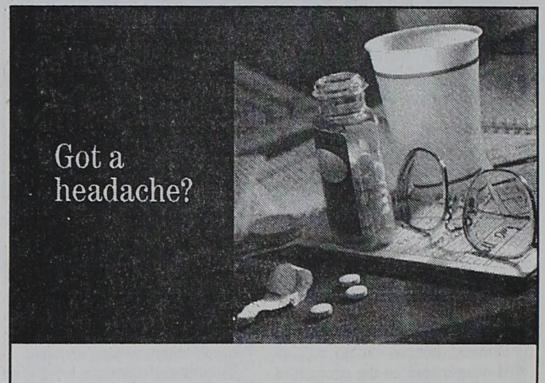
Pesticide applicators have more cEUs. A license must have been 15CEUs over the next five-year cyexpired for a year before an applica- cle. tor can retake the private applicator training test.

> Private certificate holders must also obtain 15 CEUs to keep their certificate current. While the certificate never expires, an applicator cannot purchase or apply restricteduse or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides unless the CEUs are kept up-to-date. A certificate holder who has never obtained a private applicator license may take the private applicator training and time and keeping their license curobtain a private applicator license rent. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or einstead of earning the CEUs. However, they will be required to earn rrivera@agr.state.tx.us.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

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# **WIFE shows support for** a national energy policy

gathered and showed their support of the family farm and their hopes for adoption of a national energy policy when they gathered for the national convention of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) on Nov. 15-18 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

WIFE's strong grassroots heritage, a belief in the importance of the family farm, and the right of farm families to receive a fair return for their efforts and dedication was em- administration to develop a comprephasized by WIFE President Cindy Cruea of Pierre, S.D., during her opening address. The officers who will lead the organization in 2001 include Cruea as president; Mary Ann Sheppard of Shorter, Ala., first vice president; Pat Jones of Lubbock, second vice president; Colleen Rottman of Yoder, Wyo., secretary; and Ardyth Triplette of Venango, Neb., treasurer. National area directors include Kathy Herdt of Veteran, Wyo., Norma Hall of Elmwood, Neb., and Ella Caraway of Louisville, Ala. WIFE is entering its 25<sup>th</sup> year as one of the nation's leading farm organizations. This group of dedicated farm women has continually addressed concerns which so gravely affect the economic well-being of the country.

Women from across the country said Cruea. "Promoting a cleaner

environment and expanding the use of our domestic farm products for use in production of renewable fuels continues to be a major priority."

When WIFE was organized in 1976 in Sidney, Neb., ethanol promotion was a driving force. Twentyfive years later, the promotion of renewable fuels continues to be a leading issue for the organization.

"WIFE urges congress and the

"WIFE was a pioneer in promoting the use of ethanol, thus reducing the nation's dependency on foreign oil,"

hensive National Energy Plan that includes renewable fuels," said Cruea.

Drought, high fuel prices and low commodity prices are among the major factors in the economic dilemma facing this nation's farmers and ranchers.

"I am thankful that the Washington administration is aware of the mental, physical and spiritual stress that farm families are facing," Crucea said. "However, I believe our proud farmers and ranchers would much rather improve their financial situation through their own investments, management decisions, determination and dedication."

Cruea called on the nation's producers to encourage the use of renewable fuels.

"Join us as we fight for family farmers and ranchers and become a "Redcoat for American Agriculture." category, PCG was working for a "severe economic distress" element in the disaster assistance, but none was forthcoming. A major contributor to this severe economic distress has been rocketing fuel costs.

Diesel fuel costs have gone skyhigh this season, making the cost of all fuel-related field and harvest operations increase by as much as 100% of that budgeted at the beginning of the season. With steeply rising natural gas prices, the cost of irrigation, whether powered by gas or electricity, is becoming prohibitive.

PCG, NCC and other organizations continue to press the US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) to review the crop disaster program and allow some form of economic assistance. If that proves impossible, congress must be urged to help find a way for producers to give assurance to their finacial officers that 2001 operations have the potential to improve cash flow.

TDA mailed renewals to private certificate holders the week of Nov. 20. Renewals for all other licensees will be mailed in mid-January. Private certificate holders who also hold a private applicator license will receive their renewal in January.

This renewal cycle will be especially large, Combs said, "More than 26,000 private applicator licenses or certificates will be due for renewal, which is more than twice the normal number."

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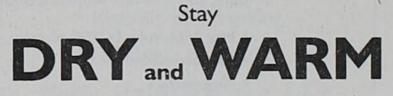
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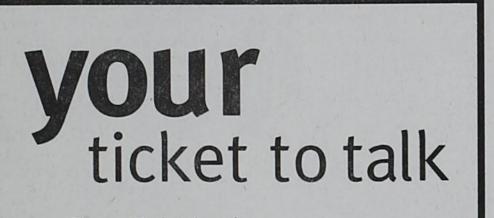
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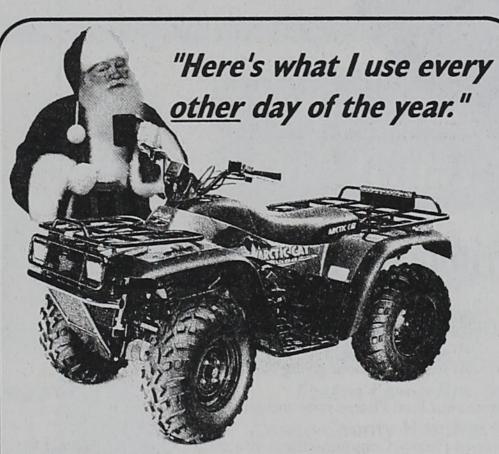
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# **Bobcats shock sixth-ranked Merkel to win tourney**

Dimmitt shot the lights out enroute to wins in their first two games at the Spring City Crossroads Classic last week, then applied an intense pressure defense to stop No. 6-ranked Merkel in the title game at Big Spring.

Dimmitt opened the Big Spring tournament with a big 81-55 win over Class AAAA Sweetwater last Thursday. The Bobcats didn't miss a beat on Friday, either, ousting Clyde, 66-48 behind an impressive team shooting performance.

Dimmitt's shooting was a little off in Saturday's championship game with Merkel, but the Bobcats found other ways to control the tempo of the game and upset the ranked team, 54-41.

The Bobcats had the tournament's most valuable player-Dee Norman-and another all-tournament selection, Austin Sherman.

Those two combined for 123 points in the three games.

No one on Sweetwater's team could figure out how to extinguish the hot hand of Norman in last eight of which were by Norman. Thursday's first-round game.

The Dimmitt guard finished with 38 points and 15 rebounds in a super offensive performance that ignited the rest of his team.

