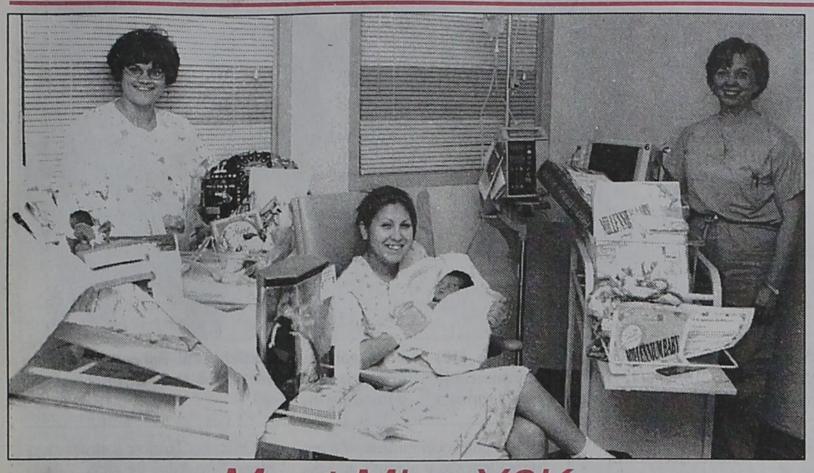
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Meet Miss Y2K

The "Millennium Baby" at Plains Memorial Hospital was showered by gifts from local businesses and hospital district employees. Here, little Christina Janell Mireles poses on her first day of life Tuesday with her mother, Melissa, in the nursery amid the large array of gifts. At left is Cindy Ellis, R.N., who chaired the

gifting project. At right is Dr. Margaret Bailey, the attending physician. Christina Janell was born at 1:07 p.m. Tuesday. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Her dad, Carlos III, is attending the Texas Dept. of Cor-Photo by Don Nelson

Classic Cable plans rate hike; city to renegotiate franchise

Classic Cable sent a notice to the commitment to improve on customer Dimmitt City Council and Mayor Wayne Collins that the company plans to increase the basic service rate. The council voted Monday night to seek renegotiation of the company's franchise agreement with the city because of what the council said was a violation of the agreement.

Bill Flowers, regional vice president of Classic Cable, sent a letter saying that the basic rate will increase to \$33.10 effective in February. He said that customers will be notified by letter during January.

"Price increases are never popular, but we continue to experience increases in programming fees, employee costs, increased cost of equipment and costs associated with our service," Flowers wrote in the letter.

He noted that the company invested \$23 million in capital improvements to its systems in 1999, and has committed \$50 million for improvements in 2000.

Collins told the council at their Monday night meeting that the cable company has been stringing new cables throughout the town.

However, he said that cable workers have been using a "cherry picker" to break off branches of trees, which is a violation of the company's franchise agreement with the city.

ment states that the company may trim trees that interfere with cables, but that it must be supervised by a city employee.

"When it became apparent what they were doing, a police officer was sent to tell them to stop breaking the branches and they agreed to stop," Collins said.

He told the council that the violation makes the franchise agreement "null and void," and gives the council an opportunity to open negotiations to draw up a new agreement.

City Attorney Jack Edwards was authorized to notify the company about the violation and the need for renegotiating the agreement. He said the current franchise agreement was to have been in effect until 2002.

Collins said one of the things the Collins said the franchise agree- city should seek in a new agreement is "most favored city" status. In other words, Dimmitt should be able to enjoy the same rate as cities that pay the lowest rates to the company.

Top 10 stories of 1999 rections Academy at Gatesville and won't get to see her until Saturday. The weather heads the list of the to the storms' destruction. Roofers were kept busy most of top 10 news stories for 1999, as com-

piled by the News staff.

Unusual, threatening, damaging, extreme and wet were some of the words that came to mind in describing weather events of the past year.

Starting back in late January with a winter storm that left some homes without power for almost a week, the weather patterns progressed with flooding, twisters and hail in April and May, twisters, hail and rain in June, a corn harvest delayed by rain in September, an early snow in October, and concluding with another series of winter storms in December.

The winter storm in late January brought over six inches of snow, along with freezing rain that played havoc with power lines. Hundreds of residents across the county lost power at least temporarily, while some went without electricity for five days or longer.

Power lines, cross-arms and poles snapped under the strain of the ice and snow build up, and rural areas were particularly hard hit and difficult to access for repairs.

Swisher Electric Cooperative had to replace or repair hundreds of poles, while Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative mainly had problems with cross-arms. Then in a four-day period the last

part of April and the first of May over five inches of rain fell, delivering almost one-third of the area's average annual rainfall all at one

Rainfall totals ranged from just over four inches recorded at Hart all the way up to 11 inches reported 21/2 miles northeast of Five Point Gin.

Roads were closed due to flooding, a 64-year-old Brownfield man was rescued from icy waters, at least two confirmed tornadoes were sighted, and hail caused some dam-

A series of storms May 25, June 2 and June 11 dumped more rain and hail, accompanied by twisters on June 2. Crops, homes and automobiles were damaged, with over 130,000 acres of corn and cotton lost

the rest of the year replacing roofs throughout the county.

In July, the wheat harvest was coming in, showing increased yields,

largely due to the increased moisture received in the spring and early summer. A report published in July by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District showed that (Continued on Page 12)

Democrats, Republicans file for places in March primaries

No Republican candidates filed bent Jerry Matthews being chal- stable; and Greg Odom as County for county-wide office as the filing lenged by Jack Edwards and James Chairman. date expired Monday in the March 14 primary elections. Twelve Democrats filed for seven positions, four of which are contested, according to County Democratic Chairman Don Newman.

for voting precinct chairman positions in both parties.

candidates are vying for the job of

Horton.

Incumbent CD Fitzgearld is faced by Santos Perez in the race for sheriff; incumbent Billy Hackleman is challenged by Marshall Young for tax assessor/collector; and incumbent In addition, individuals did file Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland faces Harold Smith.

Unopposed in their bids for elec-In the Democratic Primary, three tion are Bay Baldridge as the incumbent commissioner for Precint 3; county/district attorney, with incum- James Dobbs as the incumbent con-

307; Delores Heller, 401; and Irene Wilhelm, 408. No one has filed as James Horton is candidate county chairman. for county/district attorney and county chairmen may file up to five days after Jan. 3, according to

James Horton is a candidate for the office of Castro County/District Attorney, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

A 35-year resident of Castro County, he has lived in Hart for the past 24 years. He first came to Dimmitt in 1964 to work for Bob McLean, and continued as an employee of First State Bank through 1985.

