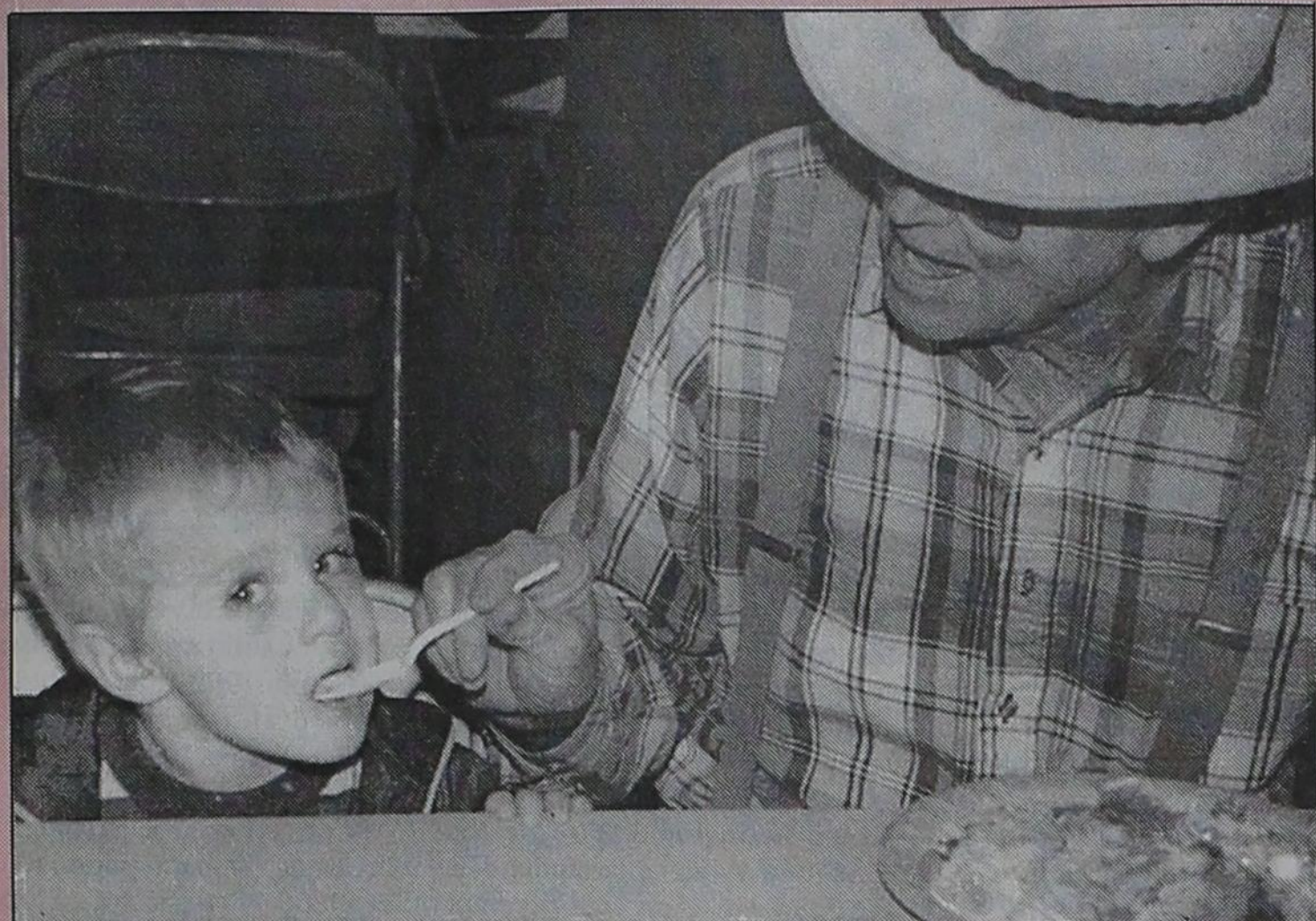


## Thanksgiving 2000



**MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR**—Parker Smithson, 2-1/2, the son of Randy and Vicki Smithson of Dimmitt, enjoys the food at the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's

annual Thanksgiving dinner held Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Feeding him another bite is his grandfather, Rayphard Smithson of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Cotton harvest half done, weather dampens quality

Area cotton ginners are reporting that cotton harvest is progressing, with anywhere from one-third to one-half of the crop already stripped from the fields.

However, some are saying that yields and quality have been hurt by the moisture that fell within the last couple of weeks, and harvest could be hampered even more if the predicted moisture appears this weekend and the first of next week.

"That's really not what we need," said Jim Bradford of Dimmitt's North Gin.

"The grades are not as good as expected, mainly due to the rain and snow," Bradford said of the cotton he has seen so far. "The bark is increased and we have lost the pretty white color."

He said the harvest has been "fast and furious after we finally got some open weather, sunshine and a good freeze."

Bradford said farmers in his harvest area have a little over half of their crop off the stalk and in modules, although the ginning is far from half done.

He also noted that the LDP POP payment has dropped drastically, and "that is not helping" farmers, either. Rocky Wilhelm of Hart Producers Co-op Gin said that they are probably about 45% through with the harvest in their area.

"Yields are down and grades are down," Wilhelm said. "It's due to the weather. Over all though, we will still have a pretty good crop."

Becky Ott of Sunnyside Gin said they have gotten a pretty good start on the harvest, but estimated that they are not even one-third done yet.

"The quality is looking good," Ott said. "The moisture hasn't hurt us so far. The grades look pretty good so far."

She said the moisture did slow the

harvest down a little bit and it "doesn't sound good" that more moisture is predicted.

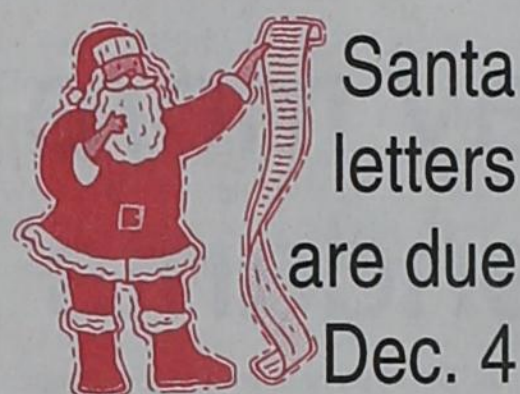
"We're into it (harvest)," said Virgil Morton of Dodd Gin, "and if the weather would leave us alone, we might get a little further into it."

Morton said the harvest is about one-third completed in the Dodd area. He added that the bad weather took some toll on quality.

Morton said the yields and grades on what he has seen has been "about the middle of the road, with some of it extremely good, but those were pretty much in the minority."

"It wasn't as bad as it could have been," Morton said of the freezing and wet weather. "It could have really knocked a hole in what is left of this crop."

Randall Small of Castro Co-op Gin said they are about half way through with harvest.



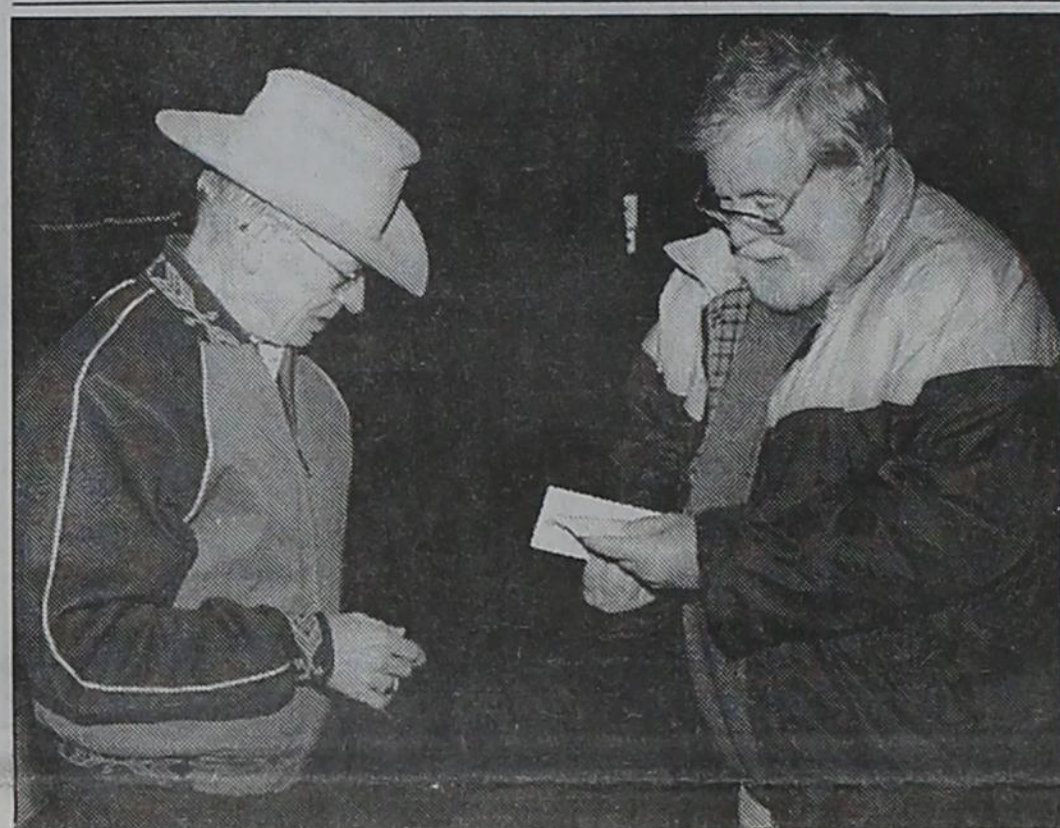
**Santa letters are due Dec. 4**

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

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

Letters from school children will be accepted through Dec. 4, while letters from pre-school children will be allowed through Dec. 11.

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



**DIMMITT DOLLAR DRAWING WINNER**—At the Holiday Celebration held in Dimmitt last Thursday night the winner of the top prize had to be present to win. Here, Gene Broadstreet (left), the winner of \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars, is being congratulated by Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. The drawing was a part of the annual holiday promotion sponsored by the chamber and participating merchants. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Hospital Q&As—1

### Why so many employees?

Here are questions and answers from the "town hall" meetings conducted by the hospital board in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth during the past two weeks.

Those responding to questions included:

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

HENRY RAMAEKERS, hospital board chairman.

JERRY ANNEN, hospital board member.

W. J. HILL, hospital board member.

MARK WISHARD, chief financial officer.

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

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

DEANNA BEAMES, director of radiology.

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

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

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

**Q. How many services and positions are duplicated at each CCHD-owned facility and can this duplication be reduced?**

SLOAN: "We have just added an X-ray at the clinic, and that's a duplication, but it saves people from having to go two places to get an X-ray. (The hospital radiology staff) covers both places."

"We have an administrator at the clinic, and we have myself, and Linda (Rasor). Barbara (Finley) at the clinic runs the clinic, with the help of Dr. Hardee, who is the medical director. That works much better than for Linda or myself to try to be at both places. We have continuity over there."

"There's no other place that I know of where there is a duplication of any kind."

**Q: Are all of the subdivisions of CCHD operating at break-even, and if not, could the reason be over-staffing?**

RAMAEKERS: "Probably not all of them are operating at break-even. As far as over-staffing is concerned, I'll be honest with you—this board has beaten their fists on the table about that, and I really believe that whatever positions have been added in any department, the administration has had to justify it. Some of it is to

have these increased services.

"Could the reason be over-staffing? I guess that's a relative term. Somebody else's position might be different than mine. I will say this: Once we hit this crunch, Joe went to every department and asked them to look for ways to cut back 5%. They came up with some very good ideas, and have worked on some things that are going to cut back expenses."

"You might say, 'Well, why didn't you do that two years ago?' or whatever, that's probably a good question."

"The employees are working hard to cut expenses."

**Q. What are the duties of the assistant administrator, and can we afford this probable duplication of duties?**

RAMAEKERS: "I certainly want to address that. As far as 'Can we afford duplication of duties,' probably not. As far as what the responsibilities are, I contend that there's not many if any duplication of duties."

"Joe is traveling virtually constantly to various political meetings to try to help our facility in the political arena. He also represents us on various and sundry boards at the regional and state level. My initial reaction to that was, 'Why in the world is he traveling all over the place when he needs to be running this place?' I've finally come to realize that if we don't have representation at the federal level and in these state organizations, we're cooked. We have to have it."

"I say all that to say that the assistant administrator has to handle most of the day-to-day operations of this hospital when Joe is gone so much. It's a lot of personnel to run a place, but again, I think we're getting what we pay for. We've got to have the representation both places."

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## Suspect sought for arson of local home

A house at 207 N.E. Fifth in Dimmitt received heavy damage Saturday afternoon from what investigators are certain was arson, and investigation into the case is continuing.

Police are seeking a suspect who was identified as having been in the vicinity of the damaged residence just before the fire was reported.

Enrique C. Trejo, 55, of Dimmitt, is the owner of the house. No one was home at the time of the fire.

Dimmitt Police Officer Miguel Ontiveros said that there were three points of origin for the fire and "trailers" of fire between them, indicating the use of an accelerant of some type.

The front part of the house and the north wall had extensive damage,

with the north wall pretty well gone," according to Ontiveros. He said there also was smoke damage throughout the home.

Ontiveros said Trejo did not have fire insurance on the dwelling, which he shares with some others.

According to Ontiveros, the initial call about the fire was received around 3:30 p.m., and the fire was extinguished at about 4:30.



**REBUILDING THE LIVING ROOM WALL**—Eddie White and Ricardo Gonzales work on repairs to their residence at 207 NE Fifth in Dimmitt after it received heavy damage Saturday afternoon from what inves-

tigators say was arson. The house is owned by Enrique C. Trejo, who also lives there. No one was home at the time of the fire. Police said the home was not insured. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	63	21	
Friday	46	16	
Saturday	46	24	
Sunday	36	20	
Monday	53	18	
Tuesday	45	20	

November Moisture ..... 0.79  
2000 Moisture ..... 14.12

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

## Operation Greetings deadline set Dec. 11

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is still accepting donations for Operation Christmas Greeting, which helps the group buy special items for the hospital each year.

Any auxiliary member can accept donations for the greeting project. Also donations are accepted at First United Bank in Dimmitt. Names must be turned in by Dec. 11.

Those participating are asked to

donate what it would cost to send season's greetings to local friends, and their name will be listed in a community greeting ad that will be published in the Christmas issue of the *Castro County News*.

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



# Op-Ed

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## Guest Editorial

### 'Reform unemployment benefit system'

By BILL HAMMOND  
Pres., Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce

Texans who want to cash in on being jobless only have to punch one number on an automated telephone system for the state to okay their unemployment benefits.

They no longer have to make more than one contact in their job search each week and the Texas Workforce Commission does little or nothing to verify unemployed Texans are even looking for work.

What's more, the commission doesn't enforce some state laws, such as requiring all claimants to register with a system that matches them to available jobs, or its own rules on reasonable wage demands by unemployed Texans. That results in little or not incentive for people to find new jobs.

In fact, despite Texas having one of the lowest jobless rates in the country—4.4% in June—it ranks among the worst 10 states for the number of weeks claimants collect unemployment benefits. Texans stay on unemployment benefits an average of 15.9 weeks compared with 14.5 nationwide.

The number of weeks Texans collect unemployment benefits is a problem across the state, not just in areas of high unemployment. Even in Austin, where unemployment is at 2.2% and jobs are plentiful, Texans stay on unemployment benefits an average of more than 14 weeks before finding a job.

More Texans than citizens in any other state use all their available benefits before they find another job. With the worst record of any state in the nation, 54% of unemployed Texans exhaust all their benefits before they go back to work.

Little wonder that Texas businesses are complaining. At state-sponsored business summits across the state in 1999, hundreds of Texas businesses ranked the cost of unemployment insurance as a top concern.

Why? State and federal unemployment taxes charged to Texas employers are paying 100% of the costs for the state's unemployment compensation program—a startling \$972 million in 1999. But despite the fact that they're footing the bill, employers' concerns about the way the unemployment insurance claims are handled are often overlooked or even ignored outright.

Texas employers don't want to deny claims to people who need and deserve their unemployment insurance benefits to former employees who weren't entitled to the help.

Among them were employees fired for stealing and for testing positive for drugs, and one former employee who collected unemployment benefits while in prison.

A good economy, tort reforms and an excellent business climate have made Texas one of the best states in the nation in which to do business.

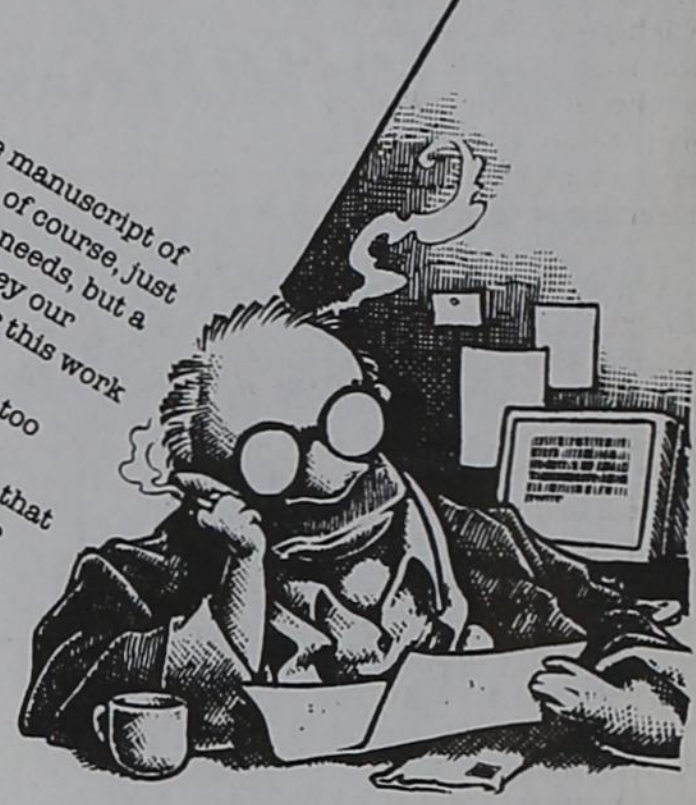
But Texas can do better. Reform of an unemployment insurance system that contains little or no monitoring of job searches, rewards those who don't find work, and is spiraling out of control is a growing business concern.

Unemployment benefits were meant to help bridge the gap between losing one job and finding another. Instead, living off the unemployment insurance fund has become a way of life for some people. Why should Texas businesses spend money to support a program badly in need of reform when that money could be better used to expand the Texas economy?

IF YOU'D TRIED THIS SIX MONTHS AGO...

ROLIX PUBLISHING Co.  
Mr. Felix Arbuthnot  
Cleveland, Ohio  
April 16, 2000

Dear Mr. Arbuthnot:  
Enclosed, we are returning the manuscript of your novel, "Dead Even." We could, of course, just tell you it does not meet our current needs, but a simple rejection letter would not convey our astonishment that you would even offer this work for publication.  
Simply put, Mr. Arbuthnot, your plot is too bizarre for even the most outré fiction. Two presidential candidates battle to a tie so close that a handful of sunbelt retirees hold the fate of the world in their hands? And one candidate's brother is governor of the critical state? Come on, Mr. Arbuthnot! What reader is going to know what "dimpled chad" is, anyway?  
A political thriller may be wildly imaginative, but it must be at least marginally plausible. We suggest a career other than writing...  
sheepherding or hotel-motel management.



## Guest editorial

### 'Texas should pay more to home care attendants'

By ANITA BRADBERRY

More than 130,000 Texans, most of whom are elderly, ill and impoverished, depend on home care every day through the state's Medicaid program. Thousands more are on waiting lists to receive care in their homes. But home care in Texas is facing a crisis. Wages paid to attendants are so low that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to attract and retain competent home care workers.

The acute shortage of home care attendants means that many people will be forced into nursing homes before they actually need to be. Or these people must use costly emergency rooms or go into already

strapped charity hospitals. All of this can throw family members—usually the adult children of frail clients—into chaos and crisis as they scramble to balance their own lives with the daily needs of this elderly relative. While many of the clients using these services are permanently disabled young adults, the average age of the state's clients is about 73, which means that a large number are in their 80s and 90s. The Texas Association for Home Care recognizes this looming crisis and is seeking help from the Texas Legislature during the upcoming legislative session to raise attendant and support personnel wages.

Presently, home care agencies are

paid \$8.56 an hour to care for clients. Out of that, agencies can pay attendants only about \$6 an hour or even less because the rest is needed for quality control activities. Neighboring states Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Louisiana currently pay home care agencies \$12, \$18 and \$10 an hour, respectively, to provide the same services. Texas is clearly far behind, and tiny increases for wages will do nothing to improve the situation. At least a \$1-an-hour increase is needed to begin to attract and keep the number and quality of attendants required.

Fast food restaurants are paying up to \$10 per hour with benefits in order to attract and retain employees. The booming Texas economy and a low unemployment rate make it imperative to raise the wages of home care workers if the industry is to compete for competent employees.

The work performed by home care providers typically consists of helping the client bathe, eat, dress, transfer from one location to another, and ambulate. Some clients need a home care worker on a daily basis, but most receive only about 12 hours a week of care. The number of visits cannot measure the importance of home care attendants in the lives of the people they serve. They also provide much needed human contact and keep persons proud and independent, participating in their communities.

The increase the TAHC is asking for attendants is reasonable, deserved and absolutely necessary to provide elderly and disabled Texans with competent home care.

The situation today is already bad, but it is going to get worse as the "baby boom" generation reaches retirement age. Raising the wages of home care attendants now is not only the right thing to do, it also makes good economic sense.

Experienced health care professionals and consumers say people enjoy a better quality of life if they can stay in their homes with help from caregivers. But if the level of pay is not raised for home care attendants in the state Medicaid programs, not only will the home care industry be in jeopardy, the welfare of someone's parent or grandparent also is threatened.

Bradberry is the executive director of the Texas Association for Home Care, which represents 400 licensed home care organizations.



