

# The Castro County News

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## Carbon monoxide takes Ewing's life

Aaron Ewing, 19, of Dimmitt, died Friday afternoon from what authorities believe was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Ewing, a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School, had recently moved to Denton and was staying with a cousin in an apartment complex there, according to his mother, Mary Thomas, of Dimmitt. He had been working at the Denton State School's laundry department.

According to a report in the *Amarillo Globe News*, Denton Police Detective Mike Stockard said Ewing had turned on an old heater mounted in a wall and died in his sleep.

"He was in a separate bedroom with the door closed," Stockard said.

Funeral services are set for Friday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.



**UP AND IN**—Dimmitt's Jared Townsend scores a fast-break layup to give the Bobcats a 44-32 lead over River Road in the third quarter of Saturday night's District 1-AAA game at River Road. Being left in the

lurch are River Road's Matt Walker (20), Mitch Grider (31) and Jerod Fikac (10). After a close first half, the Bobcats broke the game open and roared to a 66-42 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend

## 'Greetings' project raises over \$2,000

The annual "Operation Christmas Greetings" project sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary raised \$2,023.50 this year.

Season's greetings to friends and neighbors were expressed by 162 individuals and families, who made donations to the project.

The money will be used to buy needed items for Plains Memorial Hospital.

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By Don Nelson

I've noticed through the years that when Castro County kids grow up and leave home, they're never satisfied with the weather there.

It's too hot, too cold, too humid, too wet or too dry wherever they are.

Mainly, it's just not as good as the weather back home.

And when they come back home to visit, they always sleep better. If our gettin'-out weather here is good, our sleeping weather is fantastic, year-round.

For many exes, it's the same way when they compare their new home with their old hometown.

The people in their new place are helpful and friendly, but not quite as helpful or friendly as the folks back home were.

People in the new place can become close-knit, but it still isn't the same as back home. Back home, it was like family.

The basketball team in the new place is good, but...

Many of our exes wouldn't take anything for their small-town experience, during which they learned that everyone has value, that everyone is accountable, that everyone—when you really get to

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## Sandoval joins race for justice of the peace

Leon B. Sandoval Jr. has announced his candidacy for justice of the peace in the March 10 Democratic primary election.

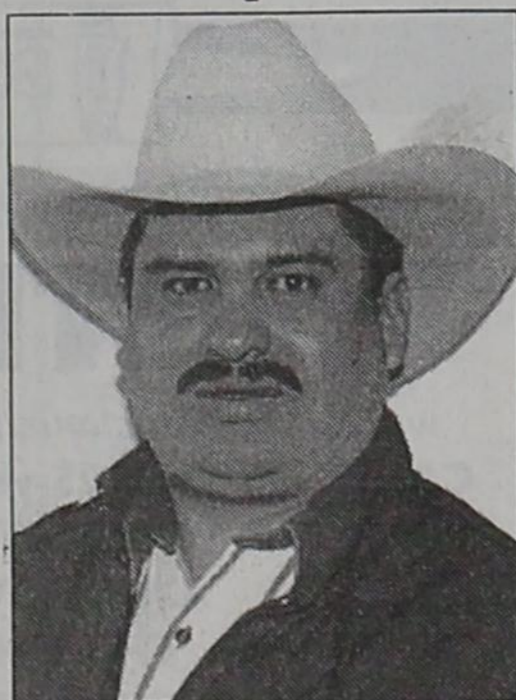
Sandoval, 40, was born and raised in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1976.

He has been a car salesman for the past five years, working at Hereford Auto Center and Marcum Motor Co. in Hereford. He is a former owner of Sandoval's Texaco and prior to that he worked with his father, the late Leon Sandoval Sr.

He is a former member of the Dimmitt United Lions Club and LULAC. He is currently a member of the Bobcat Booster Club. He belongs to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

"I think it would be an honor to serve the citizens of Castro County," said Sandoval. "If elected, I would work for the benefit of the public and taxpayers of Castro County and I would put in 100% effort to work with all local law enforcement agencies to promote cooperation and consistent fines and sentences.

"I will promote a youth program



Leon B. Sandoval

for teen violators and first-time offenders."

Sandoval is married to the former Leticia Munoz of Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico, and the couple has four children, Isaac, Ivonne, Roderick and Dana.

He has named Connie Martinez as his campaign secretary and treasurer.

the vote. Those in favor were Lyman Schroeder, Trish Elliott, Roger Malone, Clint Seward, and Charles Richard.

Council members were hesitant about the fees at first, feeling that citizens might be tempted to "dump" tires rather than pay the fees. However, it was noted that it will mainly affect the tire dealers, who will be allowed to recoup their cost by adding it to the purchase price of new tires.

In other business, the council accepted the audit report presented by Henry Ramackers of Brown, Graham & Co. Ramackers said the report showed an unqualified "clean" opinion about the city's financial records, including the city's compliance with state and federal finance regulations and the city's internal controls.

In another matter, Victor Burrows asked the council to consider allowing the city to join the Panhandle Regional Electrical Licensing Association. He said over 150 cities have

gone together to form the association for the purpose of licensing, renewing licenses, revoking licenses, and negotiating and administering "reciprocal" agreements for those in the electrical trade.

Burrows said that electricians must

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## Weather

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Tuesday	57	30	
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Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

## City sets tire disposal fees

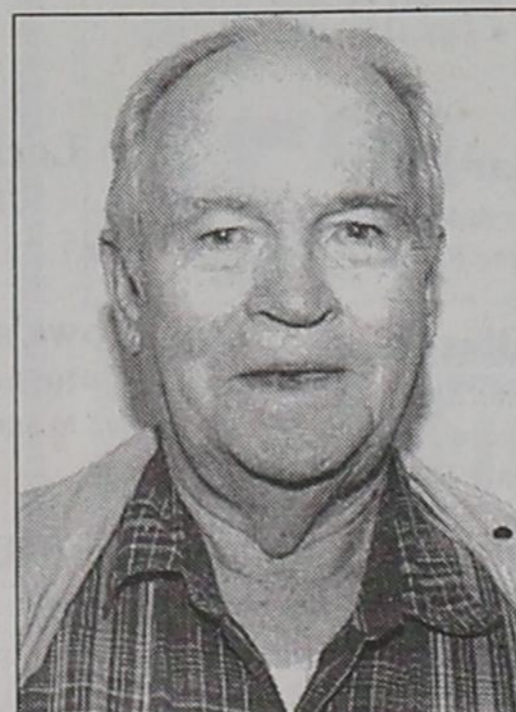
## Clyde Damron to run for Precinct 2 commissioner

Clyde Harold Damron has entered the Precinct 2 county commissioner's race and will be on the ballot in the March 10 Republican primary election.

"This is something I have always wanted to do," said Damron. "I do know about roads and about taxes, and I am willing to serve this county. I am a conservative. My goal would be to protect the taxpayer. These are reasons I have entered the race for county commissioner. I would be able to serve the county and continue my operation as a small businessman with our motel."

For 70 years, Damron has been a Castro County resident. He is a former teacher, having taught math at the junior high level in Dimmitt. He is a former farmer in the Flagg area and is now owner-operator of the Dimmitt Motel.

Damron is a veteran of the US Navy, having served from December 43 to 46. He is a lifetime member of



Damron

the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Damron has kept basketball and football scores for Dimmitt teams for 30 years.

## JP race draws six Democrats

Six candidates have filed for the office of Justice of the Peace of Castro County, subject to the Democratic Party Primary March 10, making that the most hotly contested race on the local Primary ballots.

The six are Garner Ball, Paul (Buddy) Durbin, Gloria G. Hernandez, Leon B. Sandoval Jr., Avery Thrasher, and Tana M. Young.

The only other contested race is that of County Judge on the Democratic Primary ballot, with incumbent Irene Miller being challenged by Norman Hays.

All other local candidates are unopposed in their individual party

primaries.

Friday was the last day political hopefuls could turn in applications for a place on the party primary ballots. The winners of the Democratic Primary will face the winners from the Republican Primary in the general election in November.

Those filing for local office on the Republican Primary ballot are Wayne Collins for County Judge, Clyde Damron for Precinct 2 Commissioner, Dan Schmucker for Precinct 4 Commissioner, and Carolyn Watts for County Treasurer.

Democratic Party candidates who

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## Watts seeking GOP nod for treasurer

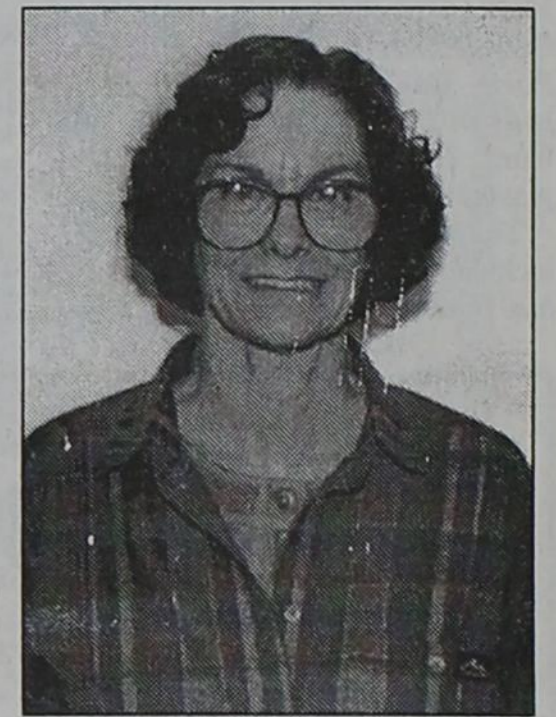
Carolyn Watts of Dimmitt is seeking election to the position of Castro County Treasurer, subject to the Republican Primary on March 10.

Watts has worked for six years in the Castro County Extension office. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, where she has been involved in activities for children and youth, and she has participated in the choir.

She is married to Jerry Watts and they have lived 2½ miles west of Dimmitt for 36 years. He is involved in farming in the Dimmitt and Sunnyside areas. They raised two children, Kim and Jeff, in this county.

"I am asking for your support in my bid for Castro County Treasurer in the Republican Primary," Watts

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Carolyn Watts

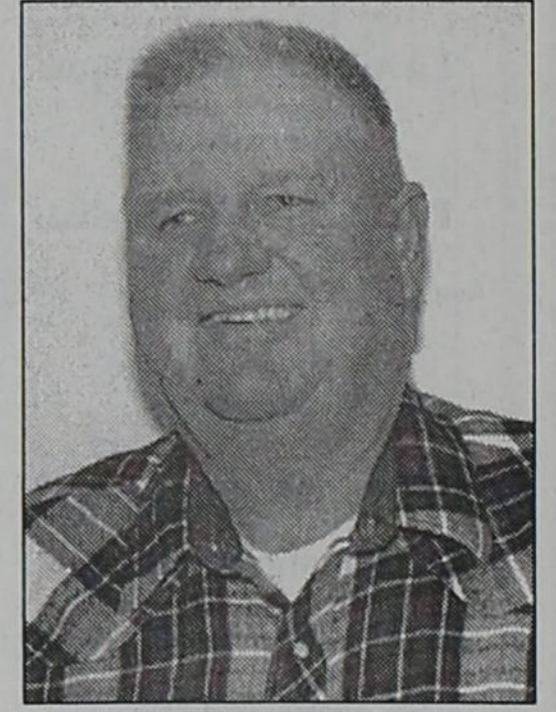
## Durbin joins list of Demo JP hopefuls

Paul "Buddy" Durbin, 61, of Nazareth has added his name to the list of candidates for justice of the peace, subject to the Democratic Primary on March 10.

He is a farmer, having moved to Castro County in 1954. He was born in Weslaco, and served two years in the US Army from 1957-59, and obtained his G.E.D. while in the service.

He and his wife, Joan, have 11 children, and are members of Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth. "If elected, I will do the best I know how," Durbin said. "I will be as fair as can be with everyone."

Durbin said he offers voters the opportunity to "vote for someone with common sense."



Paul "Buddy" Durbin

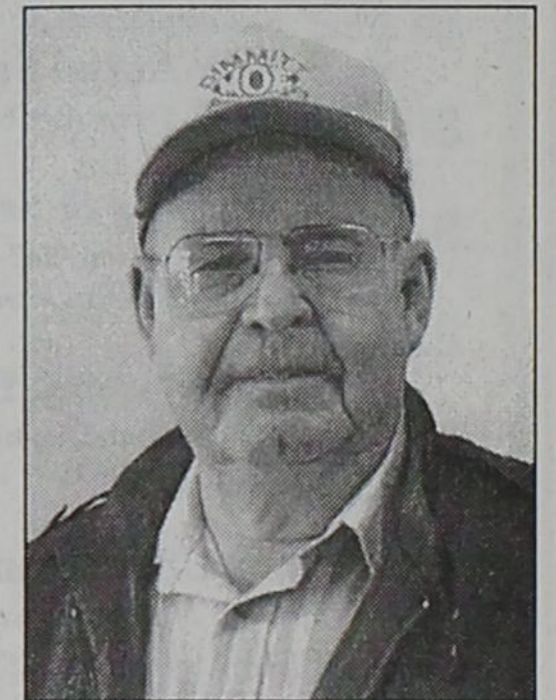
## Garner Ball announces for justice of peace race

Garner Ball has announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for justice of the peace in the March 10 primary election.

Ball has been a resident of Castro County for 30 years, and during that time he has worked in agriculture. He has worked in Dimmitt since 1975. He is a photographer and regularly takes local pictures for school, Kids's Inc., weddings and other events.

"My main objective, if I am elected to this office, is to serve the people of the county and represent their interests in a fair way," said Ball. "I totally support the Teen Court that is being started, and I would do my best to work with the appropriate people to see that this program is a success so that the teenagers of our county learn from mistakes and share their knowledge with their peers, encouraging them to work to reach their utmost potential. "I will strive to make the office of justice of the peace one where everyone is treated fairly and impartially and in accordance with the laws of Texas," Ball said.

Through the years, Ball has served on the board of directors of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the Dimmitt Lions Club and Civil Air Patrol. He



Ball

served as a Democratic Precinct Chairman for five years. He is a big supporter of the local school athletics program. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, where he serves as a deacon.

Ball and his wife, Ysleta, have one daughter, Debra, who also lives and works in Dimmitt.

"I ask for your vote and support in the March 10 Democratic Primary and if I am elected I will do my best to represent you and the county as justice of the peace," Ball said.

# Plainview Symphony to host 'pops' concert

The always popular pops concert will be presented by the Plainview Symphony Orchestra next Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Harral Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University.

Directing the orchestra will be Keith Bearden, marching band director for Texas Tech University and he has conducted the Plainview Symphony Orchestra many times in the past decade.

Guest performer will be Tim Kelley, director of bands for Wayland Baptist University. Kelley will be featured on the euphonium.

Some individual tickets will be available at the box office and will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for students.

"We think this will be our top performance for the pops," said artistic directors Nancy King Sanders and Mary Jane King. "We continue to stretch and grow in these performances and we think this pops will appeal to a wide range of people. We especially encourage parents to bring their school-age children.

"With the concerts starting early on a school night, it will not be too late for the youngsters to stay up. Leaving at intermission is always an option."

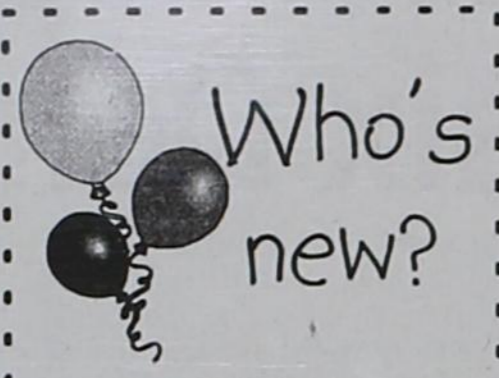
The majority of the concerts have been completed in about an hour and a half.

Selections will include *Marche Hongroise* by Hector Berlioz; *Handel in the Strand* by Percy Aldridge Grainer and *A Movement for Rosa* by Mark Camphouse. A portion of George Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, *Cuban Overture* and *Rhapsody in Blue*, along with John Williams' *The March from 1941* will be played before a brief intermission.

The second half of the concert will include Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*; Graninger *Ye Banks and Braes*

*O 'Bonnie Doon*; *Allen's Whip and Spur Galop* and *Newton's Amazing Grace*.

The evening will conclude with performances of Bilik's *American Civil War Fantasy* and Holsinger's *Texas Promenade*.



### Out-of-Town

It's a girl for Ben and Stacey Benton. Their daughter, Rylee Grace Benton, was born Dec. 29, 1997, in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Martie Benton of Dimmitt and Sandy Sayers of Houston. Great-grandparents are Lena Benton of Lubbock and Stanley and Vera McDougall of Toronto, Canada.

### Plains Memorial

Mindy Anes and Jose Lopez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Jose David, who was born at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1997, at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 9 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 21-3/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Jose M. Lopez Sr. and Diana Lopez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Nati Anes and Rosa Anes of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Benigno and Ana Maria Presas, Ofelia and Roy Anes, Gilermo and Margarita Lopez and Alejandro and Alejandra Martinez.

Anna Galvan and Reymundo Rosalez of Kress are the parents of a baby girl, Chelsey LeeAnn Rosalez, who was born at 12:33 p.m. on Dec. 30, 1997, at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Chelsey LeeAnn entered the world weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz., and she was 21 inches long. She has a big brother, Mark Anthony Galvan, who is 1. Paternal grandparents are Ramiro Rosalez and Norma Rosalez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Pedro Galvan and Candelavia Galvan of Kress.



**JEREMY SIMPSON OF DIMMITT** (holding banner) drove his barrow to the Breed Championship in the Yorkshire Division at the National Stock Show in Arizona over the holidays. Simpson is the son of James and Vea Simpson of Dimmitt. Among those pictured with Simpson are the show's judge, Scott Williamson (fourth from left) and show superintendent, L.D. Beck (far right). *Courtesy Photo*

## Hospice training classes offered

A series of hospice training classes offered by Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will begin in January, and there is no charge for the classes.

The series of 10 classes will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30, beginning Jan. 26 and ending Feb. 26.

The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training, or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment.

Individuals taking the class to become hospice volunteers also must attend a health and safety class on March 2. Those who wish to work with patients also must attend an additional class on March 5.

Three continuing education units will be awarded by Amarillo College. Those interested in registering for the class may call Elizabeth Miller, volunteer coordinator for Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, at 806-378-6715 to schedule an interview.

If you have already completed an interview, you will be contacted when your paperwork is completed.

If you have already registered for the training previously, but were unable to attend or complete the class, and wish to register for this session, call Miller for more information.

## Your emotional health

# Resolutions take time, planning to be successful

By STEVE BARCHENGER



**Barchenger**

You're probably feeling proud of yourself for making it through the holidays. Now comes the big test—those New Year's resolutions. Has the guilt set in yet for already having broken them? Before you come down too hard on yourself, consider this: resolutions are no more than goals.

Did you set yourself up for failure by setting unrealistic goals? Did you take the necessary steps to attain the goals? Other factors to consider are your support system, unfavorable environmental factors, and ownership of the goal (is it your resolution or someone

else's?).

For example, if your goal is to stop drinking and you still hang out at the local watering hole with your buddies, your chances of success in this environment are slim at best. Are you one of those who vowed to stop smoking? Perhaps you're strong enough to throw the cigarettes away and quit cold turkey.

However, most people do not have this much will power. Consider breaking the goal into reasonable time segments such as minutes, hours, days and weeks.

Long-term goals are just that—they take a long time to attain and you reach them one step at a time. There are no short cuts going from Point A to Point Z. Through planning and commitment you can be successful and make the changes for a healthy and happy 1998.

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

# Chamber extends nomination deadline

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has extended its deadline for nominations for *Citizen of the Year*, *Citizen Through the Years* and *Teacher of the Year* honors until Wednesday.

Chamber Director Bill Sava said nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, 115 West Bedford in Dimmitt, or he will mail forms to individuals requesting one.

While a signature of an individual preparing a nomination form is required, clubs, organizations and other groups are encouraged to nominate an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution through an organization or someone who has worked in other ways to improve the community.

Award recipients will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet, slated for Jan. 31 at the Expo Building.

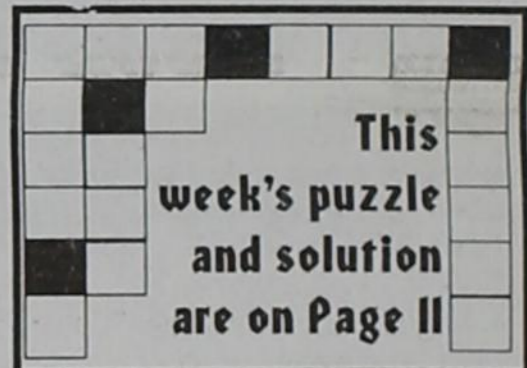
*When We Came to Dimmitt: Fifty Golden Years* is the theme for this year's banquet.

The Chamber is celebrating its 50th year of existence this year and the banquet will focus around that.

