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A friendly 'half-Nelson'

Amarillo's Brandon Slay visited Dimmitt schools Tuesday morning and spoke to them about his recent Olympic victory, winning a belated gold medal in the wrestling competition. Slay told the youngsters to set goals, work hard, play by the rules, and envision themselves as winners. He said

that his gold medal is not nearly as important to him as having "Jesus in my heart." Getting a friendly hug from Slay are Dimmitt Middle School seventh graders Rocio Rodriguez (left) and Shenea Wright.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

County calling for phone bids

The Castro County Commissioners voted Monday to seek bids on the purchase of a new phone system for the courthouse and agreed to accept bids to sell two old computers from the county clerk's office.

The commissioners voted unanimously to seek bids on the phone system, saying that the purchase was allowed for in the 2000-2001 budget.

County Clerk Joyce Thomas told the commissioners that there are two old computers from her office that need to be disposed of after she has checked them for removal of all files pertaining to the county. The commissioners gave permission to advertise them for sale to the highest bidder.

In other business, the commissioners approved three appointments to the Castro County Child Protective Services Board. Those appointed are Diane Wilhelm, Elodia Rodriguez and Rita Ramos.

The commissioners voted to "ig-

nore" a request from the South Plains Heritage Trails project asking for a letter of support from the county, which would help the project in its search for grant funding.

A request from Justice of the Peace Tana Young for additional office space was tabled until the next meeting of the commissioners. They viewed offices on the second floor of the courthouse and discussed various possibilities for use of offices vacated by the probation department.

Young said she shares office space with Constable James Dobbs and noted that there are times when both of them need more privacy when conferring with those who come before them.

The commissioners gave approval for courthouse offices to close at noon on Dec. 22 so that elected officials and employees and their spouses could attend the county's annual holiday luncheon.

Flu vaccine is still scarce

If you have received a flu shot this season, you should consider yourself lucky.

Each year in the United States, the flu sends more than 100,000 people to the hospital and is responsible for at least 20,000 deaths, according to an article posted on CNN's web page.

Patients who request the flu vaccine each year hope to ward off the bug.

But a shortage of the flu vaccine has many people worried they won't be able to protect themselves against influenza this season.

Doctors in this area say they probably won't be able to give out flu shots until December or January.

Manufacturing problems created a delay in the delivery of this year's flu vaccine. Also, vaccine makers across the world discovered this year's flu strain grew very slow. That prompted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to call upon health care providers to prioritize their patients.

"As soon as the vaccine arrives, the Castro County Hospital District will administer it to high-risk individuals and then to the general public," said Linda Rasor, chief operating officer. "People will be notified via radio, newspaper and the cable of the date and time the vaccinations will be offered.

"We are still unsure as to when the shipment will arrive and how many doses will be available with each shipment," Rasor added.

Through December and January, health care providers who administer

the flu vaccinations should focus first on immunizing the elderly, the chronically ill and women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during the flu season, according to US Surgeon General David Satcher.

Once a flu shot is administered, it usually takes about two weeks to become effective.

Until the flu shots become available, there are other things people can do to help protect themselves against the virus.

"People should use basic infection control principles such as good handwashing, covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing and avoiding large crowds," Rasor said. "People also are encouraged to take vitamins along with vitamin C, drink plenty of fluids and eat a healthy diet."

According to the CNN story, "Government officials can count themselves as partly to blame for this year's delay in protecting the public against the flu. The US Food and Drug Administration shut down vaccine manufacturing at Parkedale Pharmaceuticals in Rochester, Mich., following reports of safety violations. Parkedale was one of four companies making the vaccine in the United States.

"The FDA also issued citations against another flu shot maker—Wyeth-Ayerst of Philadelphia, Penn. According to a company spokesman, Wyeth-Ayerst got a late start in production due to time lost correcting the problems.

Hospital Q&As—1

Why duplicate tests and charges?

This is the second in a series featuring questions and answers from the recent "town hall" meetings conducted by the hospital board in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Those responding to questions included:

JOE SLOAN, chief executive officer of the Castro County Hospital District.

HENRY RAMAEKERS, hospital board chairman.

JERRY ANNEN, hospital board member.

W. J. HILL, hospital board member.

MARK WISHARD, chief financial officer.

TRUDY JACKSON, R.N., director of nurses.

LINDA RASOR, R.N., chief operations officer (assistant administrator).

DEANA BEAMES, director of radiology.

VICKI BUCKLEY, R.N., director of the Home Health Service and Hospice Care.

CAROLYN JANSA, A.N.P., nurse practitioner at a Hereford medical facility.

KAREN KEIL, C.R.N.A., anesthetist.

Q. If a patient has a CAT scan or an X-ray done at this hospital and then you're shipped out to another hospital, do they take their own CAT scan or X-rays and don't use ours? Is that right?

DEANA BEAMES: "We send ours with the patient. . . . What they do with our CAT scans and X-rays, we can't control. Normally that's a doctor's order, not a hospital's."

TRUDY JACKSON: "It's the same thing with IV and catheters. There's nothing wrong with them when we ship them out of here, but you get to a big hospital and they'll pull them out and put their own in. It's their policy."

KAREN KEIL: "It depends on where you go, and the relationship that the local physician has with the receiving physician. They do the same thing with physical therapy—if you refer a patient to a specialist in Amarillo, they want the patient in their system so they will get that revenue."

"Our physicians possibly need to have a little more clout so they can say, 'Hey, look—we have our own facility, and I'd appreciate it if you'd send my patients back."

"The other thing is that the patient has a right to tell whoever they go see in Amarillo, 'I want to go back to Dimmitt. I know them; they know me; send me back to Dimmitt for physical therapy. A lot of patients don't realize they can say that, but they need to."

Q. I've had tests and X-rays made at the hospital for a doctor at the clinic, and I never heard from them, and then I was at the hospital one day and I waved to the doctor, and he caught up with me and asked me if I had had the tests done—and this was something like three weeks later. I told him yes, and he said, 'Well, I haven't seen the results.' The communications between the hospital and the clinic seem pretty poor to me.

SLOAN: We had that trouble at one time. I think that has been corrected. If it's still happening, let me know, as it happens, and I'll get it corrected.

Q. I'm on Medicare. If I go to one of the local doctors at the clinic here, and he says, 'You need an X-ray so we'll know what the problem is,' and I have an X-ray, and he says 'Okay, you need to go see a specialist—take your X-ray with you.' Medicare pays for the X-ray and my supplemental insurance pays the difference, and off I go to, say, Lubbock, to another clinic. Now, can they insist on another X-ray and bill

Medicare again on the same case? Is it happening? Is there a lot of double-dipping going on? And if there is, how can we stop it?

SLOAN: "Anytime there's a charge to your Medicare account, you should get a statement back from Medicare that says, 'We paid so-and-so for this service.'"

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Three are indicted

Three Dimmitt men were indicted Tuesday by the Castro County Grand Jury.

John Gonzales Trejo, 21, was indicted for criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit an assault were listed against Jimmy Tijerina Casas, 25.

Francisco Javier Aldaco, 37, was indicted on charges of arson.

Issuance of an indictment is not an indication of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.



Santa letters are due Monday

Children around the area are pondering what they want for Christmas and they can compile that wish list and send it to Santa Claus via the News.

The News will publish the letters to Santa Claus in its Dec. 21 Christmas edition, then will forward the notes to Santa at the North Pole.

Letters from school children will be accepted through Monday, while letters from pre-school children will be allowed through Dec. 11.

Children may mail their letters to Santa in care of The Castro County News, PO Box 67, Dimmitt 79027; or they may drop the letters off at the News office at 108 West Bedford St. in Dimmitt.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION in Dimmitt is continuing with drawings for Dimmitt Dollars on each Thursday between now and Christmas. Shoppers are encouraged to sign up at participating businesses.

Here, Kathy Amador (left) and Shenea Wright look over the selections at Unique Gifts and More during the Open House that kicked off the Holiday Celebration shopping season in Dimmitt Nov. 16.

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By Don Nelson

Anne Acker, using the News's digital camera, got a picture of 10 deer grazing together at Buffalo Lake, alongside FM 168, Saturday afternoon. I've heard tales of up to 40 deer being spotted at one time at the game-preserve lake.

And several people have reported the same thing that Verbie and I, our son Nathan and our grandson Jake saw one recent Saturday morning—a goodly herd of deer grazing in a wheat field in the sandhills south of Springlake.

Ray Robertson notes that the grass was so poor during the hot, dry summer that the new wheat is the first really good "green stuff" that the deer have had to graze on all year.

Maybe that's why they're being less cautious than usual, grazing in midday out in the open like that.

According to the Texas Parks & Wildlife hunting and fishing guide for 1999-2000, Lamb County had a five-day deer season Nov. 20-24. But I don't think anyone has popped a cap at those sandhill deer, or we wouldn't be seeing them out in the open during the day.

Speaking of deer, take a look at Sammy Fernandez's big muley buck on Page 8.

Shop talk: Customarily, we have our pre-

(Continued on Page 12)

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	61	22	
Thursday	57	28	
Friday	42	29	.05
Saturday	50	20	
Sunday	50	24	
Monday	62	26	
Tuesday	58	27	
Wednesday	64	20	

November Moisture 0.84
2000 Moisture 14.17

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



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Nov. 30 to Dec. 8.

DIMMITT

Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.
MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast hash brown, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.
MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, applesauce and milk.
TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto beans, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato with apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger on a bun, cheese enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese with a bowl of soup, bean chaluapas or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or seasoned blackeyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or applesauce; Fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chili Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli with cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls or arroz

Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, southern fried chicken of Chinese plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of nacho with cheese, salmon patties or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; combread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancakes and syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins, sweetened applesauce, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
THURSDAY: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, toasted cheese sandwich or enchilada casserole with chips; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger and potato chips or chicken nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, apple cobbler, peach cobbler, cherry cobbler, assorted fruit juice, fresh fruit, and

milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chef's salad and barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles; peaches, gelatin dessert, applesauce, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of toasted cheese sandwich with chips, enchilada casserole with chips or enchilada with tortilla chips; gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun; potato chips, Fritos, salad, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a 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: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken spaghetti and a roll or pizza; tossed salad, corn, apple, pudding and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Fried chicken and bread or chef's salad; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, gingerbread and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peaches, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Spaghetti with roll or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, pears, apple cobbler and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Tater tot casserole and sopapilla or chef's salad, tossed salad, green peas, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, lettuce, peanut butter, orange, sugar cookie and milk or juice.

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

Greetings deadline is Dec. 11

Three Castro County communities are sponsoring Christmas greeting lists as fund raisers to benefit various projects.

Those participating are asked to donate what it would cost to send season's greetings to local friends, and their names will be listed in the community greeting ads that will be published in the Christmas issue of the *Castro County News*.

Names must be turned in by Dec. 11.

The Plains Memorial Hospital

Auxiliary in Dimmitt is accepting donations for Operation Christmas Greeting, which helps the group buy special items for the hospital each year.

Any auxiliary member can accept donations, or you may call Mary Edna Hendrix at 647-2611 or Lequetta West at 647-3623. Also, donations may be made at First United Bank in Dimmitt.

The Hart greetings will benefit the Hart Cemetery Fund. Donations may be made by calling Sara Hart at 938-

2470 or they may be given at Hale County State Bank in Hart.

In Nazareth, people may sign up by calling Vera Ramaekers at 945-2598 or donations may be brought by Holy Family Catholic Church. The funds will be used to benefit charities and activities of the church.

"All donations will be greatly appreciated," said a spokesperson of the auxiliary. "All proceeds will be used to help buy items for use at Plains Memorial Hospital."

Police Calls

Russel Birdwell told police Nov. 20 that someone had broken out the window to the back door of his insurance business and took a money bag with some cash in it. Investigation is continuing.

A Dimmitt woman told deputies Nov. 6 that someone had been trespassing on her property after she had asked them not to.