He graduated from Odessa High School and attended Baylor University in Waco, obtaining his bachelor's degree in economics in 1958 and his law degree in 1960. He was licensed to practice law in 1960. He was a captain in the US Air Force and served in the Judge Advocate General's office from 1961-1964.

Horton has experience in both criminal and civil law, and had concentrated on general practice law for the past 14 years. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and is licensed to practice in the Northern Federal District of Texas.



James Horton

"I think I can make the office of county/district attorney more efficient and more responsive to the public," Horton said. "I ask for your vote and support in this campaign."

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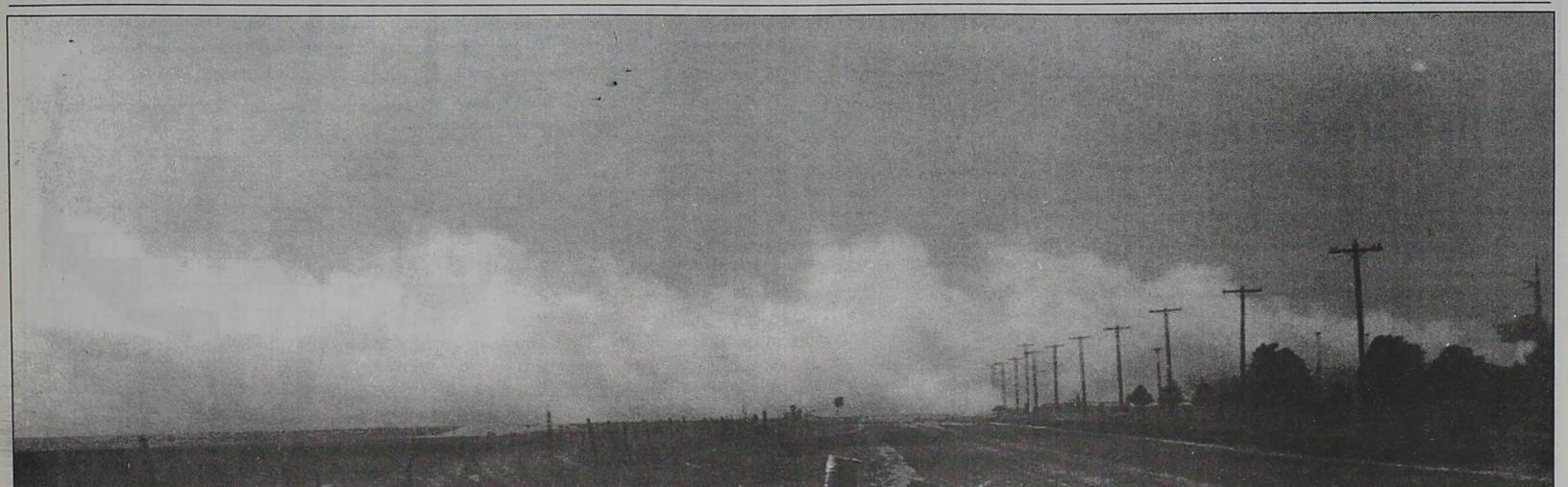
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Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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1999 Precipitation comparison



TRAFFIC STOPPER-Whipped by a 50-mph north wind Monday, this cotton-burr fire near the Ronnie Gfeller farm four miles west of Dimmitt laid a blanket of smoke over the countryside and forced traffic on US 86 to be diverted until 9 a.m. Tuesday. The fire spread to an old abandoned farmhouse nearby, which burned to the ground, but the Gfellers' home

was never threatened, Fire Chief Tommy Cleavinger said. Dimmitt and Nazareth residents got a good whiff of the burr fire when the wind shifted to the west early Tuesday. The blaze was first noticed at midday Monday in a stack of cotton burrs west of the Gfeller farm, on Bosch Estate property which Gfeller rents. Gfeller said he thinks the fire may

have been caused by smoldering embers which the high wind whipped out of a nearby pit. As of Wednesday morning, the stack of burrs was "about three-fourths burned, and the other fourth is going to take a while," Gfeller said. "It won't go any further than it already has," Cleavinger said. "There are plowed fields all the way around it."

Police Calls

Two people were jailed Saturday after police received a report that the two, a 42-year-old man and a 29year-old woman, had assaulted each other in an incident of family violence.

A 32-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Saturday morning for disorderly conduct after he was jailed for Dulin.

Johnny Brent Lilley of Nazareth told deputies that his home was burglarized on Dec. 23 between 3:30

Torres joins Angus group

Efraim Torres of Dimmitt is a new junior member of the American Angus Association.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with more than 33,000 active adult and junior members.

and 4 p.m.

Matthew John Bliss of Dimmitt told deputies that his home southeast of Dimmitt was burglarized some time between Dec. 25 and 26. Items taken included some radios, a television, and a TV-VCR combination. He valued the items at \$535.

Gene Bradley reported to deputies fighting in the 600 block of West Sunday that someone had taken a digital scale display valued at \$500 from his property southwest of Dimmitt.

> struck a vehicle with a bat. The vehicle belongs to Robert Barrios.

Dec. 29 that someone drove off without paying for \$10-worth of gasoline. A suspect was charged Friday

with driving with license suspended. Alcohol-related offenses:

—Dec. 29, an 18-year-old Amarillo woman for public intoxication. -Saturday, a 43-year-old San Antonio woman for DWI, first offense; a Dimmitt man, 31, for DWI (breath test refused); a Dimmitt man, 47, for public intoxication; and a 24year-old Dimmitt man, DWI, third offense or more.

man, DWI, second offense.

City council adopts recreation master plan

the Dimmitt City Council adopted the park master plan, viewed cost to "fine-tune" it before the Jan. 31 estimates for the pool project, and voted to purchase a bull dozer for use in the city landfill.

The preliminary master plan that was adopted sets out a list of prioriobtained from surveys that were project if the grant is denied. filled out by local citizens.

Ed Barrett of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission tabulated the results of the survey. He said a swimming pool facility was rated the number one priority by those responding to the survey.

The second priority was a walking/hiking trail at Central Park. Third park landscaping fourth, lighting improvements fifth, and baseball/softball fields sixth.

year time frame for implementation.

Barrett said including the walking/hiking trail project along with the swimming pool project application would gain the city additional points with the Texas Parks & Wildlife application for the projects.

week, but had not won yet.

week."

At their Monday night meeting, application sent in for pre-approval in January, so that there will be time deadline. He said if the application is rejected, the city could reapply in

The council members agreed to the master plan, as long as it does not ties for recreation needs. The list was obligate the city to go ahead with the rated light.