Local businesses are invited to decorate a table, using the banquet theme and their imaginations, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

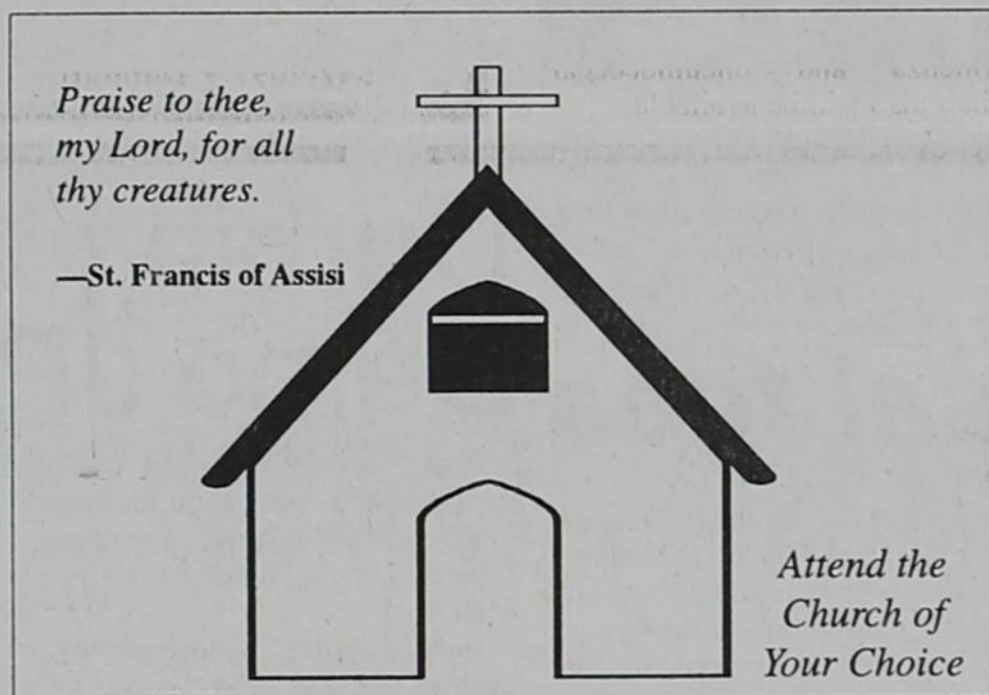
Awards will be presented for the "Most Original Idea," "Most Pleasing Effect," and "Best Theme Interpretation," among the table decorations.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Jim Bob Solsbery, county executive director for the Reagan-Upton Counties Farm Service Agency in Big Lake. He will share master of ceremony duties with Dimmitt's Cheryl Pybus.



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*Praise to thee, my Lord, for all thy creatures.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

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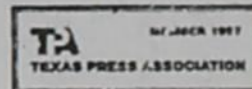
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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Oleta Gollehon's Christmas week company included Kathy and Johnny Poer of Plano, and Tobin and Angela Touchstone and Ret, Sam and Sara of Tucson, Ariz. Tobin and Ret and Sam were at Oleta's one day when I went over. It was good to see them.

Courtney Armstrong was delighted to have all her family at her home for

Christmas. It was the first time they had all been together in a long time. They had fun visiting and eating, and it was just one big slumber party, with sleeping bags everywhere.

Dr. Scott Armstrong came early from Fargo, N.D., and stayed for 10 days. Others were Laura and Danny Anderson, Jarred, Jacob and Mat-

thew, of Gainesville; Clay Armstrong and children, Cathleen, Lacy and Charlie, of Gainesville; Ross and Shayla Beth Armstrong and Brandon and Maggie of Amarillo; and Brent and Rachel Armstrong and children, Mia and Skeete of Grady, N.M.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Angie Hernandez and her grandkids of Amarillo—Angel Diaz, Stefanye Diaz, Michael Diaz, Juan Diaz, and Dino Diaz.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock and their granddaughter, Alyson Smith of Amarillo, attended the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock, along with many other Dimmitt basketball fans. While there, they visited with

Bessie Elder, a former Dimmitt resident, who is a pharmacist at the Albertson's in Lubbock at Fourth and Slide. Bessie still subscribes to the Castro County News and enjoys reading "On the Go." She sends greetings to her Dimmitt friends.

Oleta Gollehon and I spent a quiet New Year's Day together, and we ate our traditional black-eyed peas that Wanda Murdock cans for me every summer.

The Thursday Bridge club was hosted by Edith Graef. She served ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread, salad, and a blackberry-wine cake. Susie Reeves won high score, with Carol Lantz second. Other playing were Bill Thornton, Cleo Forson, Bernice Hill, Helen Braafladt, Retta Cluck, Ina Rae Cates, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, and Louise Mears.

Spending Christmas Eve with Polly Simpson were Carolyn Andrews and friend, Jack Witherspoon, Kyle, Charity and Bayler Andrews of Amarillo; Amy Andrews of Van; Jim and Dana Andrews and Brad Sanders of Lubbock; Brent, Sarah, Katie and Abby Sanders of Floydada, Patty, Dick, Macy and Alyssa Hill of Hereford; Joe Bob, Diane, Will, Charley

and Matthew Sanders, and Bill, Suzan, Keevin and Kami Sanders of Dimmitt.

Bill and Dee Brisco have returned home from Utah, where they spent Christmas in Bluffdale with Bob and Tina Mason, Nikka, Trae and Jake. They went through Fountain, Colo., and spend the weekend with Rick and Sandy Yates and Sean and Linzy. Then they went to Denver and picked up Kip and Jamie Yates, who went to Utah with the Briscos.

They returned by way of Fountain, Colo., and spent the night with the Rick Yates family before returning home on Monday. They saw some beautiful scenery and also lots of snow.

Bill and Dee Brisco spent New Year's Day in Amarillo with Houston and Kay Ewing.

Pete, Herminia, and Jessica Salinas spent Christmas in Pleasanton with Pete's family. They got to see his brother, Freddy, who lives in California. Then they went to the Donna in the valley to see Herminia's grandparents and also saw relatives from Houston. Herminia's Uncle Emilio and Maria Sandoval of Dimmitt were there, too.

The reception celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Ralph and Avis Smith was held at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt on Dec. 27. Hosting the event were son and daughter-in-law, Steve and

Karron, and grandson Taran, and Jonalyn and Weldon Jones. They were assisted by Shirley Wise, Doris Flynt, Kim Holland, Sharon Acker, Mildred Bradford, Linda Welch and Susan Cerday.

The table was lovely with a three-tiered cake, bronze punch bowl, votive candles in crystal bowls and an arrangement of white flowers. The decorations were arranged by Mary and Tammy Cluck.

Along with many local friends, there were many out-of-town relatives and friends in attendance, including Avis's brothers and sisters and their spouses from Morse, Spearman, Lelia Lake and Perryton, and from Dayton, Ohio. There were several nieces and nephews attending from Morse, Amarillo, and Hereford.

There were many friends and ex-students attending from New Mexico, California, Mississippi, and a number of north, south and central Texas towns.

It was a lovely party and a great time of visiting.

The Birthday Club met this past Sunday at the Sirlain Stockade for two belated birthdays. The birthday boys were Charles Richard and Donald Schilling. Those helping celebrate the occasion were Agnes Schilling, Rena Richard, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Clyde and Bobbie Damron, and Florene Leinen. Charles and Rena also celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary.



HART'S YSA RODRIGUEZ (14) launches an outside shot while teammate Charbra Lee (40) battles for rebound position Friday when the Lady Horns and Silvertown squared off in a non-conference game. The Hart girls took an early lead, but Silvertown came back to win the game, 45-42. Photo by David Knox

## Nazareth

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Basketball fans enjoyed three days of games during the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock after Christmas.

The Swifts and Swiftettes played in the tournament along with 32 other teams in both divisions.

The Swiftettes won consolation by beating Randall on Wednesday.

A benefit steak-out and raffle was held Saturday evening in the Nazareth Community Hall, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. Proceeds went to Meredith Braddock and Marvin Jones, to help them with their medical expenses.

A casino night followed the steak supper and proceeds benefitted the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept. This was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Melissa Wethington of Nacogdoches spent Christmas here with the Gladys Fortenberry family while her family went to Colorado for Christmas.

After Christmas, the Chris Wethington family of Nacogdoches spent the weekend here with Gladys. They all celebrated Angela Fortenberry's engagement to John Fulkerson of Happy, enjoying a dinner and party.

Our sympathy to Charley Hill in the death of his older brother, Walter, 81, who died Sunday, Dec. 28, at the hospital in Kansas City, Mo. Charley and Beverly flew to Kansas City Friday afternoon to visit with him, his son of Oregon and his two daughters from Hawaii.

May all our troubles during the coming year be as short-lived as our New Year's resolutions.

## Hoop Roundup

**CAPROCK ABC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT**  
Wednesday's Consolation Semifinals  
Swiftettes 48, Dalhart 37  
Nazareth 12 17 7 12—48  
Dalhart 8 7 14 8—37  
SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 12, Amy Pohmeier 11, Cassie Birkenfeld 10.  
Wednesday Guarantee Game  
Bobbies 55, Odessa 57  
Dimmitt 8 4 22 21—55  
Odessa 14 14 17 12—57  
SCORING: DIMMITT— Amber Matthews 27, Jacy Buckley 10.  
Consolation Championship  
Swiftettes 42, Randall 39

**LITTLEFIELD WILDCAT CHRISTMAS CLASSIC**  
Third Place  
Lady Horns 54, Tulla 61  
Hart 14 13 15 19—54  
Tulla 10 11 10 23—61  
SCORING: HART— Veronica Gonzales 14, Charbra Lee and Geneva Finch 12.

Fifth Place  
Longhorns 39, Idalou 59  
Hart 6 12 11 6—39  
Idalou 18 15 17 9—59  
SCORING: HART— Lupe De La Fuente.

**FRIDAY**  
Longhorns 48, Silvertown 61  
Hart 6 14 13 15—48  
Silvertown 22 4 14 21—61  
SCORING: HART— Moses Reyna 15, Jared Aven 11.

Swifts 43, Panhandle 59  
Nazareth 15 9 10 9—43  
Panhandle 11 15 9 24—59  
SCORING: NAZ— Barry Hoelling 10, Shane Ethridge 9.

Lady Horns 42, Silvertown 45  
Hart 17 4 12 9—42  
Silvertown 10 11 18 6—45  
SCORING: HART— Ysa Rodriguez 19, Charbra Lee 12.

Swiftettes 47, Panhandle 50  
Nazareth 19 9 12 7—47  
Panhandle 6 15 12 17—50  
SCORING: NAZ— K'Lynn Gerber 20, Shawna Gerber 13.

JV Longhorns 32, Silvertown 37  
JV Swifts 30, Panhandle 52  
JV Lady Horns 38, Silvertown 50  
JV Swiftettes 29, Panhandle 35 (OT)

**SATURDAY**  
Bobbies 58, River Road 59  
Dimmitt 10 16 16 16—58  
River Road 14 20 12 13—59  
SCORING: DIMMITT— Amber Matthews 16, Carol Summers and Amy Matthews 8.

Bobcats 66, River Road 42  
Dimmitt 11 16 18 21—66  
River Road 9 15 10 8—42  
SCORING: DIMMITT— Charley Sanders 18, Casey Smith 14.

**TUESDAY**  
Lady Horns 47, Morton 38  
Hart 7 17 11 12—47  
Morton 7 6 9 16—38  
SCORING: HART— Geneva Finch 14, Veronica Gonzales 11.  
Bobbies 61, Tulla 34  
Dimmitt 21 19 12 9—61  
Tulla 13 11 4 6—34  
SCORING: DIMMITT— Amber Matthews 14.  
Bobcats 47, Lubbock Estacado 61  
Dimmitt 11 13 12 11—47  
Estacado 14 13 13 21—61  
SCORING: DIMMITT— Jerry Thomas 13, Charley Sanders 12.

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This clinic will offer vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with costs of keeping the clinics open and the amount of money charged will be based upon family income and size, and the ability to pay.

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## High Plains cotton crop dashes home a winner

Like a runner who has trouble getting out of the starting blocks, the 1997 cotton crop on the Texas High Plains had area producers anxious early in the season.

But steady strides and a late-season "kick" brought home a winner at the finish line.

By Christmas, the yield for the 25-county area around Lubbock was nearing three million bales of good quality lint. While slightly under the US Dept. of Agriculture's estimate of 3.5 million bales, growers and ginners were pleased at the outcome of a hectic season.

"For such a cool, wet, windy start, we're really surprised at how well the crop turned out," said Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock.

With ginning not to be completed until mid-January, many area crop watchers are predicting a final yield of some 3.25 million bales. The area's five-year seasonal average is 2.7 million bales, according to USDA.

Bad weather with below-normal temperatures wiped out some 250,000 acres of the 3.5 million which were planted in the area called "the world's biggest cotton patch." Area growers harvested an estimated 3.25 million acres.

The yields could have been even better, except for heavy losses to insect pests, said Dr. James Leser, cotton entomologist with the Extension Service in Lubbock. A survey conducted annually for the Beltwide Cotton Conference showed that insects teamed up to reduce area yields by 18.4%.

"The boll weevil accounted for 74% of this yield loss, with over 50% of the loss occurring late in the growing season," Leser said.

In spite of spending more than \$36 million to combat the boll weevil, producers still lost yield valued at \$148 million, he reported.

The quality of the crop is good, said Wendell Wilbanks, manager of

the USDA cotton classing office at Lubbock. Of the more than 2.3 million bales already classed before Christmas, the lint was averaging 33.81 in length, micronair was 38.39 and strength was 29.19 grams per tex. Color was good and 80% of the samples had leaf grades of 1 to 4 with an average grade of 3.48.

"Percentage-wise, the leaf doesn't look bad," said Wilbanks. "Although the 20% that had grades between 5 and 7 think it is terrible."

Buyers discount bales with high leaf content.

Wet, cold weather in April, May and June put the 1997 crop well behind schedule. But July conditions were closer to normal, Boman said.

"After July 4 our 'summer syndrome' set in, the plants recovered well and we had good growth," said Boman. "But south and east of Lubbock we began to get moisture stress by the end of July."

"We had wet weather root systems in a lot of places. The very rapid change of soil moisture put some fields into a tailspin, particularly in western Dawson and eastern Gaines Counties. We did get rain in late August, but it was late for some fields."

Less than half the area cotton acreage has supplemental irrigation.

"By September we were all concerned about the potential for maturing the crop because of fewer heat units than average during the season and the ever-present threat of an early freeze on the High Plains," said Boman.

But September temperatures were 3.5 degrees above normal and the nights were warmer than usual.

"That really turned the cotton around, especially where we had good moisture going into September," said Boman. "By the end of the season our total heat units were back to normal."

A killing freeze didn't occur over much of the Texas High Plains until the last week of October.



**SALES REP OF THE YEAR**—Lonnie Robb of Dimmitt (left) accepts a plaque after he was honored as Lextron, Inc.'s sales representative of the year. Robb has been a member of the President's Club since 1991 and has belonged to the President's Council since 1994. He and his wife, Traci, traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyo., in September 1997, to participate in activities. Robb is a field sales representative for Lextron Animal Health of Texas, a division of Lextron, Inc., and he is based in Dimmitt.

Courtesy Photo

## Applicators can reinstate their certificates with CEUs

Private pesticide applicators who still hold "grandfathered" certificates can reinstate their certificate by obtaining continuing education units, according to Ag Commissioner Rick Perry.

Prior to Jan. 10, 1989, applicators were issued certificates that were "grandfathered," meaning they never expire. However, effective Jan. 1, 1991, the Texas Pesticide Regulations require certificate holders to earn 15 continuing education units (CEUs) every five years if they want to apply restricted-use and state-limited-use pesticides.

"Grandfathered" certificate holders can renew their certificate at any time if they complete their CEU requirements. Private certificate holders cannot supervise any employee in the use of pesticides.

"Applicators who need CEUs can check with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses or call the Texas Dept. of Agriculture," said Perry. "Certificate holders still have time to bring their CEUs up to date."

Certificate holders also have the option of obtaining a private applicator license. Extension offices can provide study materials and all TDA offices offer testing dates.

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form, which they should receive by the end of January.

"Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use. It's important for applicators to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods," said Perry.

Applicators can get a list of approved courses by calling TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548. More information about licenses, renewals and CEU courses is available on the TDA web page at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/index.htm>. Applicators can also call their county Extension agent for courses in their area.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

### Part-timers: Productive partners or perpetual problems?

Norman retired from the postal service two years ago. For awhile he enjoyed traveling and working in his shop. However, he missed his work friends and found that his retirement funds didn't go quite as far as he

wished.

Norman mentioned his feelings to a friend over coffee. "My son is looking for a part-time shipping clerk," Norman's friend said. "You'd be perfect."

Norman agreed, and is now working happily three days each week. Ella wanted to be home when her children left for school and returned home in mid-afternoon. When she saw the help wanted ad for a part-time bookkeeper, she hoped that the employer would be flexible.

"I don't care what hours you work, as long as you complete the record keeping each week," the owner stated. For Ella, it is a dream job. Her employer is pleased because he has a well-qualified, dependable employee.

Janet wants to finish her master's degree, but needs income to live on. Bill's dream is to make it big as a western novelist, but he still needs to eat as he writes his best seller. Tony wants to own his own car before he graduates from high school. For Janet, Bill and Tony, just as it is for Norman and Ella, part-time jobs are the answer.

### Win-win work schedules

During the recent United Parcel Service Strike, the issue of part-time workers received a lot of negative press. Labor union bosses proclaimed, "Part-time America won't work."

Actually, part-time employment is good for many Americans. While not everyone who has a part-time job wants it that way, the majority do. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, nearly 77% of all part-timers choose to work part-time jobs.

For employers, an "only-when-needed" work force lowers costs and helps them remain competitive. Many find that part-timers are solid workers who show their appreciation for flexible hours by working harder. In "Hiring Smart," author Tim Winninger points out other advantages for business owners, "Many employers have found that time flexibility far from disrupting operations, actually improves both morale and employee retention."

Winner, a nationally known business coach and survival specialist, adds that part-time employment can increase productivity and decrease turnover, tardiness and absenteeism.

### Part-time experience

As both an employee and small-business owner, I know about part-time jobs. My first real job was part-time.

My current job with West Texas A&M University is also part-time. My writing and speaking business occupies the rest of my working hours. For me, it's the best of both worlds. Though I often spend more than 40 hours per week in each of my part-time jobs, that is a personal decision. I love what I do and don't really consider the hours I put in as work.

Many part-timers feel the same way. They are working the hours they want to work. Not all part-time jobs are dead-end, no benefit positions. In fact, one of my valued associates started working with us just two days per week. Because of his good attitude and work ethic, we increased his hours and responsibility. He is now full-time and one of our highest paid associates.

While part-time work wasn't meant to be a career, you shouldn't consider it in a negative light either. For many of us, part-time work is a viable alternative in a rapidly changing world.

For employers, it's a way to stay competitive, give employees a fair trial and a place to begin the training process. I believe most part-timers are productive partners.

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

## Lamb jackpot proceeds to benefit Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund

A lamb jackpot will be held in Dimmitt on Jan. 17 and proceeds from the event will benefit the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic Jackpot will be held at the sheep barn adjacent to the Expo Building in Dimmitt and the show is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Early entries for the show were due Wednesday, but if you didn't

make the early deadline, you may still enter. Those entering lambs the day of the show will be charged \$20 per head.

The barns will open at 8 a.m. on Jan. 17.

The grand champion lamb will earn its exhibitor \$150 while the reserve grand champion will be awarded \$75. Wooden plaques will be presented to exhibitors showing the grand champion, reserve grand champion, breed champions and reserve breed champions.

Organizers of the event are looking for sponsors for the plaques and those interested in helping should call Jim Wright at 647-2477, or County Extension Agents Rebel Royall or Benny Martinez at 647-4115.

The event will feature three classes of showmanship, including a peewee division for those under 9 years of age; junior, for those between the ages of 10 and 14, and senior, for those 15 and up.

## DYF to discuss county stock show Tuesday

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will meet Tuesday night at 7 to discuss plans for the upcoming Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

The meeting will be held at the Dimmitt High School Ag Shop and all members are urged to attend.