Greg Sides told deputies Nov. 15 that someone took a Miller Brand Bobcat 225 Plus blue welder from a location 2.1 miles south of SH 86 on FM 1524. Sides valued the welder at \$2,500. A torch striker valued at \$10 also was missing. Investigation is continuing.

On Nov. 27, Whitney Braddock told deputies that she had been bitten on the ankle the day before by a cat that had been living beneath her residence southwest of Nazareth. Braddock captured the cat and took it to Dr. W.J. Hill to be tested for rabies or other diseases.

Sunday at 10:28 p.m. a 30-year-

old Amarillo man was arrested in the 200 block of Southwest Fourth Street in Dimmitt for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Jailed on warrants during the past week were:

Nov. 22, a Lubbock woman, 34, on warrants for speeding and failure to appear; an Amarillo man, 29, on Childress warrants for no safety belt and failure to appear and on Randall County warrants for no safety belt, no proof of insurance and failure to

appear; and a 43-year-old Terrell man on warrants for defective brake pads and failure to appear.

—Saturday, a Dimmitt woman, 21, on a warrant for theft by check; and a 39-year-old Amarillo man on a warrant for possession of marijuana over 5 pounds and under 50 pounds.

Jail Count

There were 11 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, with one on work release and none farmed out.

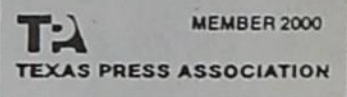
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Nazareth

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

What a beautiful sight in our little city when the lights were turned on for the first annual "Christmas in the Park." A good crowd of people came out with lots of little kids (and some not so little) to sit on Santa's lap for a picture. Everyone enjoyed good, hot refreshments, too.

The 14th annual Santa Claus Party will again be held at the home of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman. Donations will benefit the Holy Family Parish's Charity Fund.

Thanksgiving Day was a great family gathering day for everyone. It's always great to see so many of our young families return to Nazareth to spend the weekend with family.

4-H toy drive ends Monday

The Castro County 4-H toy drive will continue through Monday, and toy donations may be dropped in boxes placed at Thriftway Supermarket or at the Extension office, both in Dimmitt.

The 4-H'ers are asking individuals to donate new toys, or used toys that

The family of Virgie Gerber gathered at the Gerber home for a wonderful day of visiting, good food and games. We enjoyed having Gene and Susie Gerber of Keller, Rick, Robbie, Jessica and Nick of Austin, and Chris of Amarillo join us. We did miss Harold, Jerry, Trish and Andi of Amarillo, Jenny of Arlington and Ralph, Natalie and Eric of Denver.

On Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Trinity Robb planned a "suicide" ski trip to Ski Apache in Ruidoso, N.M., to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday. Tammy McLain, Trinity Robb, Jase Merrit and his cousin Clay, Brook Moyers, Jaci Birkenfeld and Lindsie M.

Gerber left Nazareth at 3:30 a.m. and returned the next day in plenty of time for Thanksgiving dinner with our families. The snow was excellent, as was the weather, and we all enjoyed a great day of skiing.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Margaret Brockman, Clara Kleman, Brad Klein, Eric Wilhelm, Twila Williams, Ray Schmucker, Shay Wilhelm and Deanna Huseman, who is now at home in Amarillo after having cancer surgery at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Her address is 5108 Farmers Ln., Amarillo 79110.

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- TX Farr brothers group: "___ of the Pioneers"
- TX choreographer Tommy (init.)
- TXism: "if he ain't hemming, ___ hawing"
- TXism: "___ molasses in January"
- female horse
- in Washington, TX: "___ Republic Museum"
- TXism: "___ bout" (about)
- "warmed a chair" again
- daggers
- song: "Texas When ___"
- detective
- college graduates
- sunflower is a TX ___ crop
- TX electronics co.
- TXism: "___ the horses!" (hurry)
- Rockport: "Where the fun never ___"
- chest muscle
- unfasten
- fish fins
- Cowboys "Rocket" and McKnight
- TXism: "I could ___ horse" (hungry)
- legendary TX pitcher (init.)

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- moon to Houston; "The Eagle ___ landed"
- "bear" south of the border
- in Runnels Co. on hwy. 83
- this Plano school won the national Academic Decathlon in '93
- cowboy covers
- affliction of a Spur, Maverick or Rocket
- TXism: "hasta ___ vista"
- TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"
- College Station's "___ way"
- TX-sized social event
- TXism: "best I ever laid ___ on"
- TXism: "he plays ___ close to the vest"
- release (2 wds.)
- TX Debbie Reynolds' "The Singing ___"
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- status of TX George H. Bush (abbr.)
- "legal eagle" charge (2 wds.)
- LBJ alma mater
- TXism: "Bible thumper"
- cruise in the Gulf
- Civil War ship U.S.S. ___ was sunk off Galveston
- moral values
- San Antonio street: ___ Adams
- deg. earned at a TX university
- TXism: "dull as week ___ soda pop"
- Orbison and K.D. Lang with "Crying"
- an org. of support for TX George W.
- "You Gotta Have an ___ in the Hole"
- "North Dallas Forty" writer Gent
- TXism: "ponies up"
- where some Texans ski in Colo.
- nickname of TX prisoner Carrasco of '74 Huntsville siege
- TXism: "could shoot the eye out of ___" (good shot)
- "The Voice" (init.)

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ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION—The Jessie Vandiver West Endowed Scholarship at Wayland Baptist University is recognized through the placement of this new plaque at the school. The plaque was dedicated in ceremonies Nov. 18 as a part of the Wayland homecoming festivities. Dr. Charles Vandiver (left), the brother of West, aided in the ceremony, along with Fanny Smith (right), a WBU student and scholarship recipient. *Courtesy Photo*

Enrollment period slated for Texas Tomorrow Fund

Parents and grandparents can enroll children in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, from now until May 25, 2001.

"Believe it or not, something is growing faster than your kids—the cost of a college education," said Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "Since 1996, tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities have increased 69%."

"For just a little bit of money each month, the Texas Tomorrow Fund locks your child's college tuition and required fees at today's prices, and the State of Texas guarantees they will be paid when your child is ready for college, no matter how much costs soar in the future," Comptroller Rylander said.

To encourage Texas families to begin planning early for their children's college education, the Texas Tomorrow Fund Board has doubled the program's advertising budget to \$2.5 million per year and is resuming television advertising after a year's absence from the airwaves.

"Most families know about the Texas Tomorrow Fund, but we've found they need a reminder that enrollment is underway and now is the time to invest in their children's future," Rylander said.

More than 12,000 Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts were sold during the last enrollment period that ended June 5.

"It was the first year contract sales have trended upward since the program began. But we can and must do better," Rylander said.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is now in its sixth annual enrollment period. To date, the fund has enrolled 100,000 children, and the program's investment assets are valued at \$625 million.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows parents to prepay for up to five years at a Texas public or private university, two years at a community college, or two years at a community college plus two years at a senior college. Tuition benefits can also be transferred to an out-of-state university. Texas Tomorrow Fund payments may be made in a lump sum or

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continue," Rylander said. "The cost of a college education is rising at about 8% per year," she said. "With the Texas Tomorrow Fund, Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund pays for college tuition and the required fees that every student must pay when they enroll in a college or university. The Texas Tomorrow Fund does not cover other college expenses such as room and board, books and fees associated with particular courses, such as lab fees.

For more information, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org or call 1-800-445-GRAD.

Endowed scholarship plaques are dedicated

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vandiver of Dimmitt were one of three families who dedicated new plaques for endowed scholarships at Wayland Baptist University on Nov. 18 as part of the homecoming festivities.

The Vandivers dedicated a plaque for the Jessie Vandiver West Endowed Scholarship in honor of his sister.

A longtime teacher in the public schools in Arkansas and Chicago, West served as a Sunday School teacher and was a devout Bible reader, according to family.

Dr. Vandiver, who served on Wayland's board of trustees, said the scholarship was created "because Jessie unselfishly gave of herself to her students, her family and others. She was constantly doing good for someone."

Endowed scholarships are funds invested through the Baptist Foundation of Texas. When the fund reaches \$25,000, the interest is then pulled into scholarships for students, according to guidelines set by the scholarship founders.

Breast cancer screening set at hospital on Dec. 7

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Dec. 7, and appointments are still available.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and

Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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Ed and Betty Freeman had a wonderful six days with their son Paul and his wife, Ricki, in Portland, Ore. Daughter Carol Walker of St. Paul, Minn., also joined them.

On Nov. 19 they all visited relatives and friends in Seattle and Tacoma. The mountains were spectacular, and the trees were abundant.

On Nov. 21 they toured the newly opened Portland Classical Chinese Garden. Occupying one square block in downtown Portland, it is the largest authentic urban Sozhou-style garden ever created outside of China.

They also toured the campus of Lewis and Clark College. Both Ed and Betty had attended retreats there almost 50 years ago when they lived

in Tacoma. Thanksgiving Day was a true blessing with the family, Ed and Betty said.

The Leroy Maxwell family postponed their Thanksgiving dinner until Friday so that all the family could be together. David, Melissa and Ethan of Dimmitt came over, and Daniel, Chrissy and Wade came down from Amarillo. They had a good visit and played games all evening.

Don and Verbie Nelson spent Thanksgiving in Albuquerque with his sister, Mary Burnham, and her family.

They visited the plaza in Old Town, where they saw the gazebo that served as the model for our Centennial Plaza gazebo. (Ours is better built, Don says.)

They also spent an afternoon driving in the Jemez Mountains, where they saw two herds of elk in the Valle Grande, a huge alpine meadow alongside the highway north of Jemez Springs and the Jemez Indian Pueblo.

Christmas bazaar set in Muleshoe

The Moonlight Extension Education Club will hold its 22nd annual Christmas bazaar on Dec. 9 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space are currently being accepted, and space will be rented until Monday. To request an application contact Linda Huckaby at 902 W 8th, Muleshoe 79347.

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

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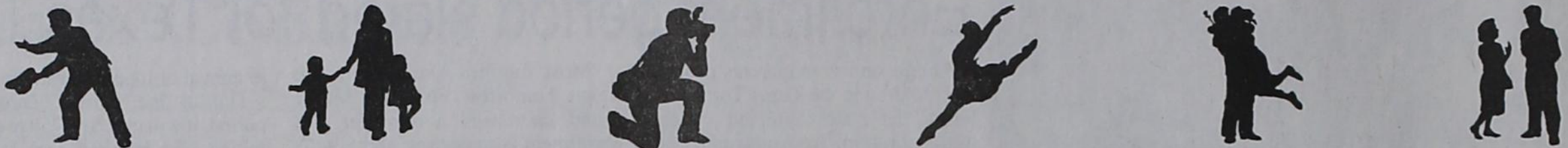
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People



High school sweethearts tie the knot after 60 years

They were sweethearts for three years in Dimmitt High School.

Their friends thought they would marry each other someday.

And they did—60 years later.

Herschel Kenmore, the oldest son of Ferron and Faye Kenmore, graduated from DHS in 1941.

His sweetheart, Dorothy (Dottie) Cooper, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cooper, graduated a year later, in '42.

The US entered World War II six months after Herschel graduated. He worked for a while at the ordinance plant at Dumas, but then decided he should join the Navy.

"I went by Zale's and picked out a diamond for Dottie and put it on layaway," he recalled. "But when I went into the Navy, we decided by mutual agreement that maybe we shouldn't make any long-term commitment, that we should just get on with our lives and see how things worked out."

So he went off to war, she stayed behind, and they lost contact.

Eventually, they both got married, but not to each other.

They saw each other only once after the war—at College Station, where Dottie's husband was attending Texas A&M.

Two years after the war, Herschel married also, and he and his wife, Doris, raised five children and had 52½ happy years together before she died last January after a long bout with cancer.

Meanwhile, Dottie had four children, lost two of them, and went through a divorce in the 1980s.