> Scott Honeyfield with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, the city's engineering firm, presented a rough estimate of what the pool project would cost. He said he used the cost of a similar project in Sundown and added a little for inflation to arrive at an estimate of \$645,000.

Barrett said the city would pay was outdoor basketball courts, with the cost and then be reimbursed 50% of allowable expenses through the grant program.

Honeyfield said a basic walk-The master plan envisions a six- ing/hiking trail around Central Park could be included for an additional \$4,00 to \$5,000.

In another matter, the council voted to purchase a used Caterpillar bull dozer for use in the city landfill for a cost of \$131,000, with \$63,000 Dept., which will evaluate the grant trade-in allowed on the city's old dozer. The only bid received was Barrett said he hopes to get the from West Texas Equipment Co.

POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Durham wins finale

Maybe it was fitting that the final weekly contest of the year was

That's how it worked out. Jerry Durham, a longtime Dimmitt

"I was beginning to think I didn't have a chance," he said. "I've

He said he'll probably spend his prize money on an evening out.

Statewide, the winner of the final \$1,000 grand prize was Cathy

To all of the faithful prognosticators who took part in the POWER

POINTS Football Contest this year: Thanks for your interest and

your participation. Unfortunately, there weren't enough of you this

year to justify the expense of continuing the contest next season.

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P. Thomas of Center Point, who tallied 128 points. She entered the

done terrible this year. And there were a lot of upsets again this

won by a picker who has turned in his entry form faithfully every

Middle School teacher, captured the \$20 cash prize from the News

for having the best local score in Week 17. Durham rang up 103

points out of a possible 136 to top all other local pickers.

Durham was surprised that he won.

contest through the Kerrville Daily Times.

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-Monday, some suspects were charged with being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage; and 19-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI, first offense (breath test refused).

On Dec. 28, a 34-year-old man was jailed on a warrant for assault/bodily injury.

Dec. 20 at 9:53 p.m. a 1992 Ford Thunderbird driven by Juan Soto, 51, of Lovington, N.M., struck a mail box belonging to Jim Wright, south Dora Reyes of Dimmitt told po- of Dimmitt on US 385. Damage to lice Dec. 28 that someone kicked and the mail box was estimated at \$100. Damage to the car was rated light. Soto was given a ticket for no proof A clerk at Fast Stop told police of liability insurance. Soto told plice that due to the condition of the highway he slid and lost control of the vehicle.

On Dec. 26, Cleo Powell Parks, 83, of Dimmitt, was driving a 1992 Pontiac Bonneville south on Northwest Sixth Street and was struck by a 1981 Ford pickup driven by Charles Burks, 16, of Dimmitt, who was heading east on West Bedford. Parks was ticketed for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Burks was reported to have possible injury, as was his passenger, Ryan Hays, 15, -Sunday, a 52-year-old Dimmitt and Parks. Damage to the car was rated moderate to heavy, while the pickup had light to moderate dam-

Dec. 28 at 5:17 p.m., a 1994 Dodge pickup driven by Sheila May Coughtry, 60, of Fountain, Colo., rear-ended a 1993 Honda Accord driven by Amanda Clark, 24, of Albuquerque, N.M., at the "Y" south of Dimmitt. The car was stopped behind the pickup, which was behind another vehicle. When the other vehicle moved, the pickup pulled up to the stop sign and was struck from behind by the car. No injuries were reported, and damage to both vehicles was

Two Nazareth women charged in Amarillo

Two women from Nazareth were arrested in Amarillo, and one of them also is a suspect in the theft of two handguns from a house in Nazareth on Dec. 23, according to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

The women were in a hotel room in Amarillo with an Amarillo man when police officers came to investigate possible forged checks, according to APD spokesman Jerry

Neufeld said the investigating officers saw drug paraphernalia and found drugs in a "pat down" of the suspects. A 46-year-old woman and the Amarillo man were both charged with possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. The 21year-old woman, who is also a suspect in the handgun theft, was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants.

Another man, who was sought in connection with the forged checks, was subsequently arrested in the same hotel room.

Fitzgearld said the forger had written between \$6,000 and \$8,000worth of checks on the account of a Hart couple.

In the search of the room, no handguns were found.

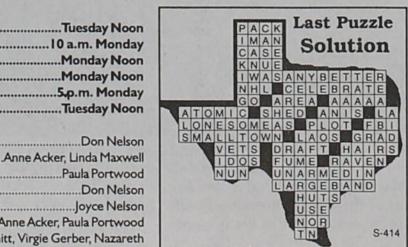
Castro County deputies are continuing the investigation into the theft, according to Fitzgearld. He said that theft of firearms is a felony offense.

Consignment farm auction is set Feb. 19

are currently being accepted for the Nazareth Knights of Columbus's farm auction, which will be held Feb. 19 for Nazareth-area farmers.

this year's sale yet, but organizers hope to have a location nailed down

ment on the sale should contact Brian Ramaekers at 945-2331 or 647-7307.





DEE-FENSE!—Dimmitt's Marcus Larra (10) and Taylor Matthews (13) make things miserable for a Littlefield player during Friday's varsity

boys' game at Littlefield. The Bobcats jumped to an early lead and added to it throughout the game to win, 55-40. Photo by Carter Townsend

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AUSTIN — Congress Avenue and portions of bisecting streets were blocked off last week as crews set up the capital city New Year's Eve party for an anticipated 200,000 revelers.

Meanwhile, Readiness 2000, a coalition of 31 state agencies, prepared to watch and wait in the Department of Public Safety's emergency management center in Austin.

Over the last two years, state officials found nearly all computers "Y2K ready" at 199 state agencies, including 30 agencies identified as critical to health, safety or the American-Statesman reported.

Don Rogers, a spokesman for Readiness 2000, told The Dallas Morning News his group encourages Texas residents to have enough water and other supplies on hand to last three days.

Notification Law Starts Jan. 1

The new parental-notification abortion law, sponsored in the 1999 state legislative session by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, goes into effect Jan. 1.

The law requires an unmarried woman 17 or younger to notify a parent that she intends to have an abortion. Also, she will be asked to produce proof of her age.

If a parent has not signed an affi-

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davit, a physician must send a registered letter to a parent's address, then wait 48 hours before performing the abortion.

Under the law, parents need not approve. They only must be told an abortion is to occur.

The Texas Department of Health reported in 1997 that 5,523 minors had abortions.

young women a year, even in light of the law, will refuse to tell a parent, The Dallas Morning News reported last week.