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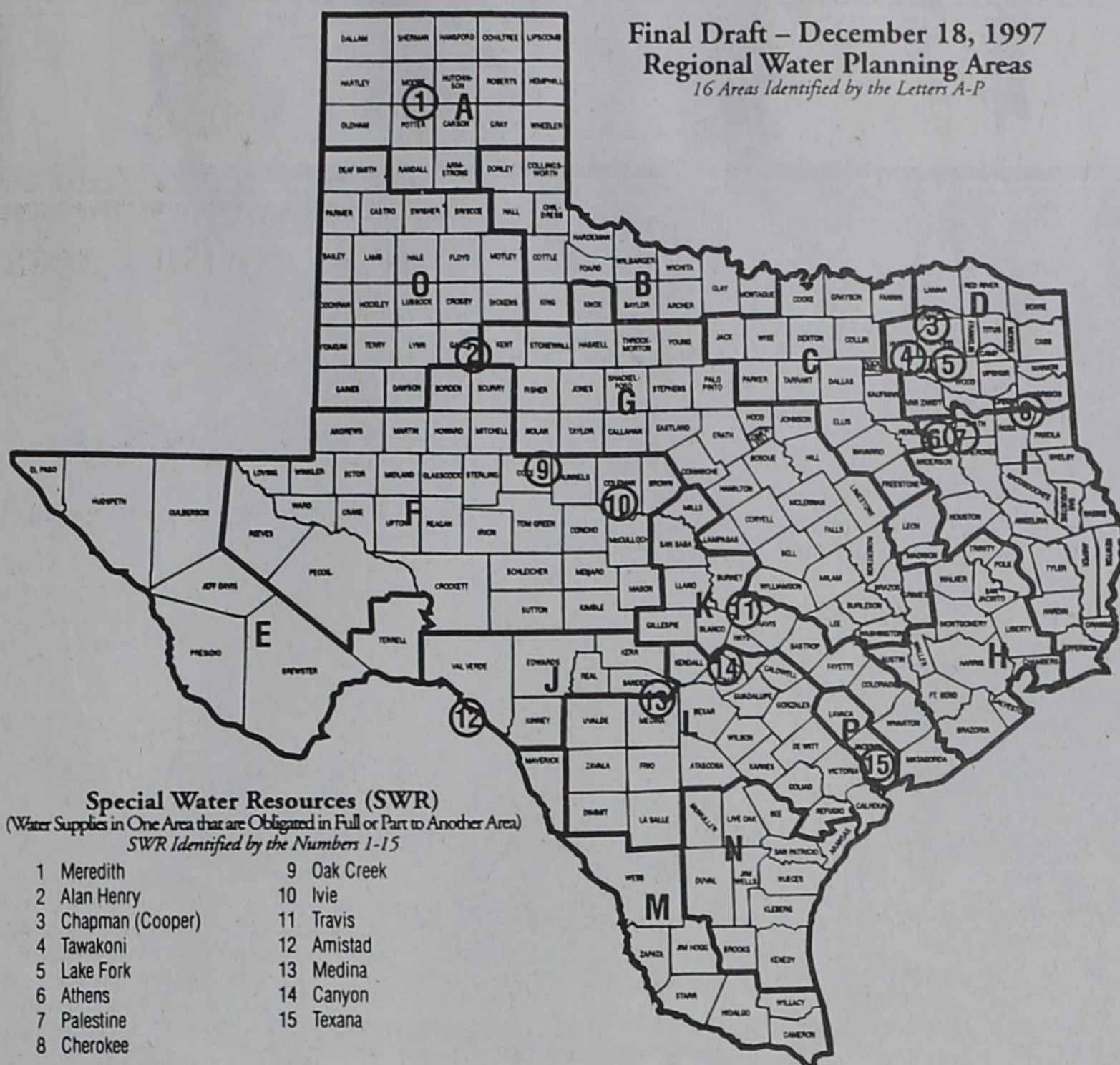
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Regional Water Planning Areas**  
*16 Areas Identified by the Letters A-P*



**Special Water Resources (SWR)**  
(Water Supplies in One Area that are Obligated in Full or Part to Another Area)  
SWR Identified by the Numbers 1-15

- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 Meredith         | 9 Oak Creek |
| 2 Alan Henry       | 10 Ivie     |
| 3 Chapman (Cooper) | 11 Travis   |
| 4 Tawakoni         | 12 Amistad  |
| 5 Lake Fork        | 13 Medina   |
| 6 Athens           | 14 Canyon   |
| 7 Palestine        | 15 Texana   |
| 8 Cherokee         |             |

SWR also includes Brazos River Authority Lakes with supplies obligated to meet needs outside of Area G.

## TWDB to hold meeting in Plainview on regional water planning area, rules

The Texas Water Development Board will hold a public meeting in Plainview Wednesday on the final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed planning rules for state and regional water plans.

The public meeting is one of nine held across the state.

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Plainview Country Club, 2902 West Fourth Street.

At the public meetings and hearing, the Texas Water Development Board will receive public comments on the third and final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed rules for state and regional water planning required by Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the comprehensive water bill that was passed during the legislative session ending in June.

SB1 requires the Texas Water Development Board to designate regional water planning areas and initial members to regional water planning groups, and to approve regional water plans prepared by the regional water planning groups.

Regional water planning groups are required to submit regional water plans to the Texas Water Development Board for approval every five years beginning September 2000.

Texas Water Development Board-approved regional water plans will be incorporated into the next comprehensive State Water Plan, which is due Sept. 1, 2001. The Texas Water Development Board is accepting nominees for membership on the regional water planning group for each planning area through Jan. 16, 1998.

### DKG offering two scholarships

Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional educators' sorority, has two scholarships to offer for the spring semester.

Applicants must be a junior or senior education major.

For more information, contact Nancy Greer at 647-4523.

Deadline for public comments on the final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed rules for water supply planning is Jan. 26. Comments should include the provisions that are favored or provisions that should be changed and why, and should suggest revised language.

Comments may be e-mailed to SB1@twdb.state.tx.us, by writing to Carolyn Brittin at the Texas Water Development Board, PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, or by faxing to (512) 463-9893.

The water planning areas and rules will be considered for final adoption at the Texas Water Development Board's Feb. 19 meeting, slated for 9 a.m. at the Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 118, 1700 North Congress, in Austin.

The Texas Water Development

Board has identified Special Water Resources to facilitate regional water planning. Special Water Resources are water supplies in one area that are obligated in full or part to meet water demands in another area. As a regional water planning group develops its regional water plan, it must protect water rights, contracts and option agreements related to a Special Water Resource in its area so that water supplies obligated to meet demands outside the regional planning area are not impacted.

For copies of the regional water planning area delineations and rules, contact Diane Burr at (512) 475-205, e-mail her at dburr@twdb.state.tx.us, write Texas Water Development Board, PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or access through the Texas Water Development Board's web site at [http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/www/twdb/sb1\\_hp.html](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/www/twdb/sb1_hp.html).

## Cotton meetings planned

Area agricultural producers and those in allied industries will have several opportunities in January to get the latest information on production and marketing, as well as state and federal farm legislation, at a series of regional conferences to be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Information from the Beltwide Cotton Conferences in San Diego Jan. 5-9 and information tailored to the specific growing areas of the South Plains will be featured at each of the regional conferences, according to Jett Major, district extension director for agriculture.

Conferences will be held Jan. 15 in Brownfield, Jan. 19 in Lamesa, Jan. 20-21 south of Floydada, Jan. 22 in Levelland, Jan. 27 in Lubbock, and Jan. 28 in Olton. Another is planned for Feb. 24 in Seminole.

Detailed information about the conferences is available from local county offices of the Extension Service.

## Nazareth KCs plan consignment farm sale on March 7

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus Council 2654 will sponsor a community consignment farm sale on March 7 at the Nazareth leg of Dimmitt Agri Industries, 1/4 mile west of Nazareth on Highway 86.

The sale will be conducted by Five Star Auctioneers and anyone interested in selling equipment or machinery on the sale should contact Brian Ramaekers at 945-2331 or 945-2409 (mobile), Lonnie Huseman at 945-2458 or 647-7663 (mobile), Mike Huseman at 945-2366 or 647-5169 (work), or Alan Birkenfeld at 945-2218 or 938-2111 (work).

The deadline for registering any equipment to be listed in the Five Star Auctioneers' sale sheets is Feb. 1. Consignments on equipment will be taken up to the day of the sale.

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# Sports



## State-ranked River Road outlasts Bobbies, 59-58

The Bobbies took the fifth-ranked River Road Lady Cats to the wall Saturday night before dropping a 59-58 decision in a District 1-AAA game at River Road.

The loss left the Bobbies with a 1-1 district mark.

The game was a gripper, with scoring surges and momentum changes that kept fans on the edge of their bleachers.

After a nip-and-tuck first quarter, RR surged to a nine-point lead midway in the second, but the Bobbies closed it within three minutes and went ahead, 26-24, on a pivot shot by Amber Matthews.

That's when RR's Laurie Adams went on a spree, scoring 10 points in the final minute before halftime on a 16-footer, a 19-ft. trey and five free throws to put the Lady Cats up by 34-26 at intermission.

The Bobbies still trailed by nine points late in the third when Carol Summers, Stephanie Hinojosa and Amber Matthews staged a 10-0 scoring flurry that erased the deficit and gave Dimmitt its first lead since the first quarter, 47-46.

With the Lady Cats holding a 46-37 advantage, Summers nailed a three-pointer with 20 seconds left in the third, then Hinojosa scored on a baseline drive at the buzzer to cut RR's lead to four, 46-42, going into the final frame.

Then Matthews opened the fourth with a 10-ft. turn-around jumper and Summers followed with another trey to put the Bobbies out front.

The Bobbies' defense was a key factor in the rally. Dimmitt rebounds, steals and interceptions limited River Road to one basket over a 3½-minute span as the Bobbies played catch-up. An interception by Heidi Weaver preceded Summers' second three-pointer.

But after that rally, the Lady Cats came back with an 8-0 surge of their

own to go back up by 54-47 with 4:07 remaining.

Then it was the Bobbies' turn again. Jacy Buckley hit a driving layup and a three-pointer, Amber Matthews sank two baskets from the paint and Shawna Kenworthy stole an inbounds pass and scored to put the Bobbies in front, 58-55, with 2:10 remaining.

River Road's Alicia Swaim saved the game for the Lady Cats by scoring the final four points—first on a midcourt steal and a driving layup, then with a pair of free throws with 1:04 remaining to make it 59-58 in RR's favor.

Summers gave the Bobbies two more chances by making a steal and later forcing a walk, but her teammates couldn't make the ball fall in the final minute.

With five ticks left, Kim Newland rebounded a missed River Road free throw and fed it to Summers, who drove past the midcourt line and put up a desperation shot that bounded off the rim at the buzzer.

"Their shots were falling and ours weren't," Bobbies Coach Jan Newland lamented. "They had an exceptional shooting night. Everybody I've talked to said that's the best they've played all year."

She added, "We've just got to bounce back, stay focused and play one game at a time from now on."

Including the rematch with River Road Jan. 30, here.

"I think we'll take them when we play them here," Coach Newland said.

Amber Matthews paced Dimmitt's scoring with 16 points, followed by Amy Matthews and Summers with eight apiece.

Kenworthy turned in a good floor game with eight rebounds, 10 assists and four points on two-of-three shooting.

In the boys' game, River Road kept it close in the first half, but the Bobcats pulled away to an 11-point lead (45-34) at the end of the third, then won it going away, 66-42.

Charley Summers scored 18 and Casey Smith 14 to lead the way in the Bobcats' first district outing.

### Hereford YMCA plans elementary basketball league

The YMCA in Hereford is organizing a youth basketball league for elementary boys and girls ages 13 and under.

All girls and boys are eligible to play, regardless of athletic ability. Teams will be coached by adult volunteers and all games will be supervised with referees provided.

The league will specialize in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship.

Every boy and girl will play in every game.

There will be three divisions in the league: 8 and under, 10 and under, and 13 and under. Teams will be drawn at the YMCA office.

Teams will play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practices will begin next week, depending on availability of gyms, and the first games will be played on Jan. 18.

Cost to participate in the league is \$20 per child, and if there is more than one child from the same family, each additional family member will be charged \$15. All participants must be YMCA members, and youth memberships are \$25 a year. Partial memberships are available. Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance.

For more information contact Norma Jean at 364-6990.



CAROL SUMMERS (12) gets off a shot for Dimmitt in the fourth quarter of the Bobbies' district game at River Road Saturday night. In 17 minutes of play,

Summers made three steals and scored eight points, including two big three-pointers. The Bobbies came up a point short, 59-58. Photo by Carter Townsend



Art Benaluna checks the progress of remodeling for the hospital's durable medical equipment store which he will manage. The store will be in the east end of the Medical Center of Dimmitt building, where Edwards Laundry formerly was located.

## Soon, an Equipment Store

Sometime soon—probably in February—the hospital district will open a new store to sell and rent durable medical equipment.

The new store will be in the former Edwards Laundry location, at the east end of the Medical Center of Dimmitt complex.

What is "durable medical equipment"?

It is equipment that people with injuries, infirmities or handicaps need to help them function at home and in their daily lives—such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, home oxygen equipment, hospital beds, bathroom safety features, etc.

At present, local people are spending \$200,000 a year or more to rent and buy this type of equipment from out-of-county suppliers. Now they'll be able to get this equipment here at home, and the hospital district will benefit.

Art Benaluna has joined the hospital district, as of Jan. 1, to run the durable medical equipment store.

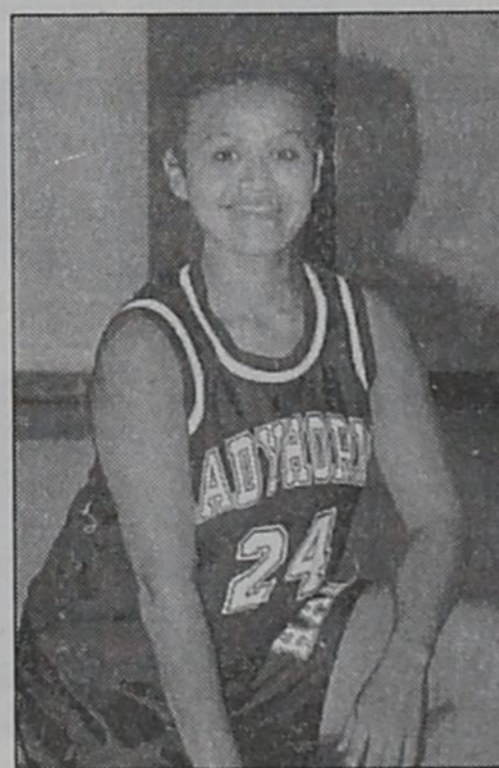
Art, 46, is well experienced in this specialized business. He owned his own business in Bowie for 10 years, then operated a "DME store" for Bowie Memorial Hospital three years. At Bowie, he worked with our district's chief executive officer, Joe Sloan.

"Mainly, this new store will help get people into their homes and out of hospitals and nursing facilities," Art said. "It will also help the hospital district. Where people have been sending money out of town for equipment, they can now keep it in town. It's another way for a rural hospital to survive."

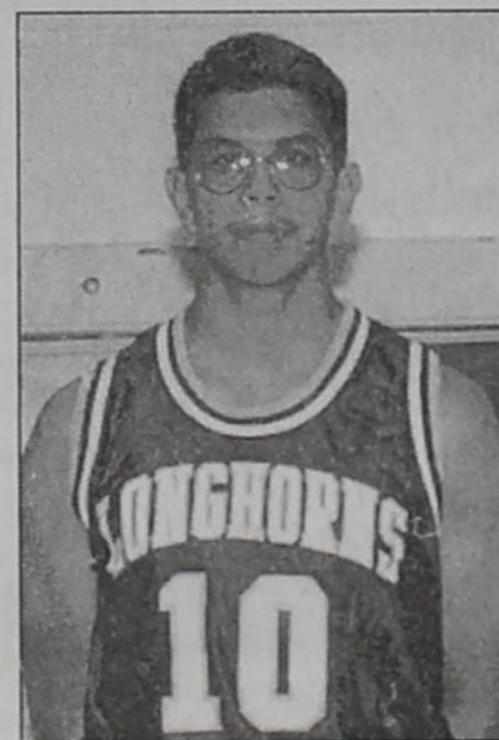
Medicare and insurance companies usually pay to rent or buy the equipment when it is prescribed.

## Castro County Hospital District

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MICHAEL PANTOJA  
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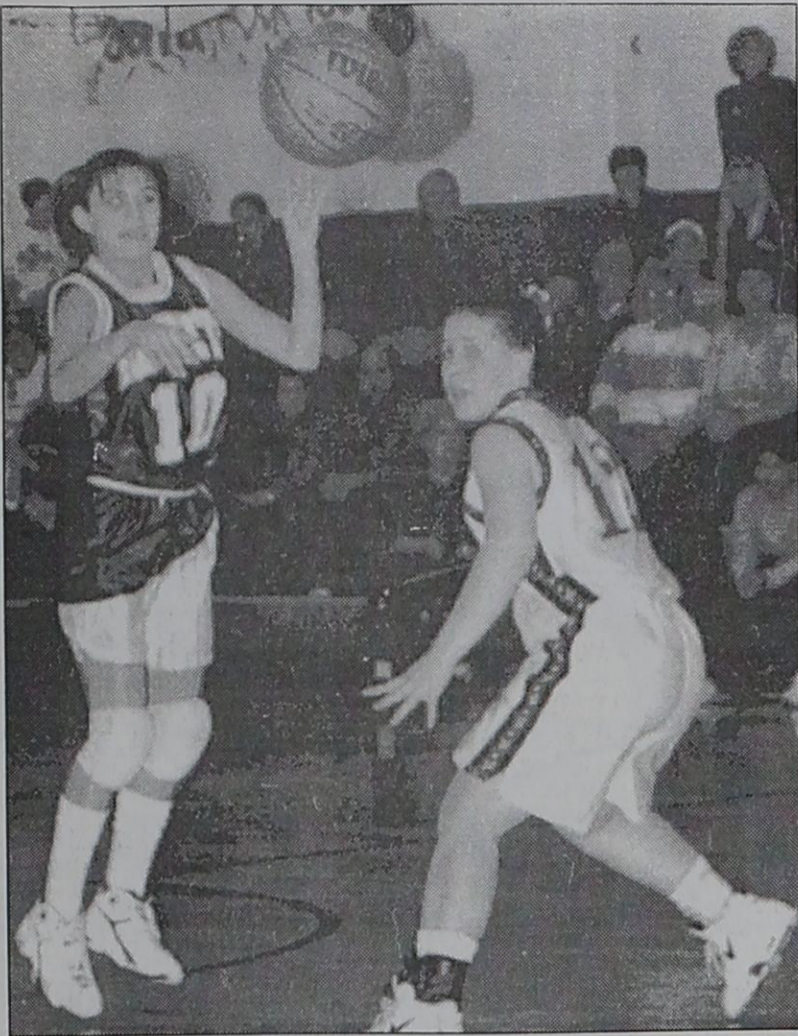
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**FRIDAY: Ladyhorns  
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Lazbuddie, There**

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and Longhorns vs.  
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← **TAKING IT INSIDE**—Dimmitt's Stephanie Hinojosa feeds the ball inside past River Road's Amber Kile in Saturday night's District 1-AAA girls' game at River Road. The Bobbies barely lost it, 59-58.  
Photo by Carter Townsend

# LIVE SPORTSCASTS!

**Daily, M-F:**

- 7:00 a.m.....Sports Texas (Pros)
- 7:05 a.m.....Texas State Network Sports Report
- 8:11 a.m.....Dallas Cowboy Report
- 8:16 a.m.....Sports Texas (High School/College)
- 11:15 a.m.....Sports Texas Midday Report
- 12:40 p.m.....Dallas Cowboy Update
- 3:45 p.m.....Sports Texas Afternoon Report

**Friday:**

6:00 p.m. .... **Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Dalhart**

**Tuesday:**

6:00 p.m. .... **Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Muleshoe**

**KDHN 1470 A.M.**

# Good Luck, Bobbies and Bobcats!

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**FRIDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Dalhart, There**

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**TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Muleshoe, Here**

## Schedule and Scores

- Jan. 9—\*Dalhart, There
- Jan. 13—\*Muleshoe, Here
- Jan. 16—\*Sanford Fritch, There
- Jan. 20—\*Friona, Here
- Jan. 23—\*Perryton, There
- Jan. 27—\*Tulia, There
- Jan. 30—\*River Road, Here
- Feb. 3—\*Muleshoe, There
- Feb. 6—\*Sanford Fritch, Here
- Feb. 10—\*Friona, There
- Feb. 13—\*Dalhart, Here
- Feb. 17—\*Tulia (Boys), Here
- Feb. 20—\*Perryton (Boys), Here

**Bobbies**

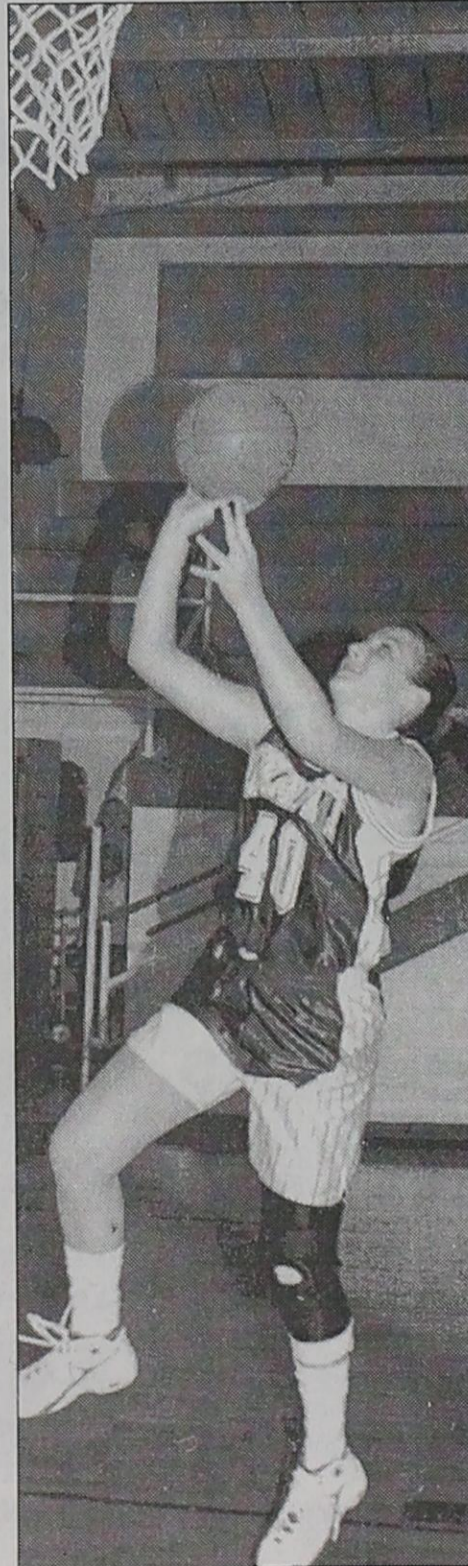
- 49, Randall 78
- 21, Levelland 34
- 55, Borger 42
- Turkey Classic**
- 56, Odessa 42
- 45, Hereford 49
- 48, Sudan 35
- 42, Hereford 60
- Levelland Tournament**
- 59, Levelland Red 22
- 41, Randall 60
- 57, Slaton 32
- 48, Amarillo High 61
- 42, Levelland 46
- 61, Perryton 44
- Caprock Tournament**
- 65, Claude 52
- 42, Randall 39
- 48, Lubbock Coronado 64
- 55, Odessa 57
- 58, River Road 59
- 61, Tulia 34
- Season Record: 9-10**
- District Record: 2-1**