Dottie, whose husband was in the oil business, lived mainly on the Gulf Coast and in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Herschel moved to Alberta, Canada, as an agricultural consultant, to help introduce new crops, farming practices and foreign markets.

"Mostly, we did a lot of trade in alfalfa with Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Germany and England," Herschel said. "We furnished the queen of England with her horse feed one year."

Along the way, he and Doris helped start six Baptist missions in Canada, the US and Mexico.

When Doris' health failed, "I just about took myself out of circulation and spent most of the time at home with her," Herschel said. "She was bedridden two years, and was in the hospice program, but was at home all that time."

After Doris died, Herschel said, "I



DOTTIE AND HERSCHEL KENMORE
... Their seven children approved of the marriage

was pretty depressed all the time."

Last May, Herschel and his younger brother, Hoyt—a retired state education administrator in Arizona—got together at the family's farm near Gould, Okla.

Hoyt saw how depressed his brother was.

In 1995, Hoyt had worked with the former Virgie Eva Cooper (Dottie's cousin), on a DHS Class of '47 reunion. Virgie Eva had mentioned to him that Dottie was alone.

"There's somebody I think you ought to see," Hoyt told his older brother.

"Who?" Herschel asked.

"Dottie," Hoyt said.

Hoyt got Dottie's address and phone number in Garland from another of her Dimmitt cousins, Elsie Cooper Maxwell.

"I called her, and we made arrangements to see each other on a Sunday morning," Herschel said.

The rest, as Hoyt says, is history. They started writing each other regularly.

Before he knew it, he was calling her twice a day from Canada.

He flew from Alberta to Dallas to visit her. She went up to his family's farm in Oklahoma to visit him.

She maintained a six-hour vigil in an Amarillo hospital while he underwent eye surgery, then helped him through the recovery period.

It was on one of her trips to his Oklahoma farm that he asked her to marry him. She accepted.

"We went right to the store and got her a ring," he said. "I wasn't going to make that mistake again!"

For the record, the couple were wed Nov. 11 at Corinth Baptist Church south of Gould.

The bride wore a silk suit of pale pink, accented with pearl accessories, and was attended by her daughter, Jan Craft of Garland. Hoyt Kenmore of Payson, Ariz., served as his brother's attendant.

Becky Ray of Lubbock, the groom's niece, sang Irving Berlin's *Always*, and Donna Mefford of Gould provided organ selections. Out-of-state guests included Mark and Logan Ray of Lubbock, Lauren Craft of Garland, and Monte Thomason of Amarillo.

The newlyweds are at home at Rural Rt. 1, Box 104, Gould, Okla., 73544. They plan to spend next summer in Alberta, Canada.

All of their children—his five and her two—approved of the marriage.

"In fact, they kinda encouraged it," Herschel said.

"I think it's kinda unique, considering that we had not communicated with each other for 54 years," he mused.

Recalling their days as high school sweethearts, he said, "We were awfully young then, but we loved each other. And we've found out that we still love each other."

"Maybe we never stopped, I don't know."



Keshia Smith

Smith named state finalist

Keshia Smith of Dimmitt recently participated in the state finals of the Distinguished Youth Program of America in Dallas.

The daughter of Dwayne and Shelly Smith, Keshia is a fourth grader at Dimmitt Middle School. She received recognition for being a state finalist and also was runner-up in the photogenic competition.

To qualify for the state finals, each contestant had to send in academic and community service records to be judged. In Dallas, each state finalist had to have an interview with the judges and had an opportunity to compete in other optional events.

Keshia's winning photo was taken by "Picture This" in Dimmitt.

Bees are born fully grown.

It's illegal to ride an ugly horse down the street in Wilbur, Washington.

Turner named runner-up in Miss Wayland pageant

Miranda Turner, a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School, was selected as the first runner-up in the recent Miss Wayland 2001 Scholarship Pageant in Harrah Auditorium in Plainview.

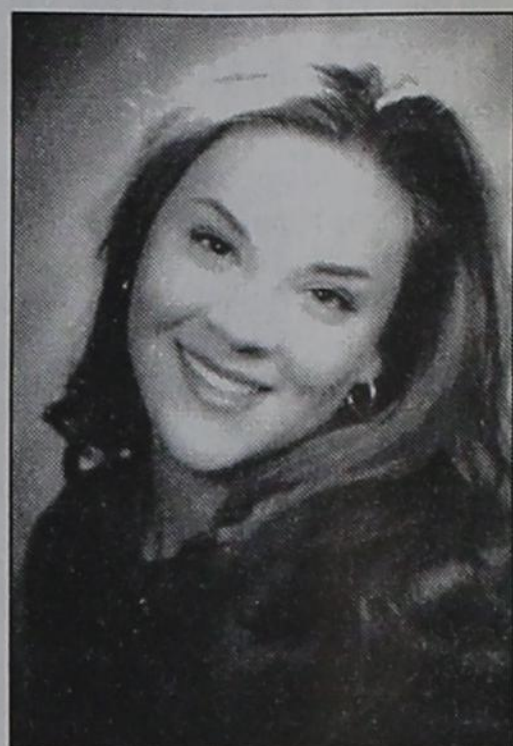
She will receive a scholarship and a book written by Wayland Baptist University Chancellor Dr. Wallace Davis. Other scholarship winners were the Miss Wayland winner, Emily Hogue, and second runner-up, Mary Loudat.

The 22 contestants in the Nov. 3-4 pageant were judged in the categories of talent, personal interview and evening wear. The girls performed their talent presentations on Friday night of the pageant.

Turner sang *I Enjoy Being a Girl*, and was accompanied on the piano by Dr. Belshaw, new piano professor at WBU.

On Saturday of the pageant, the girls were interviewed by the judges. That night the contestants modeled evening wear as a taped narrative about themselves was played.

Ten finalists were chosen to perform their talent selections again, narrowing the field to five finalists, who were asked an on-stage final



Miranda Turner

question by Dr. Davis.

Turner was sponsored in the competition by WBU's Alpha Psi Omega. She is the daughter of Mike and Julia Turner of Tulsa. Julia teaches at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt.

Judges for the event were Dr. Gary Stone, Brandi Ward, Jamie Moore and Angel Morren.

FUMC plans showing of 'Left Behind' Sunday

The First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt will show the full-length feature movie, "Left Behind: The Movie," on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

The movie is based on the Tim LeHay *Left Behind* book series that's so popular right now.

The movie features Kirk Cameron as the main character, Buck Williams. Cameron starred in the television series "Growing Pains." The movie is about 100 minutes

long. "Based on the *New York Times* best-selling novel, *Left Behind* is overflowing with suspense, action and adventure," said Rusty Dickerson, pastor at FUMC. "This riveting motion picture will take you on a spellbinding journey through the most mysterious book of the Bible—the Book of Revelations."

The public is invited to attend the movie.

NHS sets food drive

The Dimmitt High School National Honor Society will be conducting a door-to-door canned food drive on Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. and concluding at about 4 p.m.

Society members will be going door to door to gather food contributions, and those wanting to participate are asked to please have the non-perishable food available for pick-up at the door.

The food will be donated to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance food pantry. If no one comes by your home and you wish to contribute, items may be taken to the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt, which administers the food pantry.

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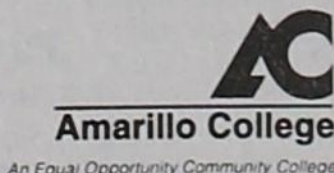
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Local students earn 'Who's Who' honors

High school students from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth have been recognized for their academic achievements and have been included in the 34th annual edition of *Who's Who in American High School Students, 1999-2000*.

Dimmitt students recognized are Wendy Amador, Heather Black, Mary Bradley, Mark Castillo, Larissa Fuentes, Maria P. Garcia, Kyla E. Hamilton, Rachal D. Harman, Lyndsey Heard, Corey Lane, Julie Merritt, Crystal Nino, Michael Penney, Brittany Porter, Jason R. Reyes, Jessica J. Salinas, Bianey R. Saucedo, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl,

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Hart students included on the list are Timmy Barnes, Christine N. Burress, Vanessa Carrasco, Melanie Davis, Valarie Ellis, Kellie George, Christine Guzman, Milagros Longoria, Logan McLain, Joey Pantoja, La Cretia Robinson, Tiffany Sanders, Olga Vega, Trevor Barnes, Amy Carrasco, Vanessa Chia, Corey Dull, Vanessa Garcia, Cynthia Gonzales, Rebecca Guzman, Daisy Marquez, Lina Melendez, Jacob Reyna, Dolores Vanessa Rocha, Juana Velasquez and Albert Velasquez.

Nazareth students mentioned include Craig Birkenfeld, Mark Birkenfeld, Carson Gerber, Lindsie Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Adam Schulte, Karen Birkenfeld, Lesley Brockman, Laura M. Gerber, Bridget Hochstein, Whitney Hoelting, Jill Schulte, Andrea Braddock and Aundrea Eymbers.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., of Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high-achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade-point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

The 34th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.



YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG to sit on Santa's lap and 7-week-old Berkli Brown, daughter of Kelly Jones of Nazareth, enjoyed her first visit with the jolly old elf Sunday night when he stopped in Nazareth. Santa visited with youngsters at the Nazareth Family Park shortly after the park's decorations and lights were unveiled for the first time.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Wesley UMC plans festival

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will host its 20th annual festival of arts and crafts on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available and applications will be screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications can be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

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OUT OF TOWN
David and Melissa Maxwell are the parents of a new baby boy, Logan Garrett Maxwell. He was born Nov. 28 at 4:42 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Plainview, weighing in at 9 pounds and 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Big brother is Ethan, 3. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Kathy Lowrey of Hart. Paternal grandparents are Leroy and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Bob and Jane Lowrey of Lubbock, Bertha Runkle of Roscoe, Royce Davis of Snyder, and Jeanne Thackeray of Princeton.

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Stephanie Oltivero and Hector Rodriguez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Ysenia Liseth Rodriguez, who was born at 6:04 a.m. on Nov. 16 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Ysenia weighed in at 6 lbs., 6.4 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Hector and Sylvia Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Esteban and Teresa Oltivero of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Agripino and Obelia Vidaurri of Farwell.

Chris and Stella Reyes of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Chastity Gracie Reyes, born Nov. 10 at Plains Memorial Hospital. The infant weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Arnie and Willie Lopez of Dimmitt, Joe Reyes of Hereford, and Demoseo and Carolina Barron of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Revena Emerit of Shamrock. Great-great-grandmother is Cleora Moore, also of Shamrock.

Christmas pageant planned in Amarillo

The annual Christmas pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo will be held Friday, Dec. 15, through Monday, Dec. 18.

The annual play is presented at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium and through the years it has established itself as one of the premier family-oriented holiday traditions in the area.

The Christmas pageant portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama. Dramatic lighting and special effects enhance the audience's experience, but it is the simple message of the love, forgiveness and acceptance that Christ brought to this

world that touches their hearts and souls. The pageant takes the audience back 2,000 years to experience the life of Christ.

Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the pageant always remains fresh and exciting. This year the pageant is entitled, "Freedom," and is told from the viewpoint of Barrabas and a couple of modern-day convicts.

Evening presentations are at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinees at 3.

Tickets are free and can be obtained from the church's music ministry office on the east entrance of the church at 4000 Mays Ave., beginning on Monday. For more information call (806) 363-6615.