"Dee hit baskets from everywhere. He scored from inside and picked up some on fast-break opportunities. He also hit 8-of-14 shots from threepoint range. He also ended up with 15 rebounds and 14 credits for a great game," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle."

Dimmitt jumped out to a 27-6 first-quarter lead on the strength of Norman's performance. He had 16

points in that quarter, including three take a 14-7 lead. from outside the three-point line.

18 points in the first period, too.

Norman's hot hand continued in the second quarter as Dimmitt extended its lead to 50-23 by intermission.

"We probably played our best game of the tournament against Sweetwater," Steinle said. "I was a little concerned about the guys being ready to play after the 3-1/2 hour trip to Big Spring, but they were ready to go and responded well. We had a good team effort. Everybody shot the ball well."

Dimmitt hit 46% of its shots for the game, including 45% from threepoint range. The Bobcats hit 71% of their free throws, too.

The big first-half lead was too much for Sweetwater to overcome. It did manage to trim Dimmitt's lead by three points in the third quarter, but Dimmitt used a balanced scoring in the fourth quarter to hold Sweetwater at bay for the 81-48 win. Dimmitt hit 13 three-pointers,

Also connecting from outside the arc were Marcus Larra, Sherman and Anthony Oltivero (2).

Sherman, Larra and Daniel Proffitt sparked the flame that ignited the Bobcats in Friday's 66-55 win over Clyde.

While Clyde's defense held Norman to three points in the first half. Sherman exploded with nine and Larra and Proffitt added eight each over the first 16 minutes to keep beat Merkel, 54-41. Dimmitt within striking distance.

five players in the first quarter to guard in the second quarter.

The Bobcats picked up 17 points Sherman contributed eight of his in the second quarter and limited Clyde to eight-six free throws and a single jumper by Jamie Robinson. Dimmitt's defense gave up nothing

in the first half, frustrating Clyde.

Robinson, who paced Clyde with 19 points, got his first points of the game in the second quarter and only managed the one field goal until the third quarter.

Sherman kept Dimmitt in control with seven points in the second and the Bobcats built up a 31-15 advantage by the break.

As Clyde adjusted its defense in an attempt to contain Sherman in the second half, Norman found his shot and the Bobcat duo ripped apart Clyde's defense.

The Bobcats were still in control 47-33 after three quarters, then outscored Clyde in the fourth for the 66-48 win.

ished with 18 points while Proffitt added 14.

"We shot the ball extremely well against Clyde," Steinle said. "We got some easy opportunities and had some good looks inside. Our fast break was working and we scored a lot of points off of penetrations. That game was our most steady game. We had four good quarters. That's what we like to see-consistency."

Dimmitt faced its toughest challenge on Saturday in the championship against Merkel, and the Bobcats had to overcome an early deficit to pleased with the overall perfor-

They did that with defense and Dimmitt got balanced scoring from rebounding, catching Merkel off

Merkel hit a pair of threes and had due to Merkel's defense, but I think several players pick up buckets in the we were a little out of sync. first quarter as it raced to an 18-10 lead.

Qualls had six points for Merkel in the first and he finished with 12 to the guys. When you don't shoot well. join teammate W. Jordan for highpoint honors.

field, connecting on just three shots in the first quarter. Proffitt drained a three, Norman had a trio of free throws and Sherman and Julian Velo each counted one shot for Dimmitt's 10.

Norman took control in the second quarter, jump starting the struggling Bobcat offense with three treys and two other baskets as Dimmitt outscored Merkel 21-5 for a 31-23 halftime lead.

A shocked Merkel never recovered from the Norman onslaught before Brent Josselet, Sherman and Mat-Norman and Sherman each fin- thew Wright provided the fuel for a third-quarter run and the Bobcats owned a nine-point lead headed into the fourth quarter.

> Down the stretch, Dimmitt got five points from Norman, six from Sherman and four from Wright as the Bobcats held off Merkel for the 54-41 win.

Norman finished with 21 points while Sherman had 10.

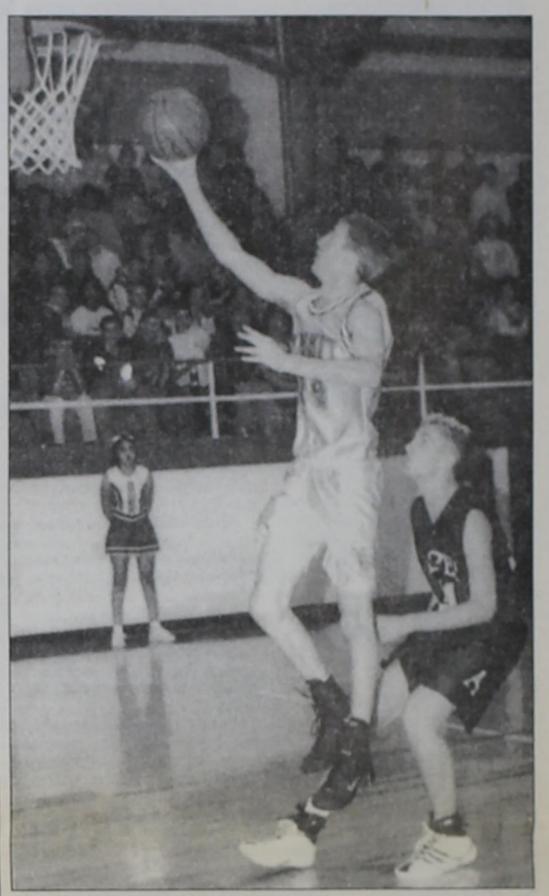
The Bobcats struggled from the field, hitting only 34% of their shots for the game (19-of-56). Only 64% (9-of-15) of their free throws swished the net, but Steinle was still mance.

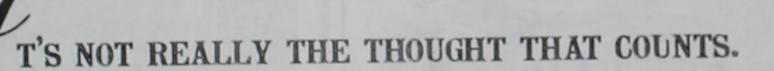
"We didn't shoot the ball nearly as well as we did earlier in the tournament," Steinle said. "Part of that was

All-tournament selection Michael shooting game, it was probably the game in which I was most proud of and you can still find a way to win, that shows a lot of character. We Dimmitt started off cold from the played hard for four quarters and we played great defense.

"We did a lot of things defensively that really helped us against Merkel," Steinle said. "We had a lot of re-"Even though this was our worst bounds (43) and kept them from getting second and third shots. It was a great win for us," Steinle said.

> With the three tournament victories, Dimmitt improved its record to 8-3 on the season and captured its second tournament championship in as many weeks.