AUSTIN — State legislators filed 282 bills in the first three days after the Nov. 13 pre-filing began for the 77th Legislature.

When the session convenes in January 2001, legislators will face months of debate on many hot topics including abortion, drug and alcohol use, campaign reform and school finance.

House Bill 17 would specify new requirements for abortion procedures. The bill would require that new abortion facilities built after Sept. 1, 2001 be located at least 1,500 feet from a church or school. The bill also sets new licensing requirements for abortion clinics and would require physicians to provide a woman seeking an abortion with detailed information and brochures at least 24 hours before the procedure can be performed.

Drivers who are convicted of a second or subsequent offense within five years of the first conviction for driving while intoxicated would face automatic suspension of all their vehicle registrations under House Bill 90.

City officials, both current and appointed, and certain municipal candidates would face new disclosure requirements under House

Bill 64. The bill would require those people to file financial statements of their financial activity and the financial activity of their spouse and dependent children.

All public school students would be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance under HB 88. School districts could exempt a student only if his parent or guardian submits a written request.

SB 28 would raise the wealth per student cap for school districts to \$320,000 from \$295,000 under the state's public school finance system.

The session convenes Jan. 9, 2001 and is scheduled to end May 28, 2001. Legislators have until March 9 to file bills and joint resolutions that are not local and have not been declared an emergency by the governor.

Hepatitis ads are misleading  
Texas Department of Health officials say a series of TV and radio ads being distributed statewide are misleading and could cause non-risk people to seek unnecessary hepatitis C blood tests.

The agency said the ads imply that anyone who has ever had surgery or dental work and people with body piercings and tattoos are at risk of hepatitis C infection.

"The universal safety precautions and sterilization practices followed in operating rooms and dental offices makes the transmission of hepatitis C during surgery or dental work virtually nil," said Sharilyn Stanley, M.D., associate commissioner for disease control and prevention.

Hepatitis C is transmitted when blood from an infected person gets into the bloodstream of another person. Stanley said high-risk groups include people who have shared needles or other equipment in using injectable, illegal drugs,

people who received blood transfusions or solid organ transplants before July 1992 and people who received anti-coagulant blood products before 1987.

#### Other Highlights

• Correction: Due to some figures being double reported to the Secretary of State, last week's column contained an error in the counties with the highest and lowest turnout in the Nov. 7 election. Unofficial results show that Loving County had the highest turnout with 74 percent. The lowest turnout was in Starr County, which recorded 33 percent of registered voters casting ballots.

• Attorney General John Cornyn presented the Peace Officer of the Year Award to Forth Worth police officer Lt. Mark Krey and Pleasanton police officer Louis Edward Tudyk. Krey took a lead role in the shooting at Wedgewood Baptist Church in September 1999 and Tudyk was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene of a deadly ambush in Atascosa County in October 1999.

• Bat Conservation International and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department need help from landowners, researchers and members of the public to track the greater long-nosed bat, a rare species of the Trans-Pecos region that feeds on nectar and is the primary pollinator for agave plants used to make tequila. Sightings of the bat can be reported to 512-327-9721 or sent via e-mail to TransPecosBats@batcon.org.

• The Texas Railroad Commission urged homeowners to have their propane tanks and heating appliances inspected by a professional before the cooler winter temperatures set in. The commission offers the Home Safe Home brochure free to consumers by calling 1-800-642-5327.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Stuffed

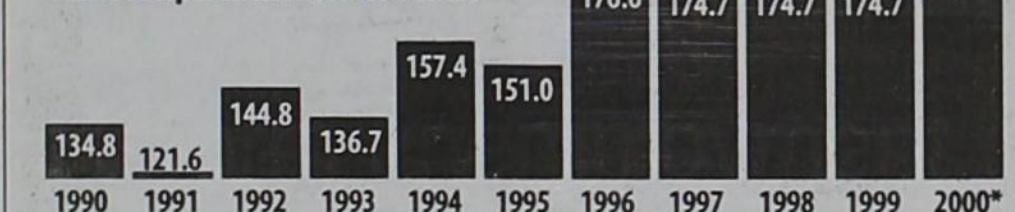
When it comes to turkey, Texans do the gobbling. Turkey producers saw their sales grow nearly 30 percent in the 1990s, from close to \$135 million in 1990 to nearly \$175 million in 1999. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service projects \$189 million worth of turkeys will be sold from Texas farms this year.

The wild birds are popular too. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued 69,073 turkey hunting permits in 1999, and 25,188 turkeys were bagged.



### Texas turkeys to the table

Cash receipts in millions of dollars



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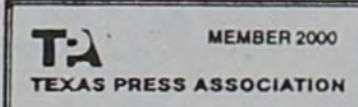
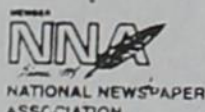
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### Last Puzzle Solution

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### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 7 vibrating sound
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- 37 snakes at the Houston Zoo
- 38 hay bundle

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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Thanksgiving and football—they go together like winter and cold weather, snow and snow ball fights—right?

We've heard about several families who have big plans for Thanksgiving with families and friends. By next week, these plans will have developed and we hope to hear about your celebration. Use my number at the top of this page and give me a call. We want to know how you and your loved ones celebrated this special holiday.

We saw Susie Bradford and her daughter, Laura Quiroz, at Dimmitt's Holiday Celebration last Thursday. Laura is here visiting for the holidays, because she just graduated from Wichita Falls Sheppard Air Force Base as an Airman First Class.

Laura's grandmother, Mildred Bradford, and mother, Susie, attended the graduation services on the air base. Susie said that they toured one very large hangar that houses one B-52 and three F-15's and three F-16's. Laura will be working on the armaments for the F-16's. The B-53 is a bomber and the others are fighter planes.

Laura and her husband, Luciano, will be flying out soon for Misawa Air Base in northern Japan for three years. Laura has already visited by phone with a girl from Olton who is stationed at Misawa. They're looking forward to this adventure.

In a recent 1:1 column written by Don Nelson he gave us food for thought about how blessed we are if we have food to eat, a little change in our pockets, and warm homes. There is a very small percentage of the world's population that enjoys the blessings that we do.

Let's give thanks that our forefathers had the courage and fortitude that it took to establish a Christian country with all the freedoms that we enjoy.

Delores Ivy relates that her husband, R.V. (Hopper) Ivy played on the undefeated 1938 Muleshoe football team. This did not happen again until this year, when the Muleshoe



**DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND** members performed on the courthouse square last Thursday evening as a part of the "Holiday Celebration" sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and

local merchants to kick off the start of the holiday shopping season. The band, led by Teresa Carlisle, played several numbers, and the DMS Choir sang some songs, led by Elaine Hazel. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Mules had an undefeated season. So Friday night, right before the Muleshoe-Dimmitt game, the 1938 team members were honored. There were nine members of the 1938 team present (including R.V. of Dimmitt) and the team's coach, Roy Stevens, who is now 96 years old.

The story of the 1938 Muleshoe team reminds me of the football stories that Bill Birdwell and V.C. Hopson rehash when they're together. V.C. was a 1942 Hereford Whiteface and Bill was a Dimmitt Bobcat. The coaches were H.V. Stanton for Hereford and John Blaine for Dimmitt.

The Whitefaces beat the Bobcats quite soundly and went on to win the regional title when they tied the Philip's Blackhawks and won the game on penetrations. Regional was as high as a team of this class could go. It was wartime, with its gas rationing.

People couldn't travel down state just for football games.

Then came 1943, when V.C. was a junior linebacker. The Whitefaces came to Dimmitt to play. This was "sweet revenge" time for the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Dimmitt's football field was a cow pasture, where the Richardson Elementary School stands today. There were no stands for the visiting fans, and the game was played in the afternoon because there were no lights. The score was Dimmitt 45 and Hereford 0. Some of the Dimmitt Bobcats that year were Bill Birdwell, Raymond Mobley and Kenneth Jackson.

The Houston Lusts, Sue Summers and Truman Touchstones have been following the Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen football team this year. Grandson and nephew of these people, Ty Touchstone, plays defensive end for the Monterey team. Ty is the

son of Kyle and Flo Lust Touchstone of Lubbock. He also is the grandson of Oleta Gollehon of Dimmitt.

The Lubbock team will be playing for the bi-district title this weekend against Abilene High.

Tami Griffith's sister, Shirley McDonald of Lubbock, was in Dimmitt on a recent Saturday to see her nephew, Kaden, play flag football. We have loyal fans who will travel lots of miles to see a favorite player compete, whatever his or her age.

The Stanley Byrneses, V.C. Hopsons, and Carl Kings will be in Kimbrough Memorial Stadium at Canyon as the Hereford Whitefaces compete for bi-district against Wolfforth-Frenship. Our grandson-in-law, Charley Garza, is one of the assistant coaches for the Hereford team. He is our excuse for following "the Herd."

Happy Thanksgiving and I hope your team wins!

## Fatal occupational injuries are declining

The total of fatal occupational injuries in Texas decreased by 11% in comparing figures from 1999 with those from 1998, according to Len Riley, executive director of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission.

The most frequent cause of fatalities remained transportation incidents, which accounted for 44% of the total occupational fatalities. Of the 204 transportation deaths, 130 were highway incidents and 29 involved workers struck by a vehicle or mobile equipment.

Assaults and violent acts were the second largest category of occupational deaths, with 71 cases reported. Contact with objects and equipment accounted for 68 deaths, while 55 deaths were attributed to falls. Exposure to harmful substances or environments caused 54 deaths, with 35 of those attributed to contact with electrical current. Fires and explosions added 16 deaths. All of these were lower totals than those registered in 1998.

Construction occupations registered the highest number of occupational fatalities, with 120. Service

industries were next with 70, transportation and public utilities were next with 65, retail trade had 46, manufacturing had 43, agriculture 39, government 37, wholesale trade 23, mining 16, and finance, insurance and real estate had nine.

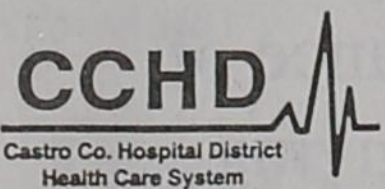
The categories of services, retail trade, agriculture, government and wholesale trade all showed increases in comparison with 1998.

Men accounted for 92% of total occupational fatalities in 1999, with most of them between the ages of 35 and 44 and engaged in the construction industry.



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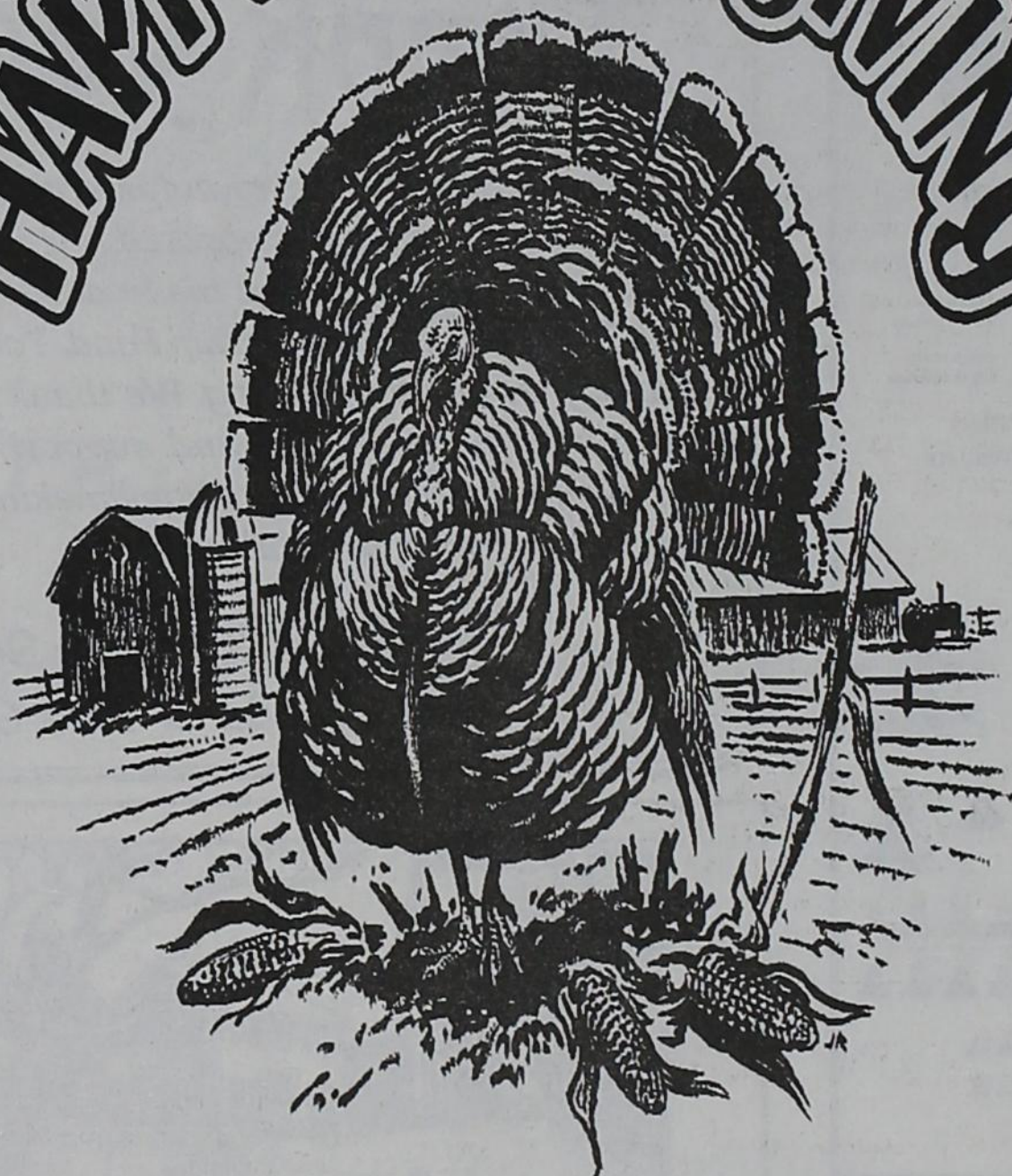
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# People



## Bryce Pohlmeier, Corey Lane earn county Gold Star awards

Bryce Pohlmeier of Nazareth and Corey Lane of Dimmitt were presented with the Castro County 4-H's Gold Star awards during the 2000 4-H achievement banquet, held earlier this month.

Also honored at this year's banquet were the Silver Star award winner, Holly Lane; and I Dare You winner, Jeremy Bishop. Individual 4-H'ers were recognized for their project achievements and more during the past year.

Senior 4-H'ers in the county's Consumer Decision Making Club this year won the district drama contest and qualified for State 4-H Roundup. Those team members including Jeremy Bishop, Jaci Bishop, Melanie Book, Thomas Brockman, Gabriel Garcia, Holly Lane and Bryce Pohlmeier, were recognized for their work at the banquet.

Book also was recognized for receiving a \$10,000 Texas 4-H Scholarship. She is now a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Other 4-H'ers earning special honors were Eric Odom, who finished as the high-point individual novice competitor at the District 4-H Horse Show; Anna Brockman, who finished first with her "Consumer Education" record book at district; Thomas Brockman, first in the Senior category with his "Consumer Education" record book; and Jeremy Bishop, who was first in the Senior competition with his record book on "Recreation."

Brockman and Jeremy Bishop each advanced to state with their record books.

Here's a recap of the awards presented at the 4-H banquet.

### Gold Star

The Gold Star award is the highest award a 4-H'er can receive at the county level. Pohlmeier and Lane will also be recognized at the district Gold Star banquet.

Pohlmeier, son of Walt and Lucy Pohlmeier, has been in 4-H for nine years. He has served as vice president of the Consumer Decision Making Club and has served as a County Council delegate. As a member of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club, Pohlmeier has served as his club's vice president and president. He also has been a District 4-H Council representative.

An outstanding livestock showman, Pohlmeier has won the senior showmanship award at the 4-H and county livestock shows.

He finished first in district in the consumer decision making contest, with a method demonstration and in the Share the Fun competition.

Lane also is a nine-year member of 4-H. The son of Charlie and Mary Alice Lane, he has been active in several 4-H projects during his nine-year career.

Serving as a club president, 4-H County Council delegate and historian have given him valuable skills for his current role as a Livestock Board Student Representative.

His skills with livestock have earned him second-place honors with an animal at the Houston Livestock Show; breed champion honors at the Aaron Wilcox Lamb Show; and most recently, breed champion at the Texas State Fair. He also placed fifth at state with a method demonstration.

### Silver Star

This year's Silver Star award was presented to Holly Lane, daughter of Charlie and Mary Alice Lane.

Holly Lane's participation in 4-H includes being on the district Share the Fun team. She placed first at district with her method demonstration and as a member of the livestock judging team. She also finished first with her dish in the county food show.

She has served as secretary, historian and reporter for her 4-H club. She served on the Livestock Center Board as a student representative.

### I Dare You

As the 2000 I Dare You winner, Bishop will receive a copy of Wil-

liam Danforth's book, *I Dare You*.

Enrolled in 4-H for six years, Bishop has served as the treasurer, reporter, vice president and committee chairman for his club. He also served as a County Council officer, District 4-H Council representative, District 4-H Council vice president and as a member of the State 4-H Recreation Team.

Bishop has won several awards for his projects during the past year including first place as a member of the district's Share the Fun team, first-place district consumer decision making, first-place district record book and fifth-place state record book.

### Leader Awards

Lucy Pohlmeier was recognized as the South Plains Distinguished Leader for the past year while Carole Bishop earned the Castro County 4-H Leader Award.

Lucy Pohlmeier has been involved in 4-H as a member and as a leader for the past 18 years.

Actively involved in the Parent-leader Association, Lucy Pohlmeier has served every county office. She has been a member of the District Volunteer Leaders Association and is currently serving as president-elect of the County Plains group.

Carole Bishop "is always willing to try something new," according to County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "A real worker, she never seems to tire of helping our 4-H members 'make the best better.'"

### Corrections

In last week's issue of the *News*, the September Students of the Month from Dimmitt Middle School were shown in a photo. However, one of the students who was in the picture was not identified. Daniel Jackson was the farthest on the right on the back row. The *News* regrets the omission.

Also, with the photo of the August Students of the Month, the name of Nick Ortiz was misspelled. The *News* regrets the error.



NELDA LANEY is showing slides of the restoration of the Texas Capitol to the members of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association, which met Nov. 14 at Rhoads Memorial Library. The resto-

ration project has included work ranging from remodeling walls, ceilings and floors, to installing historical reproductions of carpet, upholstery and draperies.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Nelda Laney presents slide program on Capitol restoration

Nelda Laney of Hale Center gave a program on the restoration of the State Capitol of Texas at the Nov. 14 meeting of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association.

Laney gave a slide presentation of the restoration project from the beginning to the end, pointing out that much effort has been given to restore the capitol to its original decor.

She also brought Christmas ornaments which she has designed for the past five years. Sales of the ornaments provide an additional source of funding for the educational programs and continued preservation of the Texas Capitol.

This year's ornament depicts the reverse side of the Texas State Seal, which features the six national flags that have flown over Texas. At the center of the seal are the live oak and olive branches of the state coat of arms around a shield featuring symbols of the Texas Revolution. Above the shield is emblazoned the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo," and

beneath it are the words, "Texas, One and Indivisible." Centered between the flags is the Lone Star of Texas. The three-dimensional ornament is finished in 24k gold, enhanced by enamel coloring.

Laney donated one of the ornaments to the association to be raffled off as a fund raiser. The winner of the ornament was Joanne Snider. Laney, who is the wife of Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney, was presented with a "Stock the Freezer" gift as a token of appreciation from the members.

Other special guests at the meeting were Roy Pennington of Dumas, president of District 16 of the Retired School Personnel Association, and President-elect John Krodol of Amarillo.

Merle Arthur was welcomed as a new member of the organization, boosting its membership to 32.

The serving table was decorated with a fall motif and refreshments were served to members and guests

by the hostesses, Janet Bain, Joanne Snider, Waurayne Hughes, Pat Bagley, Billie Moyers, and Barbara Bain.

"Mrs. Laney's program was very enjoyable and it was a privilege to have her as a guest speaker," said association member Barbara Bain.

## Cat Tracks is DHS newsletter

*Cat Tracks* is the name selected for the newsletter produced at Dimmitt High School through the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America organization and the career studies classes at the school.

Students and staff members were asked to submit names for the newsletter, and parents and students who attended the recent DHS Open House were asked to cast votes to determine the winner.

After reviewing 38 suggestions, the field was narrowed to two—"The Purple Pulse," submitted by Priscilla Peralta, and "Cat Tracks," proposed by Morgan Hazel. Those voting at the open house favored "Cat Tracks."

Organizations at the school are encouraged to submit articles. Nov. 20 is the deadline for submitting articles for the next issue.

Writers for the first issue included Casandra Casas, Cristin Rodriguez, Debbie Peralaz and Christine Luna. Special features included a "Feature Teacher," club news, announcements of activities, a fun page, and an advice column, "Dear Bobbie."

## Final parent class session set Tuesday

"Almost all parents want to be good parents. These classes help them understand how to do that," said Rusty Gray, the instructor for the Fall Parenting Classes being held at the Extension office building at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

The series of classes will conclude Tuesday night from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$12.50 per couple for the session.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Snacks and drinks are provided.

The topics will be "Teen Parenting."

The classes have been arranged through Parents' Place of Plainview. Gray is the pastor of Tulia Christian Fellowship and has been recognized as "Educator of the Year" for his work with parenting classes in the area.

For more information, contact Brenda Flores at Parents' Place at 293-8338.

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DUKE UNIVERSITY'S TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM honored these seventh grade students from Dimmitt Middle School. They will have the opportunity to take a college level exam, such as the ACT or SAT, and to qualify for scholarships based on their scores. They are (front, from left)

Darcy Fisher, Brittany Williams, Ashlee Nino, Vanessa Caballero and Ryan Hunter; (middle, from left) Kathy Amador, Monica Dozal, Hayli Wise, Laura Rasor, and Ross Hunter; and (back, from left) Jonathan Flores, Sean Hunter, Tucker Self, Zjhon Smothermon, and Marcus Perez. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Nazareth elementary, junior high win district UIL championships

Elementary and junior high students in Nazareth captured the district championships in UIL Literary competition last Thursday at Silverton.