**Bobcats**

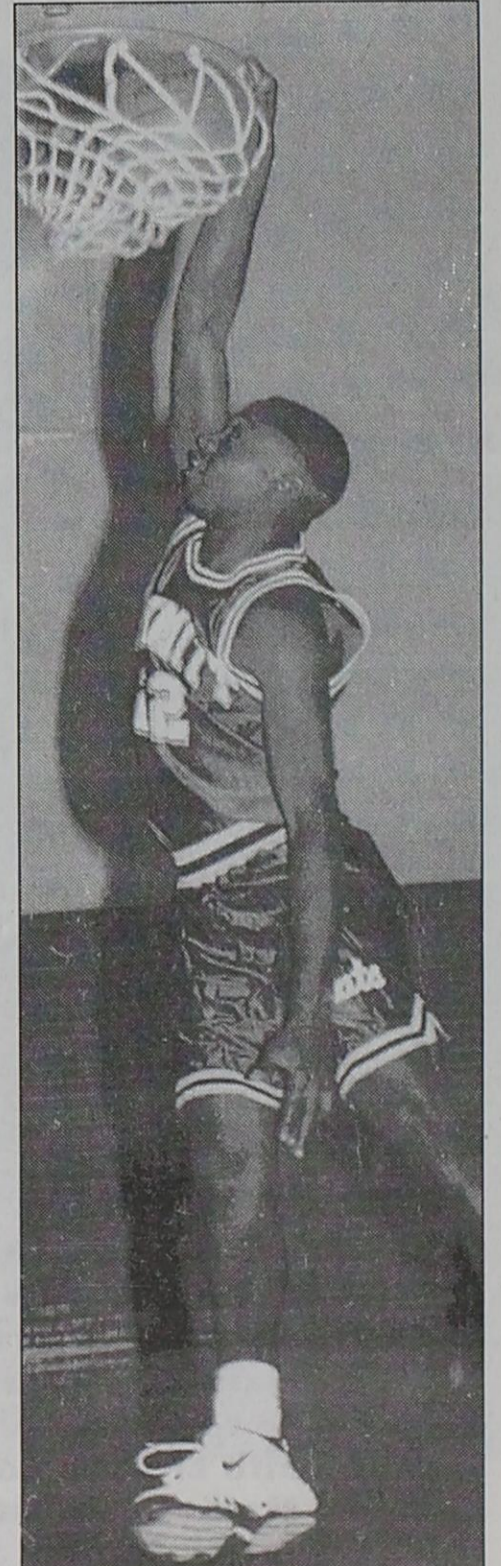
- 47, Randall 71
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- 89, Abernathy 34
- 64, Hereford 56
- Lions Pioneer Classic**
- 62, Canyon 50
- 32, Lubbock Estacado 51
- 57, Hereford 49
- 58, Caprock 55
- Seminole Tournament**
- 52, Lamesa 73
- 48, Pampa 43
- 57, Snyder 50
- 63, Coronado 58
- Caprock Tournament**
- 43, Snyder 47
- 66, Abernathy 44
- 41, Lubbock Monterey 66
- 66, River Road 42
- 47, Estacado 61
- Season Record: 12-6**
- District Record: 1-0**

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**LATRICE LEWTER**  
Senior Post



**JERRY THOMAS**  
Junior Post

# Nazareth drops pair at Panhandle

The Panhandle girls came from behind to edge the Nazareth Swiftettes, 50-47, Friday while the Panthers used a big fourth-quarter to down the Swifts, 59-43.

Friday's game in Panhandle was the sixth in five days for the Swiftettes and Lady Panthers, who both played in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament Dec. 29-31.

The Swiftettes and Lady Panthers each captured the consolation title in their respective halves of the tournament bracket. The Swiftettes captured their consolation championship in the Caprock Tournament by downing one of the highly ranked AAAA teams in the state, Canyon Randall, 42-39. Nazareth finished the tournament with a 4-1 overall mark, beating Randall, Dalhart, Snyder and San Angelo Central and losing to Lubbock Coronado.

But on Friday, the Lady Panthers held the advantage, winning the showdown, 50-47.

Nazareth was red-hot in the first quarter, jumping out to a 19-6 lead, but Panhandle had a big second stanza, outscoring the Swiftettes 15-9, so Nazareth was only up 28-11 at halftime.

Both teams chipped in 12 points in the third quarter, then Nazareth went cold.

The Lady Panthers were able to claim the win with a 17-7 fourth-quarter run.

The Swiftettes were led by K'Lynn Gerber, who had 20 points, and her sister, Shawna, who added 13.

In the boys' game, the Swifts also led after the first eight minutes, but they trailed by a bucket at halftime.

Nazareth's 15-11 first-quarter advantage was erased by the Panthers in the second stanza, and the host team held a 26-24 lead after

two periods.

The Swifts narrowed the margin to a point after three quarters, 34-35.

But the Panthers took a chapter from the girls' game and exploded in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Swifts 24-9 to snatch the victory, 59-43.

The Swifts were paced by Barry

Hoelting's 10-point performance while Shane Ethridge tossed in nine.

Nazareth opens district play Friday by hosting the Happy Cowgirls and Cowboys. Tip-off in the girls' game is slated for 6:30 p.m. while the boys' game will start at approximately 8.

## Silverton claims wins over Hart teams Friday

Silverton handed Hart a pair of losses Friday, winning a squeaker in the girls' contest, 45-42, and upending the Longhorns, 61-48.

The Hart girls struggled through the middle of the game and that proved to be the difference.

The Lady Horns controlled the first quarter, 17-10, but things went downhill from there.

Silverton was able to tie the game by outscoring Hart 11-4 in the second quarter, forcing a 21-point stalemate in the first half.

The Owlettes took the lead in the third quarter, then held off a late fourth-quarter Hart run.

After three quarters the Owlettes were on top, 39-33, but Hart came back in the fourth, but the Lady Horns' run was ended by the clock, and Silverton hung on for the win.

Ysa Rodriguez had a big game for the Lady Horns, scoring 19 points to lead her team while teammate Charbra Lee finished with 12.

In the boys' game, Moses Reyna had 15 to lead the Horns while Jared Aven added 11, but Hart just couldn't recover from a 22-6 first-quarter deficit.

Silverton was unstoppable in the first-quarter, but Hart found a way to stymie the Owls in the second, allowing just four points. That enabled Hart to narrow the first-quarter deficit and the Longhorns trailed 26-20 at intermission.

Hart continued to build on its second-quarter success, but Silverton recovered from its drought, and managed to outscore Hart 35-28 in the second half to claim the 61-48 win.



MICHAEL PANTOJA of Hart (10) loses Silverton defenders and makes a strong inside move Friday when the two teams met in a pre-district game. The Longhorns trailed early and never regained lost ground, dropping the game, 61-48. Photo by David Knox

### More about

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know them—deserves respect.

No matter how successful some of our kids become—and some of them have become fabulously successful—they're still proud of their hometown. Proud of the lessons they learned here. Proud of the basic values that were instilled in them here.

And they don't mind telling people about it.

Case in point:

Marine Maj. Mark Brewster is from upstate New York. He is a Harrier pilot and instructor.

A month ago, Maj. Brewster transferred from the US Marine Air Station at Yuma, Ariz., to a base in Maryland.

He and his wife, their 4-year-old son and their 2-year-old twin boys were driving east on I-40 en route to his new assignment.

But when they got to Vega, they

turned south and made an 80-mile detour.

Why?

Just to see Dimmitt, Texas.

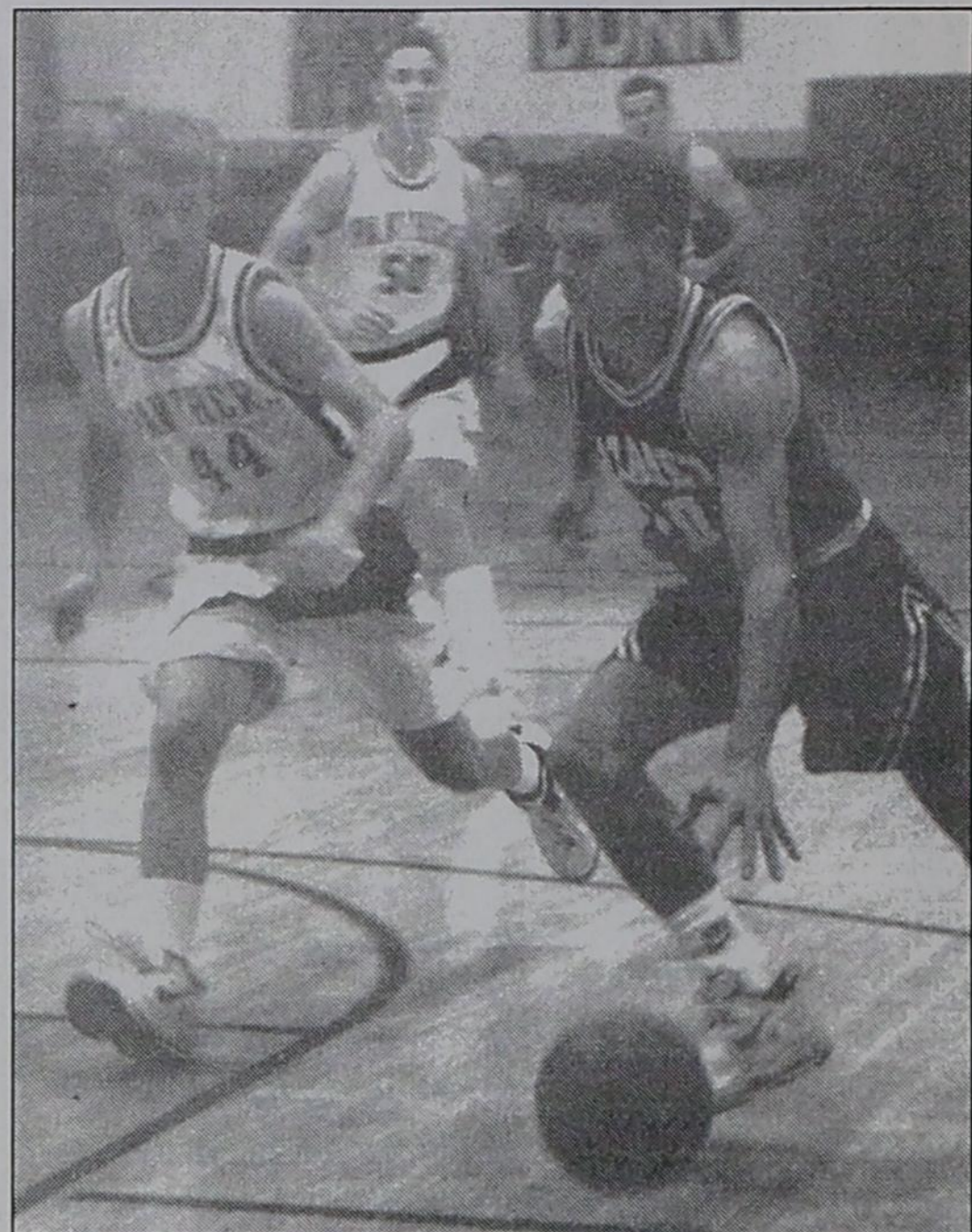
One of Maj. Brewster's best friends in the Marine Corps is Maj. Joe Collins. They went through Officers' Candidate School and Officers' Basic together.

When he saw Dimmitt on the map, Maj. Brewster decided he wanted to see this town that Joe was always talking about.

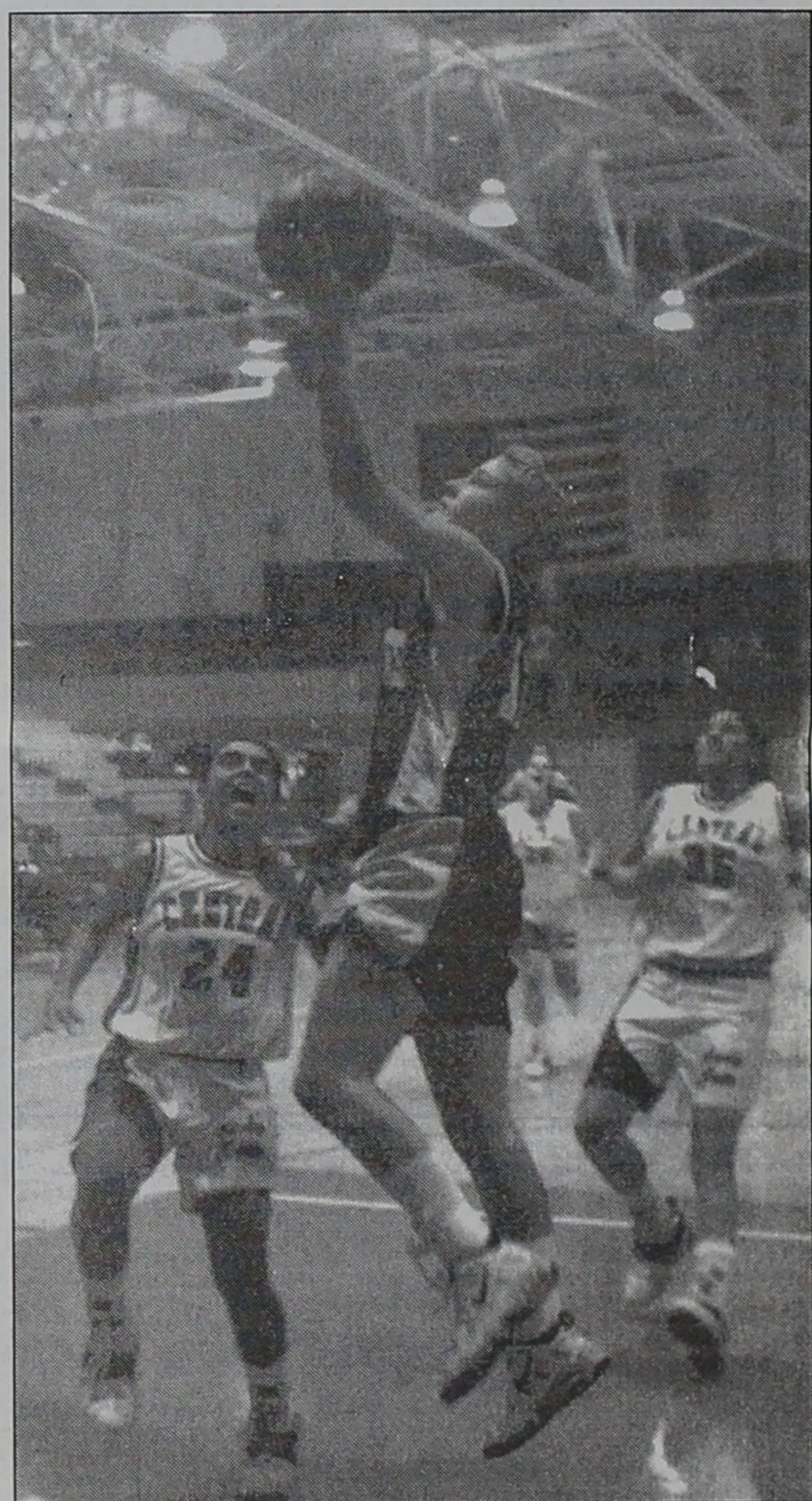
He had met Joe's parents, and knew that Joe's dad, Wayne, was the mayor.

So he went to city hall. There, they directed him to the radio station.

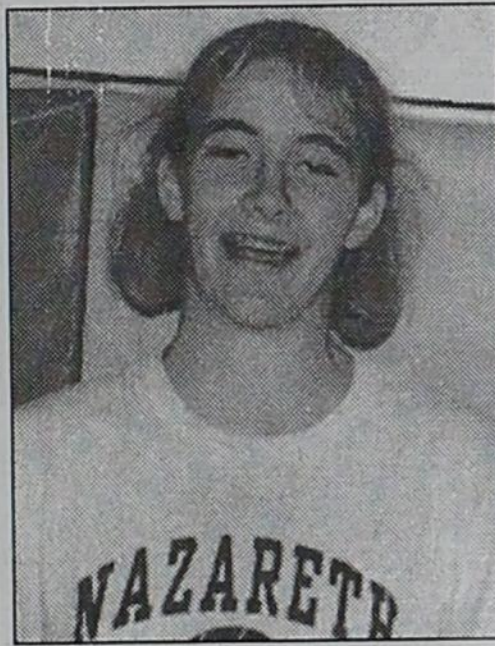
"We had a really good visit," Wayne said. "They were here only about an hour, and didn't have time to stay. He just wanted to see the town. Joe had talked about it so much..."



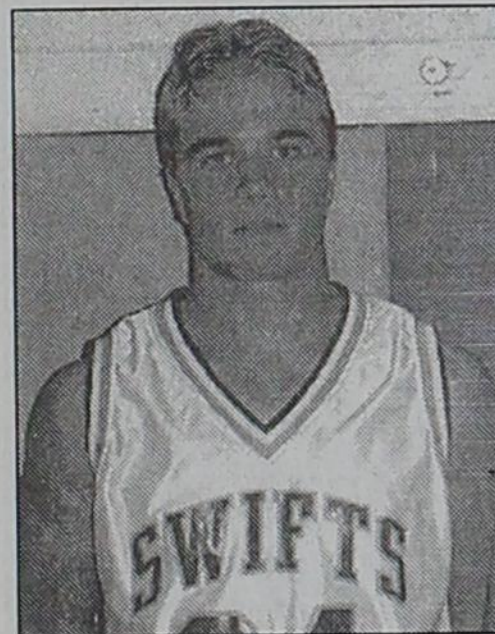
LOOKING TO PENETRATE—Darren Huckert (10) of Nazareth drives inside and looks to score against Panhandle Friday night. The Swifts stayed with Panhandle for three quarters, but the Panthers pulled away in the fourth, outscoring Nazareth 24-9 to claim a 59-43 win. Photo by Brenda Schulte



INSIDE FOR TWO—Shawna Gerber of Nazareth drives the baseline and scores before San Angelo Central's Nadia DeLaCruz (24) and Camille DeLaCruz (35) can get position in a consolation quarterfinal game in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock last week. Gerber finished with 10 points and was one of three Swiftettes in double figures as Nazareth won the game. The Swiftettes went on to down Dalhart and Canyon Randall to win one of two consolation titles in the tournament. Photo by Brenda Schulte



SHAWNA GERBER  
Freshman Guard



JERAD BIRKENFELD  
Senior Post

# Good Luck, SWIFTETTES and SWIFTS!

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Swifts vs. Happy, Here

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Swifts vs. Vega, There

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# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt,  
Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 8-16

### DIMMITT

#### Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Beef stew, fresh honeydew melon, crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, old fashioned cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Taco pie, Mexipinto beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

TUESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, cantaloupe and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, celery sticks, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

#### 2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or fresh honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, white hot

rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of barbecued hot links, beef stew or taco pie; baked beans, fresh grapes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or garden relish; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, lasagna with ground beef or Monterey casserole; Frito corn chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or cauliflower salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of country fried steak, beef tamale pie or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, celery sticks or orange wedges; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauted onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or oven-fried chicken, wheat rolls, gravy, green beans, mashed potato, fresh fruit, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler, and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of ham sandwich, beef stew or barbecue wieners, sliced cheese, cornbread, beets, pinto beans, macaroni and cheese, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, salad, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, potato chips, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun, sliced cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, pears and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog, potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: \* Chicken nuggets or corn dog, salad, beans, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Frito pie and cornbread, or pizza, salad, corn, peaches, pudding and milk or juice.

MONDAY: \* Tater tot casserole with sopapillas or pizza, salad, beans, fruit and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: \* Ham or corn dog, salad, potatoes, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \* Sloppy Joes or pizza, salad, fried okra, fruit and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Corn dog or chicken strips, salad, rice, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Nachos and roll or corn dog, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice.

(Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students, while secondary school students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

### HART

#### Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish sticks, cornbread, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or oven-fried chicken, wheat rolls, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler and milk.

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#### Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish sticks, cornbread, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

## DHS '50s classes plan March reunion

The Dimmitt High School classes from the 1950s are planning to hold a reunion March 6-8 in Las Vegas, Nev. in the penthouse of the newly remodeled Sahara Hotel and Casino.

The main attraction of the reunion will be socializing with friends and classmates, however, there will be scheduled programs in the Penthouse. The last scheduled program will be a devotional service Sunday morning, conducted by Dr. George Ray from Rochester, MN.

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate for those who register early. To date, about 150 have registered for the reunion.

The reunion is being hosted by the Dimmitt High School Class of 1955 and all graduates from the 1950s are welcome to attend.

For registration information contact Lucy Nelson at (806) 647-2376.

## Cancer screening clinics set today and on Jan. 22

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Medical Center of Dimmitt today (Thursday) and Jan. 22.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. Total cost for the screening is \$75, and funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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**22—Notices**

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**Political Announcements**

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 10 primary.

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY For County/District Clerk:**  
Joyce Thomas (I)

**For County Treasurer:**  
Janice Shelton (I)

**For Justice of the Peace:**  
Garner Ball  
Paul Durbin  
Leon Sandoval  
Tana Young

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY For Precinct 2 Commissioner:**  
Clyde Harold Damron

**For Precinct 4 Commissioner:**  
Dan Schmucker (I)

**For County Judge:**  
Wayne Collins

Political advertisement paid by candidates. 25-40-21c

**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
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The stock show was a huge success with 50 pigs, 33 lambs and two steers exhibiting.  
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**Police Calls**

A disturbance at 3:15 a.m. New Year's Day in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth in Dimmitt resulted in charges being listed against a suspect for aggravated assault of a 23-year-old Dimmitt man and for assault/bodily injury of a juvenile female, 17. She said the suspect struck her on her left eye.  
Three men were jailed at 3 a.m. on New Year's Day on charges of disorderly conduct. They were a Hart man, 18, and two Dimmitt men, ages 44 and 27. The disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth at 2:32 a.m.  
Also on New Year's Day, a 32-year-old Dimmitt woman was charged with assault/bodily injury/family violence. The victim, a 24-year-old Dimmitt man, told police the woman scratched him on his eye around 5:45 a.m.  
Gwendolyn Dobbins of Rt. 3, Hereford, reported a burglary of a habitation on Dec. 21. She told deputies that someone took two of her rings, valued at \$15,642 and \$500.  
Rafael Luna of Dimmitt told police Saturday afternoon that someone entered his residence in the 700 block of West Andrews in Dimmitt,

broke a window, and took a boy's antique bike valued at \$200 and a water jug valued at \$25, and also vandalized a small hand axe.  
Another burglary was reported at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 30 by Diana Ortega. She told police that someone entered the residence of Lupe Rodriguez in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth and broke a window and made a hole in the sheetrock in a bedroom. The damages were estimated at \$150.  
Misty Correa of Dimmitt told police Friday night that someone took her jacket, valued at \$55, from her home in the 300 block of Northwest Fifth. The jacket was recovered.  
Miguel Velasquez, manager of the Azteca Complex, called police last Thursday to report that a panel of a glass window and a screen on a window had been damaged by vandalism; and on Friday, to report a suspect who had trespassed and damaged property at the complex.  
A Dimmitt man, 57, was stopped for traffic offenses late Saturday and was jailed early Sunday for DWI, second offense.  
Early Sunday, a suspect was charged with disorderly conduct when he was seen urinating in public in the 300 block of North Broadway.  
A 32-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on outstanding warrants early on Dec. 31. The charges were for theft and theft by check.  
Friday, a Dimmitt man, 46, was arrested on two DPS warrants.  
Two warrants for criminal mis-

chief, graffiti, resulted in the arrest Sunday evening of a 17-year-old Hereford man.  
A 1994 Chevy pickup belonging to Edward Marvin Steffens of Dimmitt was parked unattended in a private parking lot Dec. 31. Sometime between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., it was struck by an unknown vehicle, causing light damage to the left front quarter of the pickup.

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**25—Legal Notices**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, is now accepting closed bids for the use (farming) of the city farm located in Sections 18 and 19, Block M, Castro County, Texas, and the utilization of excess water produced by the city's liquid waste disposal system. The contractual agreement begins on Jan. 1, 1999. Bid forms are available at the offices of City Hall, 201 East Jones Street, Dimmitt, Texas.  
Minimum bid restrictions shall apply to this contract. The City Council will open bids at its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 19, 1998, at approximately 6:30 p.m. The City Council, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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5 former Fort Worth mayor Willard  
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8 TX singer of "Six Pack to Go"  
17 TXism: "at the \_\_\_ of my rope"  
18 TX Gene Autry film: "\_\_\_", Ride  
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22 TXism: "squeaks like a rusty \_\_\_"  
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30 this TX Gent wrote "North Dallas Forty"  
31 TX Wills line: "Ah \_\_\_ take it away Leon"  
32 TX Cindy Garner book: "Men! \_\_\_ Book"  
34 TXism: "\_\_\_ grip like a snappin' turtle"  
35 fish not found in TX  
36 dismounts from a horse  
37 TXism: "you \_\_\_ teach an old dog new tricks"  
38 Aggie's \_\_\_ room is called the "hole"  
39 seat of Swisher Co.  
40 this TX Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"

**DOWN**  
1 TX Ann Harding film: "Biography of \_\_\_"  
2 TXism: "\_\_\_ chain" (spouse)  
3 TXism: "green \_\_\_ the gills" (sick)  
4 gov.'s mansion is \_\_\_  
9 Revival style  
9 TX Sam Bass was a \_\_\_ robber  
10 TXism: "\_\_\_ the spot" (satisfying)  
11 TX Benson film: "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"  
12 TX Kristofferson's "Why \_\_\_ Lord?"  
13 Padre Island was named after one  
14 \_\_\_ Rosa, TX  
15 TXism: "went to the well \_\_\_ too often"  
16 TX convenience store: Stop \_\_\_  
19 UT yell: "Hook \_\_\_!"  
20 TX Bush: "\_\_\_ lips, no new taxes"  
22 TXism: "what's good for the \_\_\_ good for the gander"  
24 TX choreographer Tune (init.)  
25 TX Orbison hit: "\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"

35 TX Bush escaped the Iran-controversy  
37 fountain treat invented in Denison in 1875: ice \_\_\_  
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# Obituaries

## Carlos Calvert

Services for Carlos Calvert, 84, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ with Lynn Camp, minister of Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating, along with Mr. Calvert's children and grandchildren.

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

Mr. Calvert died at 4:40 a.m. Sunday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 14, 1913, at Eddy in McLennan County. He married Annie Marie Campbell on Dec. 17, 1941, in Waco. He lived in Waco before moving to Dimmitt in 1949.

Mr. Calvert was a veteran of the US Navy, serving from 1942 to 1945. He was a farmer for 46 years. He was a member of the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; three sons and daughters-in-law, Stanton and Ann Calvert of Austin, Michael and Nancy Calvert of Houston and Gregory Mark Calvert of Dallas; a daughter and son-in-law, Carlane and Don Flynt of Amarillo; two brothers, Milus Calvert and Royce Calvert, both of Waco; three sisters, Myrtle Calvert Dodd of Waco, Lillian Calvert Spinks of Houston and Nadine Calvert Ward of San Diego, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

## Lois Delgman

Funeral services for Lois Bueltman Delgman, 80, of Natchez, Miss., the mother of Mary Hunter of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Natchez, with Rev. Walter Brown officiating.

Burial was to follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park of Natchez under direction of Reynolds-Malatesta Funeral Home.

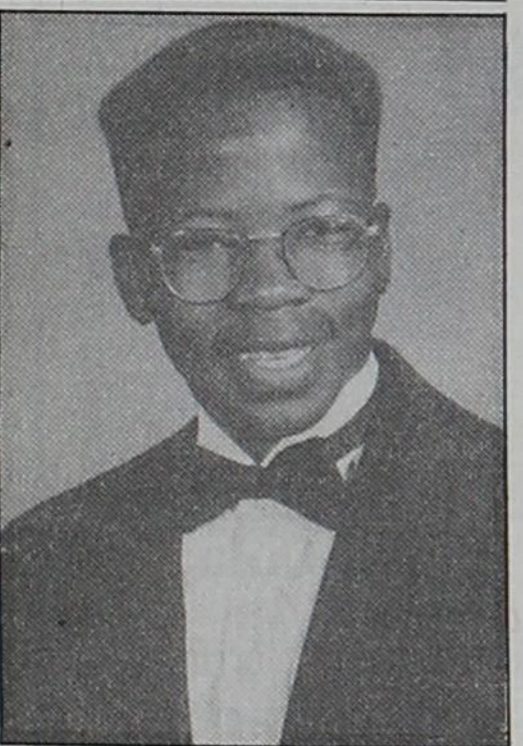
Mrs. Delgman died Jan. 4 at her residence.

She was born Nov. 13, 1917, in St. Louis, Mo., and was a retired dietary clerk. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Natchez, the Catholic Daughters of America, and the Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 28, 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Frye of Natchez, Miss., and Mary Hunter of Dimmitt; and four grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church Development fund or to Trinity Episcopal Day School Endowment fund, 321 Highway 61-South, Natchez, Miss.



## Aaron Ewing

Funeral services for Aaron Dewayne Ewing, 19, of Dimmitt, are set for 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Ewing died Jan. 2 at 1:30 p.m. in Denton, an apparent victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

He was born July 28, 1978, in Hereford, and had lived in Dimmitt all of his life, until moving to Denton, where he was living with a cousin and working in the laundry department of the Denton State School. He was a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School, where he participated in varsity track, basketball for three years, and football for one year. He was in FFA, the Art Club and FHA. He took woodworking, and was in the DHS ag program.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Mary and Gearld Thomas of Dimmitt; his father, Delbert Session of Fort Stockton; three brothers, Jermain Williams of Hereford, and Jerry Thomas and Gearld Thomas Jr., both of Dimmitt;

three sisters, Yana Session of Oklahoma, Dabrina Session of Childress, and Missy Session of Wichita Falls; and his grandparents, Beatrice Ewing, K.C. Session of Childress, and Grant Thomas of Lone Star.

The family suggests memorials to New Hope Baptist Church, 300 N.E. Seventh St., Dimmitt, 79027.

## Ola B. Johnson

Ola B. Johnson, 97, of Plainview, former Castro County resident, died Friday.

Services were held Monday morning at Lemons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plainview with the Rev. Roger Foote, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Plainview, officiating. Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens in Plainview.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Van Alstyne. She married Homer F. Johnson in 1936 at Leonard. He died in 1991.

She moved to Leonard from Van Alstyne, where she was raised. She moved to a farm near Edmonson in 1949, and moved to Nazareth in 1950. She moved to Dimmitt, then finally settled in Plainview in 1959.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church in Van Alstyne. She attended churches in Plainview.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Everett Bailey, in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Walker of Plainview; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



## Martha Trevino

Services for Martha Trevino, 74, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt with Father John Salazar, pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia, officiating.

A vigil service was held Monday evening at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mrs. Trevino died at 6:08 p.m. Saturday at Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford after a lengthy illness.

She was born July 2, 1923, in Tampico, Mexico. She lived in Hereford before moving to Dimmitt in 1962.

She married Juan G. Trevino in 1936 in San Benito. She was a Catholic and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include her husband; five sons, Jorge Zuniga of San Diego, Calif., Eutimio Trevino of McAllen, Rolando Trevino and Alfredo Trevino, both of Dimmitt, and Mike Trevino of El Paso; three daughters, Juanita Z. Hernandez of Odessa, Josefa T. Gauna of Shallowater and Maria T. Carrasco of Hart; 21 grandchildren; and eight grand-children.

Pallbearers were Jorge Zuniga Jr., Michael Hernandez, Cesar Trevino, Mark Anthony, Guadalupe Acevedo and Thomas Hernandez.

## Jordan Lee Stokes

Jordan Lee Stokes, infant son of Lee and Ann Stokes of Albuquerque, N.M., died at 12:16 a.m. Friday at University Hospital in Albuquerque.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens with Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt officiating. Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Jordan and his twin sister, Stephanie, were born Dec. 7, 1997, at University Hospital in Albuquerque.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, N.B. and Ioma Stokes.

Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Stephanie Stokes, and Apryl Stokes of Amarillo; and his grandparents, Jerry and Helen Long of Venita, Okla.

## Irvin Ott

Irvin Ott, 83, of Earth, died Sunday at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Earth United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Reed Farris officiating. Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

Mr. Ott was born in Castro County on Nov. 19, 1914. He married Martha Edmonds on Nov. 12, 1991, in Earth. He had lived in Earth all of his life. He was a farmer. He was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church and the Earth Senior Citizens. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alma Ott, on March 29, 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, of Earth; three sons, Raybern Ott and Terry Ott, both of Earth, and Terrell Ott of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Irvaleen Ogletree of Alpine; two stepdaughters, Ann Sipes of Amarillo and Sue Bentley of Wheeler; two sisters, Evelyn Mitchell of Farwell and Betty Louder of Sunny-side; two brothers, Curtis Ott of Fairburn, S.D., and Bob Ott of Avinger; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

## More about Watts

### Watts . . .

(Continued from Page 1) said, "I wish to serve my county, and I understand the responsibilities involved in this office. I am very aware of proper procedures in handling the county's money."

Watts has participated in various community activities, such as the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Camp Fire, Dimmitt Young Homemakers, and the Ladies Golf Association. She also served as a co-chairman on the local committee for the American Bicentennial Celebration. "I am open to people and can work with the present elected officials or anyone in those positions in the future," Watts said. "Please allow me to represent you in the Republican Primary and later as county treasurer."

## More about

# JP race draws Demos . . .

(Continued from Page 1) are unopposed included Joyce M. Thomas for County Clerk; Janice Shelton for County Treasurer; Larry S. Gonzales for Precinct 2 Commissioner; and Richard Hunter for Precinct 4 Commissioner.

Don Newman is listed again, unopposed, as a candidate for Democratic Party County Chairman. Party Voting Precinct Chairmen listed included Glyn Reed for Pct. 101, John Nino for Pct. 201, Darrene Collins for Pct. 206, Greg Odom for Pct. 301, Carleta Harkins for Pct. 307, Oscar Wylie for Pct. 401, and Dorothy Kleman for Pct. 408. Newman said the precinct chairmen will be declared elected since they have no opposition. No one filed for the position in Pct. 105.

County Republican Party Chairman Deanne Clark said that no candidate is listed for Republican Party

County Chairman, and she does not plan to serve again, since she will be moving away. However, she said she will continue her duties through the March 10 primary.

Voting precinct chairman candidates are Patsy Franks in Pct. 101, Emma Jean King in Pct. 105, B.D. Murphy in Pct. 201, Lynn Sides in Pct. 206, Marguerite Cole in Pct. 307, Bill Dannevik in Pct. 401, and Irene Wilhelm in Pct. 408. No one is listed for Pct. 301.

If no one files for a voting precinct chairman or county chairman position, then write-ins will be allowed, Clark said.

These individuals, if elected, will form the Republican Party Executive Committee for Castro County. It is a different position from that of election judge, according to Clark, although sometimes the same person serves in both positions. Election judges are appointed by the County

Commissioners Court. After this year, the election judge for each election precinct must come from the party which dominated that precinct in the last gubernatorial race, according to Clark.

Individuals who are not registered to vote may register at the County Tax Assessor/Collector's office in the courthouse through Feb. 9 and still be eligible to vote in the Primary election.

Individuals who have signed candidate filing petitions, if they vote in the Primary election, must vote in the party in which that candidate filed.

For instance, if an individual signed the petition of a Republican candidate, then that individual would have to vote in the Republican Primary or not at all.

## More about

# City sets tire disposal fees . . .

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be licensed by each city in which they want to perform their trade. He said some cities have "reciprocal" agreements in which electricians licensed in one city may work in the other, and vice versa. But some cities do not participate in such agreements and electricians must hold multiple licenses.

He told the council that belonging to the association would simplify the licensing requirements as far as time spent and paperwork for the city, and reduce the city's liability.

Burrows said the association by-laws are still being hammered out by the participating cities, and he will notify the council when a version is ready for adoption here. He noted that all of the electricians he has spoken with are in favor of the association. He also said that all electricians already licensed will be "grandfathered" in.

The council voted to grant an easement to Rayphard Smithson to use the north 20 feet of a city lot that adjoins his residence lot in Dimmitt.

Sheffy told the council that Smithson has regularly performed maintenance and beautification of the city lot. The easement is so that Smithson can have access to the back of his lot where he parks his RV. Sheffy said the city would still maintain control of the property, but Smithson would be allowed to make use of the north 20 feet as long as it doesn't interfere with the city's use of the lot, which holds a city water well.

Council members registered complaints about the upcoming fee in-

crease announced by Classic Cable Co., provider of cable television service in Dimmitt.

Mayor Wayne Collins said the increase is "not justified." He said the company's service has improved from in the past, but still is not entirely satisfactory.

"If we could get someone else (other cable providers) in here, it would be great," Collins said. "What we need is for the Federal Communication Commission to give us local control (of cable providers). Then we could control our own destiny."

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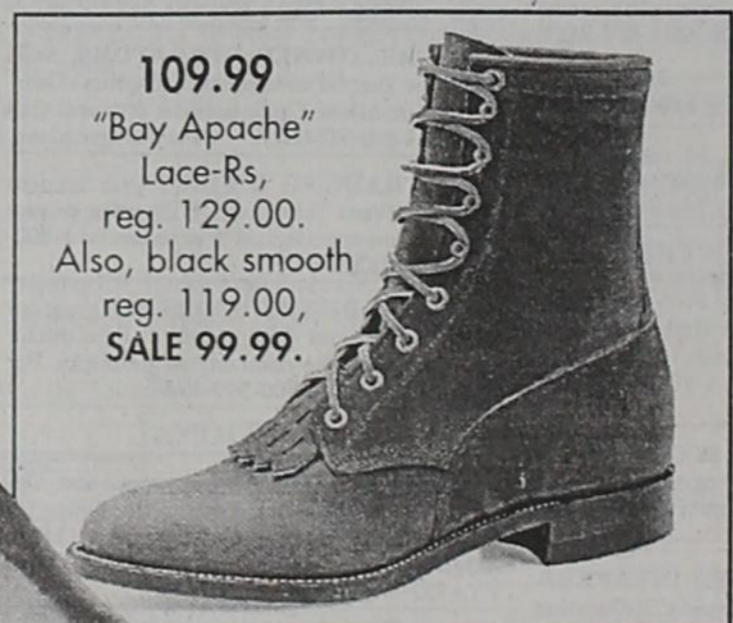
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## Christmas On The High Plains



ANGIE GRAND PRE

Melvin Wieck of Umbarger reorganizes Christmas presents on his Santa and John Deere display at Wieck Repair and Supply on Highway 60 in Umbarger. Wieck's creation is just one of several 'Country Christmas' decorations seen on the High Plains this holiday season. Ron Hughes, also of Umbarger, had Santa in a covered wagon and Cherie Elliott of Canyon displayed her heritage with a tumbleweed tree. For more 'Country Christmas' photos, see page 6.

## 14th annual farm show has great year, plans for future

### Expansion of civic center and building of events center possible

Angie Grand Pre  
Ag Reporter staff

The Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show has outgrown its existing facilities, but the show won't be moving. Voters in Randall and Potter counties will soon be voting to facilitate the show, in a roundabout way.

January 17 will mark the final day of voting in a special election for expansion of the Amarillo Civic Center and the construction of a new events center at the Tri-State Fairgrounds. Potter county residents and Randall county residents who live within the Amarillo city limits are qualified to vote in the election.

The primary ag client of the civic center is the annual farm and ranch show, according to center manager Kris Miller. The 1998 farm show is already set for Dec. 1-3.

"The farm show had a great year, but it can't grow much more," said Miller.

"The maximum number of booths with the current building is 650. There is a waiting list of 200 exhibitors."

Miller said Champion Farmshows, the business that runs the show committees is extremely excited about the idea of expansion

because there is a waiting list of over 200 exhibitors for each year's show.

"It's a great show, 35,000 to 40,000 people come here during the three-day event," said Miller. "It is one of five largest in the country. If we add this space it will make us competitive for the number one show. The show gets us good national exposure."

The 1997 show had a record number in attendance for the first day, 12,000, according to Greg Gisler, president of Champion Farmshows. Champion Farmshows has done the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show since its beginning, 14 years ago.

"It was a great year," said Gisler. "It rained the Monday before the show, so more farmers attended the first day (because the fields were wet) instead of waiting until Wednesday and Thursday. The three-day attendance was estimated at 36,000 by the Civic Center."

The farm show has a good economic impact on the area, and the expansion would increase the impact, said Gisler.

"A couple of years ago, when we had 600 exhibitors and 19,000

spectators, the chamber of commerce did an economic impact study," Gisler said. "The impact was estimated at \$7.1 million. With the expansion, we project 900 exhibitors and 40,000 spectators, thus, the new impact is estimated at \$9 million. That is just from this one event."