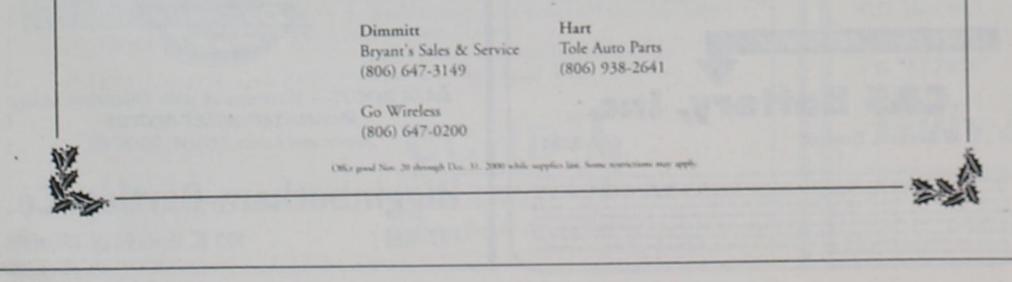
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DIMMITT'S MATTHEW WRIGHT (14) gets a fast-break opportunity early in the game Tuesday, but is unable to cash in as the Bobcats host the Abernathy Antelopes in a non-district tilt at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. Dimmitt picked up its ninth win of the season with a 70-61 Photo by Carter Townsend victory over the Lopes.







BIG BUCKET-Heather Black of Dimmitt drives through Abernathy's defense and picks up an easy layup to pull the Bobbies to within two points of the Lady Lopes, 23-25, Monday night at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt. Black finished with 20 points and sparked Dimmitt in a fourth-quarter comeback as the Bobbies downed Abernathy. Photo by Carter Townsend 57-52.

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# **Bobbies rally to defeat Lady Lopes, 57-52**

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with a 24-point rally in the fourth quarter to earn an exciting 57-52 win Monday night.

The Bobbies trailed by nine, 33-42, going into the fourth frame, but chipped away at the Lady Lopes' lead with baskets by Tamara Robertson, Rachel Fabela, Heather Black and Lori Schulte.

Black tied the score at 48-48 with a three-point play with 3:16 remaining. She tied it again at 50-50 with a pair of free throws at the 2:30 mark, then Schulte gave Dimmitt its first lead of the game with a pair of free throws that put the Bobbies out front, 52-50, and Dimmitt held the lead the rest of the way.

The Lady Lopes were in big trou- 61 win over Abernathy. ble when their hotshot, Jennifer Brock, left the game via the five-foul terms at first. Dimmitt managed to route late in the third period. Brock had scored 20 of Abernathy's 42 points in the first three periods.

The other key factor in the Bobbies' rally was turnovers forced by the Dimmitt defense during the fourth. The full-court press stymied the Lady Lopes and resulted in one the scoreboard in the final moments steal after another, which the Bob- to give Dimmitt a commanding lead. bies converted to points.

Larra sank one, and each of them Black finished as Dimmitt's top scorer with 20. Robertson scored 10, scored a fast-break layup off of Fabela 10, Sharla Kenworthy 7, Schulte and Stacy Saenz 4 each, and the end of the first. Audrey Saenz 2.

For Abernathy, Brock had 20, treys in the third-two by Daniel Meredith Tullis 15 and Kinsey Riley Proffitt and one each by Norman and 10.

Abernathy built a 14-11 first-quar- quarter output to take a commanding

The Bobbies came from behind ter lead and held a narrow 25-23 44-25 lead to the locker room. edge at halftime. The Lady Lopes closed down Dimmitt's inside game assault in the third with two treys by over the Abernathy Lady Lopes here in the third and scored 17 points Norman and one by Sherman to go while the Bobbies could manage with a two-point field goal by Sheronly 10, giving Abernathy its seem- man and a free throw by Matthew ingly safe 42-33 lead going into the Wright. fourth.

> Dimmitt's 10 points in the third point third quarter, with Bowe scorcame on only four shots-treys by ing 11 of them, to pull the Lopes to Robertson, Kenworthy and Fabela and a free throw by Black.

> > Bobcats 70,

Abernathy 61

night, the Bobcats rushed to a 44-25

halftime lead, then held on for a 70-

go ahead 9-3 on a reverse layup by

Marcus Larra and a pair of freebies

by Dee Norman, but Abernathy ral-

lied with back-to-back field goals by

Daniel Nelson and Nick Bowe to

But Larra and Brent Josselet lit up

Josselet sank a pair of three-pointers,

steals, giving Dimmitt a 22-9 lead at

The Bobcats rang up four more

Larra-as they matched their first-

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The two teams battled on even

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The Lopes also outscored the Bobcats 17-14 in the fourth, but it wasn't enough. Highlighting Dimmitt's fourth-quarter scoring were treys by Proffitt, Larra and Sherman, twopointers by Sherman and Matthew Sandoval and a free throw by Wright.

Sherman paced Dimmitt's scoring with 16, followed by Norman with 15, Larra with 13, Proffitt with 9, Josselet with 8, Sandoval with 4, Anthony Oltivero with 3 and Wright with 2.

Larra was Dimmitt's floor leader

with 15 credits, five rebounds and no miscues to go with his 13 points. Sherman had a good game, too, with 12 credits and five rebounds.

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The Cats connected on 25 of 61 field goals (41%), including 13 of 34 (38%) from three-point range.

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## 10 Castro County News \* December 14, 2000 Swifts finish third in big I-27 Tourney

a good Class AAA team and blew away Idalou in the I-27 Tournament, but the Swifts had to settle for third the semifinals Friday.

The Swifts edged Shallowater, 60-58, last Thursday in the first round, and that set up a rematch with Trinity Christian in the quarterfinals that evening.

days earlier in a double overtime thriller, but this time the victory belonged to Nazareth in regulation, 65-61.

After the big win over Trinity, Nazareth advanced to the semifinals where they watched a late fourthquarter lead evaporate at the hands of Hale Center. The Owls took advantage of Swift mistakes and missed free throws in the final minutes of the semifinal game and claimed the victory, 68-63. Hale Center went on to win the tourna-

overtime loss to Trinity, knocked off the third-place game against Idalou.

Idalou never threatened the Swifts, who bounced back from the disappointing semifinal loss to claim place after falling to Hale Center in the third-place trophy with an 81-53 win.

this tournament since I've been here," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough. "I was pleased with the way we played. We played well Trinity had beaten the Swifts two against some good teams. We also found a couple of things we need to work on.

"Our defense played well at times Schilling and Ky Wilcox all finished and I thought we shot well in all of the games except against Shallowater. We were just disappointed we couldn't hold on against Hale Center and get to the championship."

A big third-quarter effort allowed Nazareth to build a lead over Shallowater in the first game, and the Swifts were able to hold off a late repeat of the previous meeting be-

Nazareth avenged a double ment while the Swifts dropped into Mustang rally to claim the 60-58 tween the two teams. win.