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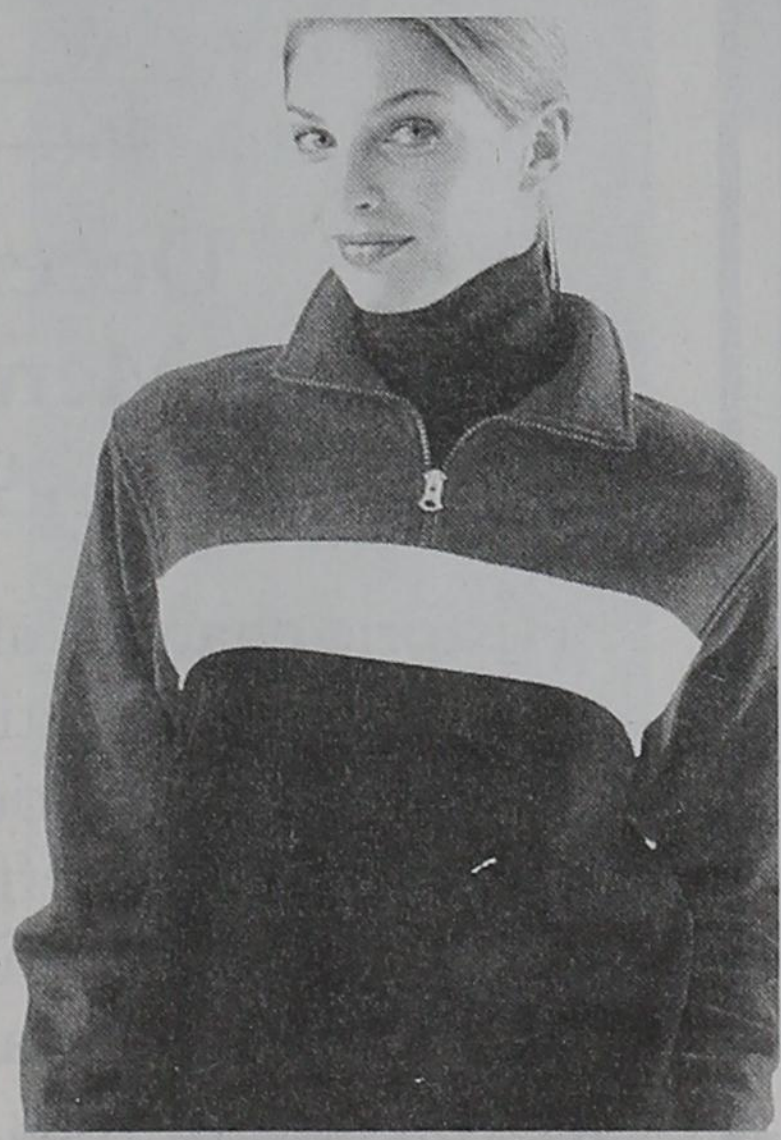
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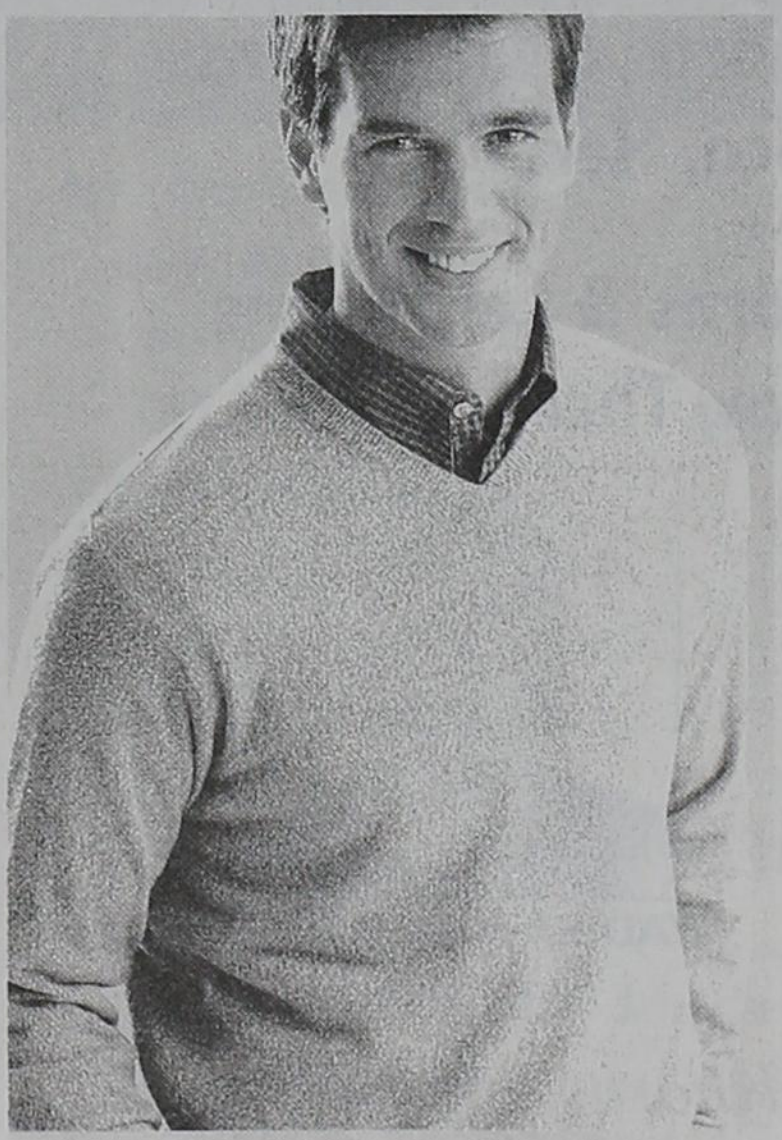
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In Queens Classic

Vega edges Bobbies for consolation in OT



LOOKING FOR THE OPEN LANE—Dimmitt guard Sharla Kenworthy (23) sees an open area along the baseline and drives past Vega's Ashlee Dunavin (44), then dishes off to an open teammate for the easy bucket and a 42-40 Bobbie lead late in the third quarter of the consolation final Saturday at the Queens Classic in Plainview. The game was a see-saw battle that eventually went into overtime. Vega prevailed in the bonus period for a 70-68 win. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

An offensive shootout between the Dimmitt Bobbies and Vega Lady Horns was decided in a bonus period Saturday when Vega managed a one-shot advantage in the three-minute stanza to claim a 70-68 win and the consolation crown at the Plainview Queens Classic.

Free throws proved to be the difference in the game as Vega sank 27-of-30 attempts from the charity stripe. The Bobbies only attempted 10 shots, and they made just four of those.

The Bobbies did shoot 48% from the field in the game, and they out-rebounded the Lady Horns 34-33.

Dimmitt's Heather Black, who was named to the all-tournament team at the Queens Classic, was on fire in the consolation final, pouring in 37 points to lead her team.

Black shot 70% from the field Friday, hitting 16-of-23 attempts overall and making four of her six shots from three-point range.

Teammate Tamara Robertson chipped in 20 points to boost Black's effort, but it wasn't enough to combat the balanced attack posted by the Lady Horns.

Dimmitt managed just 11 points from the rest of its team. Audrey Saenz had six points while Kelsey Welch and Rachel Fabela had two each, and Sharla Kenworthy contributed one.

Vega had three players finish in double figures while the rest of the roster combined for another 25 points. Leading the Lady Horns was Dondi Richardson, who had 19 points. Kelly Cleavinger finished with 14 and Stacy Schenk added 12.

After battling to a 19-point stalemate in the first quarter, Vega managed to take a one-point edge into the locker room at halftime, 32-31. Dimmitt owned the third quarter, erasing that halftime deficit to reclaim the lead, 46-42.

In the fourth quarter, Vega rallied to tie the game at 60 and send it into the overtime period.

Bobbies 41, Randall 55

Dimmitt had a chance to avenge an early-season loss to the Randall Lady Raiders on Thanksgiving morning,

but the Canyon girls used a big fourth-quarter run to hold Dimmitt at bay for a 55-41 win in first-round action at the Queens Classic.

After falling behind 8-12 in the first quarter, the Bobbies were able to cut the Lady Raider lead to a trey by intermission and trailed just 26-23.

Randall extended its lead to six points in the third quarter, then put the game away by outscoring the Bobbies 15-7 in the fourth period.

Randall forced the Bobbies into 22 turnovers and the Lady Raiders capitalized on several of those miscues.

Robertson paced the Bobbies with 12 points and seven boards in the first game, but she struggled from the field, hitting just two-of-11 shots. She picked up eight points from the charity stripe.

Fabela added nine points while Black, Audrey Saenz, Welch and Stacy Saenz each finished with four. Kenworthy added two.

Dimmitt made 19-of-25 free throws against Randall, but the Lady Raiders sank 20-of-28 tries from the line.

Bobbies 57, Muleshoe 44

Dimmitt picked up its first win of the season in the consolation semifinals of the Queens Classic, blasting longtime rival Muleshoe, 57-44.

After struggling in the first game with Randall, Black caught fire against Muleshoe, pouring in 23 points, pulling down six rebounds and recording a pair of assists and two steals.

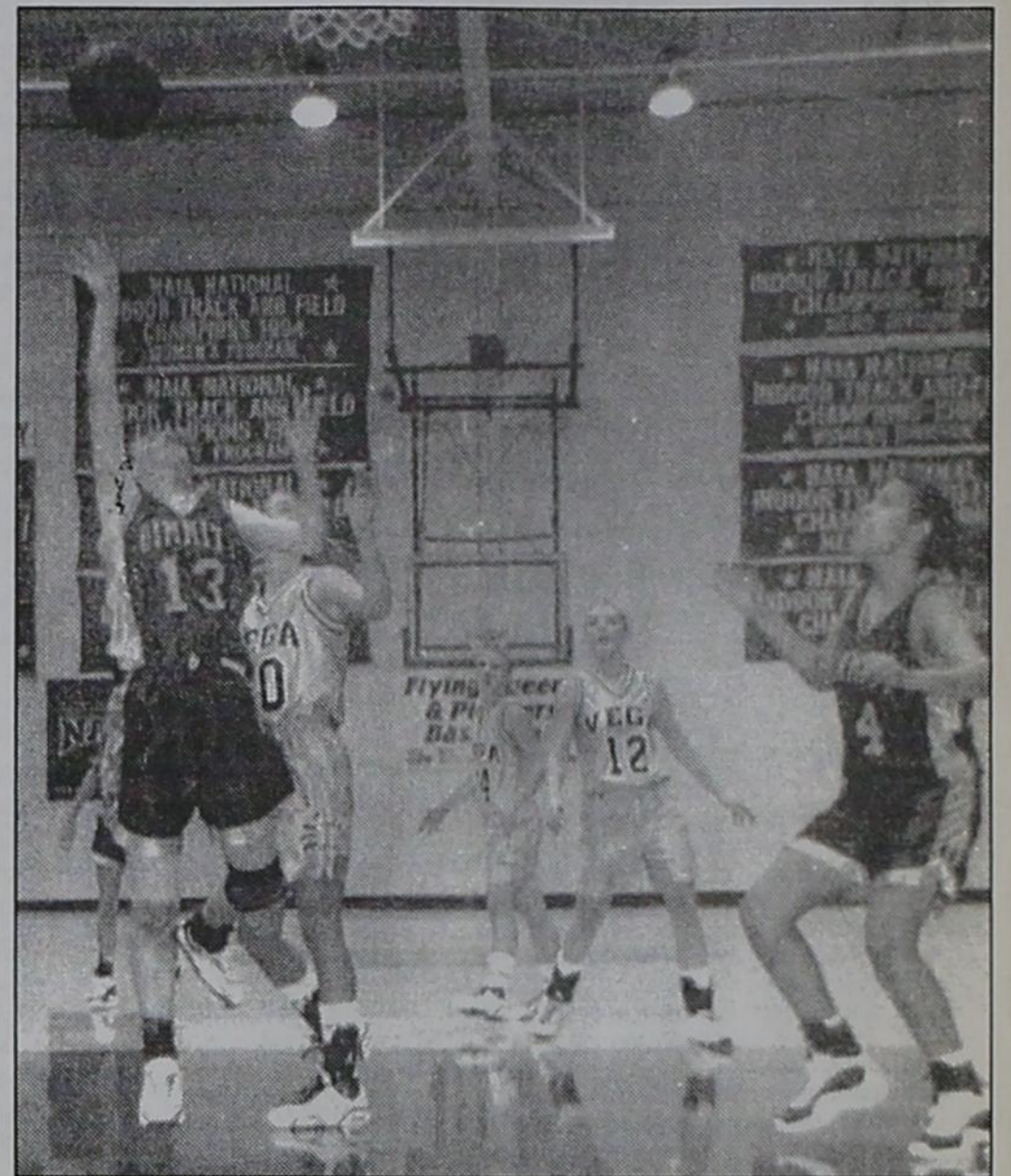
The victory didn't come easy for the Bobbies, though.