**"The farm show had a great year, but it can't grow much more."**

Kris Miller

Eric Miller, chamber of commerce director of communications, also said expansion of the civic center would be beneficial to the city.

"There are two issues to the civic center expansion: doubling of exhibit space and upgrading all the space," said E. Miller. "This will enable us, as a city, to attract bigger and better trade shows and conventions. It will be easier to compete in the competitive market of attracting shows."

"One example is the farm show. When you attract more exhibitors, that is more people to spend the night, more people to eat here and more to shop locally. The expansion

may attract more spectators to the show as well."

Dirt events, such as rodeos and tractor pulls will move to the fairgrounds, if the election passes, according to Miller.

"That will give us more space here (civic center)," said Miller. "That will enable the fairgrounds to do a lot more for the equestrian industry and make it possible for the civic center to do more events."

The new events center would be built in place of the existing coliseum at the fairgrounds, according to E. Miller.

"There is a need," said E. Miller. "This would be replacing an existing facility, not duplicating one."

Cheri Christensen, manager of the Tri-State Fairgrounds said the current coliseum and the old livestock barn would be torn down to accommodate the new events center.

"The new events center, along with the auxiliary facilities, should adequately fulfill the needs of every livestock and equine event held here."

From steer roping to barrel racing to team roping," Christensen  
**See Farm Show on page 10**

CALENDAR

January 9

Ag Computer Workshop

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring this computer workshop in Spearman, as well as at one Jan. 14 in Amarillo, Jan. 26 in Booker and Feb. 6 in Amarillo. Programs taught will be Quicken 6 and BUDPRO. For more information, call (806)359-5401.

January 10

Five Star Auction

Real estate and shop equipment will be auctioned at B & C Machine and Welding Shop in Amarillo. The sale starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call (806) 296-0379.

January 17-18

Calf Roping School

Justin Hogue and Josh Crow will be hosting a roping school at the Double EE Arena in Amarillo. For more information or to register, call Hogue at 1-800-363-2808.

January 20

Vegetable Conference

The annual High Plains Vegetable Conference will be held in Hereford at the Community Center, starting at 8:30 a.m. Contact Dr. Roland Roberts at (806) 746-6101 for more information or to register. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch.

To place your event in the High Plains Ag Reporter calendar, fax it to (806) 655-0823.

January 27

No-Till Conference

The second annual no-till on the Plains conference will be at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan. Call (785) 565-9600 for more information. The conference will attempt to teach what a no-till system looks like, why it holds promise for Plains farmers and much more.

January 28-30

Women in Agriculture

Business Management Program at Lubbock Holiday Inn Plaza in Lubbock. Also offered in College Station. For more information, call 409-845-7171.

January 30-February 1

Team Roping School

Doyle Gellerman and Bobby Harris are accepting 15 headers and 15 heelers for a team roping school at the Bill Cody Arena in Amarillo. The cost is \$350. An advanced school will be offered Friday and Saturday. For more information, call John Adams at (806) 622-3701.

January 31

50th Anniversary

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating anniversary at 6:45 p.m. at the Expo Building. Call (806) 647-3123.

Irrigation conference scheduled

Growers using irrigation to produce crops in the High Plains have been coming to the annual irrigation conference sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for more than 25 years, says Leon New, agricultural engineer and the event's founder of Amarillo.

The 1998 conference is scheduled Jan. 7 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

"We've planned a day-long program packed with information and technology segments designed especially for today's producer," said New.

The event also features an industry trade show, where equipment and service suppliers will showcase their latest products. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants can tour the trade show exhibits and enjoy free coffee and donuts, courtesy of the show's sponsors.

Private, commercial and non-commercial chemical applicators completing the day's program are

eligible to receive 2.5 continuing education units (CEUs). At the 9:30 a.m. opening session, speakers will begin addressing topics featuring well and pump performance.

A presentation using micro-video photography will demonstrate how this technology is helping to pinpoint problems never before seen, making solutions easier to define.

"We strive to offer growers timely information that impacts production for the coming year," New said. "Each year, we showcase proven technologies or help with clear-cut analyses of any new rules and regulations they need to know."

According to New, water application and the scheduling of irrigation is getting easier, due in part to some "space-age" technology

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Leon New

using global satellite communication.

"This is our third year to devote at least part of the program to precision agriculture, or site specific production," he said.

Through the use of yield monitors and site mapping, several growers in the area are at the forefront in employing the new technology.

Carl Patrick, extension entomologist of Amarillo will brief growers on the latest insect control techniques.

For more information, call (806) 359-5401.

Conference will focus on families

Resources for rural and urban family agriculture will abound at the 9th annual Southern Plains Conference on January 10 at the Amarillo Radisson Inn from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme for the conference is "Embodying Husbandry: Family Responsibilities in a Sustainable Agriculture."

On Saturday morning, doors will open at 8 with exhibit booths and refreshments. To lead off the con-

ference, rural historian Dr. Mark Friedberger, of the University of North Texas, will give a keynote presentation on the history of the family's role in U.S. agriculture. Participants can then choose from 20 different workshops that explore important aspects and contributions of rural and urban family life for building a sustainable agriculture in the Southern Plains.

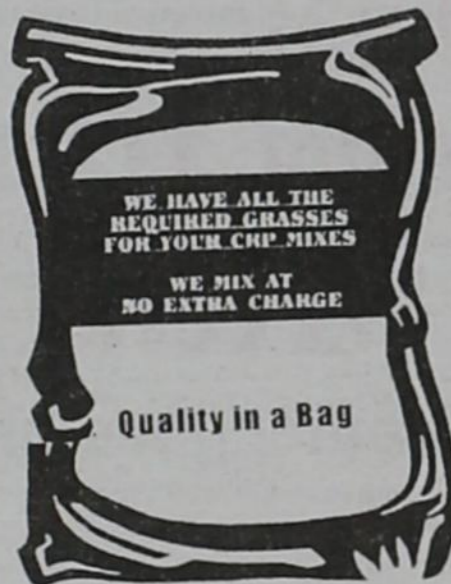
Following the noon luncheon, the workshops will be repeated.

The conference focuses on making room for family farming and ranching in rural and urban areas for people of all races and socioeconomic conditions.

Structures and options that enhance and empower the participation of men, women and children on farms, ranches and in local communities will be advocated.

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# Finney dairy man fulfills dream

Jeff Stevens

Plainview Daily Herald

Craig Martindale always knew his occupational path would lead to a dairy. What he didn't know was that his dairy plans would be delayed by a four-year stint in the business world and would end up nearly 400 miles from where he started.

Martindale's father was a "dairy man," as was his grandfather. And, after working at his father's dairy north of Dallas for 22 years, it stood to reason that he would follow in the family business.

Immediately after high school, Martindale enrolled at Texas A&M in search of a degree in dairy science. A few years later, though, he changed his major to business and transferred to the University of North Texas in Denton.

"What I wanted to do was go back to the family farm and work in the processing end, making dairy products," said Martindale.

But just one semester shy of completing his degree, Martindale's life took an unexpected turn.

A recruiter from Diversee, a cleaning chemical company specializing in dairy needs, came to talk to Martindale about a sales position.

Diversee offered him \$32,000 a year, a car, an expense account, and a multitude of other benefits.

"I thought it was an unbeliev-

able offer. I had never made that much money in my life," he recalled.

Martindale took the job because he was curious about the business world.

It also gave him the financial security to marry his wife Brooke.

As a salesman for Diversee, Martindale's route brought him to West Texas about once a month.

"I came to really like this part of the country," said Martindale.

His travels also got his wheels turning about starting a dairy in this area, specifically a dry lot (confined) dairy operation.

Martindale explained that most traditional dairies graze their cows in addition to feeding. This causes problems if the cow doesn't voluntarily wander up out of the pasture and get milked.

With a dry lot dairy, the animals remain penned at all times, so they are available to milk at any time. Martindale explained that dry lot was more efficient.

"I like that from the standpoint that I can milk a greater number of cows."

Because of the high costs of operating a dairy, dry lots can save money by eliminating costly land investments.

"Normal start-up costs for a dairy, average \$1,200 per head for equipment and an additional \$1,200 per head for the cows themselves," said Martindale. "That

doesn't even include feed, tractors or labor," he added.

Martindale worked as a salesman for 4 1/2 years, but all the while his dairy plans remained in the back of his mind. While working for Diversee he began to make plans toward that goal. His visits to West Texas gave him the opportunity to look for prospective sites and to make financial plans for his dairy future.

And in July of 1996 he saw his

opportunity in the closing of a local dairy.

Bill Fridge, owner of Rising Star Dairy in the community of Finney called it quits and left an operational dairy vacant in the process.

Martindale gathered every dime he owned, and even some borrowed ones and bought the dairy from Fridge.

In January of 1997 he opened Sundance Dairy.

"I wanted to get out and get a job (after college) and see what it

was like. I found out the business world was not all it was cut out to be," said Martindale. "Being out on the farm is where my heart has always been."

Sundance currently milks 300 head of cattle twice a day, netting 21,000 pounds of milk per day.

Martindale says his immediate goal is to increase to milking 500 cows three times a day and he would eventually like to have 1,000 head.



Jeff Stevens/Plainview Daily Herald

## Milk - It does a body good

Elly (left), Bessie, Elsie and the girls participate in their afternoon milking at Sundance Dairy near Finney, north of Plainview. Craig Martindale opened the dairy last January and milks 300 head twice daily.

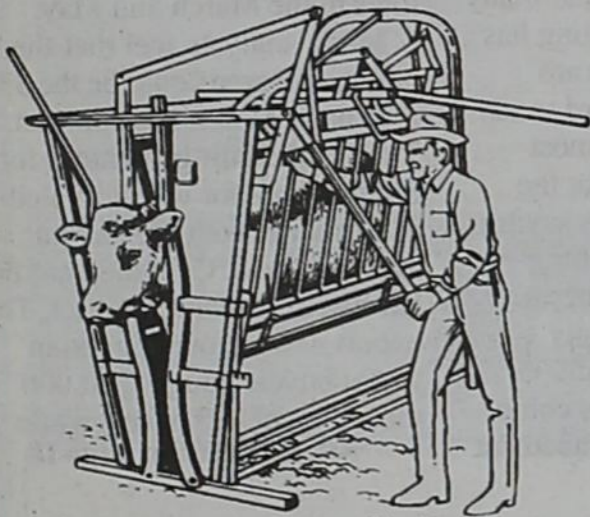
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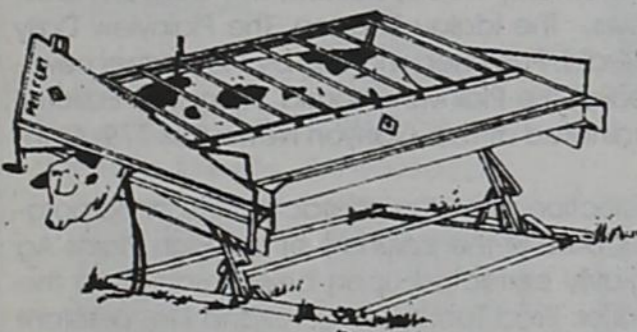
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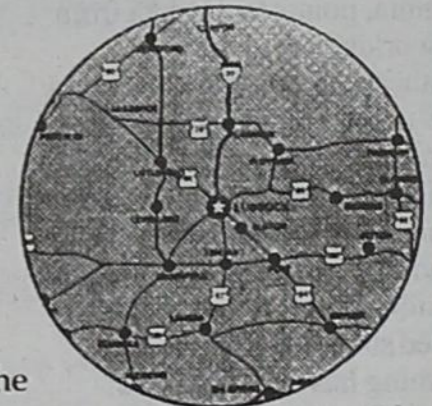
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## Happy Tales

It was rather cool the other morning and before I left for the coffee shop, I put on a bright orange, hooded sweatshirt. Jody had a fit.

"Why are you wearing that old thing? Our sons wore that old thing in high school. You have better jackets than that." Viva la differences. This is where the difference comes in when one compares the male and the female brain. Jody, who hides behind the alias of Momma in these tales, considers anything over six months old as obsolete and out of style.

As for myself, I don't concern myself with the age. If it doesn't have holes in it and smells all

right, I consider it wearable. I will admit that I didn't know that sweatshirt was so old but I couldn't find any holes in it. All this brings us to the subject of this little essay, "My Stuff."

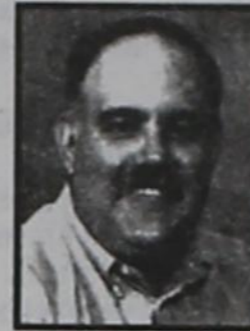
Over the years, I've accumulated a collection of real neat things that I call my stuff. My stuff irritates Momma and worries my sons. They know that one of these days, they're going to have the job of disposing of my stuff.

Among my stuff is a worn-out double bit axe. It belonged to my granddad and I can remember when it was stuck in a log at his woodpile, outside the kitchen door of his farm west of Wellington, Texas.

I have some Red Rooster snuff cans that I inherited from my great uncle Dock. He was a champion boll puller in Collingsworth County. Those boys are going to find a number three galvanized wash tub among my stuff. It was used to wash clothes but doubled as a bathtub on Saturday.

I have some old, cane-bottom chairs. The cane wore out of the bottoms years ago and they have been repaired with binder twine. My granddad and his brothers sat in these chairs when the weather was so bad that fieldwork was impossible. In my memory, I can see them, leaning back against the wall, smoking their pipes, chewing their tobacco and occasionally taking a swig of whiskey when it was available, while discussing Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal.

In my collection are some  
**See Tales on page 10**



**Monte Winders**

FUTURES SPECIALIST

## Markets end year in a quiet manner

### Cattle

The beef market, as the year ended, has seen nothing but pressure and negative news. The years final hog and pig report was released on Monday and it had exerted pressure on the market. Large numbers of hogs means stiffer competition among the meats into the new year.

The pace of trade has been slow due to the holidays and uncertainties about this weeks cash trade. One analyst was heard saying, "I just don't see anything good in this market. There's just too much meat." Traders, also, are talking about the weight loss in cattle due to wet weather and muddy conditions in the Plains. But many reports have temperatures warming up around the first of the year. Other analysts feel that the bad weather may bunch cattle even more in early 1998.

Some feedyards felt the need to hold cattle back in November to add a few days of feed. Fortunately, we have a good chance of seeing better beef demand after the first. January often enjoys improved demand as retailers move to restock inventories depleted over the holiday.

The support areas for the Feb live cattle are 65.95 then with resistance at 67.00 to 67.12. The cycle date for the bottom is Dec 30 with a trend reversal price at 68.55.

### Corn

The corn market, at the end of the year, hit the old contract lows then bounced back up. The short-covering bounce that many traders have been expecting has not materialized. Traders are saying that it's really hard to say much about the market, most people are just waiting for the new year. One trader was saying "that there's hardly anything going on, there's a little news here and there." It is mostly torture to be in the corn pit.

The best news that has come in a while was the announcement

of USDA's GSM credit allocations for South Korea. The USDA set commodity allocation for South Korea GSM credit guarantees, with \$400 million now available out of the \$1 billion awarded.

The breakdown for corn and soy meal combined is \$350 million with \$85 million available now. Sources said this is mildly supportive but most hoped the corn allocations would have been greater than \$350 million. In similar news U.S. and foreign banks have agreed to rollover short-term debt payments for South Korea.

The resistance area for the March corn is 271 then 273 1/2 and support shown at 265-266. The main trend is still down but the cycle date for the bottom is set for Dec. 30 with a trend reversal price at 286.

### Wheat

The old saying of no news is good news is not working in the wheat pit. This market has traded lower for days now making new contract lows before the year-end. Selling pressure allowed wheat to break below the support area of 338 1/2 area basis the March KC contract.

The supply side has been gearing up to sell 200,000 metric tons on the world market. The sale could be 100,000 metric tons of milling wheat and 100,000 metric tons of durum. The thought behind that is there may be more to come after the first of the year. There has also been hefty fund selling and that helped to make new contract lows in the March and May.

Many analysts feel that the next target area could be the 330 area basis March KC contract. The CSM credit guarantees for South Korea for wheat totaled \$150 million, with \$85 million available now. Contacts said this has had little market impact. The export news shows Egyptian wheat buyers bought 110,000 metric ton of U.S. wheat while  
**See markets on page 10**



**Burt Rutherford**

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

## Agriculture and the global climate treaty

The Global Climate Treaty Summit, which concluded in Kyoto, Japan in December, raised a lot of interesting issues that agriculture will closely follow in the ensuing months.

The treaty calls for the European Union to reduce "greenhouse gas" emissions by 8% below 1990 levels, the U.S. by 7%; and Japan by 6%.

Twenty-one other industrialized nations would meet similar targets and the reductions could be achieved between 2008 and 2012.

However, noticeably absent in the treaty are any similar expectations by developing nations to reduce emissions.

Also noticeably absent in the treaty negotiations and its aftermath is recognition that a significant number of scientists don't believe that global warming even exists.

Patrick Michaels, for example, professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia, points to the data from the worldwide network of weather stations. The data show a 0.9 degree Fahrenheit rise in average global temperature since 1880-but all of it before 1940. In other words, while industrial activity has exploded and carbon dioxide emissions have almost tripled since 1940, no climate warming has been detected.

Fred Singer, another climatologist from the University of Virginia and the former head of the National Weather Satellite Service, confirms that satellite measurements of atmospheric temperature reveal no increase over the past 18 years-the entire period for which such data have been collected.

Even if there is some warming, adds Hugh Ellsaesser, a meteorologist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, there is no evidence that it is man-made. There was a well-

documented warm period 900 years ago, long before the industrial Revolution, when the global temperature was one to two degrees warmer than today. That period came and went without any apocalyptic consequences.

The computer models on which much of the rhetoric about the perils of global warming are based are fallacious, says MIT meteorology professor Richard Lindzen. He says the models cannot account for cooling factors such as clouds and, had the models been applied to the past century, would have overstated the rate of warming by more than 100%.

In fact, some climate scientists are so disturbed at the lack of attention to scientific fact in the global warming debate that 80 have signed a declaration stating, "We cannot subscribe to the so-called 'scientific consensus' that envisages climate catastrophes and advocates hasty actions."

This consensus they refer to is a 1996 report of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which is often cited as the core of such a consensus. However, many of the 2,000 scientists whose names appear on the report were included not as recognized climate scientists but merely as official representatives of their governments. A number of actual climatologists are on the list only because their data was cited or they were asked to review parts of the report-not because they endorsed its conclusions. In fact, the list contains outspoken critics of global warming claims, such as Michaels and Lindzen.

Concludes Robert W. Tracinski, senior writer for the Ayn Rand Institute in Marina del Rey, Calif., who supplied the above facts, "Just as the Environmental Protection Agency banned DDT despite the conclusion of its own scientific panel that the pesticide

was safe-just as Congress, in response to the acid rain campaign, enacted massive restrictions on industry in defiance of the major scientific study Congress itself had commissioned-so do today's environmentalists pursue a political agenda in militant indifference to the objective evidence."

That indifference could cost agriculture dearly. Any reductions in emissions will come at the expense of higher energy costs. According to a study released prior to the Summit by Sparks Commodities, a Memphis, Tenn. ag consulting company, production costs could rise by as much as \$15.9 billion and export sales could decline by \$3.6 billion under a global climate treaty. Net cash income for U.S. agriculture producers could decline nearly 50% with higher energy costs.

Now that the 159 nations involved in the Kyoto Summit have signed the proposed treaty, it must be ratified. In the United States, that task falls on the U.S. Senate, which has so far been cool toward the proposal. In fact, the Senate earlier this year passed a binding resolution that developing countries be included in any requirements for emissions reductions.

This will be an important issue for agriculture when the legislature reconvenes after the Christmas recess. And it will be an issue that won't necessarily go away even if agriculture is successful in stopping or significantly amending the treaty in the Senate. According to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, even without Senate ratification, the Clinton Administration may enforce emissions reductions through government regulations.

Stay tuned.

This could well be one of the most important legislative issues that agriculture will undertake in the 1998 legislative session.

Its outcome will affect every citizen in the United States, and particularly those of us who produce the food and fiber that feeds and clothes the world.

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# Farmers waiting on results of sign-up

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Ag Reporter staff

While farming has more than its share of uncertainties, some area farmers have yet another variable still in limbo: CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) contracts.

CRP was established in 1985 as an environmental improvement program.

It targets the most fragile farmland by encouraging farmers to stop growing crops on cropland designated by soil conservationists as "highly erodible" and plant a permanent vegetation cover instead.

While some CRP farmers determined their bid in an earlier election in 1997, a number of them are waiting to see if their land made the current bid process.

"They've completed the big process, but we haven't received any notification yet," said Deborah Boxberger, Farm Service Agency program assistant. "It could be anytime now, or it could be in June," she said, in regards to land acceptance notification to farmers.

Depending on when the bid expired, some of the new contracts will begin October 1, 1998 and others will begin in October of 1999.

Under CRP, land is contracted to the government for a 10-15 year period, in which the farmer is paid an annual rental.

Cost-share assistance is also available to help establish the permanent planting of grass, legumes, trees, windbreaks or wildlife flora.