> The score was knotted at 12 after the first quarter and Shallowater owned a two-point advantage at halftime.

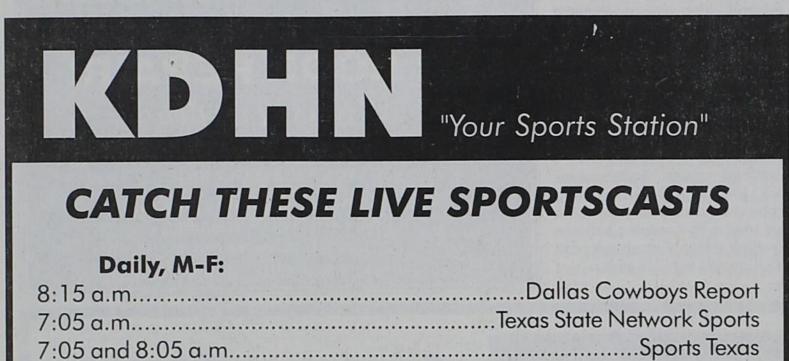
Nazareth came out on fire in the "This is the best we've finished in third quarter and outscored the Mustangs, 22-12, for a 45-37 lead.

> Shallowater made a run at the Swifts in the fourth quarter and chipped away at the deficit, but Nazareth was able to hold on to the twopoint edge as time expired.

> Nazareth's Kade Wilcox, Eric in double figure scoring, tallying 20, 15 and 11 points, respectively.

> The Swifts were fired up and ready for Trinity Christian and caught the Patriots off-guard in the first quarter, jumping out to a quick 23-15 lead.

> Trinity bounced back in the second quarter to trim the Swifts' lead to three points, and it looked like a



## Friday: **Dimmitt Bobbies & Bobcats**

The Swifts still held a two-point lead after three quarters, and they were able to outscore Trinity 18-16 in the fourth quarter to preserve the win.

Kade Wilcox finished with 19 points to pace the Swifts while Schil-

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ling added 18 and Ky Wilcox fin- the end. We had played the tough ished with 17.

"The Trinity game was our best in the tournament," said Scarbrough. "We played as well in that game as I've ever seen us play. Trinity is a really good team. I know they've beaten several Class AAAA and AAAAA schools. It was a big win for us."

Nazareth led the Hale Center Owls in every quarter except for the final one.

"In the fourth quarter we made some mistakes down the stretch," Scarbrough said. "We didn't take care of the ball and we didn't hit free throws.

"We were ahead by three with a minute and a half left and we had some opportunities to extend the lead at the free throw line, but we didn't make those shots. Hale Center made a couple of big plays down the stretch when it counted," he said.

"I think the guys ran out of gas at

game with Trinity on Tuesday, then had two close games on Thursday before we played Hale Center Friday."

Nazareth led 20-18 after one quarter and owned a 39-34 lead at intermission. The Swifts took a 55-48 lead into the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold on in the waning seconds and the Owls overtook the lead for the 68-63 win.

Schilling had 20 points to lead the Swifts while Kade Wilcox added 19 and Ky Wilcox finished with 11.

In Saturday's third-place game, Kade Wilcox couldn't miss, scoring 35 points as the Swifts prevailed over Idalou, 81-53.

Nazareth's defense limited Idalou to 14 first-half points enroute to a 46-14 lead at the break.

Idalou had a little more success in the second half, but the early lead posted by Nazareth was too big to scale.

# Swiftettes topple Tulia, El Paso in tourney action

The Nazareth Swiftettes ran into a stumbling block in the second round of the I-27 Invitational, falling to Wall, 49-51 on a last-second shot.

Wall went on to win the tournament while the Swiftettes rebounded to pick up their second win of the tournament with a 57-51 decision over Tulia.

Nazareth opened the tournament by blowing away El Paso Burgess, 76-38.

In that game, four Swiftettes scored in double figures as Nazareth dominated every aspect of the game.

Stephanie Thiel and Whitney Hoelting couldn't be stopped, and each finished with 23 points to lead Nazareth. Wendy Black chipped in 17 and Tara Kleman added 10 in the

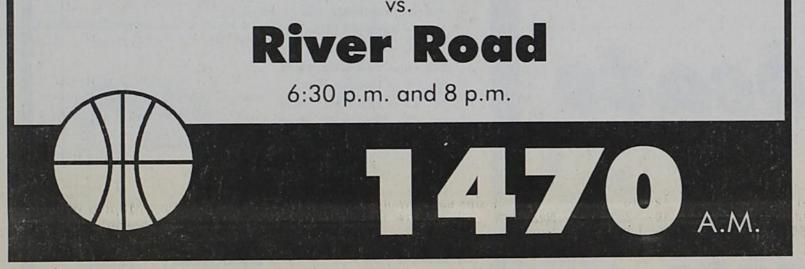
Nazareth started off slow against Wall, and the Swiftettes trailed 12-15 after the first quarter.

The Swiftettes' defense turned up the heat in the second quarter, though, shutting down the Wall offense to erase the deficit and claim a 28-19 lead by halftime.

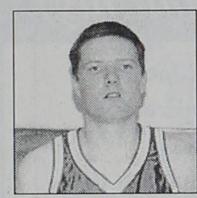
Never giving up, Wall fought its way back in the second half and pulled within four after three quarters of action.

Wall got its revenge for the second quarter when it stifled Nazareth over the final eight minutes, limiting the Swiftettes to four points.

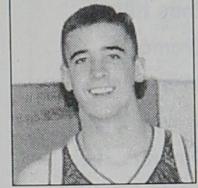
With the score tied at 49, Wall worked the clock over the final minute, scoring near the end of regulation to claim the 51-49 win. Hoelting was Nazareth's lone double-figure scorer, and she finished with 12 points.



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# **Good Luck** Swifts & Swiftettes,

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Nazareth held an 18-9 lead in the first quarter and El Paso never recovered. It was a 40-20 Nazareth advantage after two periods and the Swiftettes continued to add to their lead in the second half, outscoring El Paso 36-18 over the final 16 minutes for the 76-38 win.

Nazareth edged Tulia, 57-51, in the guarantee game for its second win in the tournament.

Thiel finished with 26 points while Black added 13 for Nazareth.

**Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H collects** toys and sponsors 'angels'

gathered toys for the 4-H toy drive and agreed to sponsor three angels from the community Angel Tree project.

At the club's last meeting, club members discussed Christmas activities, including the toy drive and gift giving. Members decided that senior club members will take the junior club members shopping for the angel gifts. The toys collected from the toy drive were delivered to Panhandle

The Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club Community Services to be distributed to needy children.

The club will have their holiday party on Dec. 27 when they will go bowling.