After struggling through the first eight minutes of action, Dimmitt found itself trailing the Lady Mules, 6-11.

The Bobbies, behind Black, managed to trim that deficit to three points at the break.

The second half was all Dimmitt and its defense.

The Bobbies shut down the Lady Mules in the second half, giving up only 20 points during the second 16 minutes. Meanwhile, Black and her teammates exploded with 18 points



BLACK ATTACK—Vega couldn't stop Dimmitt's Heather Black (13) Saturday morning, but the Lady Horns did manage to contain her just enough in an overtime period. After battling to a 60-point stalemate in regulation, the teams headed into the bonus, and Vega managed to outscore Dimmitt 10-8 to claim the consolation title in the Queens Classic. Here, Black picks up two of her game-high 37 points while teammate Stacy Saenz (44) fights for rebound position. Defending on the play are Vega's Dondi Richardson (20) and Kelly Cleavinger (12). Black was named to the all-tournament team. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

in each quarter to run away with the victory.

While Black was the only Bobbie to finish in double digits, Dimmitt got good production out of several players. Audrey Saenz was the team's second-leading scorer with eight points, and Robertson and Fabela each finished with seven. Kenworthy counted five points toward the win while Jill Merritt tallied three, and Stacy Saenz and Kylie Webb added two each.

Dimmitt hit 19-of-49 shots from the field, four of which came from three-point land. The Bobbies also made 15-of-21 free throws.

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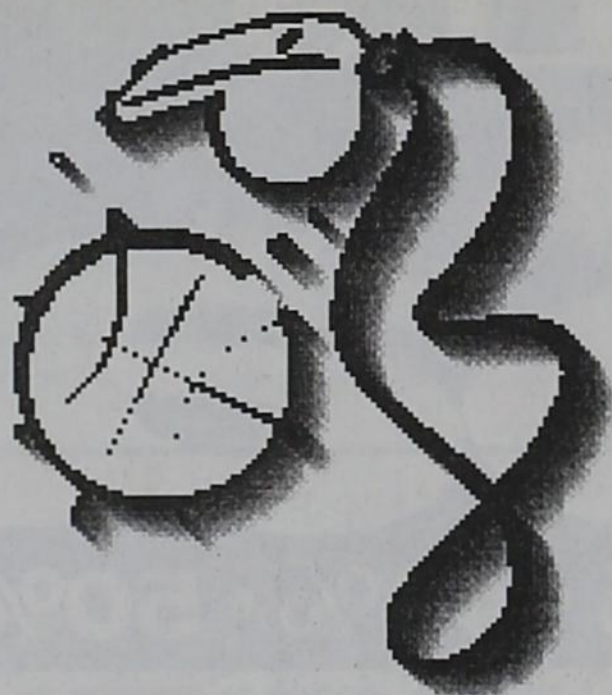
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Swisher Memorial Building
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Scoreboard

NOV. 20
Freshman Bobcats 61, Lubbock Roosevelt 44
 Dimmitt 8 18 11 24 —61
 Roosevelt 16 10 11 7 —44
SCORING: Dimmitt—Myatt 21, Griffitt 14, Guana 11.

NOV. 21
Bobcats 44, Borger 62
 Dimmitt 10 14 8 12 —44
 Borger 12 14 25 8 —62
SCORING: Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 14, Audrey Saenz 12. Borger—Paige 20, Sauls 16.

Lady Horns 46, New Deal 54
 Hart 13 12 10 11 —54
 New Deal 11 18 17 8 —46
SCORING: Hart—Crystal Diego 20, Vanessa Carrasco 14, Lacie Curry 10. New Deal—Stephenson 23, Nunez 10.

Swiftettes 71, Muleshoe 58
 Muleshoe 22 16 21 12 —71
 Nazareth 14 11 10 23 —58
SCORING: Nazareth—Whitney Hoelting 24, Stephanie Thiel and Mandy Hoelting 12; Muleshoe—Heatherington 18, Gartin and Carpenter 12.

Bobcats 69, Borger 62
 Borger 14 18 14 16 —62
 Dimmitt 20 20 15 14 —69
SCORING: Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 19, D. Norman 13, Daniel Proffitt 13. Borger—Garcia 14, Hughes 10.

JV Bobcats 60, Borger 75
SCORING: Dimmitt—Ken 18, Matt 16, Patrick 12.

QUEEN'S CLASSIC
 First Round
Bobcats 41, Randall 55
 Dimmitt 8 15 11 7 —41
 Randall 12 14 14 15 —55
SCORING: Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 12, Rachel Fabela 9.

Randall—Jennifer Arenas 17, Allyson Reed 14.

Consolation Semifinals
Bobcats 57, Muleshoe 44
 Dimmitt 6 15 18 18 —57
 Muleshoe 11 13 11 9 —44
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 23, Audrey Saenz 8. Muleshoe—Britni Gartin 16.

Consolation
Bobcats 68, Vega 70 (OT)
 Dimmitt 19 12 15 14 8 —68
 Vega 19 13 10 18 10 —70
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 37, Tamara Robertson 20. Vega—Dondi Richardson 19, Kelly Cleavinger 14, Stacy Schenk 12.

All-Tournament Team: Heather Black.

SATURDAY
 at West Texas A&M University
Swiftettes 68, Pampa 64
 Nazareth 19 14 14 21 —68
 Pampa 20 14 16 14 —64
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 23, Whitney Hoelting 22, Wendy Black 13. Pampa—Lindsey 18, Naron 10.

Swifts 72, Boys Ranch 57
 Nazareth 13 15 22 22 —72
 Boys Ranch 13 14 17 13 —57
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 35, Daryl Pohmeier 14.

MONDAY
Freshman Bobcats 38, Shallowater 49
 Dimmitt 9 11 8 10 —38
 Shallowater 13 7 17 12 —49
SCORING: Dimmitt—Myatt 15, Sanders 11.

TUESDAY
Bobcats 43, Hereford 52
 Dimmitt 13 10 12 8 —43
 Hereford 14 6 20 12 —52

SCORING: Dimmitt—D Norman 20, Austin Sherman 10. Hereford—Slade Hodges 15, Chayse Rives 11.

Bobcats 59, Hereford 55
 Dimmitt 10 12 16 21 —59
 Hereford 13 14 13 15 —55
SCORING: Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 17, Rachel Fabela 21. Hereford—Sarah Griffin 20, Holly Schilling 12.

Lady Horns 51, Lockney 73
 Hart 7 15 14 15 —51
 Lockney 26 12 18 17 —73
SCORING: Hart—Vanessa Carrasco 12, Lacie Curry 11, Diego 10.

Longhorns 54, Lockney 58
 Hart 15 10 17 12 —54
 Lockney 16 6 15 21 —58
SCORING: Hart—Joey Pantoja 15, Jeff Bennett and Albert Velasquez 10. Lockney—Alvis 15, Miller 12.

Swiftettes 80, River Road 66
 Nazareth 22 18 18 22 —80
 River Road 13 10 23 20 —66
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 28, Whitney Hoelting 19. RR—Carrie Mullins 18, Kiley Lyons 17.

Swifts 70, River Road 33
 Nazareth 22 19 20 9 —70
 River Road 10 6 9 8 —33
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 22, Ky Wilcox 14.

JV Swifts 41, River Road 39
 Nazareth 14 11 4 11 —41
 River Road 10 6 11 12 —39
SCORING: Nazareth—Evan Huseman 14. River Road—Trent Coleman and Craig Grigger 9.

JV Longhorns 58, Lockney 26
JV Lady Horns 18, Lockney 50
JV Bobcats 45, Hereford 68
JV Bobcats 57, Hereford 40

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Good Luck, Bobbies, in the Canyon Tournament!

FIRST GAME: Bobbies vs. Tascosa, Thursday, 4 p.m.



Good Luck, Bobcats, in the Plainview Tournament!

FIRST GAME: Bobcats vs. Plainview, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND GAME: Bobcats vs. Paducah, Friday, 3:30 p.m.

THIRD GAME: Bobcats vs. Hale Center, Saturday, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY: Bobbies & Bobcats vs. Tulia, There

Schedule and Scores

Nov. 30-Dec. 2—Canyon Tournament (Girls), Canyon
 Nov. 30-Dec. 2—Plainview Tournament (Boys), Plainview
 Dec. 5—Tulia, There
 Dec. 7-9—Big Spring Tournament (Boys), Big Spring
 Dec. 11—Abernathy, Here
 Dec. 15—River Road, Here
 Dec. 21—Amarillo High, There
 Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
 Jan. 5—*Littlefield (Girls), Here
 Jan. 5—Tulia (Boys), Here
 Jan. 9—*Roosevelt (Girls), Here
 Jan. 9—Amarillo (Boys), Here
 Jan. 12—*Shallowater, There
 Jan. 16—*Muleshoe, Here
 Jan. 19—*Cooper, There
 Jan. 23—*Littlefield, There
 Jan. 26—*Roosevelt, There
 Jan. 30—*Shallowater, Here
 Feb. 2—*Muleshoe, There
 Feb. 6—*Cooper, Here
 Feb. 9—*Littlefield (Boys), Here
 Feb. 12—*Roosevelt (Boys), Here

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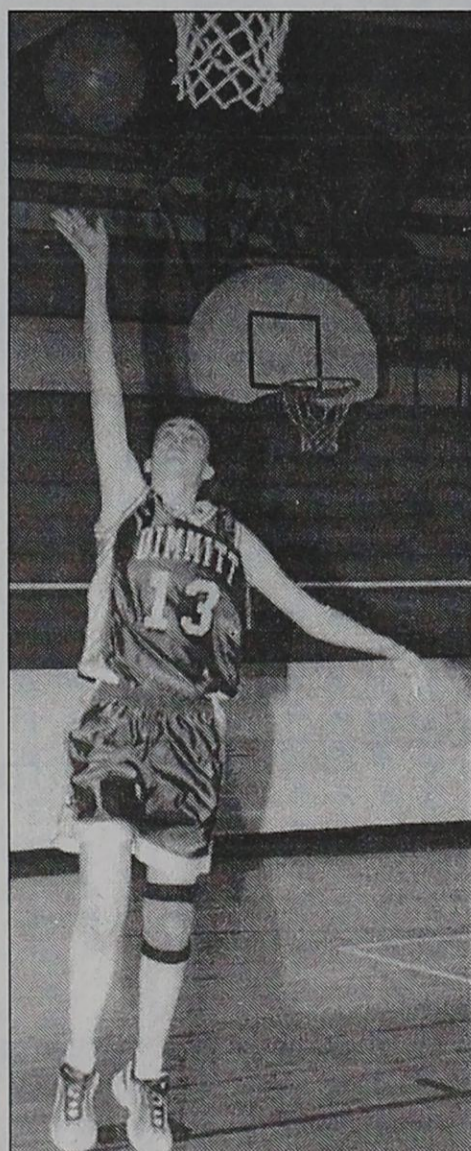
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Queen's Classic
 41, Randall 55
 57, Muleshoe 44
 68, Vega 70 (OT)
 59 Hereford 55
 Season Record: 2-5

Bobcats

49, Randall 68
 60, Levelland 67
 69, Borger 62
 43, Hereford 52
 Season Record: 1-3



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Tough Canyon Classic field includes Dimmitt, Naz girls

Three defending state champions and a slate of other highly rated teams from across the state will be competing in the Canyon Classic this week, and the Dimmitt Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes are among the teams in the field. The defending state champions include Class AAAAA's Mansfield, Class AAAA's Canyon and Class A's Nazareth. Other teams include San Antonio Taft, Panhandle, Godley and Tascosa. The Bobbies open tournament action today (Thursday) against Tascosa at 4 p.m. The Swiftettes' first-round

opponent will be San Antonio Taft, with tip-off slated for 7 p.m. In other first-round games, Mansfield will play Godley and Panhandle will meet Canyon. Friday's championship semifinals are slated for 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. while the consolation semifinals are planned for 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Swiftettes will play one of the earlier games on Friday while the Bobbies are in the latter half of the bracket. Saturday's schedule features the seventh-place game at 12 noon, consolation finals at 1:30 p.m., third-place game at 3 p.m. and championship at 4:30 p.m.