The elementary students scored 697 points to take first-place honors in their division while the junior high students tallied 432 points to claim the team gold.

Other district schools competing included Silverton, Valley, Amherst and Lazbuddie.

Nazareth and other schools in their district elected to move the district literary meet from the spring to fall this year, trying to alleviate some of the conflicts with other spring events.

Here are Nazareth's results from the district meet.

### Junior High

**Team Totals:** 1. Nazareth 432, 2. Silverton 326, 3. Valley 245, 4. Amherst 236, 5. Lazbuddie 187.

**7<sup>th</sup> Science:** 4. Kendra Huseman, 5. Alan Gerber, 6. Charlie Rundell.

**8<sup>th</sup> Science:** 1. Jenna Acker, 2. Ross Birkenfeld, 6. Orin Schulte.

**7<sup>th</sup> Spelling:** 1. Kendra Huseman, 6. J'Lae Merritt.

**8<sup>th</sup> Spelling:** 2. Ross Birkenfeld, 5. Jeremy Acker.

**7<sup>th</sup> Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 3. Kendra Huseman, 4. Alan Gerber, 6. Jake Hoelting.

**8<sup>th</sup> Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 2. Jenna Acker, 3. Jamie Birkenfeld.

**7<sup>th</sup> Mathematics:** 4. Kendra Huseman, 6. Jake Hoelting.

**8<sup>th</sup> Mathematics:** 1. Jenna Acker, 4. Ross Birkenfeld.

**8<sup>th</sup> Modern Oratory:** 4. Jamie Birkenfeld.

**7<sup>th</sup> Number Sense:** 3. Jake Hoelting, 4. J'Lae Merritt, 6. Kendra Huseman.

**8<sup>th</sup> Number Sense:** 1. Jamie Birkenfeld, 2. Jenna Acker.

**7<sup>th</sup> Oral Reading:** 2. Jake Hoelting.

**8<sup>th</sup> Oral Reading:** 6. Garrett Kleman.

**7<sup>th</sup> Ready Writing:** 3. Kendra Huseman, 4. Alan Gerber.

**8<sup>th</sup> Ready Writing:** 5. Keli Schulte, 6. Cole McClurg.

**7<sup>th</sup> Calculator:** 3. Jake Hoelting, 4. Alan Gerber.

**8<sup>th</sup> Calculator:** 1. Jamie Birkenfeld, 2. Jenna Acker, 4. Jackie Thiel.

**7<sup>th</sup> Creative Writing:** 5. Jake Hoelting.

**8<sup>th</sup> Creative Writing:** 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 5. Jamie Black.

**8<sup>th</sup> Dictionary Skills:** 2. Jeremy Acker, 3. Kelcee Kleman, 5. Jenna Acker.

**8<sup>th</sup> Impromptu Speaking:** 3. Jackie Thiel, 6. Tyson Schulte.

**7<sup>th</sup> Listening Skills:** 2. Alan Gerber, 6. Clifford Gerber.

**8<sup>th</sup> Listening Skills:** 1. Keli Schulte.

### ELEMENTARY

**Team Totals:** 1. Nazareth 697, 2. Lazbuddie 587, 3. Valley 580, 4. Silverton, 368.2, 5. Amherst 126.6.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Music Memory:** 3. Nazareth (Gus Gesling, Ryan Birkenfeld and Alex Gerber).

**4<sup>th</sup> Music Memory:** 4. Nazareth (Steven Birkenfeld, Josh Tomblin and Kyle Birkenfeld).

**5<sup>th</sup> Music Memory:** 2. Nazareth (Allyson Hochstein, Ryan Mixson and Darcy Schulte).

**6<sup>th</sup> Music Memory:** 3. Nazareth (Berry Clinton, Chandra Jordan and Celenda Gregory).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Spelling:** 1. Alexandria Gerber, 2. Ryan Birkenfeld, 3. Joseph Huseman.

**4<sup>th</sup> Spelling:** 2. Kyle Birkenfeld, 4. Steven Birkenfeld.

**5<sup>th</sup> Spelling:** 1. Brittany Birkenfeld, 5. Allyson Hochstein.

**6<sup>th</sup> Spelling:** 2. Holly Kleman, 3. Matthew Birkenfeld, 4. C.J. Gregory.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Storytelling:** 2. Kendra Huseman, 5. Alexis Sager.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Storytelling:** 2. Alexandria Gerber, 3. Emily Leavitt.

**4<sup>th</sup> Art:** 3. Nazareth (Steven Birkenfeld, Caitlin Huseman and Kami Rundell).

**5<sup>th</sup> Art:** 3. Nazareth (Brittany Birkenfeld, Stormie McClurg and Allyson Hochstein).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Oral Reading:** 4. Kenley Kleman, 6. Amber Huseman.

**4<sup>th</sup> Oral Reading:** 6. Steven Birkenfeld.

**5<sup>th</sup> Oral Reading:** 4. Stormie McClurg.

**6<sup>th</sup> Oral Reading:** 4. Holly Kleman.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ready Writing:** 5. Alexandria Gerber.

**4<sup>th</sup> Ready Writing:** 3. Steven Birkenfeld, 5. Kyle Birkenfeld, 6. Alec Braddock.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ready Writing:** 5. Allyson Hochstein.

**6<sup>th</sup> Ready Writing:** 2. Dustin Schulte.

**6<sup>th</sup> Impromptu Speaking:** 1. Candace Birkenfeld, 2. Joslyn Harmonson, 3. Brady Schulte.

**5<sup>th</sup> Listening Skills:** 1. Brandi Kern, 4. (Tie) Kyle Hoelting and Ryan Mixson.

**6<sup>th</sup> Listening Skills:** 1. Brady Schulte, 5. Berry Clinton.

**5<sup>th</sup> Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 2. Taylor Schulte, 4. Allyson Hochstein.

**6<sup>th</sup> Maps, Graphs & Charts:** 1. Holly Kleman, 2. Dustin Schulte.

**6<sup>th</sup> Mathematics:** 1. Adam Thiel, 2. Dustin Schulte, 4. Holly Kleman.

**6<sup>th</sup> Modern Oratory:** 4. Holly Kleman.

**4<sup>th</sup> Number Sense:** 1. Steven Birkenfeld, 2. Kyle Birkenfeld, 6. Kami Rundell.

**5<sup>th</sup> Number Sense:** 4. Allyson Hochstein, 6. Brandi Kern.

**6<sup>th</sup> Number Sense:** 1. Dustin Schulte, 2. Adam Thiel, 4. Candace Birkenfeld.

**4<sup>th</sup> Calculator:** 5. Kami Rundell.

**5<sup>th</sup> Calculator:** 4. Stormie McClurg.

**6<sup>th</sup> Calculator:** 2. Dustin Schulte, 4. Adam Thiel, 6. Candace Birkenfeld.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Creative Writing:** 3. Alexis Sager, 5. Adam Pena.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Creative Writing:** 1. Amber Huseman, 2. Alexandria Gerber.

**4<sup>th</sup> Creative Writing:** 3. Steven Birkenfeld, 4. Caitlin Huseman.

## Hospice Care sets reception

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, is hosting a reception Dec. 3 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

With the theme of "Surviving the Holidays after the Loss of a Loved One," the event will be held in the fellowship room at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt at 1201 Western Circle Drive. Roy Puente, Licensed Social Worker and hospice volunteer, will be the featured speaker.

"This is a gift to our hospice families, caregivers and the community from Hospice Care," said a hospice spokesperson.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling Jan Wishard at Hospice Care, 647-3785 or 647-2848.

## 4-H sets toy drive

Castro County 4-H members are sponsoring a toy drive from now through Dec. 4, and donations may be dropped in boxes placed at Thriftway Supermarket or at the Extension office, both in Dimmitt.


The 4-H'ers are asking individuals to donate new toys, or used toys that are clean and in good, working condition.

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driguez (wife of Ricky, holding their daughter, C'lera), Brito local manager Ricky Rodriguez (holding scissors), Brito district sales coordinator John Ward, and Brito owner Jerry Brito; and chamber representatives Clara Vick and Verbie and Don Nelson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Improved risk management, export aid could be included in new farm legislation

The new farm bill should emphasize improved risk management and export assistance for a coalition of large agricultural states known as NFACT, encompassing New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, California and Texas.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs hosted a NFACT listening session in Austin recently and the focus of her talk was on the proposed farm bill, which is scheduled to be reauthorized in 2002, but could be taken up by Congress as early as 2001.

More than 40 agricultural organizations and individual farmers and ranchers spoke at the session, which is one of several meetings on the farm bill that will be held in the five NFACT states.

"I appreciate the time and effort our producers are taking to come to this meeting," Combs said. "I and the other NFACT states very much admire all that they do for agriculture, and I know that their comments will be very helpful in the coming months."

After recognizing common interests like trade and the need for additional federal assistance for preventing the introduction of plant diseases and pests from across the border, the five states formed the NFACT coalition in 1999 by signing a "memorandum of understanding," Combs said. "Our five NFACT states are a

fairly powerful agricultural force in our own right," Combs said. "We account for 25% of all the nation's agricultural cash receipts. In total, our congressional delegations make up 27% of Congress. With this clout, we have come together to give our producers a strong, powerful and unified voice to address agricultural issues in Washington, D.C."

Each of the five states has experienced agricultural losses from weather disasters, but Texas' drought has been reducing farmers' and ranchers' incomes since the last farm bill was reauthorized in 1996, Combs said.

"In Texas, no one could have predicted that our farmers and ranchers would enter into a drought in 1996 when the last farm bill was enacted, or that we would still be suffering tremendous losses four years later," she said. "Since 1996, drought has taken a \$5 billion bite out of our farmers' and ranchers' pocketbooks."

"Arizona has experienced \$1 million worth of agricultural losses due to drought this past year. New Mexico has had \$190 million in drought losses and in Florida, ag losses due to drought are more than \$314 million," Combs said. "In California, the threat most recently has not been from weather but from a bacterial plant disease (Pierce's Disease) and an insect, the glassy-winged sharpshooter, that carries it. This year, Pierce's Disease has threatened \$14 billion of California's agricultural

crops including wine grapes and produce.

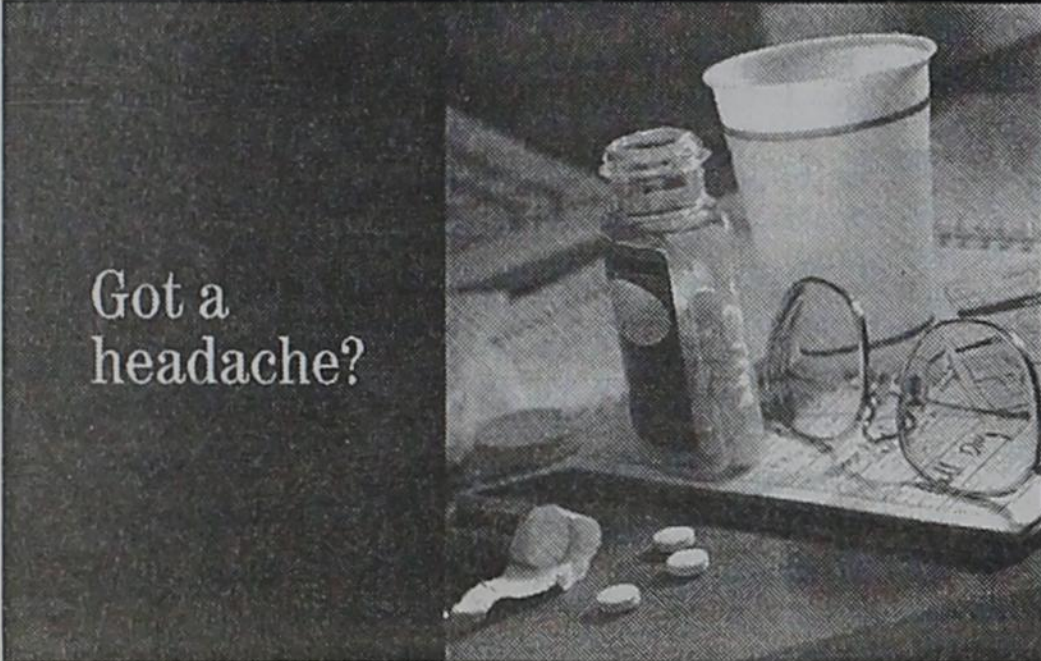
"Whether the threat is from plant diseases or weather, the practice of ad-hoc disaster assistance from Congress for our NFACT states has not been very efficient or effective," Combs said. "Clearly, we must come up with a better safety net for our producers."

The NFACT states also need continued assistance for developing export markets and for controlling the introduction of plant diseases and pests from other countries.

"We are all high-volume trade states," Combs said. "We essentially serve as a buffer zone protecting the rest of this nation's agriculture from the introduction of foreign pests and plant diseases."

The farm bill is a multi-year, multi-commodity federal support law that encompasses commodity programs, trade, rural development, farm credit, conservation, agricultural research, food and nutrition programs and marketing.

Every few years, Congress reauthorizes, repeals or amends sections of the bill that are not part of permanent law. The last adjustment to the farm bill occurred with the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, also known as the Freedom to Farm Bill. It authorized reducing crop price supports through 2002 through gradually declining transition crop payments.



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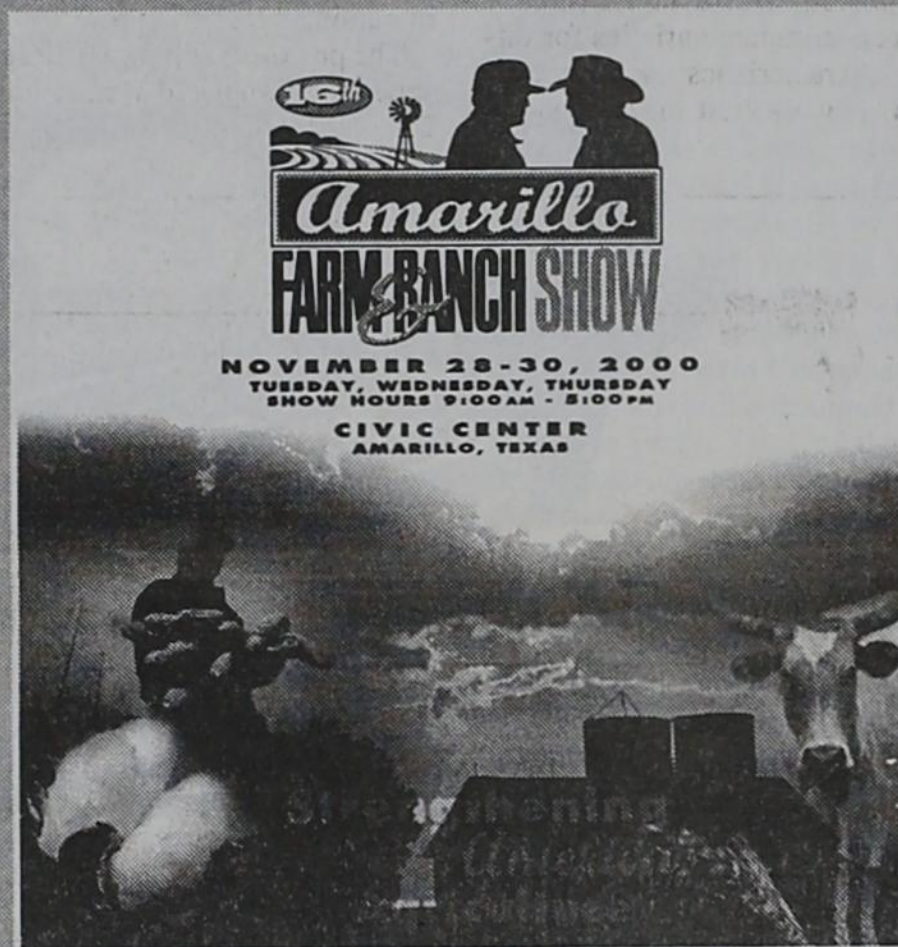
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## Cargill AgHorizons offers new choices

Cargill AgHorizons is launching a new grain contract that will take the futures hedging burden out of the hands of producers and put it into the hands of hedging experts.

It will offer farmers five professional hedging choices managed by grain marketing experts, with the final contract futures price based on the hedging activities of these experts.

Farmers participating in the contract may choose from five hedging choices and bushels contracted may be split between the various choices. Cargill AgHorizons manages three hedging choices and non-Cargill grain marketing professionals manage two.

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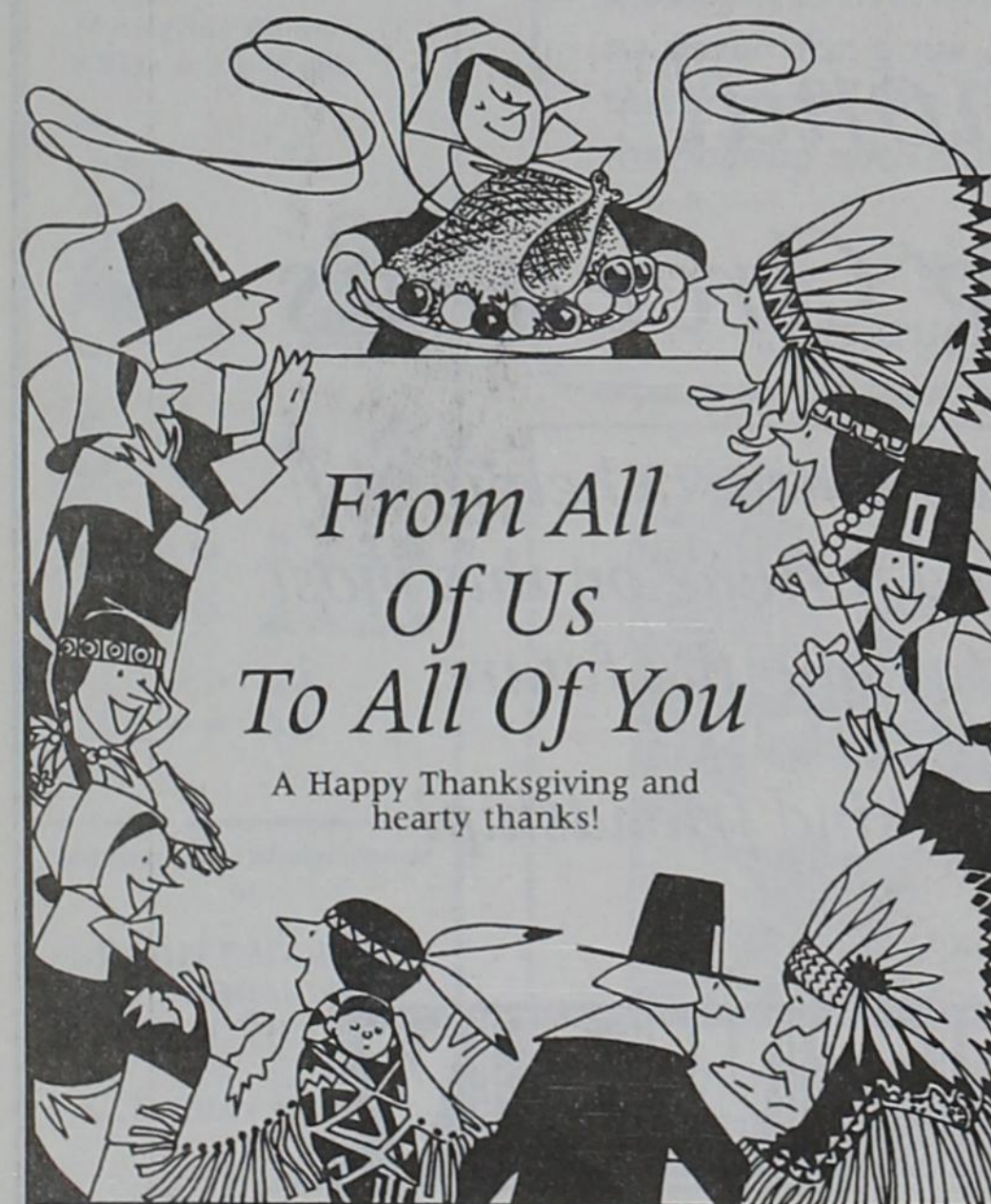
charges and three include additional performance premiums if the price is within the top third. Each hedging choice offers a guaranteed minimum price, helping to reduce risk producers face in grain marketing. Participants may set the contract basis at any time prior to delivery.

Managing the two non-Cargill choices will be Richard Brock, market advisor through Brock Associates; and Alan Kluis, founder of Northstar Commodity.

Futures offering months will include corn futures for December 2001 and March 2002, soybeans for November 2001 and January 2002, and wheat for Chicago July 2001 and Kansas City July 2001.

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# Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Cotton harvest seems to be on a start-and-stop schedule across the Texas High Plains as producers struggle to get into their fields between weather events, trying to salvage as much of the 2000 crop as possible.

During October, the harvest delays were caused by rain. The scene shifted during the first week of November as the area recorded both its first official killing freeze and the season's first measurable snowfall, which averaged between 2-6 inches across the area.

The end result is virtually the same—wet cotton and muddy fields that must dry before strippers can begin rolling again.

When the final tally is completed there will be no doubt that reductions in yields will cause a decline in the Nov. 1 estimate of 2.72 million bales. It's too early to tell how far below that estimate yields will be.

With each passing day, the crop is inching its way down the quality scale and it is losing value. The only good thing is that the reduced yields may mean some extra help from the

disaster program on the quality side of the sheet.

Nothing new has been released regarding a proposed timeline for disaster program sign-up or final rules governing the three aspects of the program recently approved by Congress.

As noted before, the quantity portion is expected to be fairly straightforward while both the quality and "severe economic loss" sections are being worked on to make sure cotton receives fair treatment under the revised rules.