The senior 4-H members will help serve tables at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet set in January, and the junior members will help decorate a table for the club.

The next meeting of the club will be Jan. 18 at the Extension office.

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# Longhorns pick up pair of wins in Lockney Tourney

A heartbreaking one-point loss to action. Clarendon in first-round action of the Lockney Tournament didn't deter the Hart Longhorns from bouncing back with a couple of good wins over the weekend.

Clarendon edged Hart 63-62 in the first round, but the Longhorns deciding factor in Hart's third game, bounced back with a 43-32 win over too, but the Longhorns weren't on Kress and a 50-36 decision over the winning side this time. Spur. Sandwiched between those victories, though, was a 44-36 loss to Post.

tournament placed it in the consolation round.

Hart had a big first quarter against Clarendon, and enjoyed a 23-18 lead after the first eight minutes of action.

Clarendon would retaliate over the next 16 minutes to take control of the game, 35-33 at halftime and then 52-48 after three quarters.

Hart got back on track in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Broncos 14-11, but couldn't get the edge before the buzzer.

Keith Finch finished with 23 points to pace Hart.

In their second game, the Longhorns overcame a slow start to gain a slight edge over Kress at halftime, but it took a big 20-point fourth quarter effort by the Lady Horns. Longhorns to ice the game.

stalemate in the first period, Hart held a 19-18 edge over the Kangaroos at intermission. Kress returned the favor in the third, claiming a one-point lead of its own as the buzzer signaled the end of

# Singles dinner, dance slated in Amarillo

But Kress ran out of gas in the fourth quarter and Hart went on a rampage for the 43-32 win.

Finch again was Hart's main point-getter, finishing with 16 points.

The fourth quarter was the

In a close battle that was nip-andtuck from the first basket. Hart owned a two-point lead after the first Hart's 2-2 record in the quarter, and extended that margin to four at halftime.

> Post would turn the tables on Hart in the fourth quarter, though, limiting the Longhorn offense to four points away from Spur, limiting their while rattling the nets with 16 for the opponents to 17 second-half points win.

Isaias Garcia was the Longhorns' leading scorer with nine points.

A cold shooting streak by the Longhorns in the first quarter of their game with Spur resulted in an 11-8 Spur lead after the first period.

It didn't take long for Hart to turn things around, though.

A stifling defense shut down Spur in the second period and by the time the second quarter was up, Hart had stolen the lead, 22-19. They never trailed again.

Paced by Finch's 18-point performance and an 11-point effort by Garcia, Hart gradually pulled enroute to the win.

# Hart girls down Kress in Lockney Tournament

A 43-32 victory over the Kress girls was the highlight of the Lockney Tournament for Hart's

After falling to Guthrie in the After battling to a six-point tournament opener, 43-69, the Hart girls rebounded with the hard-fought win over Kress. Petersburg dashed Hart's hopes for a second tourney victory, though, posting a 73-46 win over Hart in the guarantee game.

Vanessa Carrasco chipped in 13 points against Guthrie, but Hart's offense struggled against Guthrie's pressure defense.

Hart trailed after the first quarter, 16-19, and never got on track. Guthrie opened a commanding lead in the third quarter after outscoring Hart 27-10, then coasted through the to take a commanding lead it wouldfourth for the 69-43 victory.

quarter, managing just two points. Inspired by the defensive success, Hart reeled off 16 points to take a big lead in the first quarter. Hart continued to add to its lead throughout the game for the 50-32 victory.

Lacie Curry finished with 13 points to pace the Lady Horns while Crystal Diego chipped in 12.

A slow start plagued Hart again in its third tournament game.

Hart matched Petersburg point for point in the second and fourth quarters, but the first and third stanzas were killers for Hart.

Petersburg jumped out to a 21-10 lead in the opening stanza, then outscored Hart 18-3 in the third quarter n't relinguish.

## **I-27 TOURNAMENT**

First Round Swiftettes 76, El Paso Burgess 38 18 22 16 20 -76 Nazareth EP Burgess 9 11 11 7 -38 SCORING: Nazareth-Stephanie Thiel and Whitney Hoelting 23, Wendy Black 17, Tara Kleman 10.

Swifts 60, Shallowater 58 Nazareth 12 11 22 15 ---60

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SCORING: Nazareth-Kade Wilcox 19,

Swiftettes 49, Wall 51

SCORING: Nazareth-Whitney

**Championship Semifinals** 

Swifts 63, Hale Center 68

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Third Place

Swifts 81, Idalou 53

SCORING: Nazareth-Kade Wilcox 35,

Guarantee Game

Swiftettes 57, Tulia 51

LOCKNEY CLASSIC

First Round

Longhorns 62, Clarendon 63

Lady Horns 43, Guthrie 69

SCORING: Hart-Vanessa Carrasco

**Consolation Bracket** 

Longhorns 43, Kress 32

SCORING: Hart-Keith Finch 16.

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SCORING: Hart-Keith Finch 23.

SCORING: Nazareth-Stephanie Thiel

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Bobcats 66, Clyde 48 14 17 16 19 -66 Dimmitt Clyde 7 8 18 15 -48 SCORING: Dimmitt-Dee Norman and Austin Sherman 18, Daniel Proffitt 14.

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Lady Horns 46, Petersburg 73

SCORING: Hart-Lacie Curry 17,

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First Round

Bobcats 81, Sweetwater 55

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JV Bobcats 58, Abernathy 55 5 19 12 22 -58 Dimmitt JV 14 20 15 6 -55 Abernathy JV SCORING: Dimmitt JV-Lee Brown 20, Kenneth Worsham 13, Patrick Hunter 12.

## Bobcats 70, Abernathy 61

9 16 19 17 -61 Abernathy 22 22 12 14 -70 Dimmitt SCORING: Dimmitt- Dee Norman 15, Marcus Larra 15, Austin Sherman 14.

Bobbies 57, Abernathy 52

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Swiftettes 70, Farwell 33 16 21 21 12-70 Nazareth Farwell 7 6 7 13 -33 SCORING: Nazareth-Stephanie Thiel 33, Whitney Hoelting 12.

## Longhorns 55, Amherst 41

Hart 14 13 11 17 -55 Amherst 6 12 12 11 -41 SCORING: Hart-Jeff Bennett 13, Salvador Velasquez 11, Albert Velasquez

## Lady Horns 72, Amherst 31

Hart 13 22 16 19 -72 Amherst 10 6 8 7-31 SCORING: Hart-Vanessa Carrasco 13, Lacie Curry 12, Crystal Diego 10, Brenda Diego 10.

> JV Swifts 53, Farwell 55 JV Swiftettes 42, Farwell 41 JV Lady Horns 22, Amherst 19 JV Longhorns 53, Amherst 32

# Hart bands will perform

The bands from Hart Elementary School and Hart High School will present concerts this week and the public is invited to attend.