OCHILTREE COUNTY BUCK—Sammy Fernandez of Dimmitt will have plenty of venison for the coming year after bagging this trophy mule-deer buck and a large whitetail doe near Perryton Monday evening. Using a .250 Savage rifle with scope, he shot the two deer from 250-260 yards in a small canyon. The buck

field-dressed at 300 lbs. and the doe at 200, he said. The buck's large rack is 4x3, not counting eyeguards, and Fernandez said the head will join his trophy collection at home. Fernandez, who owns Fernandez & Sons Trucking, has hunted deer since he was 10 years old. News Digipic/Don Nelson

Naz draws San Jacinto first in Friona

The Nazareth Swifts and San Jacinto Christian Academy will tip off tonight (Thursday) in a first-round game at the Friona Invitational basketball tournament. The tournament is designed under a "pool" setup, with three teams featured in each of two "pools." The Swifts will compete in "Pool B" against San Jacinto and Farwell. Teams in "Pool A" are Sudan, Friona and River Road. Nazareth's second game of the tournament is slated for Friday at 4:30 p.m. against Farwell. Saturday's games will match the winners of each pool for the championship at 7:30 p.m., the losers of each pool in the consolation match at 1:30 p.m. The runners-up in each pool will meet at 4:30 p.m. Saturday for the third-place trophy.

Bobcats will meet Plainview tonight

Dimmitt and Plainview will square off in a first-round game of the Plainview Pioneer Lions Classic today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. The annual tournament is played at Hutcherson Center in Plainview and features several talented teams from the area. Other first-round matchups in the round-robin tournament will pit Hale Center versus Paducah and Lubbock Estacado against Hereford. On Friday, the Bobcats will meet Paducah at 3:30 p.m. Hereford will play Hale Center and Plainview will face Estacado. On Saturday, Estacado and Paducah will square off, followed by Hale Center and Dimmitt at 4 p.m. Plainview and Hereford will meet to conclude the high-school portion of

the tourney. The teams will play for the championship in two divisions. Division I features Plainview, Hereford and Estacado. Division II includes Dimmitt, Hale Center and Paducah. The best record of the teams after three games will be named the champion in each division. Ties will be determined by head-to-head competition. If this doesn't determine the champion, then the point differential between the teams will be the second tie breaker. The tournament also includes a college division featuring Lubbock Christian University, Northwest Oklahoma State University, Wayland Baptist University and New Mexico Highlands University.

Fabela saves Bobbies Bobcats fall to Hereford

Hereford's tall, quick Whitefaces forged a lead with a 20-point third quarter, then protected it with a withering pressure defense in the fourth to take a 52-43 victory from the Bobcats in a ragged game Tuesday night at Hereford. It was the first win of the season for the Whitefaces, many of whom came in from the football playoffs only this week. The Bobcats, most of whom have been indoors only a week longer, fell to 1-3 with the loss. Junior wing Dee Norman was Dimmitt's main man with 20 points. He kept the Cats in the game almost single-handedly in the first quarter as he notched 11 of the team's 13 points. Junior guard Austin Sherman with 10 points was the only other Bobcat in double figures, while some of Dimmitt's main long-shot artists were still trying to zero in on the basket. For Hereford, the Hodges brothers accounted for almost half of their team's points, with Slade notching

16 and Cody hitting 9. 6-3 senior post Chayse Rives finished with 11 and junior guard Geoffrey Marquez had 8. Norman rang up three treys and a pair of free throws in the first quarter to keep the Bobcats in the game. The only other Dimmitt points came when 5-9 senior guard Marcus Larra sneaked under for a basket. The Herd led 14-13 at the end of the first. Although the Bobcats were out-talented big-time, they got more than their share of rebounds throughout the contest via superior positioning. Sherman and senior wing Daniel Proffitt rang up a pair of threes to open the second quarter and give Dimmitt a 19-14 lead. At halftime the Cats still owned a 23-20 advantage. Hereford relied mostly on outside shooting in the first half, but started charging the lane in the second half and rang up a 20-point third quarter to forge a 40-35 lead. Sherman led the Bobcats with seven points in the third, including a trey at the 5:38 mark, but Dimmitt's

only other scorers in that fateful quarter were Norman with a basket and free throw and senior post Matthew Sandoval with a layup. After Norman and Proffitt ante'd up with baskets to open the fourth, the Cats fought back to within 41-43 on a pair of free throws by junior wing Matthew Wright. But that's where the wheels came off for Dimmitt as the Whitefaces applied a stifling man-to-man pressure defense that shut down the smaller Bobcats. Norman got clear long enough to sink an 18-ft. jumper with 2:30 left, but that was Dimmitt's last basket. The Herd outscored the Cats 8-2 in the final 4½ minutes. In the varsity girls' game, senior guard Rachel Fabela played Wonder Woman as she went on a 16-point scoring spree in the fourth quarter to pace the Bobbies to a 59-55 win. Fabela had scored only five points—a trey in the second and a put-back in the third—before going on her scoring rampage in the final period. Fabela finished with 21 while senior forward Tamara Robertson notched 17 for the Bobbies. The Lady Whitefaces built a 13-10 lead in the opening period and had a 27-22 advantage at halftime. Hereford stretched its lead to nine points early in the third before the Bobbies started chipping away with baskets by Audrey Saenz, Robertson, Fabela, Jill Merritt and Sharla Kenworthy, and a pair of free throws by Heather Black, who was the main focus of attention by the Hereford defense. By the end of the third, Dimmitt had whittled its way back to within two points, 38-40. That's when Fabela took matters into her own hands. She opened the fourth by hitting four-of-four free throws, added a layup at the 4:25 mark, then scored three field goals and three free throws in the final three minutes.

Hospice Care sets reception

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, is hosting a reception Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend. With the theme of "Surviving the Holidays after the Loss of a Loved One," the event will be held in the fellowship room at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt at 1201 Western Circle Drive. Roy Puente, Licensed Social Worker and hospice volunteer, will be the featured speaker. Refreshments will be served. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling Jan Wishard at Hospice Care, 647-3785 or 647-2848.

\$500 reward offered for gun suspect

The Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunman who was sighted near Dimmitt Middle School the morning of Nov. 10. The man was seen in the 900 block of West Jones Street across the street from the middle school, just before 8:30 a.m. He was not on school grounds at any time and did not point his weapon toward the school building, according to witnesses. The schools were locked down for the remainder of the day, and a search of the area failed to turn up any suspects. Anyone with information about the incident may call 647-4711. Also, information may be given by calling 647-3311. Callers may remain anonymous and rewards may be paid through a drop system.

Omission

In last week's issue of the News, Dimmitt Middle School seventh grader Mandi Ebeling should have been listed as "not shown" in the photo of the DMS students honored in the Duke University Talent Identification Program recently. Her name was not included due to an oversight. The News regrets the omission.

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Cotton talks

Swisher County residents to vote on annexation into Water District

By SHAWN WADE

Details of the 2000 disaster assistance package are still being developed by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), although little new information has been received over the last week to 10 days.

USDA is developing the rules and regulations that will govern the assistance program authorized as part of the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill.

Here is a run-down of what we know at this time.

The 2000 disaster assistance program was approved with three separate components: quantity, quality and "severe economic loss."

Of these components, only two, quantity and quality, were evaluated by the Congressional Budget Office and assigned an estimated cost. The third component had no explicit directions provided by Congress and did not receive a CBO "score." No CBO score could make it difficult to provide grower benefits through this proposed third component.

One good bit of news for growers is that the law also says any benefits provided through the program won't be pro-rated. Congress did not assign a set amount of money to fund the program and authorized the expenditure of whatever funds are necessary to implement the program. This should mean producers will be able to immediately receive their benefits.

It still isn't clear, though, whether or not a payment limitation of \$80,000 per entity will be imposed as a part of the program. Such payment limitations have been included in past disaster programs.

Here is what we expect from the

program at this time, with a few examples to illustrate how benefits would be calculated under each phase.

Quantity

Eligibility Threshold: 65%.

Explanation: Producers will be eligible to receive benefits under the quantity component if their actual 2000 crop yield per acre tallies less than 65% of the higher of their current crop insurance Actual Production History (APH) yield or the county average yield as calculated using National Agriculture Statistics Service figures by production practice. Producers are expected to be able to qualify on a unit-by-unit basis.

Payment Rate: 65% of crop insurance price.

Explanation: For cotton, the 2000 disaster program rate will be approximately 38¢ per pound, which is 65% of the current crop insurance price of 59¢ per pound.

How to Calculate: Maximum disaster level (pounds) equals the number of acres multiplied by APH yield or county average, multiplied by .65 eligible disaster level (pounds) equals maximum disaster level minus actual production calculated payment dollars equals eligible disaster level (pounds) multiplied by 59¢ multiplied by 65¢.

Assumptions: At this time, we assume that previous years' rules regarding zero production will be in place. This would mean that producers who had no production in 2000 would calculate their disaster benefits and then reduce them by a factor of 18%.

Quality

Two alternatives are possible for cotton quality:

Option One: Language in the authorizing legislation says producers whose average quality on a farm is 20% below the assigned average quality for their county would be eligible for a quality adjustment regardless of yield.

If the 20% quality loss trigger is surpassed, the payment rate would be the difference between the actual quality and the county average quality multiplied by 65%. That amount would be paid on the actual production from 65% of the harvested acres.

The cotton industry is also working to allow quality assistance under this scenario to be calculated at the unit level.

Option Two: Quality assistance would be offered as in the 1999 disaster program as a component of yield and would supplement quantity of disaster benefits.

PCG and the National Cotton Council are encouraging USDA to allow cotton producers the option to choose either option one or option two.

Severe economic loss

Eligibility threshold: It is currently assumed that only growers who harvested a crop in 2000 will be eligible for assistance under this component.

Explanation: There are several ideas being considered for delivery of additional assistance under this section. There is, unfortunately, no clear message from USDA indicating if a program will eventually be offered, or at what level it would be available.

Considerable effort is being focused on this area as it is likely to be the best way to target benefits to "notch" growers who will not qualify for help from other sections of the assistance program despite suffering significant economic losses in 2000.

First Out of the Box show winners named

The "First Out of the Box" annual jackpot swine show was held recently and winners were announced.

Winner of the Grand Drive was Mary Bradley of Dimmitt, with Eric Parkey of Spade taking Reserve Grand. Parkey also won the Showmanship award for the senior division, and Wade Crenshaw of Hereford won Showmanship for the junior division.

Other winners are listed below by breed:

Berkshire

Class 1: 1. Trey Smallwood, Nazareth.

Breed Champ: Smallwood.

Chester

Class 1: 1. Beau Bradley, Dimmitt; 2. Andrew Stowers, Friona; 3. Haley Hays, Plainview.

Breed Champ: Beau Bradley.

Duroc

Class 1: 1. Matt Beene, Friona; 2. Marcy Tomblin, Happy.

Class 2: 1. Parkey; 2. Raynee Bradley, Dimmitt; 3. Beene.

Class 3: 1. Parkey; 2. Brandon Monreal, Floydada; 3. Kelly Tomblin, Happy; 4. Casey Merritt, Friona.