The Texas Tech University Agricultural Economics Department's Cotton Economics Research Institute is in the final stages of developing some useful analysis tools that producers can use to estimate harvest costs, crop market values and determine optimum cotton variety selections.

The first to be operative is the Cotton Harvesting Cost Calculator.

All of these resources can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.aeco.ttu.edu/CER-Institute/Resourcepage.htm>

This useful tool allows producers to specify the details of their harvesting equipment and operational capabilities and calculate an estimated cost per pound to harvest cotton at differing yield levels.

Dr. Sukant Misra, a professor at Texas Tech University who worked on developing the harvesting cost calculator said that the system provides a preview of harvesting costs based on different equipment set-ups and allows producers to see what those costs are at different yield levels.

He said the system also can be used as part of the decision-making process to determine when harvesting a crop becomes economically impractical. As with any estimation system, the information it develops is dependent on the quality and accuracy of the information that is input.

Growers using the system should make every effort to put in good information in order to get the best possible information return.

But Misra says producers should not make any decision based solely on this calculation. He said other costs should also be taken into account before a final determination is made.

Other tools the researchers are developing include a "cotton price calculator" which allows producers to input average value for different lots of cotton they have for sale, and to estimate the actual market price that may be realized.

The cotton price calculator uses market data collected through the Cotton Economics Research Institute's Daily Price Estimation System. It will also be available within the next few days at the TTU website.

Also in the works is a cotton variety selection wizard that will help producers compare varieties for different characteristics to determine what will work best in their operations.

## Cattle feeders elect new officers, board members

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) have named officers and directors who will lead the group for the coming year.

The group held its annual convention in Oklahoma City in October, and during that meeting, the new officers and directors were elected.

Jim B. Waterfield of Canadian is the chairman of the board and Paul F. Engler of Amarillo, all of Amarillo; Don Oppliger of Farwell; James M. Peters of Quemado; and Waterfield.

Those elected to two-year terms are Tommy Bell of Dalhart; Paul F. Engler and Byron N. Gossett, both of Amarillo; Rex McCloy of Morse; Dan McWhorter of Hereford; and John Rakestraw of Boulder, Colo.

Directors chosen to serve three-year terms are H.P. (Bo) Brown of Lubbock; Scott Keeling of Hereford; Perry Kirkland of Vega; Bill Kruse of Dalhart; Bill Robertson of Amarillo; and Wm. H. (Bill) Shaw of San Angelo.

In addition, two immediate past chairmen serve as members of the board. They are Paul H. Hitch of Guymon, Okla., and Jim Schwertner of Schwertner.

TCFA represents cattle feeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, an area that producers 30% of the nation's fed beef.

## Irrigation workshop is planned Monday

Practical irrigation management and technology innovation will top the agenda in Amarillo at a one-day irrigation workshop on Nov. 27 at the Ambassador Hotel (1-40 West).

Early registration is recommended. The cost for attending is \$25 if received before Friday. On-site registration costs \$35. The registration fee covers breaks, lunch and a complimentary one-year membership in the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

The event begins with registration at 8 a.m., followed by the opening session at 8:30 a.m.

The program is pre-approved for seven Continuing Education Units (CEUs) applicable to irrigation association certifications. Certified crop advisers can earn 7-1/4 CEUs. Texas Dept. of Agriculture licensed pesticide applicators can earn three general CEUs, and New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture pesticide applicators can

earn two general CEUs.

Topics include agronomic aspects of irrigation management and scheduling, pumping costs, systems maintenance, management and troubleshooting issues, chemigation, water quality protection, an irrigation research update, and current water issues of interest.

To register for the workshop, call Kimberly Lutrick, TAA executive assistant, at 298-2920; fax 298-2873; or e-mail [sklutrick@door.net](mailto:sklutrick@door.net).

Experts will provide the latest research information and technology updates to participating agricultural producers, irrigation and industry professionals, and crop advisers.

Organizers of the event at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation district, and Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

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*No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks.*

-Mary Wollstonecraft



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# Water District personnel start soil moisture survey

Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the US Dept. of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are collecting data for the 2001 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

The two agencies conduct the joint annual survey to determine general pre-plant soil moisture availability and deficit trends within the 15-county High Plains Water District Service area, which includes Castro County.

Information gathered during the survey enables producers to conserve ground water resources by recommending they apply only the amount of water needed to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity during pre-plant irrigation.

Using this information, producers are less likely to over-irrigate their fields prior to planting.

Three teams began collecting pre-plant soil moisture data within the Water District on Nov. 13. Team members are Terry Bridges, Gerald Crenwelge, Dewayne Hovey, Arnold Huskey, LaTisha Keller and Scott Orr.

Data collection starts in November each year so surveyors can avoid as much inclement weather as possible. It also allows the pre-plant soil moisture survey to be completed before producers begin irrigating winter crops.

"Recent rains and snow have made it impossible for producers to enter their fields and continue harvesting crops," said USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist Crenwelge. "We have started our data collection at soil moisture monitoring sites that can be easily reached. Later, the area should dry out enough to allow access to the remaining sites."

The pre-plant soil moisture survey should be completed in early January 2001.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use Troxler neutron moisture meters to gather data at 323 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the Water District. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot root zone soil profile by lowering the neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Soil moisture monitoring sites are selected according to soil type, local crops grown, and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer, which suggests potential water well yields. Each site represents typical dryland

or irrigated farming practices in the area where the site is selected.

Data is used to construct maps illustrating the amount of soil moisture available for plant use within the five-foot root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

These maps will be distributed to area news media and will be published in the Water District's monthly newsletter, "The Cross Section," before producers start making pre-plant irrigation decisions.

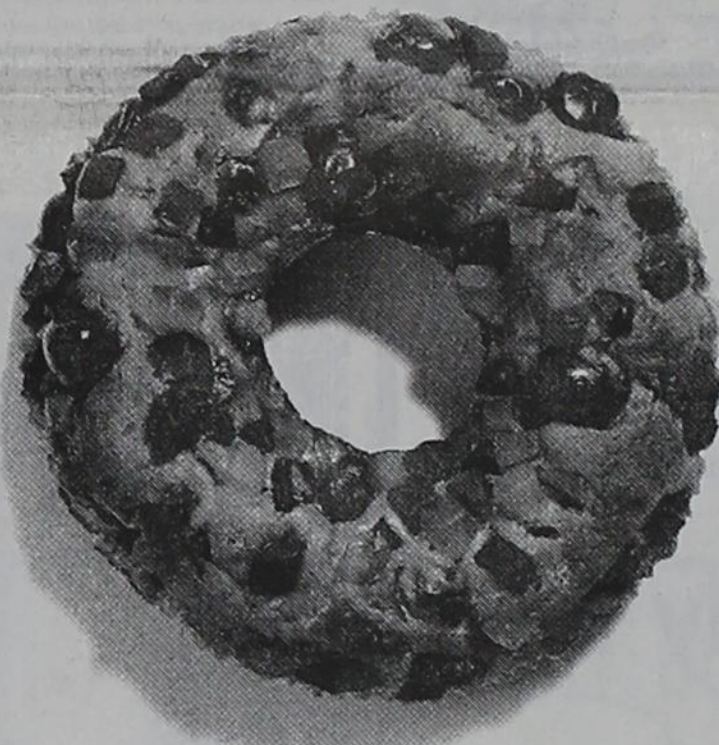
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IN THE SERVING LINE at the annual Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar are Lynn Keener (center) and Roy Stotts (right), as auxiliary member Florene Leinen (left) dishes up the turkey. Approximately 325 meals were

served, and many people bought chances on a quilt the auxiliary was raffling off. The winner of the quilt was Matt Gilbreath. The annual event was held Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Group considers final revisions to proposed regional water plan

The proposed Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan moved one step closer to final adoption last Wednesday as planning group members considered revisions to the plan based upon comments received from federal and state agencies, and the public.

"The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin has made its preliminary assessment of the initially-prepared regional water plan document," said A. Wayne Wyatt of Lubbock, chairman of the planning group. "Their review has found some minor elements missing from the draft plan that are necessary to meet statutes, rules or contract requirements of Senate Bill 1 and the TWDB. We are expecting additional input from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. prior to Dec. 5."

The group also reviewed comments from the public received after the water plan was unveiled at a Sept. 26 public hearing in Lubbock.

"We received 19 written comments regarding the content of the regional water plan and have responded to each one," Wyatt said.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan must be completed, adopted and submitted to the TWDB by Jan. 5, 2001. After review and approval, the TWDB will incorporate the 16 regional water plans into a comprehensive state water plan by January 2002.

Even as the planning group members approach the end of the first water planning cycle, they are already thinking about the next planning cycle. They considered a draft list of tasks to be included in the second phase of the regional water planning effort, which begins in 2001.

The planning group has identified several tasks that will be included in a formal "Scope of Work" to be submitted to the TWDB at a later date.

These include revising and updating the region's basic water database, water demand projections, and population totals based upon 2000 US Census data; improving data collection to determine irrigation pumpage estimates to reflect

historical and future water demands; more accurately determining the firm yields of area surface water reservoirs; determining the specific yield of the Ogallala Aquifer within the region; examining ground water quality for all uses in the region; testing of secondary recovery to release ground water held by capillary attraction between the pore spaces of the aquifer; continuing public awareness about the regional water planning effort; and developing specific information about a proposed regional water distribution pipeline network to transport water from Hartley and/or Roberts Counties to towns, cities and industries in the Llano Estacado Water Planning region.

Wyatt said mayors, city managers

and public utility directors with the group are scheduled to discuss the regional water distribution network at a 10 a.m. meeting on Dec. 7 at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office in Lubbock.

"We contacted these entities a few months ago to see if they were interested in participating in a regional water pipeline project as outlined in the draft water management plan. Of the 46 entities contacted, 42 responded favorably," Wyatt said.

The meeting is open to the public. The Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan is available for viewing on the Internet at the planning group's web site, [www.llanoplan.org](http://www.llanoplan.org).

## NRCS can help design windbreaks

This winter as cold winds howl, many people will consider planting windbreaks on their property.

Properly designed, a windbreak can reduce heating costs for homes and businesses, provide protection from the wind for people and livestock, reduce wind erosion and provide wildlife habitats.

The Castro County Natural Resource Conservation Service, located at 114 W. Belsher in Dimmitt, can provide assistance with planning windbreaks around homes, farms, ranch headquarters, feedlots and other areas. The organization is currently accepting orders for windbreak trees.

"Waiting until next spring or summer to install a windbreak means another year's delay in reaping the benefits," said Gary Hunter, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "Trees and shrubs used in windbreaks should be planted as soon as possible after they arrive, somewhere around April 1."

Hunter said planning now will enable landowners to get the type of tree they want.

"Many of the more popular species

ordered through the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District are only available in limited quantities and they sell out quickly," Hunter said.

"These seedlings are provided at a very low cost, but their use is restricted to eligible farmsteads. Other varieties also are available commercially."

Another good reason to plan a windbreak now is so everything will be ready when the trees arrive.

"We have certain guidelines you must follow regarding the distance from homesteads, roads, the direction of prevailing winds, etc.," Hunter said. "These can alleviate a lot of headaches 10 years down the road when the small seedlings have become large trees."

He adds that planning a drip irrigation system which is tailored to each individual windbreak is a plus.

"It has been found that these systems are essential to provide for a suitable survival rate for the small seedlings."

Rates of survival near 100% are not uncommon when proper planting methods of food seed stock is coupled with a drip irrigation system.

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## ACGA sets convention for Feb. 1-4

The ninth annual convention of the American Corn Growers Association has been set for Feb. 1-4 in San Antonio at the Menger Hotel.

Early registration is being accepted with payment of the \$85 fee. Payments may be sent to ACGA, Box 18157, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Registrants are asked to pay for their own hotel accommodations. Ask for the ACGA group rate (booking #5347) at 1-800-345-9285 before Jan. 5.

The convention will feature issue seminars with elected officials, farm leaders, and ag experts. In addition, there will be banquets and entertainment, including tickets for an NBA San Antonio Spurs game.

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-Alexander Smith

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A BUFFET was served last Thursday night to customers at First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, as part of their Holiday Celebration Open House. Businesses stayed open late for the convenience of shoppers, who were given the opportunity to sign up for drawings for Dimmitt Dollars. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Police Calls

Saturday at 7:28 p.m., a Dimmitt woman told police that someone broke out the windows of two vehicles at her home on Northeast Eighth Street. The damage was estimated at over \$1,500. A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed in connection with

the incident at 7:53 p.m.

Saturday at 10:55 p.m., a 19-year-old Dimmitt man told police that a suspect had pushed him twice in an incident of Class C assault in the 900 block of East Jones.

Saturday at 11:15 p.m., a Hart man, 33, was jailed for assault/bodily injury/family member after his wife told deputies that he had hit her in the eye with his fist.

Friday at 11:49 p.m., a 31-year-old Lubbock man was stopped in the 300 block of East Bedford because his vehicle had defective equipment. He was subsequently charged with DWI, breath test refused and was jailed at 12:37 a.m. Saturday.

Sunday at 2:04 a.m., a 21-year-old Clovis, N.M., man was jailed on charges of DWI, first offense.

Sunday at 4:48 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 22, was jailed for failure to give notice of striking a highway fixture or landscaping.

A 32-year-old Dimmitt man was picked up Nov. 15 on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Warrants for an unrestrained child and failure to appear resulted in the jailing of a 35-year-old Littlefield man Friday evening.

Saturday afternoon, a Dimmitt man, 34, was jailed on warrants for DWI, third offense, motion to revoke and driving with license suspended.

**Jail Count**  
As of Monday afternoon, there were 12 inmates in the county jail, with one farmed out.

### More about

## Hospital Q's and A's

(Continued from Page 1)

**Q: Why not turn (the hospital district's facilities) over to Baptist/St. Anthony's or somebody?**

JOE SLOAN, chief executive officer: "(Larger systems that buy or lease smaller hospitals) send a lot of expenses down and drag a lot of cash up. You'd lose a lot of the local economy."

"If you people don't like the way things are going, you can tell (the directors) to kick me out."

"If you got Covenant in here, or B/SA or Northwest or University, then it's their hospital and they'll do what they want to do, period."

CAROLYN JANSA: "You don't want Covenant coming in here. They'll take over your clinic and your lab... and the income from the local clinic will go to Lubbock."

DR. W. J. HILL: "Another hospital that has gone through the same deal (leasing out to a metro system) is the Plainview hospital. I think they may be coming back now, but they really hit bottom."

SLOAN: "We're going to try to work out an affiliation agreement with somebody in Lubbock and somebody in Amarillo. You'll have local control; no money changes hands. We'll get to use their education services and things like that."

JERRY ANNEN: "I was on the board of B/SA for about seven years, and I really believe when the bigger hospitals started coming into the smaller communities, they had excess funds. But I think since the

Balanced Budget Act, they've had to try to pull services into their hospitals to help them survive."

**Q. Do you have facilities for MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) now?**

SLOAN: We will have shortly. The contract is on my desk. It will be a portable unit. We'll have a truck here once a week to do MRIs.

The difference between CAT scan and MRI is that a CAT scan is an emergency thing. If you're in a car wreck you need a CAT scan now. An MRI is a study they're going to do along with a battery of tests so that in the next week or so they want you to get an MRI.

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Who's the guy in the black suit and tie?  
Here's a hint, he's a Harley guy. Riding Harleys is his passion, That is, if you're still guessin'. He turned in his ties and all his suits for do-rags, black leathers, and riding boots. Likes to pose, thinks he's nifty, Even now as he turns FIFTY!

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## ACGA is uneasy about GMO corn variety

American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) President Keith Dittrich, in a recent press release, said farmers he has spoken with are concerned that they are not being told the whole story about the legal and financial risks associated with growing Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) corn and other commodities.

The GMO corn variety known as StarLink, unapproved for human consumption, has entered the US human food chain. It is now under recall. The Environmental Protection

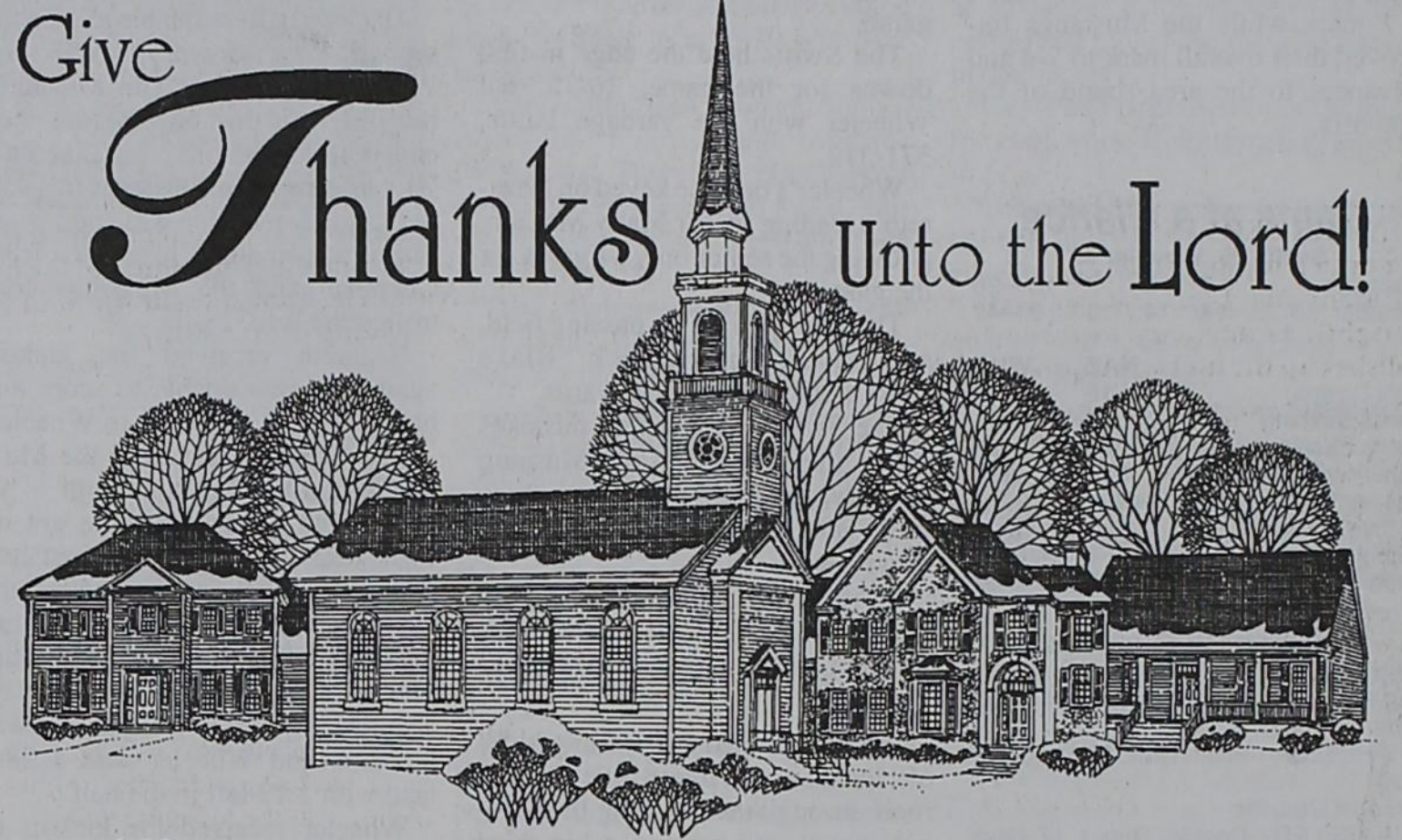
Agency (EPA) has called upon Aventis CropScience, which sold the rogue seed variety (StarLink) to farmers, to pay for the economic mess it has created.

"The recall of StarLink corn is causing farmers to ask hard questions about who is responsible for the consumer concerns and economic costs related to farmers unknowingly growing unapproved GMO varieties," Dittrich said. "I applaud the EPA for agreeing with farmers that the companies who pushed this technology onto farmers must take re-

sponsibility.

"It sets a necessary precedent and sends a strong signal to biotech companies that they must be totally above board with farmers and own up to any and all economic costs that face farmers as a result of growing and marketing GMO crops," Dittrich said.

In a statement released recently, the EPA stated that Aventis was responsible for ensuring that StarLink corn is used only in animal feed, and that responsibility clearly was not met.



We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for all the blessings we share, including the gift of your friendship, and ask that all your prayers be answered this Thanksgiving season.

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# Sports



## Swifts yield to Finsterwald, Wheeler in bi-district tilt

By MEGAN SCHULTE

Wheeler's Caleb Finsterwald followed his offensive line through Nazareth's defensive front, then raced to paydirt five times Friday, leading the Mustangs to a 42-26 win over the Swifts in a Class A bi-district playoff game at White Deer.

Nazareth ended its season with a 9-2 mark while the Mustangs improved their overall mark to 7-4 and advances to the area round of the playoffs.

### Game at a Glance

	Swifts 26	Wheeler 42
Nazareth	0 6 7 13-26	
Wheeler	14 14 6 8-42	

	NAZ	WHE
First Downs	16	15
Yards Rushing	108	341
Yards Passing	204	30
Total Yards Gained	312	371
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	16-34-1	2-3-0
Punts-Avg.	1-20	3-25
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-3
Penalties-Yards	4-30	3-35

### Scoring By Quarters

**First Quarter:**  
WHEELER—Caleb Finsterwald 49 run (Bret Goad kick)  
WHEELER—Finsterwald 13 run (Goad kick)

**Second Quarter:**  
WHEELER—Donnie Phipps 17 pass from Justin Chapman (kick failed)  
WHEELER—Finsterwald 70 run (Finsterwald pass from Chapman)  
NAZ—Eric Schilling 40 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (kick blocked)

**Third Quarter:**  
WHEELER—Finsterwald 67 run (kick failed)  
NAZ—Matty McLain 1 run (Philip Bergendahl kick)

**Fourth Quarter:**  
WHEELER—Finsterwald 3 run (Chapman run)  
NAZ—Aaron Kern 34 run (Bergendahl kick)  
NAZ—McLain 5 run (run failed)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing:** NAZ—Matty McLain 14-64; Aaron Kern 5-40; Jason Huseman 4-34; Blake Birkenfeld 6-(-30).  
WHEELER—Caleb Finsterwald 34-298; Chris Gallagher 9-24; Justin Chapman 8-12; Jake Britt 1-5; Kendall Hefley 2-1; James Chapman 3-1.