The Hart Elementary Band, featuring students in the third through seventh grades, will hold its holiday concert at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

The Hart High School Band will present its Christmas concert Tuesday at 8:45 p.m. in the Hart High School Gym.

The bands will perform under the direction of Greg Garrison.

# Three Dimmitt students earn college degrees

Three Dimmitt natives participated in commencement ceremonies Saturday at Wayland Baptist University. Pablo "Paul" Garcia received a master of business administration degree in management while Rebecca Lynn Schroeder earned a master of education degree in English. Kimberly Marie Washington, daughter of E.L. and Mildred Washington of Dimmitt, earned a bachelor of arts degree in English/language arts.

The Singles ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center's Grand Plaza on Dec. 31.

Hours will be from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal.

Live music will be provided by Sharla Lee Hayes and the Double Diamond Band. A photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos.

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person and that includes the dinner and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Dec. 22.

The dinner and dance will be an alcohol- and smoke-free environment.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

The Hart ladies put that game quarter, but so did the Lady Buffs, behind them and quickly turned their sights on their next opponent-Kress.

sive assault, Kress wilted in the first Horns.

Hart had 24 points in the fourth and Petersburg walked away with the 73-46 win.

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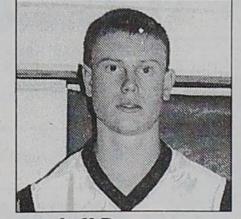
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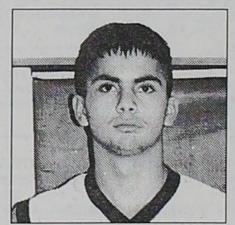


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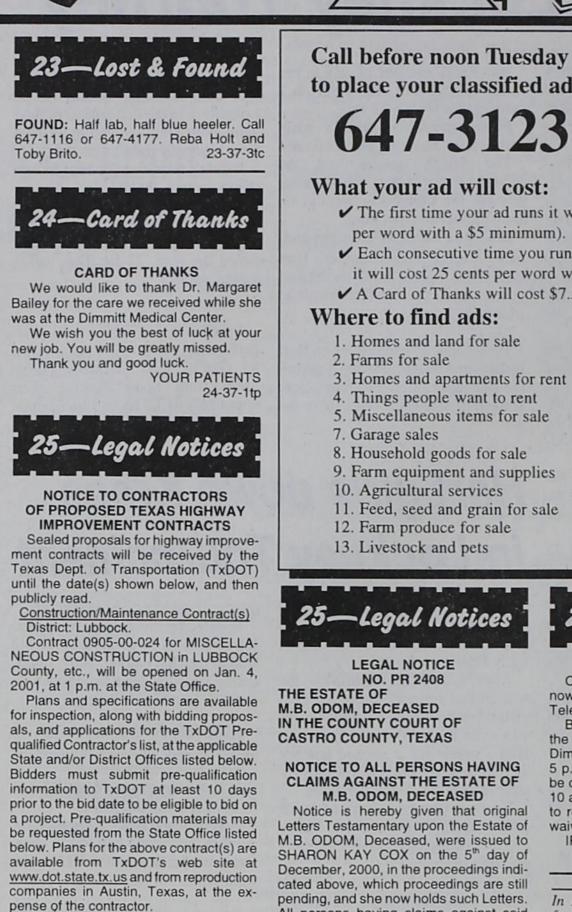
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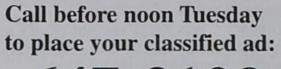
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# **High Plains, Caprock cotton** growers okay eradication zone

The last piece of the puzzle is Once these weevils emerge from finally in place for boll weevil eradication on the South Plains.

Cotton growers in Cochran, Hockley, Terry, Lubbock and portions of Crosby, Dickens, Garza and Lynn counties recently voted 2,996 to 732 in favor of establishing the Southern High Plains-Caprock eradication zone.

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture announced the results of the grower mail-in referendum on Nov. 27. The 4-to-1 vote creates a 1.2 million-acre active control zone in these eight counties-the largest of eight active eradication zones in Texas.

Boll weevil eradication efforts in these zones are operated and governed by cooperative efforts between producers and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Growers in the Southern High Plains-Caprock zone also voted to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 per acre for dryland fields to fund their five-year eradication program at a total cost of \$105 million. If all goes well, control efforts will begin next fall.

"The last piece of the boll weevil eradication puzzle is finally in place on the High Plains. In order to get good control of this destructive pest, we now need 100% grower participation-cooperation," said Steve Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., headquartered in Lubbock. "That participation is important, because the High Plains is one big, contiguous production region. Boll weevils don't recognize county lines-they simply spread wherever Mother Nature allows."

Several mild winters in a row, an abundance of overwintering habitat and the weevils' quick adaptation to the Plains climate helped push weevil numbers across the region to unprecedented levels during the past eight years.

Boll weevils damage cotton by

overwintering sites, they seek nearby cotton fields. Spraying to control weevils can cost growers as much as \$60 or more per acre during the growing season.

"Eradication is a good, long-term investment for the entire region. By assessing themselves a control 'tax,' growers are trading the uncertainty of high annual control costs for a lower, known control cost for the next few years," said Jim Leser, Extension cotton entomologist at Texas A&M's Lubbock Research and Extension Center. "The effort pays off. We sees that when we look at the dramatic decline in weevil numbers in zones where eradication has been underway for one or two years.

"The first year of diapause eradication spraying cuts weevil numbers dramatically. Subsequent spraying in following years then pushes weevil populations down to near zero. That helps put more lint and more dollars back into producers' pockets."

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates boll weevils cost the state somewhere between \$25 million to \$50 million annually in lost production before eradication programs were initiated. A 1997 economic impact study of weevil damage on the South Plains projected regional losses of \$500 million from lost production, processing and jobs if weevils were left unchecked.

Eradication programs in regional zones are first approved by producers, and are funded by a combination of farmer assessments and state and federal monies.

More information on boll weevil eradication efforts now underway in Texas is available by visiting the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation website http://www.txbollweevil.org.

# Combs asks funding of dairy herd buy-out

Texas Ag Commissioner Susan Combs recently said that the federal government should stand by its original agreement to depopulate El Paso County dairy herds and eradicate bovine tuberculosis from the state.

Unless the herds are removed, Texas will never be considered completely free of bovine tuberculosis, and the state's cattle producers will face possible restrictions on livestock exports and additional testing costs for exported animals, Combs said.