Breed Champ: Beene.

Reserve Breed Champ: Parkey.

Hampshire

Class 1: 1. Tyler Cornett,

Dimmitt; 2. Kailey Jones, Olton; 3. Merritt; 4. Beau Bradley.

Class 2: 1. Monreal; 2. Crenshaw; 3. Kyla Jones, Olton.

Breed Champ: Kyla Jones.

Reserve Breed Champ: Cornett.

Poland

Class 1: 1. Crenshaw; 2. Tyler Martin, Hereford.

Spot

Class 1: 1. Kara Jones; 2. Jesse Tomblin, Happy.

Class 2: 1. Mackenzie Standlee, Dimmitt; 2. Brandy Merritt, Friona; 3. Hays.

Breed Champ: Kara Jones.

Reserve Breed Champ: Brandy Merritt.

Yorkshire

Class 1: 1. Martin; 2. Parkey; 3. Kaly McCauley, Spade; 4. Jesse Tomblin.

Class 2: 1. Landon Schulte, Nazareth; 2. Hays.

Breed Champ: Schulte.

Reserve Breed Champ: Hays.

Cross

Class 1: 1. Mary Bradley; 2. Whitney Huseman, Littlefield; 3. Kelly Tomblin; 4. Stephanie, Happy.

Class 2: Taylor Bradley, Dimmitt; 2. Ryan Monreal; 3. Kyla Jones; 4. Crenshaw.

Breed Champ: Mary Bradley.

Reserve Breed Champ: Huseman.

Bethel sets Christmas luncheon

The Bethel community has set its annual Christmas luncheon for Sunday immediately following church services.

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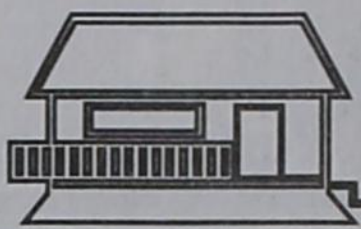
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Obituaries

Frank Decker

Frank Decker, 95, of Albuquerque, N.M., brother of Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth, died Nov. 21.

A rosary was recited Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Albuquerque.

Funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Joe Vigil, officiating. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Mr. Decker was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church since its beginning and he served as an usher. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, NARVE, Pultry Club ABA & APA, Rio Grande Woode Carvers Club, North Valley Senior Center and Bi-Lingual Sun Beams. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 29 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Ruby; and by a daughter, Mona Ray Sutton.

Survivors include a son, Darrell Decker of Edgewood; three daughters, Kathleen Kadas, Barbara Polk and Margaret Kryfko, all of Albuquerque; a sister, Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his grandsons and honorary pallbearers were his granddaughters.

The family requests memorials be to the American Lung Association of NM, 216 Truman NE, Albuquerque 87108; or French Mortuary, 1111 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque 87108.

Lloyd Lust

Lloyd Earl Lust, 71, of Littlefield, brother of Mildred Bradford of Dimmitt, died at 4:58 p.m. Sunday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the First United Methodist Church in Littlefield with George C. Price Jr., pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. Lust was born March 13, 1929, in Dimmitt. He married Louise Tyler on April 19, 1960, in Littlefield. He was a civil engineer for the Texas Highway Dept. in Littlefield. He had lived in Littlefield since 1954. He was a member of the Littlefield Masonic Lodge. He also taught the Good Fellowship Sunday School class as well as other Sunday School classes for over 45 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Littlefield.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Steve Steffey, in March 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Lust of Littlefield; a son, Jeff Lust of Albuquerque, N.M.; three daughters, Marilyn Vann of Spade, Barbara Petty of Canyon and Linda Runyan

of Canyon Lake; two sisters, Mildred Bradford of Dimmitt and Earline Settle of Old Hickory, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Bruce Runyan, Todd Vann, Keith Savage, Leonard Albus Jr., Gene Rooze and Buster Owens.

The family requests memorials be to Steve W. Steffey Memorial Scholarship Fund at West Texas A&M University, PO Box 60766, Canyon 79016-0001; or to the First United Methodist Church in Littlefield.

Dee Williams

Mary Mahdene "Dee" Williams, 82, of Clarendon, former Dimmitt resident, died last Thursday, Nov. 23.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Abilene Municipal Cemetery in Abilene with the Revs. Howard Johnson and Jones Hodges, Methodist ministers and cousins of Mrs. Williams, officiating. Elizabeth King, also a cousin, played *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* on the violin.

A memorial service was held Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with the Rev. James Ivey Edwards, pastor, officiating. Deanne Clark of Lubbock was the organist. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Williams was born on July 19, 1918, in Ladonia. She attended high school in Abilene and she was known for her musical talent at a young age. She played for church services and accompanied radio quartets on the air in Abilene.

In 1940 she married C.S. "Bill" Williams in Abilene. They moved to California where she was a welder in the California shipyards during World War II. The couple later returned to Memphis, then to Clarendon in 1949. In 1966 the family moved to Dimmitt. Mrs. Williams returned to Clarendon in 1975.

She was organist and pianist for the First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church before retiring.

She retired from Pantex in 1986. She was the Clarendon Lions Club's sweetheart and was an honorary Shriner of the Al Morrah Shrine Club, where she played for 20 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clarendon.

Survivors include two daughters, Cyndy Reynolds of Dimmitt and Connie Stewart of Galveston; two grandchildren, Chris Reynolds of Dimmitt and Cherie Floyd of Clarendon; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Harrington Cancer Center or to Circle of Friends.

More about

Why duplicate tests and charges?

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Q. Does Medicare not have a built-in safeguard or method to prevent that?

SLOAN: "No. I worked with them. They don't. But when you get that second statement, there's a phone number there, and a statement, 'If you think this is fraudulent, call this number.' If you'll call that number, you'll get some results. They have beefed their enforcement staff up immensely, to the extent that they get paid back \$9 for every \$1 they spend on enforcement."

Q. What if my problem (with duplicate tests and charges) is insurance related instead of Medicare related?

SLOAN: "If it's insurance related instead of Medicare, the insurance companies have to get involved. They have much less luck doing that than the federal government does."

Q. So if I take a set of X-rays to Amarillo because I was sent there, can I insist that they use these X-rays, and therefore not be charged for another set of X-rays?

SLOAN: "Yes. Our radiology department looks at X-rays before they send them out, and if they're dark they'll retake them on their own. I've never known of them sending a bad set out."

W.J. HILL: "Too, if you have an elective procedure you have to do, and you have some lab work or an X-ray that has to be done prior to the procedure, and they tell you to be there several days beforehand to have that done, it has always been my experience that I can just have them done here, and it's cheaper and saves time."

KAREN KEIL: "We need to inform the public more, or let the physicians inform their patients that you can go there for a referral but then

it's okay for you to come home to have those procedures done. The public doesn't know sometimes."

W.J. HILL: "How many people have driven to Amarillo for a blood count because they were going to have something done, just because a doctor said, 'Be up here and get some blood drawn?'"

STAFFER: "We need to let the public know they don't have to do that."

VICKI BUCKLEY: "But there are some things that some physicians are very, very particular about, and they are very comfortable with a certain group of people whom they work with on a daily basis, and they would prefer people they know to do that particular test or procedure. But for routine, general stuff, I think if you ask (to have it done here), they're going to say, 'Oh, sure, that's okay.'"

RAMAEKERS: "Quite honestly, we still fight the syndrome in some of these small communities that it can be done better in a big city, and that isn't always the case. If it can be done here, whether it's my 10-year-old daughter or myself, I want it done here, because of the care and the little extra that we're going to get here versus some other place."

Q. Can our CAT scans be read here locally?

SLOAN: "No. Well, they can, but we have to ship them, by law, to a radiologist, and that (requires digital technology) to get an immediate reading."

"That's something else I was going to take up with the (hospital district's newly formed) foundation. In the last year, we've gotten a \$60,000 grant for hospital computers from the TIF tax that you pay on your telephone bills; we received an \$80,000 grant from the state's tobacco settlement; and we've just received another

\$180,000 grant from that telephone tax for computers, for video-conferencing so our people don't have to leave to go to seminars, to upgrade our teleradiology, for telemedicine, and so forth."

"We haven't been able to buy a lot of equipment out of operations, so we're going to grants, to foundations, and we're going other places (for the money)."

RAMAEKERS: "We realize that because of concerns here with the ag economy, we can't have much if any additional taxes. So we're having to look at the other areas."

"That's why I felt like it was important that we cleared some of the air on that. We have been growing, big-time, although we're slowing down a little bit."

Q. Why is accounts payable for non-insurance or non-Medicare-Medicaid so slow?

SLOAN: "The board has been on me for years about that. We're making progress every month, but we're still not there. Mark (Wishard, chief financial officer) has helped a lot. We're not there yet, but we're getting closer every day."

MARK WISHARD: "In about 90% of the slow-billing cases that I investigate, it turns out that the business office is still waiting to see if Medicare or an insurance company is going to pay anything, and how much, before sending a final bill to the patient."

Q. What is the status of the money owed back to Medicare/Medicaid? Which department and person allowed the above discrepancy to happen again?

RAMAEKERS: "I guess this is in reference to the last couple of years we've had fairly sizeable payments

back to Medicare at the end of the year because of our cost reports. This past year, I believe, it was \$175,000, and the year before that it was close to \$400,000."

"The way I understand it, the main problem is with the geri-psych situation. It isn't so much a problem as it is a timing thing. Medicare pays the geri-psych unit so much per day. Then at the end of the year, when the cost report is done, that amount changes. So they're paying a flat fee during the year; we have the use of that money during the year, but at the end of the year that allowance has gone from \$1,100 a day to \$800 a day, for example. So we have this \$300-a-day difference in there that they want back."

"So it is not necessarily an error that has been allowed to happen; it's a matter of computations. In this hospital industry, they change rules on you after the fact almost daily."

"As far as personnel that allowed this discrepancy, I don't think that's really an issue whenever you consider how it happened."

Q. Should you, under proper accounting procedures, set some money aside with the expectation of having to pay some of it back?

RAMAEKERS: "We did."
W.J. HILL: "Another thing, when we project two years into the future, by the time that gets here that reimbursement may have stopped and we have no control over it."