SW Bell Settles Lawsuit

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. said it would pay \$10 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of all its customers in 400 Texas cities, the Austin American-Statesman reported Dec. 30.

In the preliminary settlement, the plaintiffs, who sued over the way the telephone company collects franchise fees, will receive no payment, and the Dallas lawyers representing them could collect \$2 million.

Instead, \$3 million in cash and \$7 million in service credits would go to the state's Telecommunications and Infrastructure Fund, the

Customers wishing to exercise their right to sue individually have until April 1 to "opt out" of the settlement, in writing.

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund was established to help communities, libraries and school districts get high-speed Internet access.

AG Targets 'Bidi' Sellers

Texas will take enforcement action against Internet merchants accused of selling a tobacco product known as "bidis" to minors.

Attorney General John Cornyn said the sale of the small, brown, hand-rolled cigarettes is an illegal and predatory business practice that "must come to an end."

The Original

Offices of 16 other state attorneys general are doing the same.

As part of its enforcement action, Texas is sending warning letters to online companies found selling bidis to children.

Citing Federal Food and Drug Administration's regulations and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the letter requires violators to Lawmakers estimate that 200 sign a cease-and-desist agreement to avoid legal action.

Other Highlights

■ The Texas Department of Public Safety reported 23 people died on Texas roads over the 54-hour holiday weekend reporting period. The DPS predicted 32 highway deaths would occur over the reporting period covering New Year's weekend

■ Texas' share of a \$900 million federal funding package to aid the homeless will be \$46 million. The money will provide medical treatment, job training and shelter.

 Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced he is returning almost \$600,000 in unspent 1999 funding to the state of Texas, making the Texas General Land Office one of the few state agencies to spend less than it was budgeted by the Legislature in 1999, he said.

"Marauding feral hogs" are tearing up yards and parks in Austin, but neither the city of Austin nor Travis County has organized opposition to the marauders, city and county officials told the Austin American-Statesman last week. Tusked and aggressive, the wild pigs weigh up to 400 pounds and stand up to 3 feet at the shoulder.

 A car chase ended on the evening of Dec. 28 at the iron gates at the rear driveway of the Governor's Mansion. Police pulled a 54year-old male suspect and a woman from their late-model BMW and arrested them. Gov. George W. Bush was out of state at the time.

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On the GO with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Roger and Geneva Malone were hosts to every one of their children and their families over the holidays.

Dusty and Trudy Dobbs and their son, Austin of Diluth, Ga., were among those visiting. Dusty teaches at a private school and Trudy is a biologist at the Center for Disease Control.

Also visiting were Marine Capt. Greg and Cara Malone and their 7month-old son, Ganner, who was enjoying his first visit to his grandparents' home. Greg and family live in Woodbridge, Va., which is near Washington, D.C.

Chelsmford, Mass., to join in the family fun. She works for a pharmaceutical company there.

Nathan made the trek back to his old home town by taking time off from his job at Seabord Industries in Guymon, Okla.

Denise Dobbs Merritt, whose husband is a former Dimmitt kid, Johnny Merritt, also made the trip from their home in Amarillo, where Johnny is an attorney. They have two children, including Debbie Dobbs Conner, who is married to Stacy Conner, pastor of First Baptist Church of Muleshoe. The Conners have three children. Their other daughter is Cindy Dobbs Lewis of Borger, who is married to a Baptist preacher, D.J. Lewis. They also have two children.

Loren and Craig Vandiver and Craig's wife, Kathy, brightened the home of their parents, Charles and Esta Vandiver, over the holidays.

Loren lives in Houston and Craig and Kathy live in Utopia.

I knew that you could live in Eden, Paradise, Jollyville, Luckenbach, Sunnyside and Happy and still be in Texas, and now I know about Utopia.

Don and Paula Graham called Sunday night. They returned from a visit to Canada where they spent time with the Linskys.

Serge is doing well in school and has lots of friends. Alex is a parking garage attendant four days a week. Three days a week he tutors a stu-

Don and Paula Graham went to Plainview this week to visit her mother for Christmas. They also got to have Christmas with their only

Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The long awaited New Year 2000 has finally come and was over without any of the anticipated glitches.

Many different parties for groups of all ages were held in the community, and a New Year's Eve dance was held in the Nazareth Community Hall. The dance was sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Many also enjoyed a beautiful first sunrise of the new year.

A great New Year's resolution would be to call me and share information of your family gettogethers. A great number of our people who live elsewhere get the paper and keep up with what's happening here. It's just a suggestion.

Jimmie Schulte's family gathered at her home for Christmas.

Lyn and Jeanna Williams and family of Tennessee joined the family and stayed through New Years. They will be leaving on a Norwegian cruise shortly as Lyn is a drummer with three of the five bands entertaining on the cruise. The three boys will be staying here with their Grandmother, Jimmie.

The Senior Citizens will meet Sunday evening at 6 p.m. for an evening of dining and socializing. We would welcome any new members because this is the time to pay our yearly dues.

We are very proud of our Swifts' and Swiftettes' basketball teams who did well in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock last week.

After the game with Groom on Friday evening, Mr. Johnson presented the consolation award to the girls' team, and best of all, the team was awarded the Kenneth Cleveland Sportsmanship Trophy.

Also named to the all-tournament team were Whitney Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Lori Huseman, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Gene Schacher, Leonard Gerber, Virgil Brockman, Paul Venhaus and Alvin Anderle.

grandchild, Joseph.

Charles, Dianne and Holly Axtell went to Bastrop to spend Christmas with Paul. They attended Christmas Eve services in Bastrop. On Saturday they traveled to San Antonio to be with Paul's fiancee, Kris Hall, and her family.

During the Christmas holidays, Martha Jo Hyman and family visited the Presbyterian Church in Tulia. The nativity scene was beautiful. It featured handmade banners depicting the three wise men, shepherds, Beth-Tammy Malone came from lehem scene and Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Neta Borchardt gave them a tour of the church.

> The Andy Schumachers had their family visit at different times over the holidays.

One of the highlights of the week was a visit from their grandson, Tucker Schumacher. He is a student at Texas A&M University in College Station. He is the son of Randy and Debbie Schumacher of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt.

The Schumachers' daughter, Charlotte's husband, Corky Renfro, is very ill in Oklahoma. He was raised at the Old Flagg Ranch headquarters.

Glenn and Lacretia of Plainview visited during the holidays. Nan and Dwayne Davis of Tulia also visited during the holidays.

Jo and Bill Settle entertained Jo's mother, Martha Jo Hyman, over the New Year's weekend. They enjoyed a dinner with friends and then played chicken foot dominoes until the new year came in.