She is urging US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to fully restore the recommended funding for the National Bovine Strategic Plan, which includes a one-time buy-out of El Paso County dairy herds. Combs also is working with the Texas congressional delegation to re-establish the original funding amount for the initiative. "At a time when our livestock industry is already suffering from continuous drought, this latest blow is extremely short-sighted and punitive," Combs said. "The federal government's own experts within the US Dept. of Agriculture have recommended that \$43 million is needed to effectively eliminate this disease from El Paso County. Without any factual basis, the Office of Management and Budget announced Oct. 13 that this amount for Texas has been

cut to \$25.7 million, which will not accomplish the goal of eradication.

"It is vital that Texas reach a bovine TB-free classification, which the original agreement would have accomplished," Combs said. "If this agreement falls through, Texas could have difficulty exporting its livestock out of state in the future. In addition, livestock producers could face testing costs of hundreds of millions of dollars."

The voluntary decision to shut down dairy operations by the El Paso producers was not an easy one, Combs said.

"These dairy owners have reluctantly agreed to a buy-out for the better interest of the entire state to



Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Dec. 14-22.

> DIMMITT Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail

and milk. MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bars, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast burrito, peaches and milk

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

## Preschool-First Grade Lunch

Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk FRIDAY: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese,

MONDAY: Lasagna with ground beef, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, French bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, pecan pie, cranberry sauce and at milk.

WEDNESDAY: Southern fried chicken, seasoned black-eyed peas, fresh banana and milk.

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

## Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued rib patty or pork tamales; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, Chinese plate or fish nuggets; baked potato, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Lasagna with ground beef, teriyaki sauce or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn or broccoli with cheese sauce; tossed salad, fresh spinach tuna salad sandwich with potato chips or Frito salad or taco condiment salad; garlic bread, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, pecan pie, cranberry sauce and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, pork tamales or hoagie submarine sandwich; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, hamburger salad or banana; commeal yeast rolls, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

## HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham cracker and milk. FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash

brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

TUESDAY: Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

## Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or sloppy Joe on a bun; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, potato puffs, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea

FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili and shredded cheese; salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, applesauce, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich with chips or pizza; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie, and milk, punch or tea. WEDNESDAY: Choice of sub sandwich,

pie; salad, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peaches, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea. THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

## NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk

FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk

TUESDAY: Sausage and roll, cereal, orange juice and milk

WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: No school

## Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Chicken fried steak or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, pudding and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Beef taco or hamburger and French fries; lettuce, beans, applesauce, brownies and milk or juice.

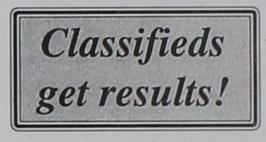
MONDAY: \* Nachos and roll or corn dog, Frito salad, peas, peaches, dump cake and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: \* Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \* Frito pie or chef's salad. cornbread, tossed salad, green beans, pineap ple, dessert and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Ham sandwich or turkey sandwich, tater tots, lettuce, beans, pears, S'mores and milk or juice. FRIDAY: No school.

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



feeding and laying eggs for successive generations in the plant's immature squares and bolls-the fruit which bears high-value cotton lint.

Droughts in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress. Their rapid spread in the past five years leads Texas A&M University entomologists to conclude that weevils have developed enough cold-hardiness to successfully overwinter just about as far north as cotton can be grown in Texas.

Recent weevil overwintering studies conducted by these scientists indicate as much as 65% of overwintering weevils successfully survived recent winters on the Plains.

**Police Calls** 

allow Texas to achieve a bovine TBfree status," Combs said. "The decision to shut down their operations was difficult for these dairy operators to make because these closures not only will affect their livelihoods, but also have a negative economic impact to the entire region by eliminating an important sector of the local economy.

"El Paso is the fourth largest milkproducing county in Texas and has annual milk sales worth \$40 million a year. Clearly, the plan will not be effective unless the full funding amount, initially negotiated between El Paso County dairy farmers and USDA officials, is provided."

Bovine TB is a lung disease that can affect cattle when exposed. The disease does not threaten dairy consumers because pasteurization kills bovine tuberculosis. Annual milk sales in Texas earn between \$800 million and \$1 billion in sales a year.

Saturday, opening day of pheasant season, deputies were called to Plains Memorial Hospital at about 10:23 p.m. to see about a gun-shot victim. Deputy Joe Aleman said the victim, Michael Alan Elliott, was accidentally shot by another hunter.

Aleman said Dr. Gary Hardee reported that Elliott was wounded in the right leg, chest and hands, but he would be released after treatment. Aleman said Elliott did not wish to file charges, since the incident was àn accident.

Nov. 29, deputies received a report from Steve (Flip) Taylor of Dimmitt about the burglary of his barn located southwest of Dimmitt. He said items taken included a \$500 welder, a \$500 air compressor, a \$75 welding helmet, a \$100 air impact wrench, a \$75 starter for a Ford pickup, a \$40 floor jack, a \$20 battery charger, a \$15 radio, and a \$5 tool box. He said the burglary must have happened between 7:15 on Nov. 28 and 8:15 a.m. on Nov. 29.

Nov. 28, the Sheriff's Office contacted Alan Birkenfeld, saying that his red Kawasaki four-wheeler had been found in Hart. Birkenfeld said he had left the vehicle on a farm northeast of Hart on Nov. 25. The vehicle was not damaged, but the ignition key was missing.

Oliever Brown of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that someone entered her residence on Southwest Fifth Street without her consent and took jewelry and coins valued at \$150.

DWI, first offense; and at 4:26 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed for driving with license suspended and for DWI, second offense.

Sunday, a 21-year-old Hereford woman was jailed for DWI.

Early Tuesday, a suspect was stopped in Dimmitt for speeding and was charged with DWI, first offense. Jailed during the past week on warrants were:

-Dec. 6, a Dimmitt woman, 54, for criminal mishchief over \$50 and under \$500.

-Saturday at 7:05 a.m., a 22-yearold Earth man, on an Eastland County warrant for theft by check over \$30 and under \$500; and at 11:43 a.m., a Sherman man, 23, for burglary of a building.

-Monday, a 21-year-old Dimmitt man for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

## **Jail Count**

There were 10 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning.

Dec. 6, a 1993 Oldsmobile Bravado driven by Lidia Vargas, 52, of Dimmitt, failed to yield right of way turning left at the signal light at Broadway and Bedford in Dimmitt. The Oldsmobile was struck on the right back quadrant by a 2000 Ford Focus driven by Stacy Ann Bull, 19, of Dimmitt, which had been heading east at the intersection. Both vehicles were rated with light damage and both drivers were listed with possible injury. Vargas was given a ticket for The great Alaska brown bear weighs as much as 1,600 pounds and measures up to nine feet in length.

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failure to yield, and Bull was cited for no liability insurance.