"It is a means of retiring land back to grass cover, in hopes of curbing production," said Bruce Ferguson of the Potter County Farm

Service Agency. "By curbing production, you increase the market crop prices."

Keith Meador, an area producer, agreed with Ferguson.

"Ten years ago, the focus was to cut production," Meador said. "In theory, prices would go up, but that hasn't happened."

According to Kelly Adkins of the Farm Service Agency in Canyon, the first CRP sign-up dealt with soil and land erosion, but the most recent sign-ups (#15 and #16) focused on enhancing wildlife coverage and water quality.

Adkins said 30,000 acres in Randall County are currently under ten-year CRP contracts. In March of 1997, the state of Texas had 3.9 million acres in CRP.

The benefits of a farmer signing up land in the program include a guaranteed yearly income without any expenses after the initial cost of making the land meet specific requirements. On average, farmers are paid \$35 - \$40 per year per acre.

Some people have a different attitude towards the program.

"It's detrimental in a way," Meador said. "In Randall county, the first CRP sign-up didn't effect us as much, but in Swisher county, ten years ago, it hurt the town."

Meador pointed out that when crop production is reduced, demand for farm equipment and supplies is also reduced.

He said in Swisher county, grain elevators, fuel companies and fertilizer businesses were affected. The effect was felt all the way down the line to the grocery and clothing stores.

"We would love to be producing on that land," Meador said, in reference to land under contract.

Boxberger said local farmers who have put in a bid are anxious to find out if their land qualified.

"Especially the ones that have been in there for 10 to 11 years. It's income that's guaranteed," Boxberger said.

Lessees as well as landowners may be eli-

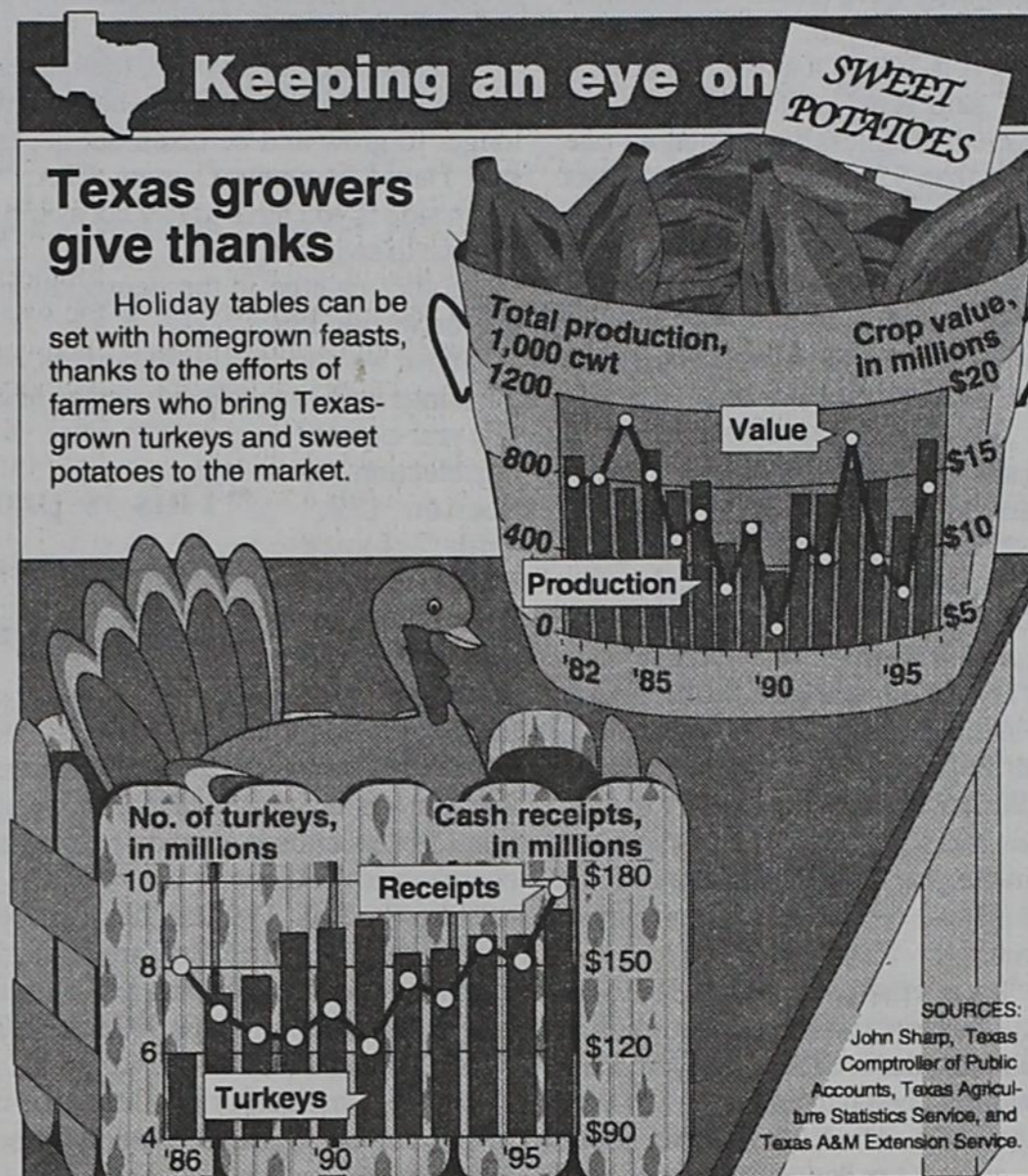
gible to participate in CRP.

Landowners must have owned the acreage for at least one year and lessees must have farmed the acreage for at least one year.

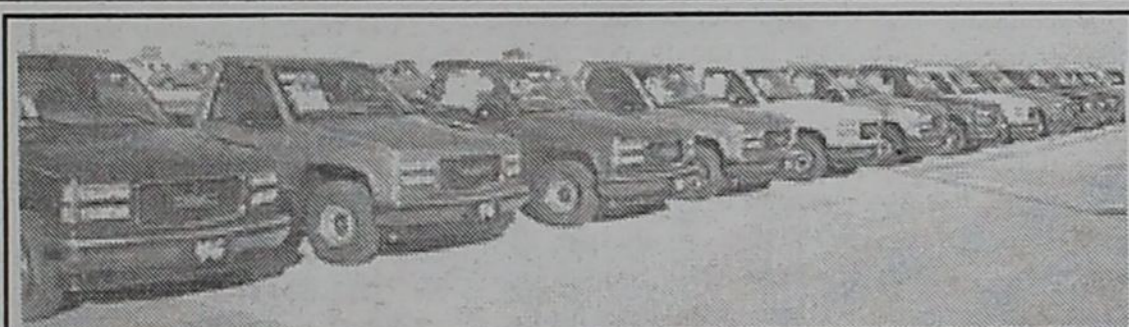
In order for land to be eligible for CRP, it must be suitable for use as: a filter strip; riparian buffer; shelter belt; windbreak; living snow fence; grass waterway; shallow water area for wildlife; or a wellhead protection area.

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Keith Meador



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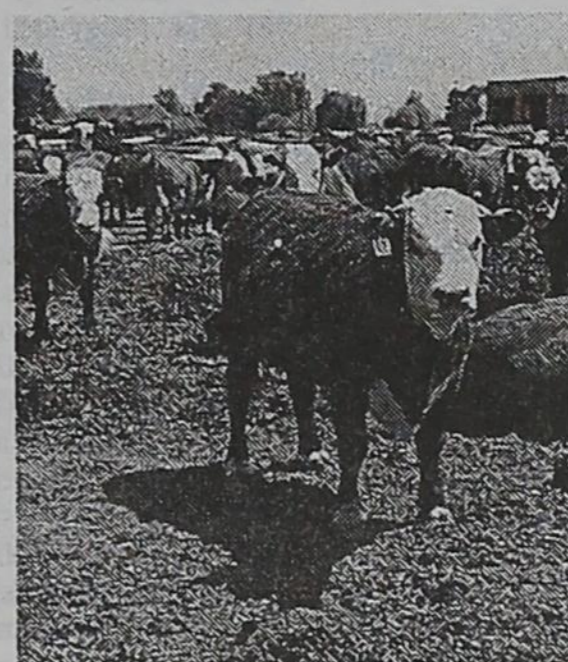


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# Tax law changes could apply to you

## Most laws for small businesses apply to agriculture

Angie Grand Pre  
Ag Reporter staff

A number of recent tax changes made by the United States Congress could affect local farmers and ranchers, according to area CPAs.

Laws applying to small businesses are the most likely to have an impact on area farmers. The majority have already taken effect or will take effect in 1998.

"Usually if it affects a small business, it affects ag," said Tom Garland, CPA in Canyon. "A small business is defined as one that has less than \$5 million in annual gross receipts."

Two changes most likely to affect farmers are the income averaging and disaster relief income tax changes.

Beginning in 1998, farmers will be able to do income averaging over a three-year period.

"Let's say 1996 and 1997 weren't really good years and 1998 was a great year," said Garland. "Farmers can take the average of the great year and the not so good years, and pay tax on the average and not the higher 1998 income. It's a three year average."

A new law for farmers specifically, is their disaster income; it can now be postponed. A disaster is defined as any weather related catastrophe and this law applies only to livestock. Ranchers are now able to show the income in the year they would have sold the animals, instead of the year they received the income.

A new tax alternative, the Roth IRA, is a great deal for most taxpayers, according to Gary Houlette, also a CPA in Canyon. Roth IRAs, enable a person to add up to \$2,000 a year to their IRA. The Roth IRA can not be used as a current tax deduction, but it is not taxed when withdrawn during retirement.

"This is probably the best deal that came

out of this tax session, and it can apply to farmers," said Houlette. "It is totally tax free when taken out (upon reaching age 59 1/2)."

Normal IRA contributions, which can be used as a tax deduction, are taxed when withdrawn. According to Houlette, a normal IRA can be switched over to the Roth IRA. When switched, it will be considered income. However, if switched in 1998, the income can be distributed over four years.

"The younger a person is, the bigger the advantage of changing IRAs, because it has longer to grow and be taken out tax free," said David Mooney, Canyon CPA. "The down side is you have to pay tax as if it was income to switch it."

Another change is the depreciation tax law, or Section 179.

"When we start looking at farmers, one of the things we like to take advantage of is the first year expensing election, or Section 179," said Lance Jones, Canyon CPA.

In 1998, the deduction for the first year can be \$18,500 and it will phased in each year until the amount reaches \$25,000. This Section 179 deduction is good only for new purchases, said Houlette.

"The Section 179 has been there for years," said Houlette. "They are just increasing the amount, rather than \$17,500 like it was in 1996, it is now \$18,000 for 1997 and will be \$18,500 in 1998."

Another change is the alternative-minimum tax (AMT) being repealed for small-incorporated businesses. The alternative-minimum tax, which is another tax system, will still apply to large-incorporated and non-

incorporated businesses.

"Right now, you figure regular tax and you figure AMT tax and you pay the bigger," said Garland.

The AMT adjustment has also been repealed for farmers that sell their crops using the installment method.

"Installment reporting of income is now the same for regular tax and alternative minimum tax purposes," said Jones.

An example of using the installment method is selling land on a note over a period of five years.

Rather than recognizing the entire sale price up front, with the installment method, the income can be recognized over the five years of the note. The exception to the installment method is that it cannot be used for the sale of inventory or with the AMT tax method, according to Garland.

"For farmers, their crop is their inventory," said Garland. "They are clarifying rules and saying that crops are not inventory. Therefore farmers can

use the installment method for the crops they sell."

"It's really how they have been doing it for years," said Houlette. "The IRS came in last year and said you have to pick up the income all in one year. People kicked and screamed, which they should have, up here in the ag sector and the IRS came back and actually made it law."

A new law that took effect May 6, 1997 adjusts the tax rate on long-term capital gains. It reads that someone in the 28 percent tax bracket will pay 20 percent taxes on long term capital gains. A person in the 15

percent tax bracket will pay 10 percent tax on the same sell.

"Prior to May 6, 1997, on a \$10,000 gain, if they are in the 28 percent bracket, they pay 28 percent tax," said Houlette. "The way the new rules are, they will pay only 20 percent on long term capital gains. For farmers, this will apply mainly to land sale."

The number of years to spread out a net operating loss has also changed. In 1996, a loss could be carried back three years and forward 15, but with the new law, a loss can only be carried back two years but it can be carried forward 20 years.

"This will probably hurt more people than it helps, because in that three year period, they probably paid taxes somewhere, and the IRS is cutting off one year," said Houlette. "But, if you have a really big operating loss, this may help (because of the increase from 18 to 22 total years)."

The deduction rate for meals for the convenience of the employer is increasing from 50 percent to 100 percent.

"If it is more convenient for the employer to get all of the hands together at one time for a meal, this law will apply," said Garland. "During harvest is when this can really be beneficial."

There are two new laws relating to farmers and estate tax. Currently the estate tax exemption is \$600,000.

This will gradually increase during the next ten years until it reaches a \$1 million exemption.

The estate tax exclusion for a family owned business is also increasing to \$1 million. This will take effect in 1998.

"This will help farmers big-time," said Houlette. "But the maximum total of both cannot exceed \$1.3 million."

Readers are urged to contact their personal CPA to see which law apply to them.

**"This is probably the best deal that came out of this tax session, and it can apply to farmers."**

Gary Houlette

# Creativity makes holidays 'Texas' style

Angie Grand Pre  
Ag Reporter staff

When the holiday season hits the High Plains, the minds of Cherie Elliott and Melvin Wieck start rolling.

In Canyon, Elliott is gathering tumbleweeds to make a Christmas tree and in Umbarger, Wieck is gathering deer, that's John Deere, for his idea.

"I had that old manure spreader, in fact its for sale," said Wieck. "I was looking at it and thought I ought to do something with it."

And he did! Wieck put four John Deere riding lawnmowers in front of the spreader and made it a 'Texas' style sleigh with 'Texas' style deer.

"Next year I am looking at eight reindeer, I mean John Deere," Wieck said.

This was the first year for Wieck's creation, but the second for Elliott's idea.

Elliott's creation was on display inside the Print Shop on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is the Print Shop Assistant.

Her idea originated from her college years.

"When I was going to Tech, the landlord had a tumbleweed Christmas tree," Elliott said. "I thought it was real nice with our heritage and everything."

Last Christmas, her idea became a reality, but then it needed decorations.

"When my husband and I were coming in from the farm I saw some baling wire," Elliott said. "I had some pliers in my coat pocket from fixing fence and I just started playing."

She created wire angels, wire stars, rope wreaths and a barbed-wire star for the top.

So next Christmas when you are driving through the High Plains of Texas, watch out for tumbleweeds looking like Christmas trees and John Deeres thinking they can fly.



Cherie Elliott (above) places a barbed-wire star upon her tumbleweed Christmas tree. Santa (left) watches traffic pass-by while sitting in his covered wagon at Ron Hughes residence on Highway 60 in Umbarger. Photos by Angie Grand Pre.

# Winter weather affects cattle industry

Angie Grand Pre  
Ag Reporter staff

Winter weather across the nation's cattle feeding belt is affecting cattle performance and weigh-ups, according to Bob Sims, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA).

Lingering effects of the 'snow bowl' that swept the Plains over the holiday season will likely last for several weeks.

"Now that the sun is out and the weather is warming, we'll have several more weeks of challenging conditions," Sims said.

On a more local scope, area farmers and ranchers appreciated the moisture but are ready for a change.

"The snow is always a mixed blessing," said Cherie Elliott, who, along with her husband, farms in the Canyon area. "We needed the moisture for the wheat, but it is hard on the cattle."

"We have been fortunate this year to have no sick ones," Elliott said. "Now, we are looking forward to the snow going away and buying more cattle."

The snow was a good in the eyes of some and its effect will be around longer than the snow itself.

"The moisture is nice, but now it is going to be extremely messy," said Sam Haschke, a rancher in the Umbarger area.

Another rancher had the same opinion. "We got some real good moisture out of this system," said Keith Meador, a rancher in the Canyon area. "It makes feeding hard, its hard on the cattle and getting around is difficult, but don't ever cuss moisture."

His son agreed with him. "The best thing about this snow was there

was no wind," John Meador said. "When snow melts, it all goes in the ground, there is no runoff. A good snow like this will last a long time."

If there's another positive side to the weather, it's in the reduced beef production and potentially higher live cattle prices that will result. Feedyard managers tell TCFA that cattle are weighing up from 50 lbs to 100 lbs lighter than they were several weeks ago, before the storms hit.

TCFA's Market Director Jim Gill points out that if TCFA area packing plants slaughter around 110,000 head per week and average weigh-ups are 70 lbs. lighter than expected, beef production will be reduced 7.7 million pounds.

"And that's just in the TCFA area—the same is probably true in Kansas and parts of Colorado and Nebraska. This will go a long way in offsetting expected increases in cattle supplies because of the current high number of cattle on feed," Gill said. "The net effect down the road could well be a better price picture for cattle feeders."

Jim Gill

"The market should be anticipating a significant drop in total beef production," Sims said. "While cattle have weathered the storms as well as can be expected, many in the industry are expecting it will take several weeks before conditions return to normal."

Eastern New Mexico is still feeling the effects. Over 5,000 head of cattle died because of the winter weather and more are stranded. Airplanes have been dropping hay to cattle that are in areas still unreachable by ground transportation.

(TCFA contributed to this story.)



ANGIE GRAND PRE

Keith (right) and John Meador of Canyon pull strings off a bale of hay for their cattle. Feeding hay and breaking ice are two of the winter ranching chores.

## Industry to have more competition in 1998

As goes the corn market, so goes the fed cattle market, according to Jim Gill, market director for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA). Speaking during the annual TCFA Year End News Conference Dec. 22 in Amarillo, Gill said fed cattle prices will take their cue from several factors, with grain supplies and competitive meat supplies leading the list.

Corn production in 1997 was estimated at 9.3 billion bushels, about the same as 1996 and considerably higher than the 7.4 billion bushels in 1995. And all it takes is a look at the disastrous fed cattle market in 1995 to see how important corn production is to cattle feeders, he said.

"For 1998, corn production is expected to again range from 9.3 to 9.5 billion bushels, given normal weather, which should provide continued price stability for feed costs," Gill said.

The other stick stirring the fed cattle market in 1998 will be competitive meat supplies.

"Pork and poultry will continue to offer stiff competition to beef prices," Gill said, with record production expected for both species. "Pork production in 1998 is expected to be near 18.2 billion pounds, up 7% from 1997's 17.1 billion pounds. Poultry production is expected to increase another 3% to 34.3 billion pounds, compared with 3 billion pounds in 1997."

Beef production, however, driven by cyclical factors that indicate herd liquidation is nearly over, will decline in 1998, he said, hitting around 24.4 billion pounds, 5% below the 25.7 billion pounds last year.

"This will be the first year to show a decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual consumption near 64 lbs. on a retail weight basis," Gill said.

While tighter beef supplies usually mean higher retail prices, the heavy supplies of competing meats will keep retail prices in check, giving consumers continued affordability at the meat case.

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# Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

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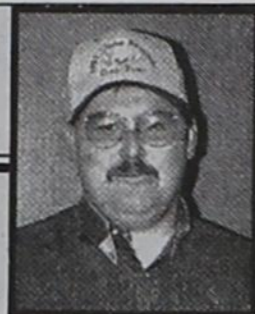
CASTRO COUNTY

With the start of a new year, many producers in our area are looking forward to this year's planting of the many crops we grow.

At present, the only crop in the field is wheat and beef cattle that are presently using the wheat for growth and development.

But just around the corner, planters will be running at full steam. There are several conferences, programs etc. in the coming months designed to give producers the knowledge, etc. to go out and be ready for what this year's season holds.

Those in January include: High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show-Jan. 7, 1998 in Amarillo. Registration from 8:30



to 9:25 a.m.-Amarillo Civic Center. 2.5 hours of C.E.U.'s West Texas Vegetable Conference-Jan. 8, 1998

in Hereford. Registration of \$25.00 is due to Dr. Roland Roberts, TAEX Route 3, Box 213AA, Lubbock, TX 79401-9746. Program starts at 8:45 a.m.

Llano Estacado Cotton Conference-Jan. 28, 1998 at Olton. All the details have not been nailed down for this conference as of yet.

Castro/Parmer Counties Pre-Plant Conference-Feb. 9, 1998. All the details have not been nailed down as of yet for this event either.

There are also many other Cotton Conferences planned

across the South Plains. Check with your local County Extension Agent Agriculture for the one nearest you.

Looking back at the past year, I would guess most of the producers in our area are pleased with the turnout of the many crops we grow.

They all seemed to produce better than we expected. When we have a year like that, one can't be too disappointed.

Hopefully this year will be as good if not better.

I will be traveling to the stockshows across the state in the next couple of months as will most of the other County Agents across the area.

I always look forward to this time of year, because I get to see good kids, and good livestock, do well.

Hope all you readers have a good month.

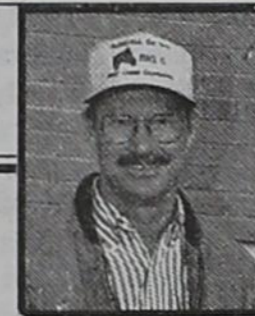
## Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY

It's hard to believe that a new year is already here. Hope your Christmas was all you wished for and more. Nineteen ninety-eight is already shaping up to be a fast and eventful year. Two significant events will happen in January. The first is the retirement of an institution in Randall County. Wynon Mayes, my friend and co-worker has spent the last twenty-five years improving the quality of life for residents in Randall and Hale County. Her professional aura and wit will be missed. We wish her the best!