**Passing:** NAZ—Birkenfeld 15-32 for 204 yards and two interceptions; McLain, 0-2. WHEELER—Justin Chapman 2-3 for 30 yards and no interceptions.

**Receiving:** NAZ—Kade Wilcox 5-88; Trey Robb 5-27; Eric Schilling 4-85; Daryl Pohlmeier 1-3. WHEELER—Donnie Phipps 2-30.

Nazareth spotted the Mustangs 28 points in the first half, then had to play catch up the rest of the way. They couldn't make up the deficit despite an improved second-half effort.

Nazareth reeled off 20 points in the second half, but couldn't stymie Finsterwald and the Mustang ground game.

The Swifts held the edge in first downs for the game, 16-15, but Wheeler won the yardage battle, 371-312.

Wheeler's defense keyed on Nazareth's leading rusher Matty McLain, allowing the senior only 64 yards for the game.

That did open up the passing field, and Swift quarterback Blake Birkenfeld threw for 204 yards.

The Swifts made a few mistakes when they were inside Mustang territory, turning the ball over three times and failing to convert fourth down plays.

"They got the breaks early," Coach Rick Price said. "They were winning up front and they got the better of us up there."

Wheeler booted the opening kickoff, but Nazareth found little running room through the Mustang line.

Nazareth did convert a big third down play with a long pass from Birkenfeld to Kade Wilcox, but the drive stalled from there and the Swifts were forced to punt.

The Mustangs ran only five offensive plays before taking the lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Finsterwald exploited some big holes opened by his offensive line and he eventually capped the effort with a 49-yard run. Bret Goad booted the PAT for a 7-0 Wheeler lead.

The Swifts ran just two plays after the kickoff before the Mustangs intercepted a wobbly pass thrown by Birkenfeld.

Wheeler cashed in on the Swift miscue and scored again.

A 13-yard run by Finsterwald put the Mustangs up by 14 after Goad's PAT was good.

Wheeler surprised the Swifts with an onside kickoff which the Mustangs recovered.

They ran nine plays before Justin

Chapman completed a 17-yard pass to Donnie Phipps for the touchdown and a 20-0 lead with 9:21 left in the first half. Nazareth junior Aaron Kern deflected the PAT by Goad.

Nazareth received the kickoff and on the first play Birkenfeld completed a 13-yard pass to Kade Wilcox for the first down.

The Swifts were unable to gain the second first down though and Wheeler took over. The Mustangs ran only one play before they ended up in endzone, this time on a 70-yard run from Finsterwald. The two-point conversion was good when Finsterwald hauled in a pass from Chapman and the Mustangs controlled the lead, 28-0.

Nazareth received the kickoff again, but was unable to score and had to turn the ball over to Wheeler.

The Swifts finally held the Mustangs and forced them to punt.

Nazareth's passing game got on track near the end of the first half and the Swifts finally cracked the scoreboard when Birkenfeld connected with Schilling down the sideline for a 40-yard touchdown play. The PAT by Philip Bergendahl was blocked, and Wheeler held a 28-6 lead with 1:13 left in the half.

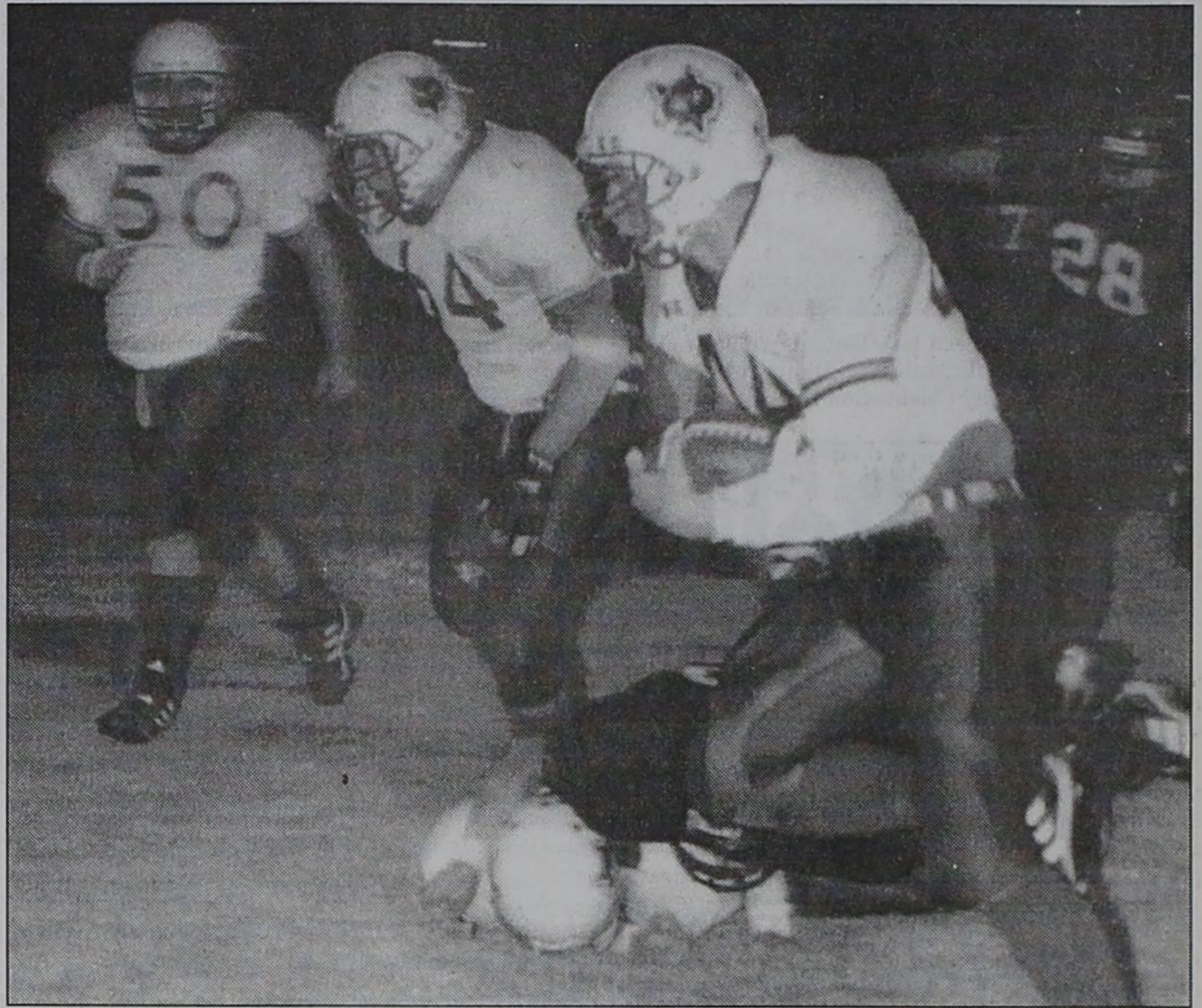
Wheeler received the kickoff to start the second half and ran four plays before Nazareth caused a fumble which was recovered by Adam Schulte for the Swifts.

The Mustangs stole the ball back when Finsterwald intercepted a pass by Birkenfeld.

The Mustangs ran two plays, before running into the end zone again. Finsterwald got the honors for the fourth time, this time racing 67 yards to paydirt. The PAT was blocked, but Wheeler had jumped to a big 34-6 lead.

Nazareth ran two plays before Birkenfeld completed two passes to Trey Robb, and that's all the Swifts would get out of the drive. The Mustangs forced Birkenfeld into throwing a wobbly pass that they intercepted, but the tough Swift defense held the Mustang offense and forced them to punt.

Birkenfeld completed a 61-yard pass to Schilling, but he was dragged down three yards away from the end



**RUNNING ROOM**—Nazareth tailback Matty McLain (44) finds a hole around the end and uses blocks by teammates Reece Hales (50) and Adam Schulte (64) to gain a first down in a bi-district

playoff game with Wheeler. The Mustangs took an early lead and went on to claim the playoff trophy with a 42-26 win over the Swifts at White Deer.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

zone. McLain drove in for the score. Bergendahl's PAT was good, and the Wheeler lead was trimmed to 34-13.

Just before the buzzer, Reece Hales recovered a Wheeler fumble, but Nazareth was unable to score, despite having control in good field position.

Wheeler ran seven plays before Finsterwald reached the end zone again, this time on a 3-yard run. The two-point conversion was good again, and the Mustangs led 42-13.

Nazareth scored twice in the last five minutes of the game, using a 34-yard run by Kern, a 5-yard plunge by McLain and a PAT by Bergendahl to make the final score 42-26.



**NAZARETH RECEIVER KADE WILCOX (11)** fights to escape the clutches of a Wheeler tackler Friday after catching one of his five passes on the night from quarterback Blake Birkenfeld. Wilcox's five receptions netted him 88 yards, but it wasn't enough to boost the Swifts to a victory. Wheeler jumped out to a 28-point lead, then held off the Swifts' second-half rally for a 42-26 bi-district win.

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# Swiftettes overcome deficit to destroy Tulia

It took Nazareth's girls almost a full half of action to get on track Saturday, but once they did, Tulia couldn't keep up with the pace of the game.

After falling behind 40-28 in the first half at Tulia Saturday, Nazareth's defense kicked in and limited the Lady Hornets to 13 points in the second half.

Nazareth's offense also uncorked on the Tulia defense, pouring in 41 points to claim a 69-53 win.

The Lady Hornets exploded with 18 points in the first quarter and limited the Swiftettes to 11.

Tulia's domination continued in the second quarter, as the Lady Hornets buried shot-after-shot to

claim the big halftime advantage. But Nazareth, behind the scoring of Whitney Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel, came back with a vengeance in second-half action.

Nazareth outscored Tulia 16-6 in the third quarter to pull within a basket of the Lady Hornets, 46-44.

The fourth quarter was all Nazareth.

The Swiftettes went on a scoring rampage, putting up 25 points on the board to claim the win.

Hoelting finished with 23 points while Thiel added 18 to lead the Swiftettes. For Tulia, Andrea Vaughn attacked the Swiftette defense with 34 points.

# Loboettes top Bobbies, 58-39

The Bobbies suffered their second loss Friday night when they fell to Levelland's tall, talented Loboettes, 58-39.

Senior guard Heather Black scored most of Dimmitt's points—21—on everything from layups and fade-aways to treys. No other Dimmitt player reached double digits.

The taller Loboettes set the tone early when they stifled the Bobbies with their half-court man-to-man defense and moved out to a 13-7 lead in the first quarter.

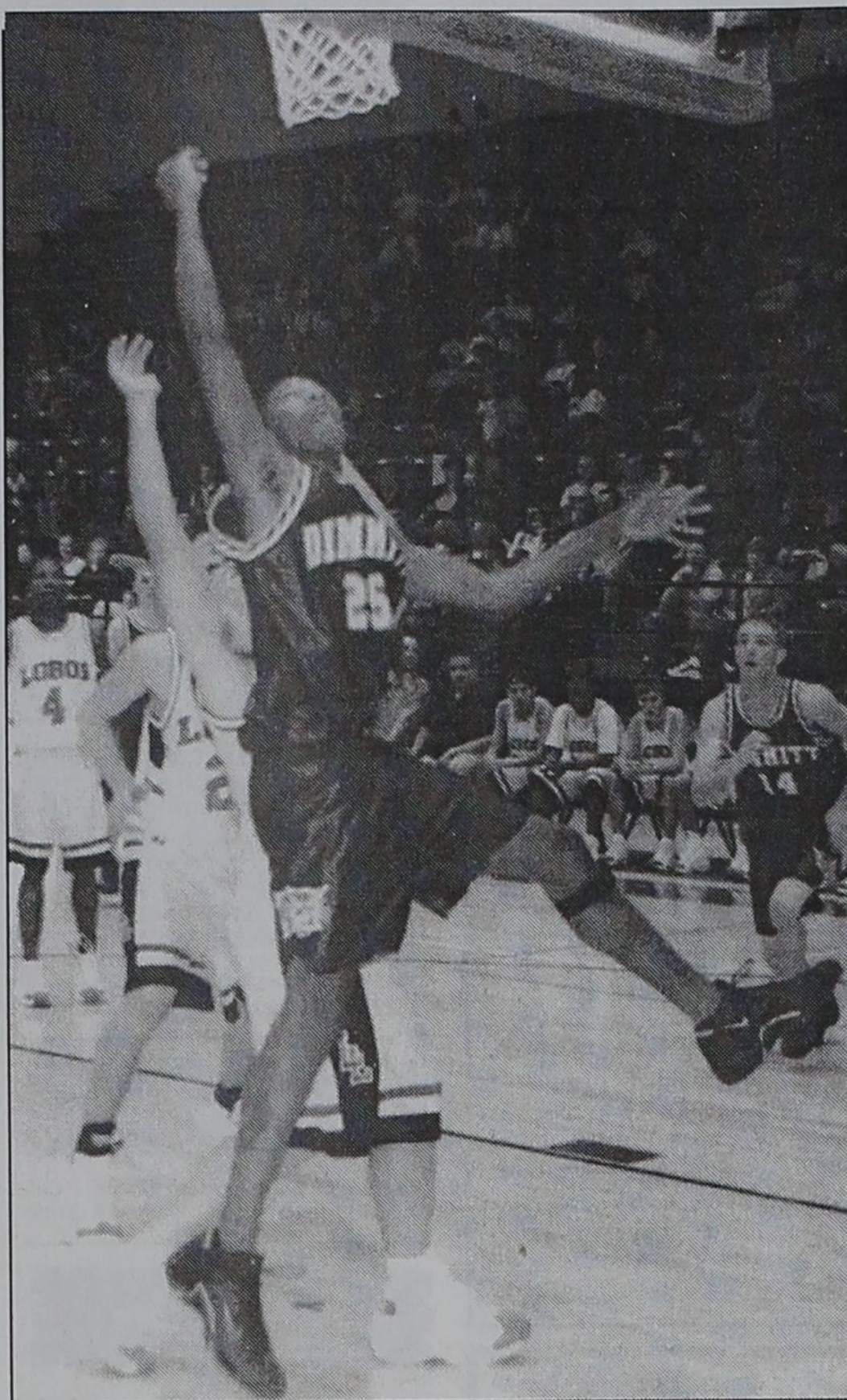
The Loboettes stretched their lead to 20-9 on a corner trey by Danielle Wilson early in the second. But the Bobbies rallied to tie the score at 24-24 with 1:23 remaining in the half. Contributing to the Dimmitt run were Black with a 15-ft. fade-away jumper and a free throw; Tamara Robertson with a three-pointer, a put-back and a freebie; Rachel Fabela with a trey from the top of the circle; and Audrey Saenz with a pair of free throws. Levelland's Tamara McDonald

sank a six-foot jumper and Tara Vaughan sank a pair of free throws to give the Loboettes the lead again at 28-24 by the halftime buzzer.

Levelland's Tawanna Flowers and Mika Robertson combined for 13 of the Loboettes' 15 third-quarter points as the hostesses put the Bobbies in a 10-point hole, 43-33. Black scored all nine of Dimmitt's third-quarter points on a pair on a three-point play and a pair of treys.

The Bobbies had to rely on long shots against the taller Loboettes, and in the final period their shots started rimming out. It happened time after time and the Bobbies faded, with Lori Schulte scoring Dimmitt's final field goal—a three-pointer from the top—with 5:55 left in the game. After that, the only Dimmitt point was the front end of a one-and-one by Robertson.

With both teams in the bonus going into the fourth, Levelland sank 7 of 11 free throws and Dimmitt hit 1 of 3.



**DIMMITT'S D. NORMAN (25) sinks a reverse baseline layup to tie the score at 25-25 in the second quarter of the Bobcats' game against Levelland's Lobos Friday night at Levelland. The Lobos won the hard-fought game, 67-60.**

Photo by Carter Townsend

# Bobcats fall Friday to Levelland, 67-60

With nine players still getting used to playing without helmets, the Bobcats suffered their second loss Friday night, 67-60, at Levelland.

Although the Bobcats were at a major height disadvantage—a situation they'll just have to live with this year—it was a game that Coach Alan Steidle felt they should have won.

"Levelland isn't a bad team, but we just hit 13 out of 26 free throws, and we turned the ball over like crazy—10 times in the first quarter and 23 times in all," Steidle said.

But the coach took the blame. "I did a poor job the first week of getting our kids ready," Steidle said. It was a three-point game through the first half, with Levelland leading 15-12 at the end of the first period and 28-25 at halftime.

The Bobcats went ahead 40-39 in the third on a layup by Matthew Wright but the Lobos regained a 46-40 advantage by the buzzer.

Marcus Larra and Austin Sherman picked up their fourth fouls in the third, and the Lobos went into an early bonus.

Levelland connected on nine of 15 free throws in the fourth as Sherman fouled out with 3:29 remaining.

The Lobos also collected major points off of their inside game in the final frame, mainly from big postman Wesley Wise, who muscled in three field goals and added five of seven free throws as Levelland led by as many as 15.

# Lady Horns win Morton Tourney

Hart's Lady Horns posted three big wins in the Morton Tournament to claim the first-place trophy while the Hart Longhorns had to settle for third place honors after losing their second-round game.

The Lady Horns posted a big 42-29 win over Shallowater junior varsity last Thursday; then beat Bovina, 63-43, on Friday to advance to the title game on Saturday.

In that championship match, the Lady Horns took control of the game in the first quarter and never looked back, coasting to a 56-39 win over host Morton.

After beating the Coronado Sophomores 73-71 in a double overtime thriller last Thursday, Hart's boys struggled in their second game, falling to Bovina, 38-46, in the semifinal round on Friday.

The Longhorns bounced back with a 59-43 decision over Spade on Saturday for third-place honors.

Dimmitt's junior varsity boys' team gave their opponents all they could handle and more in the tournament, but they couldn't pull out a victory. The JV Bobcats fell to Spade, 55-57; Morton, 60-65; and Coronado, 58-70.

Defense was the key for the Lady Horns in the tournament.

They limited Shallowater JV to 10 first-half points while building a commanding 26-10 lead at intermission.

The Lady Horns continued to roll in third-quarter action and were up 36-16 headed into the final period.

Shallowater managed to outscore Hart 13-6 in the fourth, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early Lady Horn lead.

Crystal Diego and Vanessa Carrasco finished in double-digit scoring for the Lady Horns, posting 19 and 10 points, respectively.

After walloping Bovina, 63-43, in Friday's semifinal, the Lady Horns prepared to battle Morton for the tournament championship on Saturday.

Diego and Carrasco again paced their team, finishing with 19 and 17 points, as Hart won the crown, 56-39.

Hart outscored Morton 11-2 in the first period, then exploded to a 26-9 lead by halftime. Over the final 16

minutes, Morton managed to match Hart bucket for bucket, but the first-half lead prevailed for the Lady Horns.

Hart's boys had a lead over the Lubbock Coronado Sophomores in the fourth quarter last Thursday, but Coronado battled back to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The first bonus period was an offensive show, with each team pouring in 12 points. Hart finally got an advantage in the second overtime period and pulled out the 73-71 win in double OT.

Joey Pantoja poured in 30 points for Hart while Keith Finch chipped in 11.

Coronado held a slim 10-9 lead in the first quarter and maintained that edge at the break, 24-23.

Hart gained control in the third quarter and took a two-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Coronado was able to knot the score at 56 and send the game into overtime.

The JV Cats had a tough battle in their first-round game, too, coming back from a big halftime deficit only to come up a basket short at the end of regulation.

Spade took a 16-9 lead in the first period, then extended that margin to 32-17.

Dimmitt rallied in the third quarter and outscored Spade 19-10 to pull within six, 36-42, then trimmed the deficit even more in the fourth.

But Morton was able to hold on down the stretch for the win.

Matthew Gauna had 19 points to lead the JV Cats.

Both county boys' teams fell in their second-round matches, with Dimmitt losing to Morton, 60-65; and Hart falling to Bovina, 38-46.

The Longhorns rebounded with a 59-43 win over Spade on Saturday to finish third.

In that game, Finch finished with 17 points while Jacob Reyna tallied 16.

Hart turned a 10-5 first-quarter lead into a 30-17 halftime advantage, then coasted through the second half for the win.

Dimmitt's JV stayed with Coronado for three quarters in the seventh-place game, but a big third-quarter run by Coronado allowed the Lubbock team to post the 70-58 win. Gauna finished with 11 to lead Dimmitt.



**THERE IT GOES!—Dimmitt's Stacy Saenz (left) and Sharla Kenworthy battle with a Levelland player for a loose ball in the third quarter of Friday night's varsity girls game at Levelland. The Loboettes defeated the visiting Bobbies, 58-39.**

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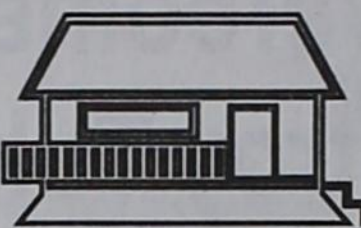
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Meetings by the Texas Wheat Producers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and others will take place during the three days of the event. CEUs will be offered for pesticide applicator license holders during the farm and range management symposium. New this year is a technology presentation by VantagePoint.

Sponsors for the show include the *High Plains Journal*, KFDA-TV, KGNC-Radio, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Wheat Producers.

## DISD counselors attend conference

Two Dimmitt school counselors attended the 2000 Conference of the Texas Counseling Association Nov. 8-11 in Houston.