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-Henri-Frederic Amiel

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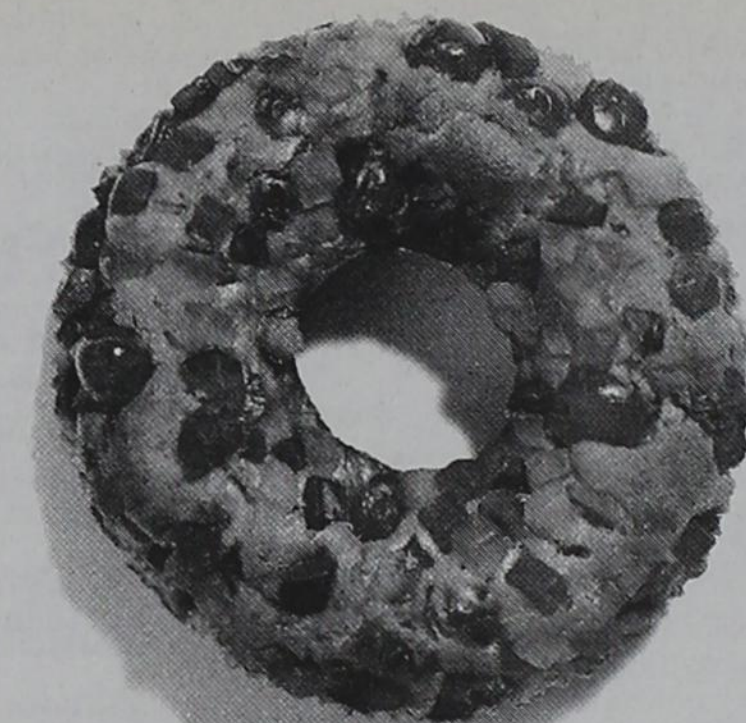
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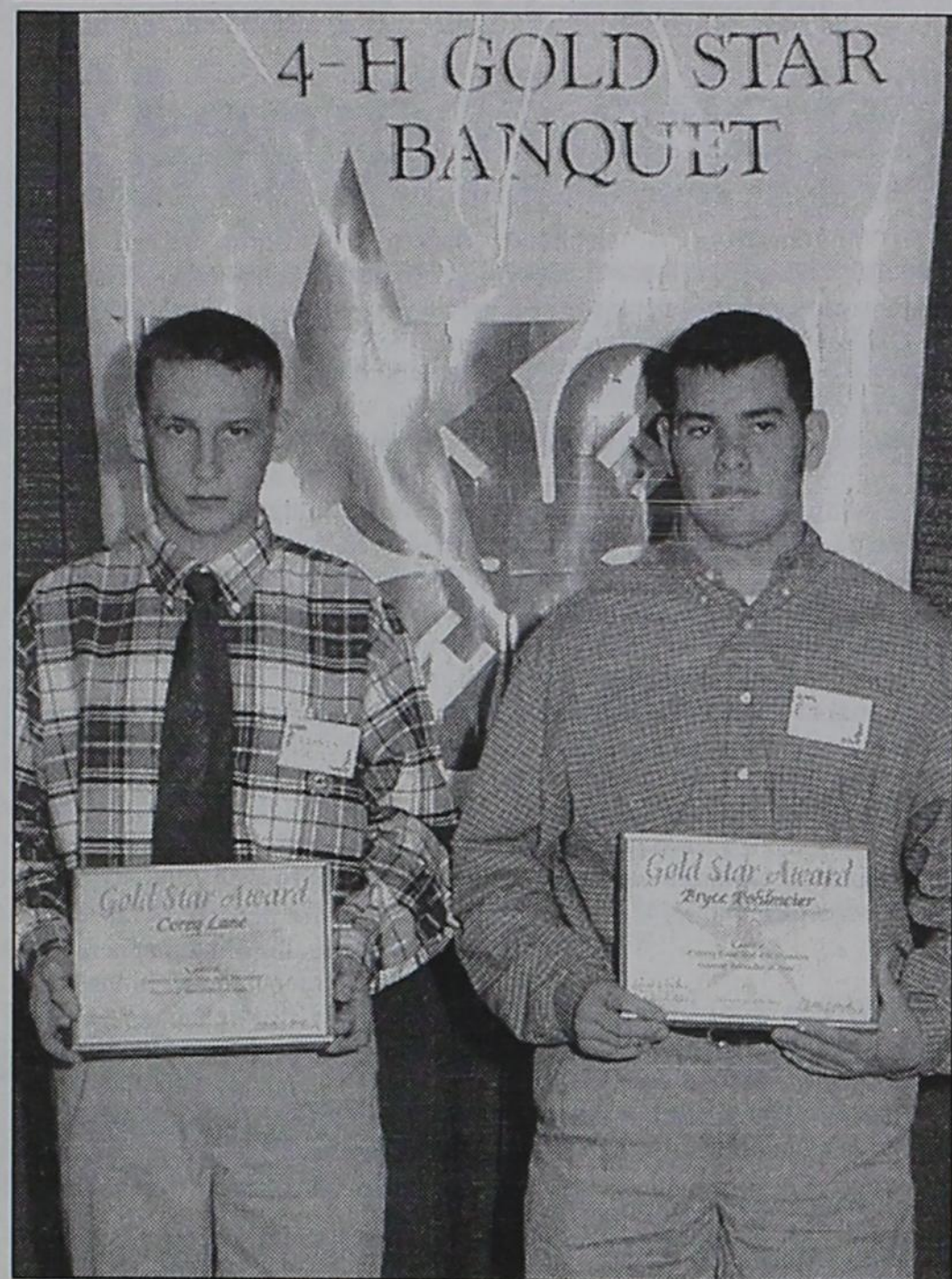
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CASTRO COUNTY'S GOLD STAR HONOREES
... Corey Lane (left) and Bryce Pohlmeier

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Lane, Pohlmeier among Gold Star winners feted at district 4-H banquet

Outstanding Castro County 4-H members Corey Lane and Bryce Pohlmeier were honored in Lubbock on November 20 at the annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet.

From the twenty counties in the South Plains District, only 37 4-H members were honored with this prestigious award.

The Gold Star award is the highest honor a 4-H member can earn at the county level. It is a true mark of their 4-H achievements.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System. For people interested in learning more about the Texas 4-H program, come by the Castro County Extension Office at 205 North Broadway or check our web-site at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Hosting this year's banquet was the South Plains District 4-H Council.

Serving as one of the presenters for this year was Castro County 4-H member Jeremy Bishop, South Plains District 4-H Council Vice-President.

Lane, son of Charlie and Mary Alice Lane of Dimmitt, is one of two Gold Star representatives from Castro County.

Lane, a 17-year-old senior at Dimmitt High School, has been a member of Castro County 4-H for nine years. In the past, he has served as club president, council delegate and historian. He is currently serving on the 4-H Center Advisory Board as a student representative and is vice president of his club.

He has been active in various 4-H projects including food, trap, method demonstrations, livestock judging, community service, public speaking, swine, sheep and cattle.

Being very accomplished in his animal science skills, he has had a second-place heavyweight hog at Houston, breed champion at the Aaron Wilcox Show, and most recently, breed champion at the Texas State Fair. He has earned several showmanship awards for his swine projects.

He qualified for state twice with a method demonstration, including once with Pohlmeier as his partner. For that presentation they received fifth-place honors.

Lane and Pohlmeier also were on a Share the Fun team that performed the skit at state roundup.

Pohlmeier, son of Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier of Nazareth, is a senior at Nazareth High School. He has a long 4-H history.

He has served as vice president of the Consumer Club. He currently is serving as president of County 4-H Council. Other offices he has held include vice president and president of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club and

A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other.

-Charles Dickens

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season "tip-off" stories on our three varsity boys' basketball squads in the issue after Thanksgiving, after introducing the girls' teams in the Thanksgiving edition.

But we're having to postpone the boys' features. The holiday schedule has prevented us from getting pictures of the Hart and Nazareth players. Also, we have a major cog missing around here by the name of Paula Portwood (back surgery); "On the Go" correspondent Dorothy Hopson is also recuperating; and the rest of us aren't getting all the bases covered the way we usually can.

We spent Thanksgiving with my sister, Mary, in Albuquerque, where the day after Thanksgiving is known in the malls as "Black Friday."

The stores open early-early and stay open late, and some of the shoppers act like idiots.

An Albuquerque radio station interviewed a woman at 5:30 a.m. who said she had gotten out of bed at 10 till 5 and was at the store by the time it opened at 5. (I wouldn't have paid to see her.)

She complained that the first store had run out of scooters by 5:15, but said another store had a thousand of 'em, so she was able to get the two she wanted.

Deliver me. As a grandparent with a bum knee, I'm glad I've got my small-town stores, my catalogs, and the Internet.

Since I'm a UT ex, the Longhorn-Aggie game used to be a life-or-death

matter to me. As I've mellowed through the years, I've still had a lot of fun with some of my Aggie friends over the big rivalry.

But right now, in the aftermath of Friday's game, my main thought is what a great thing it was for A&M to establish that \$50,000 endowment

Monday for scholarships at UT, as a way of thanking Texas students for their emotional support after the Bonfire tragedy last year.

It's called the "1999 Bonfire Unity Endowed Presidential Scholarship," and any UT student should be proud and honored to receive it.

'Angel Tree' applications due Dec. 8

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance and Panhandle Community Services will sponsor the "Community Angel Tree" project again this year and applications are currently being accepted from families who wish to be included in the project.

The annual Christmas project is designed to help less fortunate families by giving Christmas gifts for their children.

For families to qualify, there must be a financial need and the child must be under 11 years old.

Applications may be picked up at Panhandle Community Services in Dimmitt and must be returned to the office before Dec. 8.

Home show set in Olton

A holiday home show will be held in Olton on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Sponsor for the event is the Sandcraw Museum and proceeds will go to a special fund to help finance exhibits recreating early-day Olton businesses.

Tickets for the show are \$5 per person and are available until Sunday at The Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast Inn in Olton. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the show at *The Olton Enterprise*.

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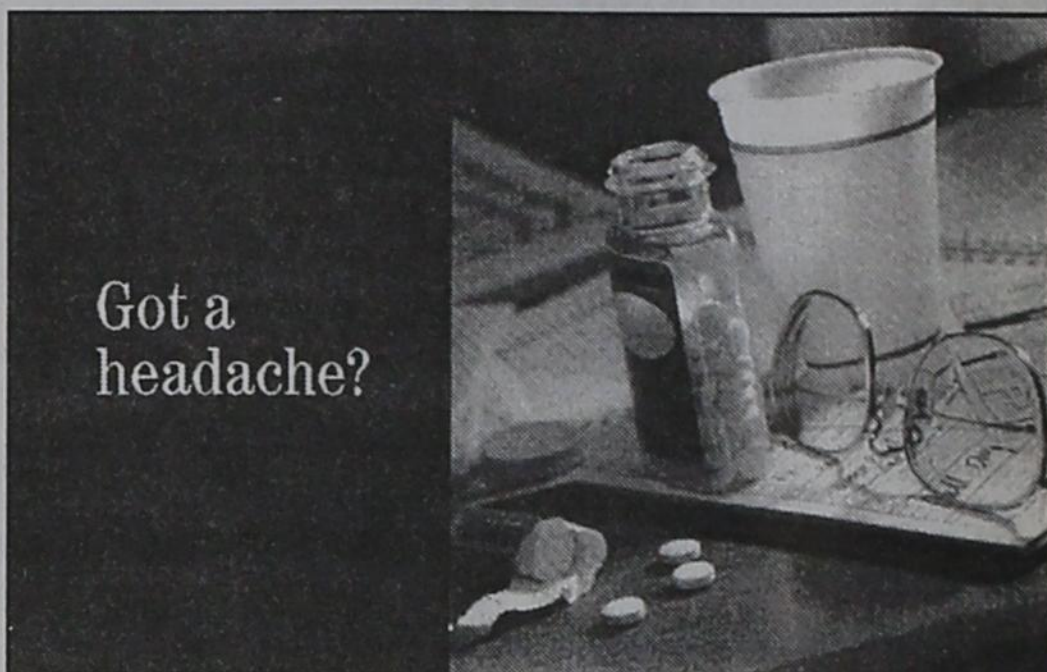
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Cheerleaders set food drive

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Cans may be brought to the school, where barrels will be set up by the door to the offices of the principal and the superintendent. Also, those wanting to contribute may call the school at 945-2231 and someone will come by and pick up donations.

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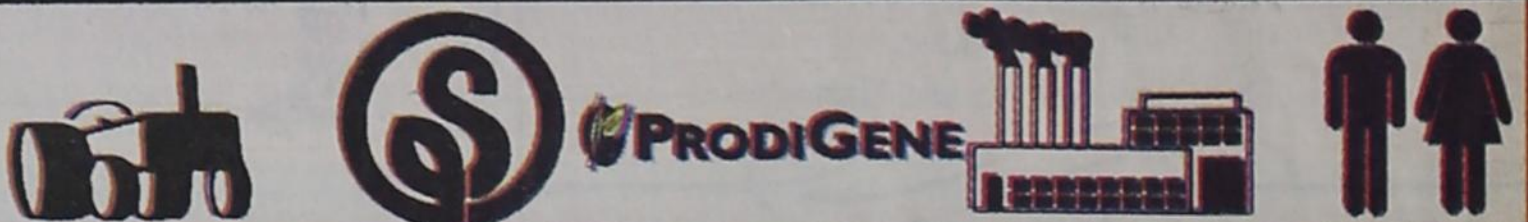
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