The Bruegel family had a wonderful Christmas celebration. They enjoyed their traditional "house-tohouse" gathering on Christmas Eve. Everyone started at Sheri Young's house out on the old home place.

After snacking on delicious goodies and watching children open gifts, they moved out to Gail and Carl Bruegel's house to do more of the

After more snacking and more opening of gifts, they ended up at Jim and Sandy Baker's house.

From Fred and Bobbie Bruegel's bunch, those enjoying the fun were KaKa and Robert and their three girls, Sydney, Bailey and Quincy; Jon and Kim and their children, Jon David and Sara; Mark and Mary and their children, Kyla and Ethan.

Those attending from Carl and

and Andy and their son, Perry; Curtis and his children, Breanna and Chris-Schuler.

Whitney's friend, Mark.

From Sandy and Jim Baker's famher friend, Matt Clayton.

Other family members that joined and his son, Colten; and Candi Henderson and her daughter, Kayla.

On Sunday, Denea Hanes, Sharla Mendoza enjoyed a day of visiting Baker's house.

Hart. They talked and laughed about the "good ole days."

living in Hale Center. Her husband is Dimmitt during the Christmas holia coach and teacher for the Hale days. They visited with the Kent Center School District.

and being a mom. Sharla brought her Villa and they are very talented. daughter, Kamri, so Jamie's daughter, Reagan, enjoyed having a play- afternoons and Mary Edna Hendrix mate for a few hours.

Denea shared pictures of her family, both biological and spiritual.

Christian Mission.

of their mission.

Gail Bruegel's family were Teresa Sue Vaughan, Kristin and Brent and Tiffany Vaughan.

They opened presents and enjoyed topher; and Sheri and her son, a brunch, then went to Bob and Vicki (Vaughan) James's home for Christ-Mike and Donna Bruegel's family mas dinner with about 40 relatives. present were Michael, Whitney and Charles and Betty Vaughan were there as well.

On Christmas Eve, they attended ily, those present were Jamie, Frank the carols, communion and candleand Reagan Mendoza; and Tori and light service at the Heights Baptist

On Sunday afternoon, David and in the festivities were Buster Ingram Sue hosted a reception for Kristin in the lovely new home of Brent and Tiffany. Kristin graduated from Texas A&M on Dec. 18.

Mary Edna flew back to Amarillo Jackson-Knippa and Jamie Baker- and opened presents with Mary Lynn Lankford and her family, Kevin and and reminiscing at Jim and Sandy Neely Lankford, Adria, Matt and David, and Dale and Lauren Feazell Denea had come in for a Christmas and boys, Caleb and Jacob of Housholiday visit with her family from ton.

Steve Birdwell and friend, Beth Sharla and her little family are Bolton of Nashville, Tenn., were in Birdwells and other relatives. They Sharla is enjoying staying at home gave a mini concert at Canterbury

> They went to the museum three enjoyed visiting with them.

Steve is a media specialist at the Tennessee State University and Beth In August, Denea moved from is a teacher who is working on her Seattle, Wash., to Arizona to become master's degree. She performs twice a dorm Mom for an American Indian a week at a retirement home and a nursing home, and at Robbie's Barn, She shared many wonderful stories where they serve hamburgers and a about her "children" and the purpose light meal for people 50 years of age and older.

Beth sings and plays the guitar and Mary Edna Hendrix celebrated Steve plays many instruments, in-Christmas in Dallas with David and cluding the violin and harmonica.

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 Jan. 6-14.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh

banana and milk FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice

MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and

TUESDAY: Breakfast hash brown, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, banana and FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

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

FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk. MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk

chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a bun, potato

with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges or milk. THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash

brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread

uares and milk FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, cranberry sauce, hot wheat rolls and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, pork tamales or hoagie submarine sandwich; seasoned black-eyed peas, potatoes au gratin or vegetable medley; fresh banana, hamburger salad or tossed salad; commeal yeast rolls, hot rolls or crackers; and choco-

late milk, white milk or punch. pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potatoes and tomato and okra gumbo; cantaloupe, tossed salad or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; French fries, vegetable medley or Mexipinto beans; fruited gelatin, taco

muffins, arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, country fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions and peppers; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, toast and milk.

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

MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and

TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of

cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and THURSDAY: Biscuits, sausage, graham crackers, variety of cereal, raisins, assorted

fruit juice and milk FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs and ham, bis-FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni cuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Junior High/High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger with potato chips, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, condiment salad or tossed salad; assorted sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles,

peaches, gelatin dessert, ice cream and milk,

punch or tea. MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.

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

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken strips and nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk,

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

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange

juice and milk. MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange

juice and milk. TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a

stick, cereal, orange juice and milk. WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Fish and hushpuppies or steak finger and bread, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, apple crisp and milk or

FRIDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pears, cookies and milk or juice. MONDAY: * Spaghetti and a roll or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, des-

sert and milk or juice. TUESDAY: * Barbecued sandwich or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, beans, apricot, brownie and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips with bread, tossed salad, rice, orange, peanut butter chews and milk or juice. THURSDAY: * Nachos with roll or com

dog, tossed salad, corn, peaches, cobbler and milk or juice. FRIDAY: * Chicken pot pie or chef's salad, tossed salad, peas and carrots,

applesauce, carrot cake and milk or juice.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Gruhlkey establish home in Kress

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Gruhlkey are home in Kress after enjoying a honeymoon trip to Orlando, Fla., and Disney World.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 18, 1999, in a formal ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Hale Center. The Rev. Gene Meacham, pastor of the church, officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the former Heather Huffhines, daughter of Barbara and Eddie Huffhines of Hale Center. She is the granddaughter of Marie Walker of Plainview and Retha Huffhines of Hale Center. Parents of the groom are Phyllis and Perry Gruhlkey of Plainview, formerly of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of Ruthie Gruhlkey of Adrian.

Music for the service was provided by Kim Hadley of Lubbock and Bill Deardorf of Plainview.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a romantic gown of tulle and Venice-covered Italian satin from the designers of Alfred Angelo. The sleeveless gown featured a jewel neckline of illusion with a sweetheart line underneath. The full ball gown skirt swept into a semi-cathedral train. The skirt was accented with scattered pearls and a satin cord

Her veil was highlighted by a pearl-looped garland and double illusion pouf.

She carried a cascading bouquet of bridal white roses, dendrobium orchids, stephanotis, Casablanca lilies with mixed pine. The bouquet was Ashmore of Plainview and McKinzie tied with gold French ribbon.