Jennifer Howell, Richardson Elementary School counselor, and Sue Howell, Dimmitt Middle School counselor, joined more than 2,000 counseling and human development professionals from across the state in participating in skill-building workshops and learning programs focusing on the most up-to-date issues and

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The theme of the conference was "Lift Off 2000: One Vision, One Mission, One Voice." Featured speakers included Rosa Guerrero and Toody Byrd.

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of the items for sale are (from left) Ronnie Wilhelm and Alice Palazzini and ready to help them with their selections is auxiliary member Edna Reinart (right). Photo by Linda Maxwell

## More about 1:1

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As I understand it, Century Heights is a condo community made up mainly of elderly Jewish retirees.

As *Miami Herald* humor columnist Dave Barry told CNN, "I can guarantee you, all the people in Century Heights would vote for Yassar Arafat before they'd vote for Pat Buchanan."

"Butterfly" ballots are going to be collectors' items. One of the sample ballots brought \$150 in an Internet auction the other night. Civics teachers and historians across the country reportedly are clamoring for copies. Ms. Lepore, the ballot's designer, is a Democrat, by the way.

Our whole nation has been held hostage by an inept Florida election system that has no legal procedure in place for hand-counting ballots, as Texas and most other states have.

Could the alleged "disenfranchisement" of so many voters in South Florida have been the result of a conspiracy of some kind?

Barry: "Oh, no. To have a conspiracy, you need a certain level of competency, and we don't have that in Florida. . . ."

Think Florida has an exclusive on confused voters? Think again.

Right here in our little corner of the world, we had a jail bond election at the bottom of the ballot.

Our county officials held public hearings about it. The newspaper ran a four-week series of questions and answers about it. Our two supermarkets sponsored the printing of the full-size sample ballot in the newspaper for everyone to see.

And almost 20% of our voters (444, to be exact) didn't vote on the

jail-bond election. It failed by 28 votes.

Our county officials heard several excuses from some of those who didn't vote on the issue:

"I couldn't find it on the ballot."  
"I didn't know enough about it to vote on it one way or the other."  
*Sheesh!*

Did you know that only 1.6% of the US population now votes with paper ballots, as we do here?

The tattered political campaign rages on in the streets of Florida, in the letters columns, on the talk shows and in the nation's coffee shops.

Bush carried our state and area, and many in these parts feel that Gore should just give it up and quit trying to take the election away from Bush.

But they shouldn't be so quick to chide Gore supporters about wanting to double- or triple-check the Florida count, or to charge that Gore is trying to steal it.

It's easy—or at least convenient—to overlook the fact that whatever the outcome will be in Florida, Gore won the popular vote by 300,000.

Let's do a little fantasizing:

If the Florida situation were reversed . . . if the governor of Florida were Gore's brother . . . if the secretary of state who was in charge of the election were a Gore campaign worker and contributor . . . can you imagine the outcry?

Let's face it: If Gore's name had been at the top of those notorious "butterfly" ballots, thousands of Bush supporters would have guessed wrong and Gore would be the next President.

And what would Rush and G.

Gordon and Michael and Gold and the other right-wing diatribers have to say about that?

The refreshing, comforting thing about this entire disturbing civics lesson is that, despite all the confusion and controversy and mistakes, we Americans are all confident that we will come through this okay.

The ultimate arbiter is the Supreme Court of one of our 50 sovereign states. And no matter how much ranting or raving is done by those of us who are right or by those other guys who are all wet, we will respect that court's decision and abide by it.

There will be no rioting in the streets. There will be no attempted coup or overthrow.

At the other end of this, there will be an orderly succession of office.

So . . . what are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

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Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

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## Scoreboard

### MORTON TOURNAMENT

First Round  
Lady Horns 42, Shallowater JV 29  
Shallowater JV 4 6 6 13-29  
Hart 9 17 10 6-42  
SCORING: Hart—Crystal Diego 19, Vanessa Carrasco 10.

Longhorns 73, Coronado Sophs. 71 (2OT)  
Hart 9 14 16 17 12 5-73  
Coronado 10 14 13 19 12 3-71  
SCORING: Hart—Joey Pantoja 30, Keith Finch 11.

JV Bobcats 55, Spade 57  
Dimmitt JV 9 8 19 19-55  
Spade 16 16 10 15-57  
SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Matthew Gauna 19, Colby Williams 14.

Championship Semifinals  
Lady Horns 63, Bovina 43  
Longhorns 38, Bovina 46

Consolation Semifinals  
JV Bobcats 60, Morton 65  
Dimmitt JV 12 11 18 19-60  
Morton 18 16 12 18-65  
SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Colby Williams 15, Patrick Hunter 10.

Championship  
Lady Horns 56, Morton 39  
Hart 11 15 13 17-56  
Morton 2 7 14 16-39  
SCORING: Hart—Crystal Diego 19, Vanessa Carrasco 17, Morton—Keri Erwin 15, Heather Patton 10.

Third Place  
Longhorns 59, Spade 43  
Hart 10 18 15 16-59  
Spade 5 12 9 17-43  
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 17, Jacob Reyna 16, Spade—S. Gray 18, J. Gray 16.

Seventh Place  
JV Bobcats 58, Coronado Sophs, 70  
Dimmitt JV 15 16 9 18-58  
Coronado 13 12 27 18-70  
SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Matthew Gauna 11, Patrick Hunter and Miguel Neri 10, Coronado—Williams 13.

FRIDAY  
Bobbles 39, Levelland 58  
Dimmitt 7 17 9 6-39  
Levelland 13 15 15 15-58  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 21.

Bobcats 60, Levelland 67  
Dimmitt 12 13 15 20-60  
Levelland 15 13 18 21-67  
SCORING: Dimmitt—D. Norman 24, Matthew Sandoval 10.

SATURDAY  
Swiftettes 69, Tulla 53  
Nazareth 11 17 16 25-69  
Tulla 18 22 6 7-53  
SCORING: Naz—Whitney Hoelting 23, Stephanie Thiel 18, Tulla—Andrea Vaughn 34.

Freshman Bobcats 56, Littlefield 59  
Freshman Bobcats 44, Levelland JV 95  
Freshman Bobcats 61, Roosevelt 44

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## DISD receives four grant awards

Dimmitt Independent School District personnel have received notice of funding for four different grant proposals, with funds received totaling about \$10,000.

Darlene Collins, one of the grant writers for DISD, said that two awards were announced from the Michael Jordan Fundamentals Grant from the Nike Foundation.

Paul Fry will receive a \$2,500 grant to start a rocketry program at the ninth grade level at Dimmitt High School. The funds will cover purchase of a computer and software, tracking equipment, timing equipment, calculators, launch batteries, and model rockets and engines.

The program is designed to help students learn to calculate speed, momentum and acceleration; to investigate, describe the applications of Newton's laws, analyze the effects caused by changing force or distance, and demonstrate aerodynamics and efficiency.

Terry Stovall was awarded another \$2,500 to go toward renovation of the greenhouse that is just east of Dimmitt Middle School. The funds will include purchase of a computer and software, calculators, materials for transparent paneling, air conditioning, a greenhouse watering system, and audio visual materials.

The project will help students plan, draft, design and itemize what is needed to fix up the greenhouse. It also is designed to help students become involved in the community and

become contributing members of the community.

Additional funds are designated for students to construct something that would be useful for the Castro County Historical Museum.

Eighth grade Earth science teacher Kathy Lust was notified that of approval for a \$3,000 grant to be used to expand and complete the outdoor environmental classroom at DMS.

The Region 16 Service Learning Grant seeks to expand the outdoor classroom project so that other students and teachers are involved in the work and a sharing of knowledge is stimulated. Grant funds will be used to involve the woodworking and metalworking students of Gene Penney and Don Bell in the outdoor classroom project.

DHS teacher Jackie Odom will receive a Region 16 Service Learning Grant for \$2,000. Funds will be used for supplies.

The purpose of the project is to help Odom's child care profession class with their project of working with children at Pybus Christian School and in working with students in grades K-2.

"This is extra and above what the classroom instruction would be teaching them," Collins said. "This will help these high school kids to develop their skills as much as possible."



# Obituaries

## Mary Brockman

A vigil service for Mary Constance Brockman, 93 of Umberger, formerly of Nazareth, was held Sunday evening in Holley Funeral Home Chapel in Canyon.

Funeral mass was celebrated on Monday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Bert Horvath of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in Umberger Cemetery.

Mrs. Brockman was born in Lindsey, Neb. She moved to Nazareth, then later to Umberger. She married George Brockman in 1928. He died in 1997.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umberger. She was active in the church's Altar Society and on the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women.

Survivors include a son, Robert Brockman of Amarillo; a daughter, Ormalene Artho of Wildorado; two sisters, Christina Hoelting of Nazareth and Varonica Hyman of Alta Loma, Calif.; a brother, Andy Albracht of Reseda, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

## Lidia Perez

Funeral services for Lidia Perez, 42, of Olton, formerly of Hart, were held Tuesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olton with the Rev. David Cruz officiating. Burial followed in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mrs. Perez died Sunday at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 3, 1958, in Petersburg. She was raised in Hart and graduated from Hart High School in 1976. She married Alfredo Perez on Feb. 20, 1978, in Hart. She moved from Hart to Olton in 1981. She was a homemaker, and had worked for the Olton Independent School District for five years. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Alfredo Perez Jr. and Chris Perez, both of Olton; five brothers, Manual Villegas of Olton, Mike Villegas of Elk City, Okla., Gilbert Villegas of Loveland, Colo., and Joe Villegas and Luis Villegas, both of Sayre, Okla.; and a sister, Rachel Sanchez of Bay City.

## Ana Maria Presas

Ana Maria Presas, 67, of Hereford, mother of Dimmitt residents, died Friday.

Funeral services were held Monday in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Hereford with Elders Ernesto Cantu and Filiberto Cruz officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery by Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Presas was born May 14, 1933, in Las Ebanos. She lived in Dimmitt for 30 years before moving to Hereford. She married Benigno Presas on May 28, 1950. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Ricardo Presas of Amarillo, Rolando Presas of Dimmitt, Sergio Presas of Roswell, N.M., and Jose Luis Presas of Levelland; three daughters, Graciela Presas and Cecilia Presas, both of Hereford, and Rosa Linda Garcia of Dimmitt; two brothers, Majin Martinez of Weslaco and Nicolas Martinez of Chicago, Ill.; five sisters, Laurencia Mancias and Gloria Alvarado, both of Danevang, Agustina Ortiz and Elena Martinez, both of Rio Bravo, Mexico, and Susana Cisneros of Elsa; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Louis M. Winders

Memorial services for Louis M. (Monk) Winders, 85, brother of Dale Winders of Dimmitt, were held Nov. 17 in San Martin, Calif.

Mr. Winders was born Dec. 27, 1914, in Wellington. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the US Navy from 1941 to 1946. He was on board the USS *Oklahoma* when it capsized during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L.D. and Willie Winders; two brothers, Jay Winders and Dud Winders; and a sister, Gene Winders Faulkner.

Survivors include his wife, Jeane; four sisters, Cleacy Layman of Lubbock, Pauline Simmons of Amarillo, Madge Kennedy of Bryan and Jo Brinkerhoff of Denver, Colo.; and two brothers, Leon Winders of Clayton, N.M., and Dale Winders of Dimmitt.



**MATCHING HATS**—Taron Clark, 9, son of Jim and Sherry Clark, wore his Santa hat to greet the jolly old elf at the gazebo in downtown Dimmitt last

Thursday night as a part of the Holiday Celebration, sponsored by local merchants and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Dimmitt Dollars winners named

Gene Broadstreet captured the top prize of \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars while six other individuals received \$25 prizes in the first of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's annual holiday drawings.

Those receiving the \$25 certificates were Monica Quiroz, Susie Bradford, Rodney Schulte, Billy Thomas Jr., Paula Jackson and Estella Salinas.

About 40 to 50 people gathered at the gazebo at 9 p.m. last Thursday (Nov. 16) to observe the drawing that would have been worth \$200 if one of their names had been among the first three names drawn.

Three entries in addition to the ones shown above were drawn before Broadstreet was declared the \$100 prize winner. His ticket was filled out at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

Other winning entries came from Tots and Teens, ALCO, Bealls, Dimmitt Market and Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

Additional drawings for Dimmitt Dollars are scheduled for Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21.

## Lamb County firm buys Flagg Fertilizer

You may not notice it, but Flagg Fertilizer Co. is under new ownership.

You may not notice it because there has been no change in the staff, products or services of the familiar feed, seed and fertilizer business at the Flagg intersection.

Ag Supply LTD, a company owned by a group of farmers in the Springlake-Earth area, has purchased the Flagg Fertilizer Co. from Fred and Helen Kuntz and family.

Ricky Kuntz, who has managed the business since 1987, continues as the manager. Also staying on are agronomist Andy Williams, field application technician Emmett Heard and accountant Vickie Jennings.

Fred and Helen Kuntz started Flagg Fertilizer in October 1957, buying their original 8,000-gallon ammonia storage tank and four nurse trailers from Kirkpatrick Oil Co. in

Dimmitt.

"Dad had a Massey-Ferguson tractor with a 100-gallon saddle tank mounted on each side of the tractor," Ricky Kuntz said.


The main storage tank originally was located 100 ft. from Sadie Flores' grocery store south of the Flagg intersection, and the company used the Flagg Gin's scales at first.

After its first three years, the company built at its present location on the northwest corner of the intersection, and has been a landmark there since 1960.

Fred Kuntz retired in 1987 and his wife, Helen, retired two years ago.

For more than 40 years, Flagg Fertilizer served the farmers and ranchers in the Flagg area with fertilizers, chemicals, seed, hardware and custom applications. It will now continue to provide those services as Ag Supply LTD, Kuntz said.

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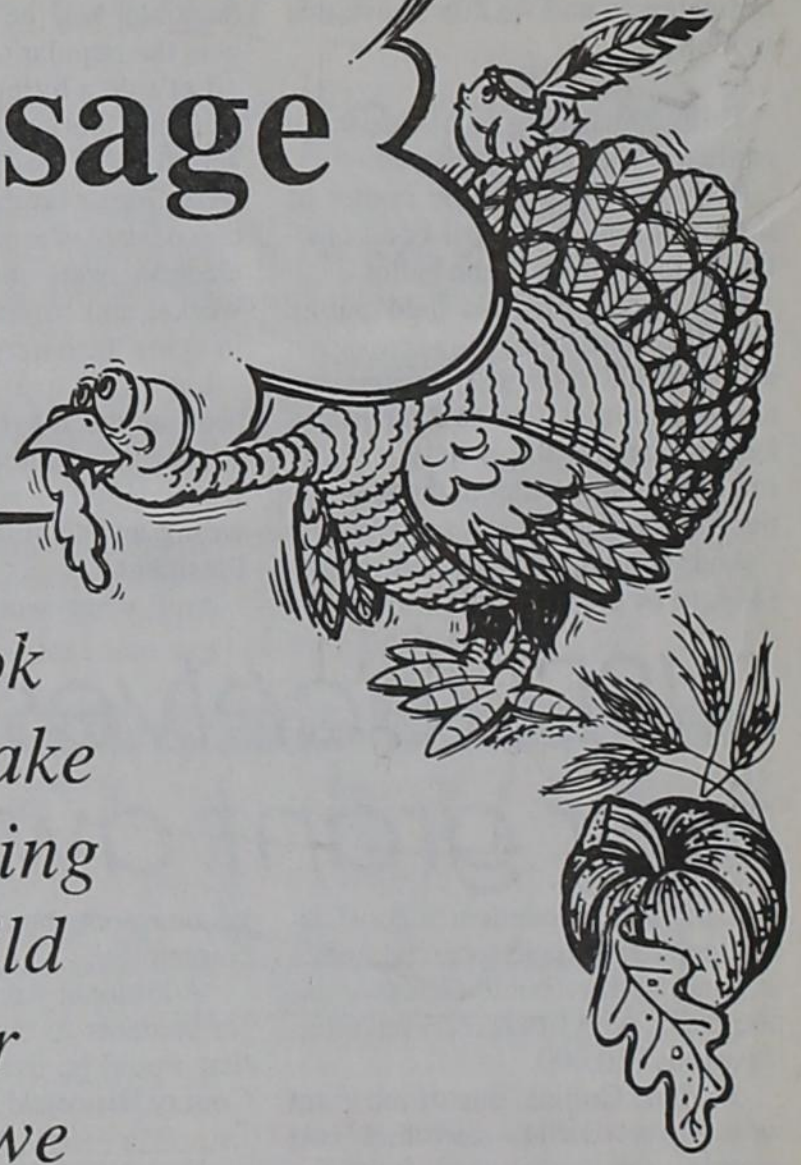
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# A Thanksgiving Message

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## Christmas bazaar set in Muleshoe

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

Applications for booth space are currently being accepted, and space will be rented until Dec. 4. To request an application contact Linda Huckaby at 902 W 8<sup>th</sup>, Muleshoe 79347.

## Chamber can get discounted tickets for ballet

The Lone Star Ballet in Amarillo will perform Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet in December and the group has offered the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce \$3 to \$5 discounts on group tickets purchased in advance.

The performances are slated for 8 p.m. on Dec. 8, 3 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 2 and 6 p.m. on Dec. 10.

"I thought it would be nice if a group of Castro County people attended, maybe at the Saturday afternoon performance or at a different time," said Bill Sava, Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Ticket prices range between \$7 and \$25 if purchased in advance from the chamber.

## Wesley UMC plans Dec. 2 art, craft festival

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will host its 20<sup>th</sup> annual festival of arts and crafts on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford.

Only a limited number of booths are available and applications will be screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications can be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

## Web site offers links to services for senior citizens

By MARY JANE SHANES  
Social Security Mgr., Plainview

There's a relatively new web site that has many employees and America's seniors buzzing.

Access America for Seniors, at [www.seniors.gov](http://www.seniors.gov), provides senior citizens, and anyone who works on their behalf, with one site where they can access government services and information or conduct business with the government online.

The web site is sponsored by more than 10 government agencies, including Social Security, the Veterans' Administration, and the Health Care Financing Administration.

Some of the services available include:

- ◆ Getting an estimate of your Social Security benefits.
- ◆ Getting verification of the amount of Social Security benefits that you received
- ◆ Comparing nursing homes and Medicare options

It also provides direct links to the web sites for specific federal agencies and states and includes links to government information and services, including:

- ◆ Benefits (cash and medical)
- ◆ Health and nutrition
- ◆ Consumer protection
- ◆ Employment and volunteer activities
- ◆ Taxes
- ◆ Travel and leisure
- ◆ Education and training

so, if you're a senior who has access to the Internet, check out [www.seniors.gov](http://www.seniors.gov) today for valuable information.

*Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone-you are the one who gets burned.*



**TAKING A BREATHER**—Students at Pybus Christian School stop for a minute after pedaling their tricycles and bicycles around the area last Wednesday as part of a fundraiser for the Tracy Grand Memorial Scholarship Fund. Among the students pictured here (four in foreground, from left) are Landon Carpenter, Bryce Betzen, Chase Summers and Josh Riley. The students raised \$1,200.  
Photo by Joyce Nelson

## What's Cooking

*In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools*

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Nov. 23 to Dec. 1.

**DIMITT**  
**Breakfast to go**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bar, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.  
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: N/A.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Shrimp poppers, French fries, tossed salad, old fashioned cornbread and milk.  
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla, hot sauce and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.  
FRIDAY: N/A.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, grilled cheese sandwich and a bowl of soup or corn dogs; French fries, Frito Corn Chips or Mexipinto beans; mixed vegetables, tossed salad, chilled fruit cocktail, watermelon or banana; cornbread, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potato or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato with apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: N/A.

**HART**  
**Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Buttermilk biscuit, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
THURSDAY: Pancakes and syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Choice of burrito, submarine sandwich with potato chips or chalupa; Spanish rice, salad, applesauce, Longhorn cookie, and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or large slice of pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, white cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, ham sandwich or barbecued chicken; rolls, baked potato, fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, white cake with strawberry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich

with chips, toasted cheese sandwich or enchilada casserole with chips; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH**  
**Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal,

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

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: \* Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, cornbread, green beans, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.  
THURSDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti and a roll or pizza; tossed salad, corn, apple, pudding and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Fried chicken and bread or chef's salad; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

# Livestock show sign-ups are set

Castro County 4-H and FFA youth who are planning to exhibit livestock at major shows, such as those in Houston and San Antonio, may sign up for these shows on Monday at the Dimmitt High School FFA building starting at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Jim Tucker or Rick Auckerman.

"It is important that each 4-H member bring at least one of his or her parents, since parent signatures are required on entry cards," said Auckerman, Castro County Extension Agent.

"All entry cards for the Houston

Livestock Show must be notarized and we will have a notary public present," said Jerry Mathis, Dimmitt FFA teacher.

No entry cards will be accepted without the signatures of the exhibitor and one of his or her parents.

All entry fees are due at the time of sign-up.

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Kelly Inman.....938-2462

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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt  
Fern Couture.....647-4219, 647-0105

**Jesus and the Love of God Church**  
(Bilingual) 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt  
Felix Sanchez.....647-3668

**Church of God of the First Born**  
611 E. Halsell, Dimmitt

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501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt

**Rosa De Saron**  
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt  
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598

**First Baptist**  
302 Ave. G, Hart  
Aaron Reed.....938-2316

**St. John's Catholic**  
Hart  
Fern Couture.....647-0105

**Church of Christ**  
SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt  
647-4435

**Rose of Sharon Temple**  
407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

**Primeria Iglesia Bautista**  
9th and Etter, Dimmitt  
Antonio Rocha

**Hart Church of Christ**  
416 Avenue H, Hart  
Aaron Lee.....938-2267

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401 SW 2nd, Dimmitt  
Jeff Addison

**First Christian**  
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The risk of death increases significantly among teenaged drivers ages 16 and 17 who are transporting passengers, regardless of the time of day or gender, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA).

The estimated overall death rate for 16-year-old drivers per 10 million trips was 1.99 with no passengers, but it rose to 2.76 with one passenger, 3.69 deaths for drivers with two passengers, and 5.61 with three or more passengers.