A Dimmitt man, 37, was jailed last Suburban driven by Sara Lee Hunter, Thursday for burglary of a habitation 36, of Rt. 3, Hereford, was struck on and criminal trespass of a habitation. When answering a complaint about a vehicle playing loud music in Jackson, 35, of Dimmitt. Police said Dimmitt on Saturday night, police arrested two Friona men, ages 17 and 21, for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

year-old Nazareth man was jailed for both vehicles was rated light.

Last Thursday, a 1995 Chevrolet the back bumper by a 1987 Oldsmobile Regency driven by Lisa Ramirez both vehicles were east bound in the 800 block of West Jones when the Oldsmobile attempted to make a uturn and struck the Chevrolet. No Early Saturday, at 2:03 a.m., a 29- injuries were reported and damage to

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## **Cleo Susan Campbell**

Funeral services for Cleo Susan Campbell, 89, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Stuart Jones officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens of Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Campbell died Dec. 8 in Gracious Care Home in Carrollton.

She was born Nov. 25, 1911, in King, N.M., and graduated from Lubbock High School in 1930. She married Truvis Campbell on Nov. 8, 1932, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1986. They moved to Castro County in 1947 from Crosbyton. Mrs. Campbell was a homemaker and a member of the Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of the Church of Christ and taught Bible school for many ciation. She worked as a mail carrier years.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Wiseman of Dimmitt and Marilyn Ginn of Flower Mound; a sister, Vera Lewis of Glendale, Ariz.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Gracious Care Home, 2012 Wedgewood Lane, Carrollton 75006; or to grandchildren. a favorite charity.

## H.M. "Shorty" Cowell

H.M. "Shorty" Cowell, 89, of Amarillo, former Dimmitt resident, died Monday at Amarillo.

Wednesday morning at Silverton Cemetery with the Rev. Edwin Norris officiating, assisted by R.D. Reynolds. Arrangements were by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Mr. Cowell was born March 15, 1911, in East Prairie, Missouri. He married Martha Sons on Feb. 19,

## **Beral N. Hance**

Beral N. Hance, 87, longtime resident of Dimmitt, died Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of

Dimmitt. She was born Sept. 25, 1913, in Blevins, Ark. She married Raymond L. Hance on April 5, 1933, in Ector. He died in May 1980.

She attended East Texas Teachers College in Commerce. She moved to Castro County in 1933. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1936, and held all offices in WMU. She was a member of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and American Heart Assoand teacher. She also worked in the Castro County Extension Office and for the Castro County Attorney until her retirement.

Survivors include a son, Kent Hance of Dallas; two daughters, Linda Karagas of Boulder, Colo., and Beth Hodges of Amarillo; a The family suggests memorials to sister, Junia Green of Sherman; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-

> She was preceded in death by a son, Pat Lyndon Hance, in 1939.

> The family suggests memorials be to the Beral Hance Scholarship Fund, in care of First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

Pallbearers were Charles Graveside services were held Sammann, Gene Bradley, Bud Hill, Wade Maynard, Bill Murphy, Carl King, Jimmy Davis and Rex Wooten.

## Christmas

## **Michael L. Perkins**

Funeral services for Michael L. Perkins, 51, of Lubbock, the son-inlaw of Betty Huckabay of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon in First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Van Perryman and Rev. Ray Perryman officiating.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Perkins died Dec. 4 in Carlsbad, N.M.

He was born Sept. 12, 1949, in Wichita Falls, and attended schools in Monahans. He graduated from the University of Texas Pharmacy School in 1972, and was employed by Wal-Mart Pharmacies. He married Alissa Huckabay on Oct. 12, 1975, in Dimmitt. She preceded him in death on Oct. 7, 1995.

He is survived by a son, Adrian M. Perkins of Lubbock; a daughter, Hannah Kate Perkins of Lubbock; his mother, Mae Perkins of Lubbock; two sisters, Judy Perkins of Lubbock and Joan Looney of Bloomfield, N.M.; and a granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to The Living Vine Worship Center, P.O. Box 1062, Wolfforth 79382; or Short Round Ministries, P.O. Box 388, Crockett 75385.

## Cruz Tapia

Funeral services for Cruz Tapia, 89, of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning at the Church of God of the First Born with Fernando Fernandez officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Tapia died Friday in Dimmitt.

She was born Sept. 15, 1911. She married Louis Tapia. He died in 1982.

More about

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And it was a good animal. And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve, and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, "Lord, I have already named all the animals of the kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them.

And they were comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.

And God said, "No problem! I will create for them a companion that will be with them forever and that will see them as they are. This companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.'

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the surpreme beings. And Adam and Eve learned humil-

ity. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased.

And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn't give a rip one way or the other.

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## Chuck,

I know your life on earth was troubled, Only you could know the pain. You weren't afraid to face the devil, You're no stranger to the rain.

*Oh how we cried the day you left us,* Gathered 'round your grave to grieve. Wish I could see the Angel's faces When they hear your sweet voice sing!

Go rest high on that mountain, Son, your work on earth is done. Go to Heaven a shoutin'. Your unfailing love for the Father and the Son.

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1938, in Madill, Okla. She died on Aug. 12, 1988.

He had lived in Dimmitt, Silverton and Tulia. He was a welder.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tracy Cowell; and a grandson, Terry Cowell.

Survivors include four daughters, Pat Foster and Janie Snider, both of Amarillo, Jeanetta Farmer of Garland and Shirley Henderson of Silverton; two sons, Bo Cowell of Amarillo and Tuffy Cowell of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



## **Bernice Franklin**

Funeral services for Bernice English Franklin, 82, of Lubbock, former Dimmitt resident, were held Saturday afternoon at the Earth First Baptist Church with the Rev. Cliff Hargrove officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Mrs. Franklin died last Thursday, Dec. 7, at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 28, 1918, in Grapevine. She married Otis Leon English on Feb. 12, 1938. He died in March 1957. She then married Woodrow Franklin on Sept. 28, 1971. He died in November 1995.

She was a member of the Godley First Methodist Church. She was an avid quilter. She moved to Lubbock from Godley in 1998. She was a former resident of Earth.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Chad English. Survivors include two sons, Arvel

concert set tonight at DHS

The Dimmitt High School choir and band will present a Christmas concert tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend the concert.

member of the Church of God of the First Born.

Survivors include a son, Joe of Dimmitt; a brother, Steve Ruiz of Springfield, Mo.; and one grandchild.

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English and Lonnie English, both of Lubbock; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tal English, Lane English, David Brusewitz, Sawnie Branscum, Burl Branscum and Lexie Branscum.

The longer glass stays under water, the stronger it gets.

People believe if you hold the hair of a gorse in your hand, nothing can harm you.

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