Maid of honor was Holly Huffhines of Hale Center, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Heidi Huffhines-Inglet of Cypress, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Memory Quitaque. McEachern of Lubbock, Courtnei Mahagan of Hale Center and Kaylynn Hadley of Plainview.

The bridal attendants' gowns wore jackets of hunter green crepe-back

white roses, French heather and Casablanca lilies with mixed pine tied Huffhines of Hale Center and with French gold ribbon.

Flower girls were Morgan ins of the bride.



MRS. CODY GRUHLKEY ... nee Heather Huffhines

Strange of Kress.

Best man was Dr. Jay Gruhlkey of Pearland, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen included Tom White, Chris Hingst and Colby Boedeker, all of Plainview; and Jon Pigg of

Ring bearer was Heath Huffhines of Hale Center, cousin of the bride.

fitted straight skirts and tailored Plainview, uncle of the bride, Jerod Walker of Houston, cousin of the bride, and Dustin Hamilton of Hale Each carried a nosegay of bridal Center and Monty Moore of Kress.

Candlelighters were Jeremy Landon Walker of Plainview, cous-

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Members of the house party were Elaine Barrett, Kathy Davis, Marilyn King, Theresa Walker, Sandra Walker, Janis Berry, Andrea Ingram, Jeana Edwards, Holly Ward and

Mandy Gruhlkey. The bride is a 1997 graduate of Hale Center High School. She at-Ushers were Mark Huffhines of tended West Texas A&M University and is currently a student at Wayland Baptist University. She is employed by Armstrong-McCall Beauty Sup-

> The groom graduated from Plainview High School in 1993. He is engaged in farming and custom harvesting in the Kress area.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Benny and Diana Navarro of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Zachariah Jacob, who was born Dec. 26 at 2:22 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 191/2 inches long. Big brother is Armando, 1. Grandparents are Maria Navarro, Andres Navarro, and Paul and Sylvia DeLeon, all of Dimmitt. Greatgrandparents are Walter and Eloisa Leal of Dimmitt, Andres Sr. and Sophia Navarro, Francisco Cuevas of Lubbock, and Tony and Irene Vasquez of Levelland.

It's a girl for Carlos III and Melissa Mireles of Dimmitt. She was born at 1:07 p.m. Tuesday, and is the county's New Year's Baby for 2000. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was 19 inches long, and has been named Christina Janell. Grandparents are Carlos Jr. and Santos Mireles and Paul and Sylvia DeLeon, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Patsy Gonzales and Martha Mireles, both of Dimmitt, Francisco Cuevas of Lubbock and Tony and Irene Vasquez of Levelland. Christina has three brothers-Marcus, 5, Matthew, 3, and Brandon, 2.

OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for John and Melody Link of Dimmitt. She was born Dec. 16 in Lubbock Methodist, weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces, was 19 1/2 inches long, and has been named Micah Renee. She has two older brothers, Jacob, 3, and Zachary, 20 months. Grandparents are Helen Link, Janice and Jerome Eith, all of Wisconsin.

Shot clinic will be held in Dimmitt today

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

The Mason-Dixon Line is named for ary Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, English Astronomers who surveyed Soler, a freshman, were required to Maryland in 1767.

Vegetable conference set Jan. 18 in Hereford

A full day of presentations and workshops awaits vegetable growers Jan. 18 at the West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford, said a Texas A&M University horticulturist.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center (100 Avenue C at Park Avenue). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and costs \$25 per person, which includes a luncheon provided by the Deaf Smith County 4-H Parents Association and admission to a trade show stocked with commercial and education displays.

"Participants can earn CEUs toward their pesticide applicator licenses. Certified crop advisors can earn professional development credits, and certified master gardeners can earn six hours credit toward their vegetable specialty certification," said Dr. Roland Roberts, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Lubbock.

The morning session will include a potato health workshop, and presentations on pesticide laws and regulations; plant breeding at Texas A&M University; and how to do business with large retail chains.

McClung, Texas Produce Association, will explain how retail consolidation may affect Texas growersshippers, Roberts said.

A lunch break will allow participants to visit the trade show and see poster displays on drip irrigated watermelons, potato seed piece treatments, post emergent weed control in chile, food and clothing pesticide safety, and smart lunches for the field.

Speakers at the afternoon session will discuss implications of the Food Quality Protection Act, Texas produce leadership and needs, consumer food safety, vegetable establishment techniques, soil and water salinity management, chile production techniques and pesticide record keeping.

Two qualify for area try-out

Two Dimmitt High School band students will participate in area band auditions on Saturday.

Their performance there will determine if they will participate in the all-state band concert at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio in Febru-

Rachal Harman, a junior, and L.J the border between Pennsylvania and meet certain qualifications at the regional auditions held in December.

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Breast cancer screening is set for Feb. 3

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Feb. 3 and appointments are now being accepted.

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

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

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

Funding is available through the Keynote luncheon speaker John Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.



Susan Grisanti

Classical guitarist will perform in Nazareth Jan. 16

Susan Grisanti will give a classical guitar concert on Sunday, Jan. 16, in

The concert was rescheduled to Jan. 1 6 and it will begin at 7 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in

Grisanti's show will showcase classical guitar music from her tour of the "Strasse der Romanic" (Romanesque Road) in Germany. A narrative and slide show segment on the Romanesque Road by Dr. Wanda Merchant, a German language professor at Texas Tech University, will also be shown during the Jan. 16

Ohio, and she now lives in Lubbock. She has performed in numerous concerts throughout the United States since the 1970s and she is included on the US Embassy Touring Roster in Washington, D.C., and the Texas Commission on the Arts. She has been the feature artist in dozens of television, radio and news articles. Her mentors have been Pepe Romero, Alice Artzt and she did post-graduate study with Dr. James Bogle of Texas Tech University.

Grisanti's latest CD, Great Classics, Vol. II: Music Along the Romanesque Road will be available at the concert, and portion of the proceeds from sale of her CD will benefit The Promised Land Network, the

The Promised Land Network is an ecumenical non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining agriculture and rural communities on the Southern Plains through land stewardship, education and a promotion of the creative arts.

For more information about the show, contact Lydia Villanueva at The Promised Land Network at 364-

Grisanti's concert was originally scheduled for December, but it was postponed due to bad weather.

Nazareth. Admission to the show will be \$5 per person and complimentary desserts and refreshments will be served.

concert. Grisanti is a native of Cleveland,

organization sponsoring the event.