That equates to a death rate 39% higher for 16-year-old drivers with one passenger, 86% higher for those with two passengers, and 182% higher for those with three or more passengers.

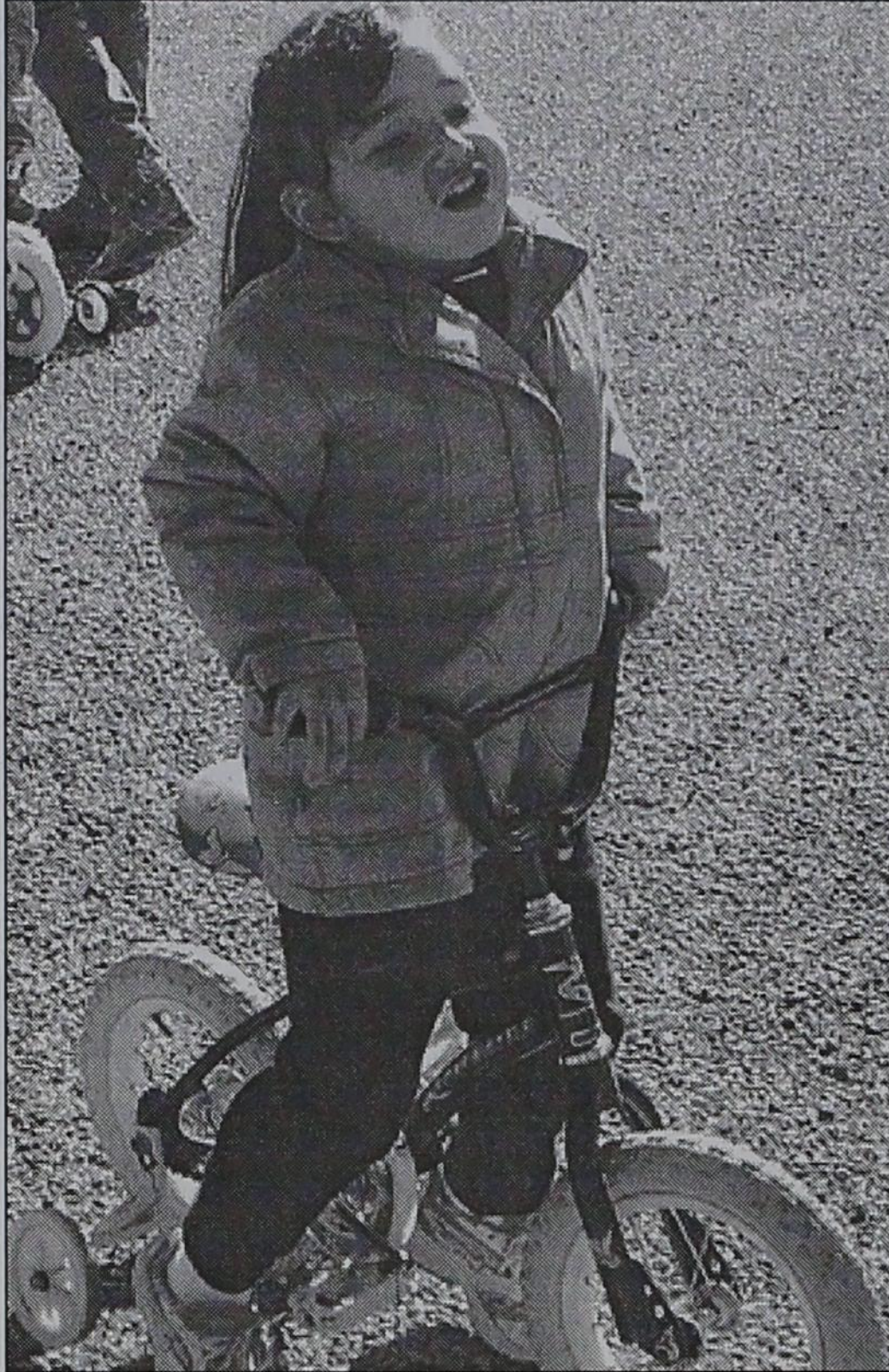
Similar patterns were noted for

17-year-old drivers. In contrast, 30- to 59-year-old drivers who carried passengers had decreased death rates.

The death rates for teen drivers also substantially increased between 10 p.m. and midnight and between midnight and 6 a.m., when compared with daytime drivers.

The JAMA article attributed the increased fatality rate to increased distraction, rather than alcohol or drugs, according to the researchers from John Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, who wrote the article.

*This article was passed along by the Injury Prevention Coalition of the South Plains, of which the Castro County Hospital District and the Castro County EMS are members.*



**GUESS HOW FAR I RODE?** Ashley Sanchez, a student at Pybus Christian School, rode her bike for a long time and helped her fellow students at the school raise approximately \$1,200 for the Tracy Grand Memorial Scholarship Fund last Wednesday. *Photo by Joyce Nelson*

## Christmas pageant planned in Amarillo

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Sales tax rebates are up in Dimmitt, Nazareth

Sales tax rebates issued during November to the cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth were up when compared with the same period in 2000, but Hart's rebate was off by more than 30%.

Rebates issued in November were for local sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers, and in July, August and September by quarterly filers. The sales taxes were reported to the Texas Comptroller in October.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$26,295.29, 14.94% higher than the November 1999 rebate of \$22,877.15. So far this year, the city has earned \$294,707.08, which is 6.43% ahead of the \$276,890.75 collected from January through November 1999. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax.

Nazareth saw an increase in its rebate from November 1999 to November 2000. This month's payment of \$1,784.85 is 57.18% higher than last year's stipend of \$1,135.49. This year, Nazareth is running 14.89% ahead of 1999 totals after receiving \$14,954.08, compared with the \$13,015.47 earned through November 1999. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was down 30.12% for November. The city earned a rebate of \$1,736.05 this month, compared with \$2,484.49 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$18,714.16 so far this year. That's 5.68% ahead of 1999 payments which totaled \$17,707.44 through November.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Dec. 8.

## Local school seeks box tops

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School is participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program sponsored by General Mills.

Schools may send in the specially marked box tops and labels to the food company and receive money for purchase of equipment or other school needs.

There is a school bus-shaped box in the elementary library where the specially marked box tops and labels

may be deposited by community members who want to help the school. Also, the tops may be sent to school with the students.

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

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

## Game night set Friday

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

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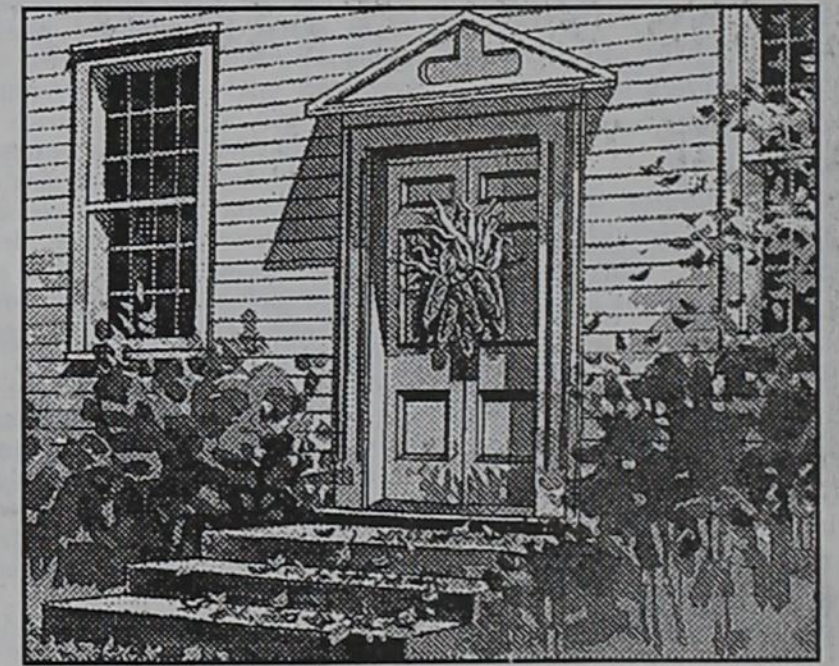
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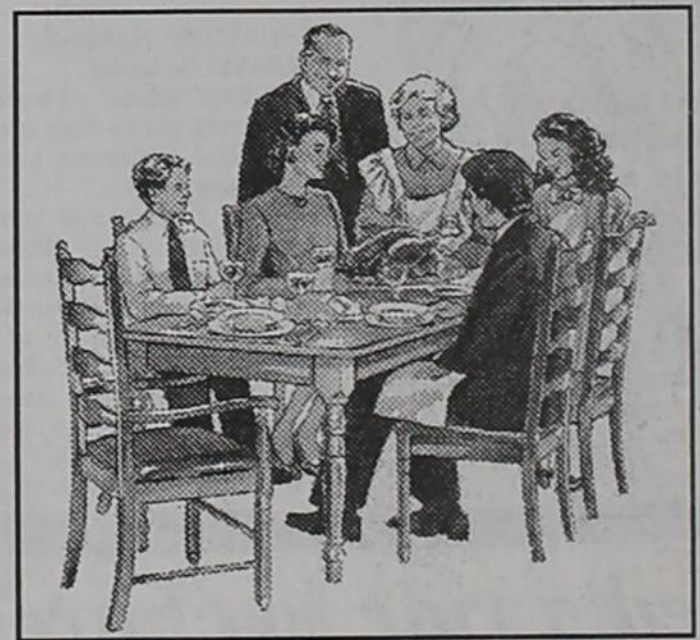
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# Bobbies draw Randall in Queens Classic



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The Dimmitt Bobbies will be up bright and early today (Thursday) and they'll begin their Thanksgiving Day celebration with a rematch against the Canyon Randall Lady Raiders.

Dimmitt and Randall will square off in the first of four first-round games at the Plainview Queens Classic today (Thursday) at Wayland Baptist University's Hutcherson Center in Plainview.

The Bobbies fell to Randall last week in their season opener, 42-54, but it was a close battle until the Lady Raiders pulled away at the end of the game.

The annual holiday tournament in Plainview features eight high-school teams and eight colleges.

Other first-round games in the high-school division today (Thursday) include Plainview vs. Vega, Hereford vs. Shallowater, and Levelland vs. Muleshoe.

If the Bobbies beat Randall, they'll advance to the championship semifinals on Friday at 6 p.m. against the Levelland-Muleshoe winner. Losers of those two first-round games will meet in a consolation semifinal on Friday morning at 10:30.

Saturday's schedule includes the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., consolation championship at 12 noon, third-place game at 6 p.m. and championship finals at 9:30 p.m.

In the college division, the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens, including Nazareth native Cassie Birkenfeld, will take on Lewis and

Clark tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

Other colleges competing in the annual tournament are Southern

Nazarene, Lubbock Christian, Arkansas Tech, Midwestern State, Southwestern Oklahoma and New Mexico Highlands.

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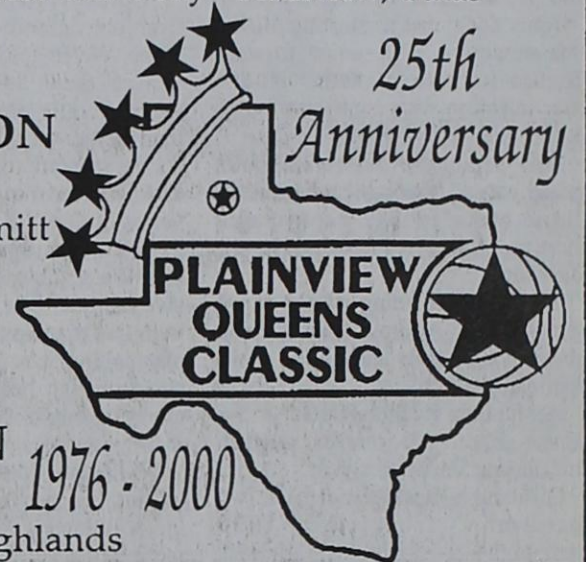
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- 10:30 am Canyon Randall vs Dimmitt
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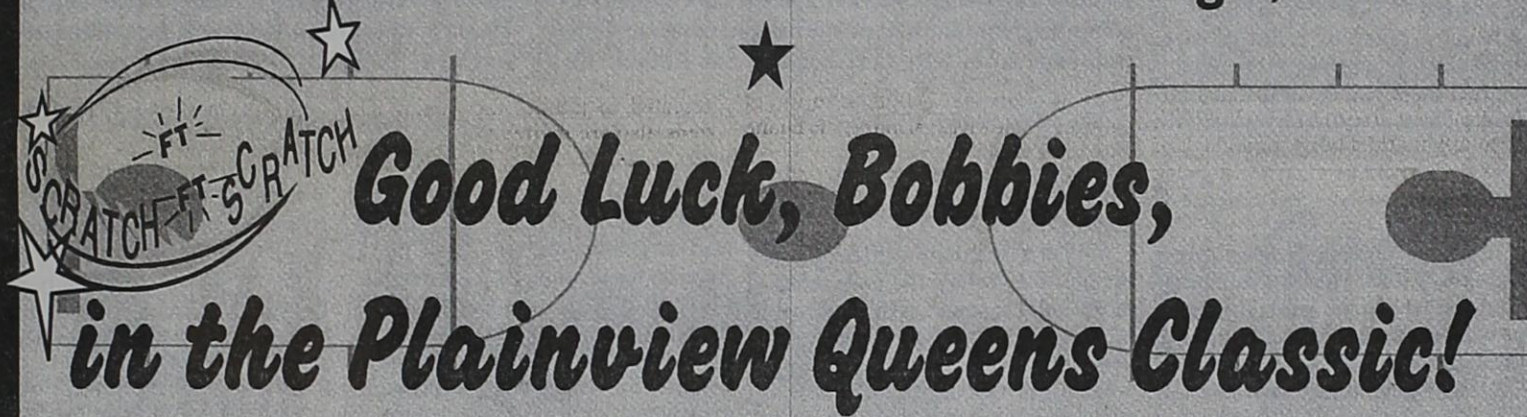


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**TUESDAY, NOV. 28: Bobbies & Bobcats vs. Hereford, There**

### Schedule and Scores

- Nov. 17—Levelland, There
- Nov. 21—Borger, Here
- Nov. 23-25—Queens Classic (Girls), Plainview
- Nov. 28—Hereford, There
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2—Canyon Tournament (Girls), Canyon
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2—Plainview Tournament (Boys), Plainview
- Dec. 5—Tulia, There
- Dec. 7-9—Big Spring Tournament (Boys), Big Spring
- Dec. 11—Abernathy, Here
- Dec. 15—River Road, Here
- Dec. 21—Amarillo High, There
- Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
- Jan. 5—\*Littlefield (Girls), Here
- Jan. 5—Tulia (Boys), Here
- Jan. 9—\*Roosevelt (Girls), Here
- Jan. 9—Amarillo (Boys), Here
- Jan. 12—\*Shallowater, There
- Jan. 16—\*Muleshoe, Here
- Jan. 19—\*Cooper, There
- Jan. 23—\*Littlefield, There
- Jan. 26—\*Roosevelt, There
- Jan. 30—\*Shallowater, Here
- Feb. 2—\*Muleshoe, There
- Feb. 6—\*Cooper, Here
- Feb. 9—\*Littlefield (Boys), Here
- Feb. 12—\*Roosevelt (Boys), Here

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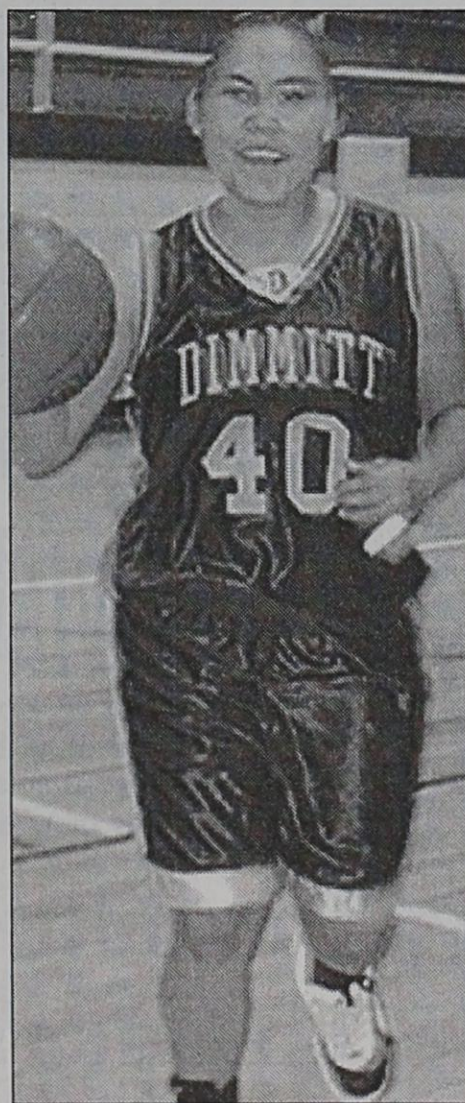
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**Dimmitt Bobbies**

# Veterans are aiming for return to playoffs

The Dimmitt Bobbies have a year's experience under Coach Tim Gilliland's system and with four starters back from 1999's playoff team, they should be a strong force in District 1-AAA this season.

Those four veterans averaged a combined 31 points per game last season and Gilliland is expecting them to pick up where they left off.

Leading the list of returnees is all-district honoree Heather Black, a 5-9 senior guard who averaged 13 points and five rebounds in 1999.

Also back in the starting lineup this season is 6-0 senior forward Tamara Robertson, another all-district selection who contributed nine points and seven boards.

Lori Schulte, a 5-4 senior point guard, earned honorable mention all-district honors in 1999. She averaged three points and two rebounds for the Bobbies.

The other returning starter is 6-1 senior post Audrey Saenz, who counted six points and pulled down four caroms.

Newcomer Rachel Fabela, a 5-7 senior guard, will join that quad in the starting lineup this year.

Gilliland also welcomes back two lettermen from the 1999 campaign—5-10 junior forward Kelsey Welch and 5-5 senior guard Kylie Webb.

Also expected to see action for the Bobbies this year are Jill Merritt, a 5-10 sophomore guard, Sally Stahl, a 5-9 junior guard, Sharla Kenworthy, a 5-7 junior guard, and Stacy Saenz, a 6-0 junior post.

"Last year was a learning process for us. Everything they did was new.

But this year they know what to expect. We'll be playing up-tempo most of the time and in our half-court sets we'll usually have four guards and a single post," Gilliland said.

"We're working with four different offenses now and all have some movement in them. The girls play off of each other well."

Gilliland's up-tempo game plan includes a full-court man-to-man press and he said the girls have handled it well.

"Our best offense probably comes from our defense and the transition game. We're getting steals and converting them into points. I think we're a little stronger on defense than we are on offense at this point.

As the season progresses we'll keep adding a few things to give us some versatility," Gilliland said.

"We'd like to press more this season. We've developed a man defensive attitude—we seem to do better with that than anything. We're actually calling it a 'team' defense instead of man because the girls are always going to be there to help out their teammates if needed."

While the Bobbies' height is an advantage when it comes to rebounding, Gilliland would still like to see more improvement in that area of Dimmitt's game.

"Audrey and Tamara have the ability to control the inside, but as a team we need to work on getting in better position for rebounds," he said.

When the Bobbies do crash the boards and snatch the caroms, look out. They'll be running full-speed to the other end.

"We could be really good at fast breaks. Our fast break plays are really structured and it's important that each player fulfills her role to make the break work."

Ballhandling won't be a problem on the breaks, either, because Gilliland said several girls have the talent to maintain control while pushing the ball down the court.

Gilliland has been happy with the leadership shown by his six seniors this season, five of whom will be starting.

"Our starting five as a group play well together. Any one of them can score and they play smart basketball," he said.

"I like the way Lori runs our offense and directs the team. She's very smart and she makes good decisions. She's a good leader," Gilliland said.

Although Fabela is a rookie on this year's roster, the senior has been a pleasant surprise to Gilliland.

"Rachel's a really good player. When she gets into the flow of the game, she could really surprise some teams. She has the ability to score a lot for us and she's a very physical defensive player."

Black likes a fast-paced game and any time she's on the court, Gilliland said she gives it everything she has.

"Heather is always going full speed. A lot of opposing coaches say she plays like a boy and she should take that as a compliment. She's going to be a good scorer for us."

He also expects Robertson to be a strong scoring threat. Her defensive play also weighs heavily in the Bobbies' schemes.

"Tamara's got such long arms it's hard to throw around or over her," Gilliland said. "She's also very quick. Her offense has improved a lot since last year, too. She can post up or shoot the three. She's a very versatile player."

The Bobbies' final starter, Audrey Saenz, is the tallest player on the roster at 6-1, and her strength is on the boards.

"Audrey gives us a lot of size inside. Her strength is rebounding. She had eight rebounds in our first game against Randall. Most of her points come from rebounds. In the past two weeks she's shown a great improvement in her post defense," Gilliland said.

Gilliland expects his bench players to give the team "quality minutes" when they are in the game and he's not worried about the ability of any of the girls to handle varsity action.

"We don't really lose a whole lot when we substitute," Gilliland said. "That speaks well of the girls and how they've improved. Every one of them, when the come into the game, blends well with the girls already on the court."



THE DIMMITT BOBBIES hope to elevate their game to a new high this year and they are aiming for a trip deep into the playoffs. Team members include (top row, from left) Lori Schulte, Sally Stahl, Jill

Merritt, Rachel Fabela and Sharla Kenworthy; and (bottom row, from left) Audrey Saenz, Stacy Saenz, Tamara Robertson, Kelsey Welch, Heather Black and Kylie Webb.

Photo by Anne Acker

The other senior on the roster is Webb, and her varsity experience and leadership will be a big help when she's in the game at one of the guard slots.

Merritt will usually spell Schulte at the point, and she's the only sophomore on the squad. Gilliland said Merritt has a "nice shot" and she's very quick.