The second event is a milestone in a legacy rich in history and the epitome of community involvement. I'm talking about the 50th Randall County Junior Livestock Show slated for January 15, 16 & 17th.

A group known as the Fabulous Fifty are planning a special activity or two for the event. Thanks to the help of the Canyon News, a special tabloid tracing the history of the Stock Show will be published. Those with memories and or memorabilia are asked to share it by contacting



the Randall County Extension office.

A special display and coffee will be held on January

17th at the WTAMU Horse Center at 9:00 a.m., just prior to the sale.

A special recognition of all exhibitors and those who helped with the first show will be held prior to the sale at 10:45 a.m. And speaking of the Stock Show, - make it a point to get out and support the show in your local community.

Livestock projects continue to offer a worth of learning experiences, the development of life skills and the fostering of quality family interaction.

Mark your calendar for January 15th. The third Master Marketer Program will be held at the TAMU Research & Extension Center in Amarillo (6500 Amarillo Blvd., West). Topics include: - Managing Labor Efficiently in Ag, Value Base Fed Cattle Marketing and What do we really know about the Impact of El Nino?.

1998 Wheat & Feed Grain Outlook Registration is \$50.00

which includes lunch. Deadline for registration is January 12th. Contact your County Extension Agent for more information and registration forms.

Best wishes to Heidi Gruner and Kelly Boudreaux as they represent Randall County 4-H and Texas at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. They won the right to compete in the Team Horse Method Demonstration Contest.

Listen to "Ag Mazing" Facts from the Panhandle Area AgriFood Masters on KGNC Radio and other stations in the future.

This group of volunteers are committed to increasing the understanding of agriculture and our food & Fiber system among our urban residents.

The moisture as a result of a week of rain and snow in Randall County provided reassurance for hopes for a good spring and excellent growth from our wheat crop, but in the meantime, it's been tough on cattle and those trying to keep them fed and ice broke.

With thawing temperatures, we will face new challenges of muddy fields and rutted roads, but just think of the moisture we are storing for spring.

See you at the Stock Shows.

## Local 4-H member's recipes

### Squash Casserole from Sally Palitza

#### Ingredients

- 8-10 medium squash
- 1 medium 1015 onion, diced
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 2-3 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 4oz. can chopped green chilies
- 1 lb. shredded Monterey Jack-Cheddar cheese
- 1 sleeve saltine crackers, crushed

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Slice squash into 4 qt. sauce pan, add onions. Cover with water and cook until just tender.
- Drain and add other ingredients. Mix well and taste for seasoning.
- Bake in greased 13x9x2 inch casserole dish for 30 minutes.

Sally is a Randall County 4-H member.



Palitza

### Salmon Spread from Jonathan Glueck

#### Ingredients

- 1 8 oz. pkg light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. grated onion
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 15 1/2 oz. can red salmon, drained, flaked
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3-4 sprigs of parsley

#### Directions:

- Combine first seven ingredients, blending well, in bowl.
- Stir in salmon gently. Spoon into well oiled 3 cup mold. Chill for several hours.
- Unmold on serving platter, patting pecans over surface and garnishing with parsley. Serve with assorted crackers.

Jonathan is a Randall County 4-H member.



Glueck

### White Cheese Ball from Schuele Batenhorst

#### Ingredients

- 2 8oz. pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese (fat free)
- 1 8oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 4oz. can chopped green chilies, drained
- 2 tbsp. chopped green onions (about 5-6 medium head onions)
- 2 cups Parlor Perfect Toppings cereal
- coated nut pieces or chopped nuts

#### Directions:

- Using a 2 quart flat mixing bowl, cream the cream cheese with fork or pastry utensil until smooth and not real stiff.
- Add the drained pineapple, the green chilies, the onions, and 1/4 of the nuts.
- Mix these ingredients very well with a slotted spoon until you no longer see any large areas of cream cheese without added ingredients.
- Put remaining nuts into a shallow 1 quart mixing bowl, trying to spread them evenly.
- Shape the cream cheese mixture into a large ball and place gently onto the nuts, coating the outsides evenly.
- Store on a covered plate in refrigerator overnight.
- Garnish with parsley or other preference and serve on tray with crackers for brunch or tea.
- You may substitute green bell peppers for the chilies and you may add Lawry's seasoned salt to the cheese ball.

Schuele is a Randall County 4-H member.



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FLOYD COUNTY

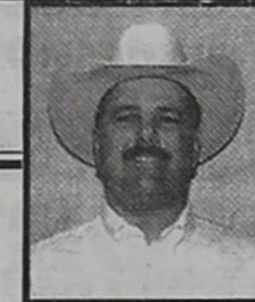
Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA in Floyd County America.

Since last visit Cotton Harvest was completed here in Floyd County and those producers that didn't contract 70% cotton early this year are weeping about current prices.

One interesting note that I have just recently learned through out Floyd County Ag Marketing Club is that, historically cotton prices reach their peak each year in June or July.

Now, if you're like most farmers they don't sell until their harvest is completed which is usually around December, which is the absolute worst time to be trying to sell.

With the structure of the new farm bill it's imperative that



farmers become better marketers of their cotton. Possibly one should look at contracting at least a

portion of their crop at peak market times. Becoming better marketers will be one of the major topics of discussion at our upcoming annual Caprock Cotton Conference.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be held January 20 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62.

The conference will address needs of cotton growers in Crosby, Floyd, and surrounding counties.

National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural

Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology, best management practices and marketing strategies.

Topics discussed will include; new herbicide technology, seedling disease prevention, cotton marketing, boll weevil management, irrigation management and soil fertility.

The conference will provide 6 continuing education units for Private, Non-Commercial and Commercial Applicator License holders.

These CEU's also qualify as credit for Certified Crop Advisors.

The preregistration (prior to January 8, 1998) is \$25.00 There will be a \$10.00 late fee for registration after January 8, 1998. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and

access to exhibits. For more information contact: J. D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, (806)983-4912.

4-H'ers from around the county are extremely busy.

Floyd County 4-H'ers received 6 first places and 2 second places and 2 third places at the recently held South Plains District 2 Food Show held December 13 in Levelland.

Also livestock feeders preparing for upcoming Floydada and Lockney local shows, Floyd County Stock Show on January 29 thru February 1 as well as all the majors.

In between all of this the boss is coming January 26th for Performance Appraisal to see if I'm worth keeping around another year!

Hope I come out okay. Well better go, nice visiting with ya.

Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye.

## Matter of Fact

Rick Perry

What would be your guess if you were asked to name the most dangerous occupation in the world? According to the International Labor Organization, it's agriculture.

While construction and mining deaths are actually down, 170,000 farmers worldwide are killed on the job every year. In the United States, farmers make up only 3 percent of the workforce, but account for nearly 8 percent of all work-related accidents.

In an effort to reduce these tragic numbers here in our state, the Texas Department of Agriculture offers five brochures covering all aspects of farm and ranch safety. Each brochure focuses on a specific topic ranging from careful pesticide use to keeping children out of harms way. These handy and informational pamphlets are available from any TDA office.

# USDA: Europeans have trouble cutting subsidies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Countries in the European Union will have trouble keeping their promises to cut subsidies on their farm exports in the 2000-2001 marketing year unless they change policies, the Agriculture Department predicts.

"Because the EU is a major U.S. competitor in many markets, whether it meets the commitments, and how it does so, bear watching," says a new USDA study, "International Agriculture and Trade."

The prediction is based on European figures for the 1995-96 crop year. Statistics for 1996-97 will become available later in 1998.

For grain, which the EU and the United States both have heavily subsidized exports in the past, the U.S. analysts see more European

surpluses. They say EU authorities are considering policy changes because the worldwide trade agreement called the Uruguay Round has limited both subsidies and support prices.

In addition, the EU's 15 member nations are working on expensive plans to take in countries from among 10 in Eastern Europe that were formerly under communist rule.

The report says changes that EU officials are considering include lowering floor prices for wheat and coarse grains and increasing direct payments to farmers instead.

But they also may eliminate the requirement that European farmers set aside some of their land to qualify for those payments.

The report projects that abolishing the set-aside would increase the sowing of

grain — largely wheat — in the EU countries by nearly 10 percent in 2000-2001. That increase would lead to a European exportable surplus of 33 million tons of grain in 2000-2001, rising to 43 million tons in 2005-2006, USDA officials estimate. Of those surpluses, 80 percent would be in wheat.

While much of this surplus may not have to be subsidized, subsidies still could be increased in particular markets to edge out a competing exporter, the study suggests.

"... The increase in exportable surplus could also affect other exporters — including the United States — because EU exporters will have to find markets for their surplus grain, thus leading to highly competitive market conditions and possibly lower world prices," the report says.

## Asia turmoil hurts some growers, but others hardly notice

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Asia's financial turmoil is starting to hurt sales of some California farm and ranch products. But agribusiness leaders say exporters should avoid pulling back for fear of losing hard-won market share.

Former Blue Diamond Almonds President Roger Baccigaluppi, now a consultant, says he tells clients "to stay the course in Asia." He even thinks now is the time for California commodities to enter the Asian market if they haven't already exporting there.

"It is still a huge market and will be more so in the future," Baccigaluppi said at a University of California agriculture export seminar last week. "There is a huge potential in that part of the world. If you're not there, it's a good time to start."

State Food and Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman also warned that leaving the Asian market during this financial crisis would hurt farm exports when the region recovers.

"Even if there is a slow-down in Asian markets, I hope we'll maintain our presence, because we believe it will be short term," she said.

Veneman thinks some tariff reductions will help offset farm export losses.

But commodity leaders attending the seminar were far from unanimous that the Asian crisis has hurt sales there. At least yet. Beef exports appear to be hard-hit; cotton prices are poor, but sales are good; and citrus volume remains healthy, experts say.

Jane Anderson, former director of the California Beef Council, says the crisis has caused "an immediate impact on the livestock industry." U.S. beef exports to Japan are down by nearly a quarter this year.

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NRCS = Natural Resource Conservation Service

# Veteran county agent retired in December

Randall County and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are losing one of their best at the end of the year, according to Donna Brauchi, district Extension director for family and consumer sciences in the Panhandle.

Wynon Mayes, a 25-year-veteran county agent has announced plans to retire on Dec. 31. Mayes will be honored with a retirement reception, open to the public on Jan. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cole Community Center in Canyon.

The agent has provided leadership for Randall County programs in family and consumer sciences and 4-H and youth development since 1986. She served as Hale County agent for 15 years before her transfer to the Panhandle.

"I'll really miss the daily interactions with the constituents we serve. They have touched my life in so many special ways over the past 25 years," she said.

This year, Mayes was honored by the Texas and National Associations of Extension 4-H Agents with its Distinguished Service Award presented at the national organization's 50th annual conference in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She is the recipient of Extension's Superior Service Award, the organization's highest honor. She was named home economist

## Farm Show from page 1

said. "And every estimate we have done shows that after three years of operation, \$30-\$40 million will be directly put into the community."

With voter approval, a 2 percent increase in room tax and a 5 percent increase in car rental tax will collect \$16.75 million for the project.

Additional funding for the estimated \$19.6 million dollar project will be provided by the city of Amarillo and private donations.

The proposed civic center project, which is estimated to cost \$9.6 million, includes the construction of a 40,000 square foot addition to the existing exhibit hall, the construction of a new 25,000 square foot meeting and banquet room and the construction of new paved parking areas.

The proposed events center, to be built on the fairgrounds, is estimated to cost \$10 million. The center would be an 113,400 square foot facility with a 150-foot by 300-foot dirt floor arena and approximately 4,900



Mayes

of the year by the Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 1994. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialists Association honored Mayes with its Distinguished Service Award in 1986.

"Wynon has been a mentor to many county agents over the years," said Brauchi, who cited Mayes' leadership and long list of education innovations among her highest career achievements. "Her contributions to Extension programming have resulted in improved quality of life for families and youth across the state."

Mayes' is a Florence Hall Team Award recipient, presented by her peers in the national and state associations of Family and Consumer Sciences. Amarillo Area Women's Forum presented its Distinguished Service Award to Mayes in 1995. In 1991, Amarillo Women's Network honored her with its Career Achievement Award and Plainview Chamber of Commerce named her "Woman of the Year."

Today, Mayes serves as president of

the Professional Speakers Association of the Southwest. She is a former president of Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Canyon Rotary Club, and the women's division of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce.

According to Bob Robinson, district Extension director for agriculture programs, Mayes has been able to create synergism everywhere for positive action.

"She's been a highly effective agent with the desired traits that most of us only wish we had," he said.

Mayes is active in Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national Extension professional society, National and Texas Extension Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences, Soroptomist International, National and Texas Associations of Extension 4-H Agents, area Family-Consumer Education Clubs, 4-H Clubs, Amarillo Area Women's Forum, Amarillo Women's Network, Canyon Rotary and First Baptist Church of Canyon, among other affiliations.

## Tales from page 4

homemade butcher knives made by my granddad. He used them to slaughter and cure several hogs each winter. I still have a pair of shop-made boots given to me by my father-in-law several years ago. Pop Pete has been gone over 20 years so the boots are 30 or 40 years old. I can't wear them anymore but I might need them again some day.

There's another pair of boots that Joe Bob Jones gave me in the seventies for weighing fertilizer tanks. I might be able to wear them again if my feet should ever shrink. In my closet are 50 or 60 ties with widths ranging from a half an inch up to six inches.

Whatever the current style may be, I'm bound to have a few of them.

I also have an old pair of Levi's that has the spelling Levi, on the tag. Someone told me that they're worth a hundred dollars. If any of you folks has a nice, crisp, hundred-dollar bill and want those old britches, call me. Call me, not Momma.

## Markets from page 4

there is a tender for \$165,000 metric tons of U.S. or Australian wheat.

The support area on the March KC contract is 330 with resistance at 343 3/4. The main trend is still down but the bottom cycle date is Jan. 2 and the trend reversal price is 346 3/4.

### Cotton

Cotton prices closed the year in a very quiet trade. The markets have been unable to find much new, fresh news that has not been talked about the last several weeks. Strong export sales and steady domestic consumption continue to be out weighted by the general technical weakness, as well as the ongoing uncertainty about the short and long-term effects of the Asian financial crisis.

Some traders are encouraged that this market did not dive to lower levels after providing a weak reversal sign before

Her long time co-worker, Robert Devin, Randall County agricultural agent, characterized Mayes as a true professional.

"Wynon has positively impacted the lives of those she's met along the way," said Devin. "She is leaving behind a legacy of educational excellence."

Mayes is a native of Ralls where she met and married her late husband, Truett. She holds two degrees from Texas Tech University, with post graduate study at Texas A&M University. The couple owned a butane appliance business in Crosby County for many years. She taught in the Crosbyton public schools two years, and several years in a private kindergarten before starting her extension career in July 1972 at Plainview. Mr. Mayes worked with the South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock, where he was executive director at the time of his death. Their children are Nonette Mayes Robinson of Canyon and Karen Mayes Flood of Hereford. Mayes has five grandsons and a granddaughter.

## "You have to weigh the cost of a bigger facility versus the cost of maintaining one."

Eric Miller

fixed seats.

The new facility would be climate controlled, whereas the existing facilities are not, according to Christensen. She also said the current coliseum has a concrete floor space of 72 feet by 225 feet. The dimensions of the dirt-floored Bill Cody, the most popular equine event facility on the fairgrounds, are 90 feet by 225 feet. Both existing facilities lack arena space and seating room.

Some people have questioned the 4,900 fixed seating capacity at the events center, as being enough. E. Miller said 1,800 temporary seats would also be available, depending on the event.

"Five-thousand would be adequate right now. That's a lot of people in one place," said E. Miller. "You have to weigh the cost of a bigger facility versus the cost of maintaining one."

Miller said if the election passes, construction on the sites will begin within a year and it will take approximately 1 and a half years to complete.



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I'm enclosing a picture of my '50 chev's let Duke just back "Boule" I hope to see it in your car ad.  
Thank you  
Pete's Pete Luella  
Amarillo TX. 79110*

**You Can't SAVE Here If You Don't Drive Here**

**CARS**

'92 Cavalier #34711.....	CHEAP.....	\$3,995
'90 Buick Park Ave. #75762.....	Style.....	\$5,450
'93 Pontiac Sunbird.....	1st Car?	
#4962.....		\$5,995
'97 Monte Carlo #4013.....	QUICK.....	\$12,995
'96 Camaro, Clean Ride #4922.....		\$13,495
'97 Nissan Altima #4959.....		\$13,995
<b>TRUCKS</b>		
'89 Chevy Suburban #72671.....		\$5,945
'94 GMC Sonoma #76271.....		\$6,888
'95 Chevy, S-10 Pickup #4005.....	Super Savings.....	\$8,495
'91 Chevy Suburban #74141.....	Nicest in Town.....	\$8,995
'92 Jeep Wrangler, 4x4 #4983.....	Super Buy.....	\$9,495
'92 Chevy, 4x4, X-Cab #77221.....		\$12,988
'93 Chevy PU #4023.....		\$13,988
'96 Dodge Caravan #49071.....		\$14,988
'94 Chevy PU #4020.....		\$15,988
'97 Chevy, SHARP #4000.....		\$16,988
'96 Chevy X-Cab #71952.....	Super Clean.....	\$16,995
'95 Dodge Pickup 19142.....	"Super Truck".....	\$17,235
'95 Ford Explorer, 4x4 #4949.....	Roomy.....	\$17,995
'96 Chevy X-Cab 4x4 #77021.....	STEAL.....	\$18,995
'96 GMC X-Cab w/3rd Door #4926.....		\$19,898
'97 Chevy X-Cab #71571.....		\$20,988
'97 Chevy Tahoe #74271.....	Cheap.....	\$26,995
'97 Chevy Astro Van #4988.....		SAVE BIG!

**3.9% APR or \$2,000 Cash Back On Select Models**

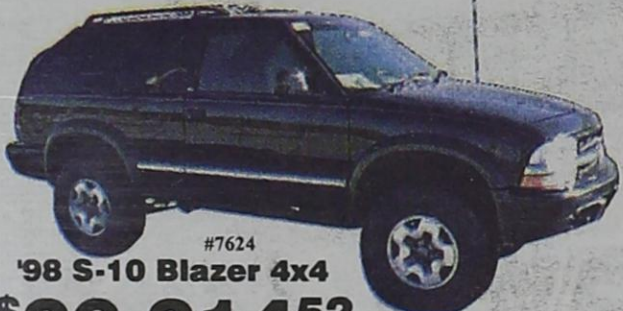


#7358  
**1998 2x2 X-Cab \$299<sup>00</sup> Mo.**  
S.P. 24,357, 36 Mo. Smart Buy, 35 Mo. @ 299, 1 @ 18220.62 - \$1718.18 Cash + TT&L



**NEW! 1998 Regular Cab P/U \$199 mo.**

SP \$17,470.35 MO.S.B., 35 MO. @ \$199. 1 @ \$12,235.38, \$2323.66 CASH + TT&L, 9.65% APR



**NEW! '97 Monte Carlo \$16,642<sup>51</sup>**  
+ TT&L, M.S.R.P., \$18,345



#3481  
**CAVALIER \$149<sup>00</sup> Mo.**  
60Mo. @ \$149 SP \$13,865, \$5767.67 cash + TT&L 3.9% APR

**WE GOT YOUR KEY!**

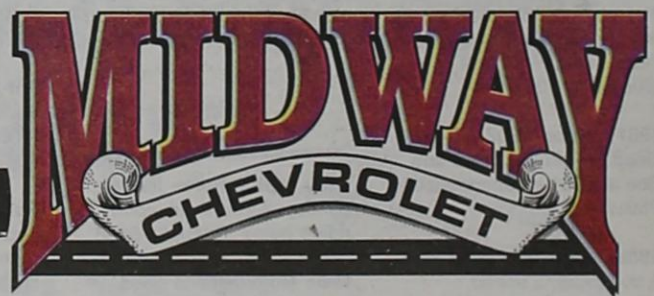
Between now and January 31 we're giving away 1,000 keys to a New Geo Metro (MSRP of \$11,266\*\*). One of the key holders will win this Geo Metro... **IT COULD BE YOU!** Other prizes will be given away, including trips. Get your key TODAY -- with any test drive\* at MIDWAY CHEVROLET (\*First 200 test drives; \*\* Stock #3251)

Additional Prizes Include a FREE Ski Trip for Four People at Ski Rio with FREE Lodging!  
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1-800-2-ASK RIO

**You Could Also Be The Winner of A Weekend Getaway To Carlsbad, New Mexico!!!**

**Canyon Expressway @ Rockwell Rd., Canyon 655-7774**

Se Hablo Español  
Mon.-Sat. 8-8



The Classic Chevy reader response has been GREAT!!! Keep sending in those Classic Stories and Photos It would be our pleasure to publish them in upcoming ads. MIDWAY CHEVROLET • P.O. Box 31447 • Amarillo, TX 79120