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January is School Board Recognition Month

Gov. George W. Bush has pro- parents, teachers, and residents, and sults of this cooperative effort are of the crucial role elected boards of for they receive no compensation lenges and great opportunities, makand schools.

"Texas leads the nation when it he said. comes to improving public education. Texas stays on the leading edge of Boards (TASB), created in 1949, has education reform and academic ex- designated January 2000 as School cellence by giving local school districts the freedom to innovate and the public awareness of the vital role power to design programs to meet their communities' needs. Although young and old to recognize and honor the State Board of Education and the the dedication and diligence of school Texas Education Agency provide board members. I also encourage leadership and guidelines, the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the of the opportunities afforded by the public trust lies with more than 1,000 Texas Education Code to participate local school districts in Texas. More in the dialogue that is the foundation than 7,000 publicly elected school board members make decisions that Bush said. affect the education of almost four million young Texans," Bush said.

est group of publicly elected officials opportunity to maximize his or her in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in knowledge, leadership, and dedicaaccordance with the will of the peo- tion, and work purely for the comple. School boards provide local con- mon good. It is important to recogtrol over education where it nize the many contributions made by counts—at a point closest to the par- our locally elected school board ent and the child. They work to en- members and support them as they sure academic excellence and ac- tackle the demanding and rewarding countability for students, teachers and task of educating our youth," said administrators. They also confront James B. Crow, TASB executive challenges and problems that would director. have been unimaginable a generation

tricts across the state will use this potential. In Texas, school board opportunity to bolster understanding members deserve special recognition, education play in their communities other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service,"

> 'The Texas Association of School Board Recognition Month to increase these boards play. I urge all Texans local residents to take full advantage of local control over our schools,"

"School board members serve as advocates for our children first and "These men and women, the larg- foremost, protecting each child's potential. Trustees offer vision,

"Local trustees work with comago: staying abreast of changing munity leaders, families, and educatechnology, addressing growing con- tors to develop sound educational cerns over school safety, and ensur- policies in their districts. They help ing that schools produce measurable us to set high standards in the educaresults in academic achievement, tion system and encourage us to Board members are there to listen to strive to reach those goals. The re-

claimed January 2000 as School to ensure that all children are given reflected in a generation of Texas Board Recognition Month and dis- the chance to achieve their highest children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he said.

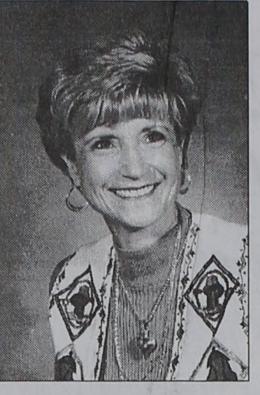
"Today's schools face great chaling the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

All-Region band concert planned

Students from Dimmitt who qualified for the All-Region band clinic and concert will participate in those activities Jan. 14-15 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, with the concert on Jan. 15 open to the public.

Qualifying from Dimmitt High School are Rachal Harman, Jessica Salinas, and L.J. Soler.

Students from Dimmitt Middle School who qualified for the Middle School All-Region band include Kayla Acker, Raul Barrios, Matthew Calderon, Holly Gilliam, Caleb Dickerson, Todd Jansa, Deidre Perez, Whitney Nutt and Maribel Montiel, and alternates Stephanie Hazel and Nathan Olvera.



Upshaw earns master's degree

ated from West Texas A&M Univerter's degree in counseling.

Upshaw is employed by the Hart Independent School District as a junior high and high school counselor. She taught third grade in Dimmitt prior to accepting the position in Hart.

She is married to Freddy Upshaw.

Cheryl Upshaw

Cheryl Upshaw of Dimmitt gradusity on Dec. 17, 1999, with a mas-



Nutrition outreach program is being organized by Texas DHS The Texas Dept. of Human Ser- achieved an "enhanced funding"

from organizations to provide nutri- for its outstanding administration of tion education and increase participa- the food stamp program. tion in the food stamp program.

designed for state residents who are governmental entities or councils of at-risk of inadequate nutrition and health-related problems.

included in House Bill 1 by the 76th Legislature, and was signed by Gov. Food Banks, etc. George Bush in June 1999.

Recognizing the importance of an adequate diet, the state and federal governments have established food and nutrition programs to help persons achieve an adequate diet. This outreach program is based on the correlation between an adequate diet and good health. \$700,000 has been set aside for this endeavor.

"This outreach program will seek to assist persons who truly need help in accessing nutrition-related programs. The Texas DHS maintains a commitment to those in need," said Eric M. Bost, commissioner of the agency.

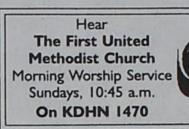
Funding for the outreach program comes from funds earned by employees of the Texas DHS. The agency

vices (DHS) is requesting proposals bonus from the federal government

Eligible organizations include non-The outreach program will be profit community-based entities, government, institutions of higher learning, faith-based organizations Authorization for the program was and service organizations such as PTAs, United Way, Second Harvest

> Prospective organizations are required to inform the agency of their intent to participate by Jan. 17 and a final proposal must be submitted by Feb. 15.

> Organizations interested in this outreach effort can obtain information from the Texas DHS by calling Taylor O'Brien at (512) 438-3719, or by visiting the agency's web site at www.dhs.state.tx.us.



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Changing lifestyle habits key to keeping resolutions

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lennium, why not try a new approach," said Joe Sloan, chief executive officer of the Castro County Hospital District. "Instead of clampout on a new diet or exercise plan, decide to make actual changes."

your life to improve, and then make nicotine." gradual changes, Sloan said.

"Stick to the plan for 21 days, and see if you haven't formed a new habit," Sloan said.

If you want to lose weight, "don't go on a major starvation diet or some kinky eating plan," said Marka Dempsey of Plains Memorial Hospital's dietary department. "Try eating anything you want-just cut the portions in half. After the second or third day, you won't miss the extra food, and the pounds will glide off

effortlessly." If you want to increase your exercise, "park your car in the farthest space at the shopping mall. Skip the elevator and take the stairs at work. Move your computer up higher and stand up while you work for part of the day. Vacuum your floors every night after work. Carry your twoyear-old as often as possible (it's better than lifting weights)," said Nimfa Martin, physical therapy manager at Plains Memorial Hospital. "Walk to work. Walk to the grocery store. Walk anywhere that you possibly can."

want to quit smoking.

"You've heard all the tricks and tips on how to cut back or slow down. This time, try quitting in your head first. Set a date at least three weeks in the future," said Belinda tions as well as students are urged to Crow, a registered nurse with the sign up for teams.