Stahl has worked on her set shot and shown a lot of improvement this year and at 5-9, she'll bring some height at the guard position. "Sally came in against Randall and hit her first shot in her first varsity game."

Defense is Kenworthy's strength, but she also plays smart and is capable of scoring from outside.

"Kelsey's outside shot has really improved during the off-season," Gilliland said. "She played a lot down the stretch for us last year,

especially in district and in the playoffs. She can play three positions, so that's a plus for us."

Stacy Saenz will back up her sister, Audrey, at the post, and Gilliland said switching the two "is a good rotation for us. Stacy's a lot like her sister. I think she has some pretty good offensive moves inside the paint and she's improving on post defense. The two really complement each other."

Advancing all the way to the state finals in Austin is the goal of most teams and the Bobbies aren't any different.

But they've also established some other goals for themselves, and if they achieve those, then their ultimate goal could be within reach.

"We want to take one game at a time, especially when you consider how tough our schedule is. We want

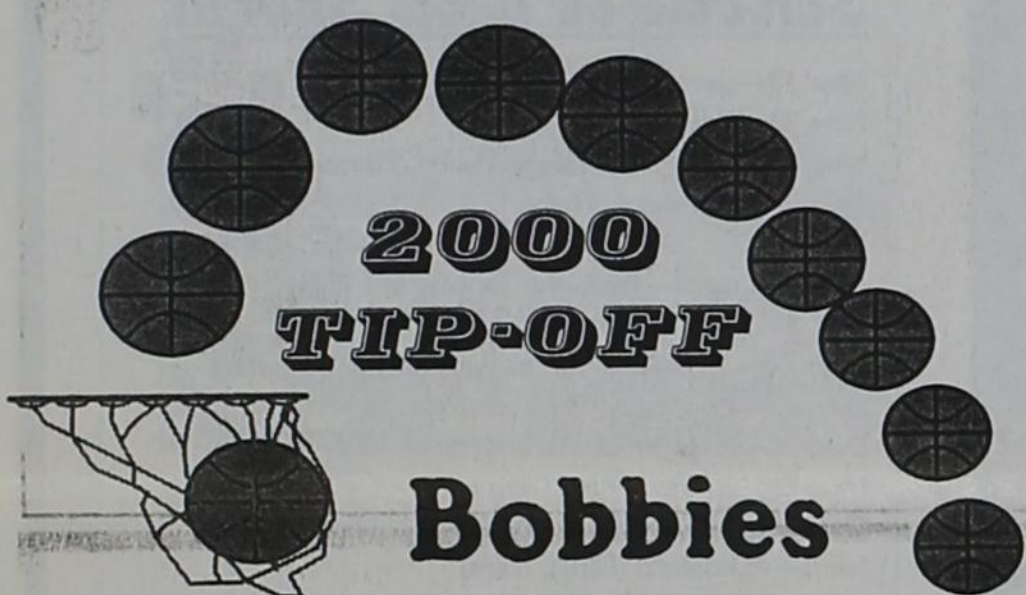
to improve with each game," Gilliland said.

"Our schedule is as strong as any I've seen. We're hoping that will make us better when district gets here."

The Bobbies were shuffled into District 2-AAA this season, but the competition level didn't shift—if anything, it intensified.

"I think it's going to be a four-team race with us, Shallowater, Muleshoe and Lubbock Cooper. All four were playoff teams last year. Littlefield and Lubbock Roosevelt will be improved teams as well. I'm expecting a close district race.

"We just need to keep in mind that the team comes first. We have to encourage each other as much as possible. If we take care of the little things, then the big things will take care of themselves," Gilliland said.



Player	Height	Grade	Position
10--Tamara Robertson	6-0	Senior	Forward
12--Jill Merritt	5-5	Sophomore	Guard
13--Heather Black	5-8	Senior	Guard
20--Sally Stahl	5-9	Junior	Guard
21--Kylie Webb	5-5	Senior	Guard
23--Sharla Kenworthy	5-7	Junior	Guard
30--Audrey Saenz	6-1	Senior	Post
31--Kelsey Welch	5-10	Junior	Forward
32--Lori Schulte	5-4	Senior	Guard
40--Rachel Fabela	5-7	Senior	Guard
44--Stacy Saenz	6-0	Junior	Post



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# Hart Lady Horns

## Team's quickness will help offset height deficit

The Hart Lady Horns might not have a lot of height on their roster this season, but they should be able to outrun most opponents and they aren't afraid to mix it up inside with bigger teams.

The tallest player on Hart's roster is 5-9 sophomore post Lacie Curry, daughter of head coach John Curry.

Two other Lady Horns stand at 5-7—junior post Jessica Guerrero and sophomore post Crystal Diego. The rest of the Lady Horns are 5-5 and under.

But opposing teams had better not underestimate the Lady Horns because of their lack of height. Hart overcomes that height deficit with quickness, shooting talent and intense defensive pressure.

Hart returns five lettermen, three of which were starters a year ago. Each of those players, along with the other six Hart ladies on the roster, can run the floor virtually non-stop.

"We do a really good job of running the court now, and I think they'll get better as the year goes on, especially as they get more used to playing together," Coach Curry said.

Hart will use its team speed and quickness to pressure teams full-court, either in a 1-3-1 or 1-2-2 press.

In the half-court, Hart will drop back into a 1-3-1 or 2-3 zone. The Lady Horns may play some man-to-man, too.

"If we play man-to-man, it will depend on who we're playing. We won't be able to play as much man defense as I'd like because of our lack of height.

"The girls are all pretty quick, though. It's just a matter of getting them to believe that they are as quick as the really are. They do a good job of reading the floor and they anticipate well," Coach Curry said.

The three returning starters from last year include honorable mention all-district selections Vanessa Carrasco, a 5-3 senior point guard; and Ruby Rodriguez, a 5-4 senior guard. Lacie Curry is the other returning starter and she was the district's "Newcomer of the Year" a year ago.

Carrasco averaged 14.6 points, four assists and three steals per game before she suffered a season-ending knee injury early in the district race last year. She's still going through rehabilitation on her knee, but is playing under a full doctor's release now. She is the most experienced of the Lady Horns, having started since she was a sophomore.

When Carrasco was injured last year, Rodriguez stepped in and "did a good job as a floor leader." She averaged 9.3 points and five steals for the Lady Horns in 1999-00.

Lacie Curry chipped in 11 points per game while pulling down nine boards and blocking 2.5 shots each outing last year.

That trio will be joined in the starting lineup by veterans Brenda Diego, a 5-5 senior forward; and Crystal Diego, a 5-7 sophomore post.

Crystal Diego contributed seven points and three rebounds in a sixth-man role while Brenda Diego tossed in three points and pulled down four rebounds.

Rounding out Hart's roster will be 5-2 senior guard Yadira Anzaldua, 5-4 sophomore guard Amanda Carrasco, 5-5 sophomore post Cynthia Gonzales, 5-4 junior guard Isidora Anzaldua, 5-7 junior post Jessica Guerrero and 5-2 sophomore guard Kellie George.

"Most of these girls have a lot of good court sense. They pick good shots, pass well and make good decisions," Coach Curry said.

Since the Lady Horns will probably be undersized against most teams, Coach Curry has implemented a lot of motion into his offense, trying to take advantage of the outside shooting abilities of Carrasco and Rodriguez. That could open up the inside attack as well, giving Lacie Curry and Crystal Diego some easy buckets inside the paint.

The Lady Horns should be okay in the shooting department, but there are a couple of question marks.

"Lacie and Crystal are consistent shooters, and if Ruby and Vanessa are on, we could be hard to stop," Coach Curry said. "I believe our success this season will revolve around our guard play."

Despite Hart's lack of height, Coach Curry thinks he has two of the top rebounders in the district in Lacie Curry and Crystal Diego.

"Lacie can play anywhere on the floor, and she may end up at one of the guard positions before it's over. She's got a good touch on the ball and she's strong inside," Coach Curry said.

He likes Carrasco's quickness and the way she hustles. "One of Vanessa's greatest strengths is probably her quick hands. She's one of our best man-to-man defenders. She does anything we ask of her."

Coach Curry said Rodriguez is the most physical outside player on Hart's roster.

"She's not afraid to go inside and mix it up with the big girls. She's a good floor leader and we expect a lot from her," he said.

Crystal Diego picked up a lot of valuable varsity experience last year, and with her quickness, she could be a strong inside threat for the Lady Horns.

"Crystal has the ability to find the open spots. She didn't start last year, but she played quite a bit," Coach Curry said.

Brenda Diego also saw a lot of playing time last year and Coach Curry said she's a good shooter and is a good senior leader.

How the bench will respond to the pressure of varsity basketball is still a question mark, but Coach Curry thinks that with a little playing time and confidence, they'll be fine.

"Amanda will be the first player off the bench for us and I think she's probably our third strongest guard. I trust her to run the offense and make sure we get set up like we're supposed to," he said.

Although Gonzales is only 5-5, Coach Curry said "she's as good a post player as we have on the team. She blocks out well and she knows where the ball's going to be so she can get rebounds."

Yadira Anzaldua's strength is her quickness. Coach Curry said she loves the game and works hard, especially on her shooting.

Guerrero will be a backup to the post players. She suffered a minor knee injury during cross country season, but has recovered. Coach Curry said he would like her to be a little stronger inside, but he believes that will come with playing time.

George has been "a pleasant surprise" according to Coach Curry. "She's not afraid to mix it up and she's very quick. She just needs to gain a little confidence and I think she'll be a big help to us."

Isidora Anzaldua is a good inside shooter. At 5-4 she doesn't look like an inside player, but Coach Curry thinks she'll "fit in real well." Her shooting and penetration skills will enable her to give the Longhorns another outside shooting threat.

The Lady Horns' #1 goal this year is making the playoffs.

"That one is going to take a lot of hard work. They understand that and are committed to working hard all year. They also want to win 18 games, which is four more than they won last year. That's a realistic goal, barring any injuries," Coach Curry said.

Hart is in Class A's Division I for bigger schools this year, but the district race is going to be an intense battle with several quality teams.

Farwell, which captured the Class AA state title last year before dropping to Class A, will be competing in Hart's district along with perennial power Sudan. Springlake-Earth, Kress and Bovina round out the district schedule.

"District is going to be very strong. I think it will be a three-team race for two spots. If we can knock off Farwell or Sudan, we'll be right in the hunt. Both of those teams are ranked in the Top 5 in Division I," Coach Curry said.



THE HART LADY HORNS plan to utilize their overall team speed and quickness in achieving their goal of earning a playoff berth this season. Members of the Lady Horn squad are (from left) Cynthia Gonzales, Isidora Anzaldua, Amanda Carrasco,

Vanessa Carrasco, Jessica Guerrero, Coach John Curry, Lacie Curry, Crystal Diego, Brenda Diego, Ruby Rodriguez, Yadira Anzaldua and Kellie George.

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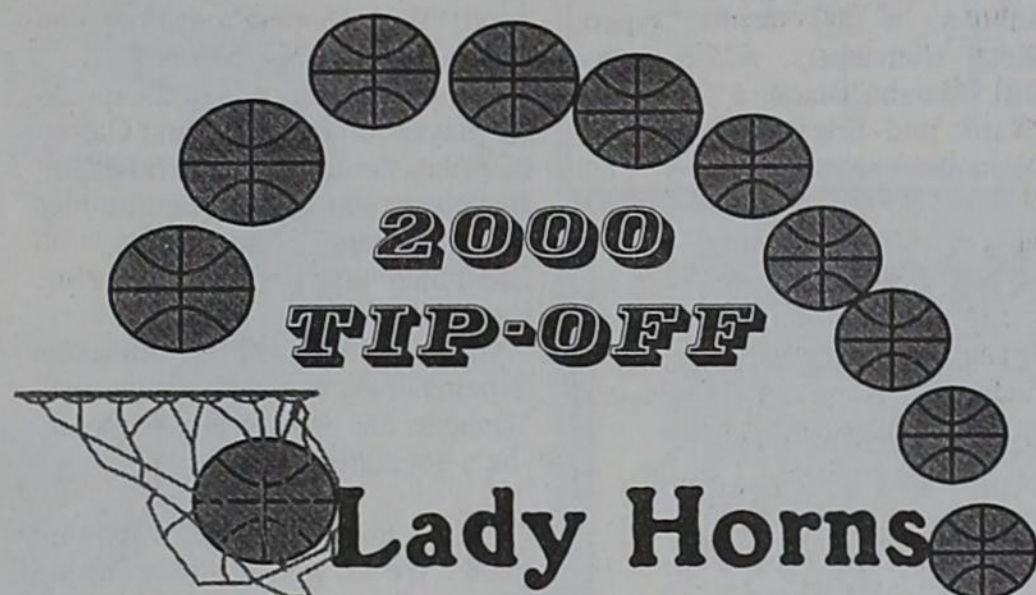


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10--Crystal Diego	5-7	Sophomore	Post
12--Amanda Carrasco	5-4	Sophomore	Guard
14--Brenda Diego	5-5	Senior	Forward
15--Isidora Anzaldua	5-4	Junior	Guard
22--Ruby Rodriguez	5-4	Senior	Guard
24--Lacie Curry	5-9	Sophomore	Post
25--Vanessa Carrasco	5-3	Senior	Guard
34--Kellie George	5-2	Sophomore	Guard
35--Jessica Guerrero	5-7	Junior	Post
42--Cynthia Gonzales	5-5	Sophomore	Post
44--Yadira Anzaldua	5-2	Senior	Guard

# Good Luck, Ladyhorns and Longhorns!



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## Nazareth Swiftettes

# Trio of all-staters to lead defending champs

Winning a state championship this year isn't the ultimate goal adopted by the Nazareth Swiftettes this season.

They want to be named as Lone Star Cup champions.

With three all-staters back from last year's Class A state championship team, the Swiftettes are one of the favorites to capture the state's newest Class A prize—the Lone Star Cup.

When the University Interscholastic League (UIL) realigned Class A for the 2000-01 school year, it split Class A into two divisions (based on school enrollment figures) for basketball—Division I and Division II. Each division will crown a state

champion in Austin after playing one game in the state's capitol city. Then the two state champions from each division will square off for the final Class A game of the season and the winner of that will be named the Lone Star Cup Champion.

No Division I team will play a game from Division II in the playoffs until that final game in Austin.

"It has its good points and bad points," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "I really don't have a problem with it because there are pluses and minuses. It will give more teams a shot at the playoffs. But I'm a traditionalist. Why can't we just have one state title like other classifications."

The playoff format will be set up as follows:

- ◆ **Bi-District.**
- ◆ **Sectional Tournament** (area and regional semifinals), which will be played in either Lubbock or Canyon.

- ◆ **Semi-State Tournament** (regional finals and state semifinals), which will be played at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

- ◆ **State Tournament**, which will be played at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The first two games in the tournament will name Division I and II state champions.

- ◆ **Lone Star Cup Championship**, which also will be played at the Frank Erwin Center. State champions from Division I and Division II will meet for Class A overall title.

Nazareth will be competing in Division II, which is for small schools. The Swiftettes' district opponents will be Happy, Silverton and Valley.

Longtime rival Sudan, which was the regional runner-up behind Nazareth last year, is in the big-school division. The Swiftettes and Hornettes could meet in the Lone Star Cup finals in Austin next March.

"One of the negative points for all Class A teams is that they'll have to play three weekends in a row. For some teams that's going to be three weekends of overnight trips. That's not smart with the economy the way it is. It could get expensive in a hurry," Garrett said.

The Swiftettes don't plan on worrying about the new playoff format though. The team's basic game plan is the same: work hard in practice, be positive to teammates, go undefeated in district and win a state championship.

Leading the team in its efforts will be trio of all-state performers—5-8 senior guard Shawna Gerber, 6-0 senior forward Whitney Hoelting and 5-9 junior guard Stephanie Thiel.

Between them, Gerber, Hoelting and Thiel accounted for 42 points, 16.5 rebounds, 8.5 assists and 7.9 steals per game.

Gerber, who averaged 14.7 points as the team's leading scorer a year ago, will see limited action early in the season because of a knee injury she sustained this summer.

Gerber suffered a partial tear of her anterior cruciate ligament while playing in a national AAU tournament in Florida this summer.

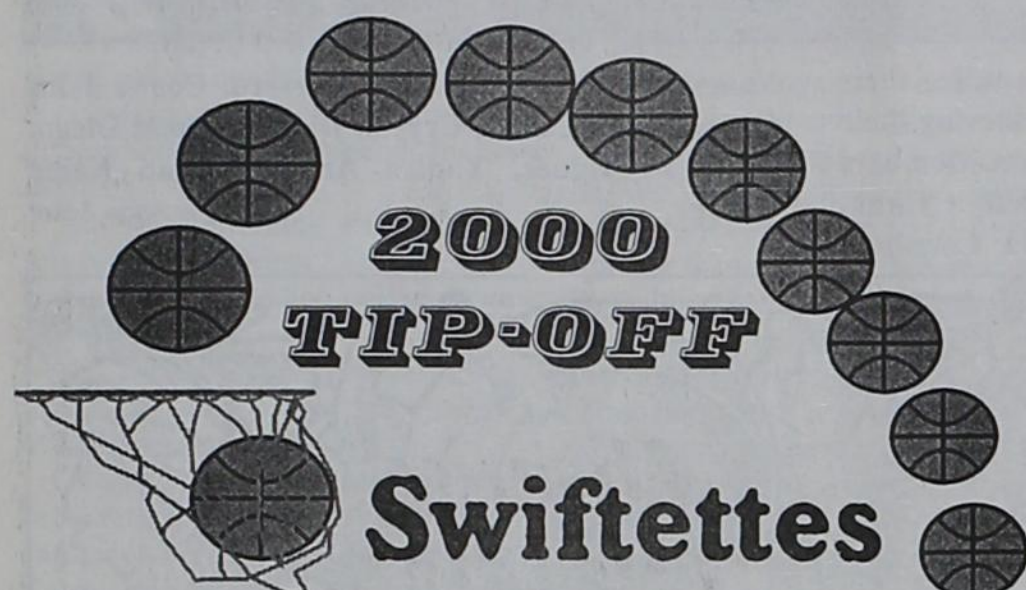
"She had her knee scoped, but she's got a full release to play now. We'll gradually work her into games. She just needs to get comfortable with playing again," Garrett said.



THE NAZARETH SWIFTETTES are aiming for Austin and defending their Class A state championship this season. Team members include (bottom row, from left) Tara Kleman, Marsha Black,

Lesley Brockman, Mandy Hoelting, Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman; and (back row, from left) Erica Gerber, Danette Ramaekers, Stephanie Thiel, Shawna Gerber and Wendy Black.

Courtesy Photo



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10--Erica Gerber	6-0	Sophomore	Forward
12--Shawna Gerber	5-8	Senior	Guard
14--Stephanie Thiel	5-9	Junior	Guard
20--Marsha Black	5-5	Junior	Forward
22--Lesley Brockman	5-8	Junior	Forward
24--Tara Kleman	5-8	Senior	Guard
30--Wendy Black	5-4	Sophomore	Guard
32--Mandy Hoelting	5-7	Junior	Guard
34--Whitney Hoelting	6-0	Senior	Forward
40--Nichole Huseman	5-7	Senior	Guard
42--Danette Ramaekers	5-6	Junior	Guard

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**WARMTH FOR WINTER**—Members of Dimmitt High School's National Honor Society sponsored a coat drive over the past three weeks, and the group collected hundreds of gently-worn coats which were donated to Panhandle Community Services last Thursday. The coats will be distributed to needy individuals in the community. National Honor Society President Josh Hardwick (front, right) presents a loaded box of coats in various sizes and styles to PCS's Jerry Peña as other National Honor Society members look on. *Photo by Anne Acker*



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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# Funds available for rural housing

Steven A. Caniker, State Director, Texas US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development, announced recently that federal funds are available for Guaranteed Rural Housing loans.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on a farm, or in open country not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

"Never assume an area is not eligible under the guaranteed loan program. We encourage anyone interested in owning their own home to call the Amarillo Local Service Center for details on eligible areas," said Carriker.

The guaranteed rural housing loan may be used to finance new or existing homes that are structurally sound and have certified mechanical, electrical, plumbing and insulation systems.

The interest rate is set by the lender for an amount not to exceed the Fannie Mae 30-year fixed rate plus .6 of 1%. The loan may be made for up to 100% of the market value. There is no down payment required. The lender may loan some closing costs depending on the appraisal. All loans must be secured by a first lien on a residential property.

For more information regarding Rural Development programs, contact August Hesse III in the Amarillo Local Service Center at (806) 468-8600, extension 122.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and

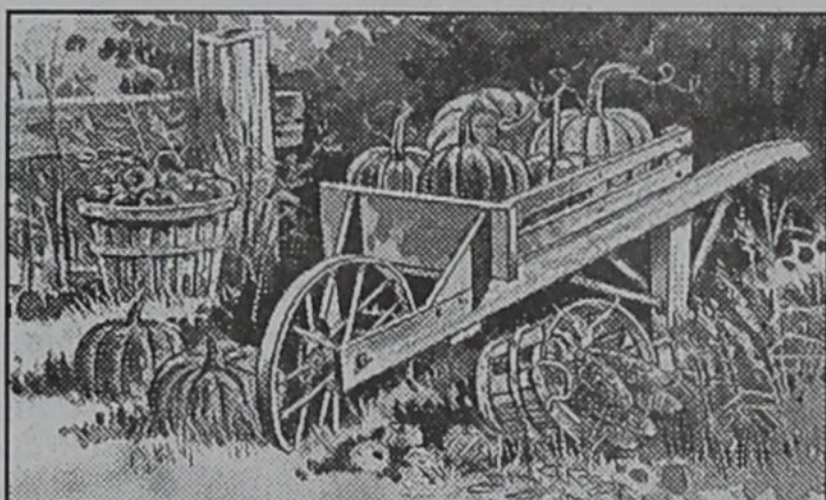
includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

For more information on Rural Development programs in Texas, check this web site: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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