Start the new century with a new Castro County Hospital District "Keep smoking, but begin looking at Are you the person who makes a cigarettes as killers, not as your best friend. Make negative statements live a healthier life, and then loses about those nasty things. Keep a your resolve by Feb. 1? If so, you diary and every day write down five reasons why you want to quit smokfind changing habits a difficult prop- ing. Do this religiously for 21 days," she said. "If you find yourself having "Since we are starting a new mil- a positive thought about smoking, stop and think of all the bad things you've written down in your diary. Start looking forward to the day when you can finally get rid of your ing your jaw and trying to tough it cigarettes. If nothing else has worked for you, the mind games just might. After all, most smokers know that You should choose one area of their addiction is to the habit, not the

> Behavior specialists say that lasting changes are the ones that you can adopt gradually. Give yourself a healthier life, and make this the best

ACS plans 'Relay for Life' event

The Castro County chapter of the American Cancer Society will meet Wednesday to make plans for its "Relay for Life" event.

The meeting will be at 12 noon at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office and lunch will be served. All interested in helping with the event are invited to attend.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour com-Tips also are offered for those who munity involvement event. Teams participating in the event will be made up of 15 people and each person on the team must raise \$50 in

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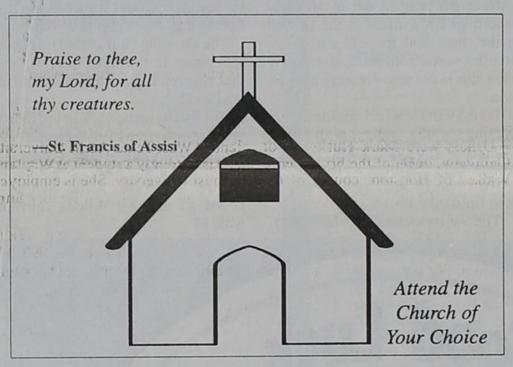
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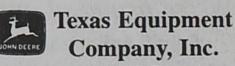
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Sports

Bobcats and Swifts fall to tough foes in Caprock

the Caprock ABC Tournament last week, but those wins were and eventual win, 75-52. sandwiched between losses to tough, perennial powerhouse teams.

Both teams lost to Big Spring and Seminole in the tournament. The Bobcats' win came over Amarillo round two.

After falling to Big Spring in a two-point heartbreaker, 52-54, on Dec. 29, the Bobcats rebounded with a hard-fought 47-44 win over Caprock. In the consolation second round, Dimmitt squared off against Seminole, but a slow first half allowed the Indians to take a commanding lead which turned into a 69-61 Seminole win.

The Swifts got the Indians in the first round of the tournament, dropping the game, 52-75. Nazareth came back with a 79-68 win over Brownfield in the second game before losing to Big Spring, 64-75.

Daniel Flores popped 14 points in Dimmitt's loss to Big Spring hitting half of his shots from the field, including two three-pointers.

Dimmitt led by a point after the first quarter and by a bucket at the break, but a third-quarter chill settled over Dimmitt's goal and Big Spring outscored the Cats 18-9 in the stanza to claim the lead.

Dimmitt came back in the fourth quarter, but came up a basket short as the final buzzer sounded.

The Bobcats struggled from the four of those treys. field, hitting just 19-of-58 attempts, but they made six three-pointers. Flores had two long balls along with Sammy Prieto while Daniel Proffitt and Van Jeter added one each. The Bobcats also struggled from the free throw line, making just 8-of-17 attempts.

Jeter and Prieto finished with 9 points apiece.

In the Swifts' first game, they hung with the No. 6-ranked Indians (in Class AAA) in the first and final

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Naza- quarters, but Seminole tore through and controlled the game by a comreth Swifts recorded one win each in the Nazareth defense in the second and third quarters to take a big lead

> Seminole held a slim, 12-10 lead in the first quarter, but gradually pulled away in the second period and led 32-24 at the break.

The Indians outscored Nazareth Caprock in the second round while 26-11 in the third quarter to build a the Swifts topped Brownfield in big lead, then matched the Swifts point-for-point in the fourth quarter to hold on for the win.

Kade Wilcox finished with 22 points while Ky Wilcox added 14.

The Bobcats enjoyed a little better success in the second game, although they had to come from behind to beat Caprock, 47-44.

After scoring just 15 points in the first half and trailing 15-20 at intermission, Dimmitt got on track in the second half.

The Longhorns still managed to outscore Dimmitt by a point in the third quarter and held a 32-26 lead headed into the final period.

But once the Dimmitt comeback started, Caprock was doomed. Dimmitt shooters poured in 21 points over the final eight minutes, overtaking the lead and posting the win.

Flores and Keevin Sanders sparked Dimmitt, scoring 18 and 17 points, respectively. Taylor Matthews added nine points while Prieto hit two and B.J. Hill added a free throw for Dimmitt's scoring.

The Bobcats hit just 17 shots in the game, and seven of those were from three-point range. Flores counted

Nazareth jumped out to an early lead over Brownfield in the second game, then had to hold off a late fourth-quarter comeback attempt by the Cubs in order to preserve a 79-68

Four Swifts reached double-figure scoring in the game, with Kade Wilcox leading the attack with 20 points. Eric Schilling added 19, Ky Wilcox had 15 and Daryl Pohlmeier also finished with 15.

The Swifts took a 22-19 lead early,

fortable 42-28 margin after 16 minutes. The Swifts were able to extend their lead to 17 points in the third

Brownfield shooters got hot in the fourth period and the Cubs made a desperation run at Nazareth in the waning minutes, only to fall short.

Poor first-half shooting buried Dimmitt in the third tournament

Seminole held the Bobcats to seven first-half points and dominated the scoreboard with a 38-7 lead at halftime.

A different Dimmitt team took the floor in the second half, though.

The pumped Bobcats jumped all over Seminole in the second half, outscoring the Indians 18-14 in the third quarter and 25-17 in the fourth, but the first-half deficit was too huge for the Bobcats to overcome.

Prieto finished with 14 points while Proffitt and Sanders added 13

A meager 24% shooting performance from the field was at the root of the Bobcats' downfall, and a 56% from the line didn't help much, ei-

The Swifts also struggled in a couple of quarters in their third game, and that allowed Big Spring to claim the win, 74-65.

Spring 23-9 after the first period.

The Swifts found their shot in the second quarter and trimmed the Big Spring lead to six points by halftime. The shooting chill settled on Naza-

reth again in the third quarter, and that allowed Big Spring to extend its lead to 16. quarter, outscoring Big Spring 26-19,

but they ran out of time. leading Nazareth, while Schilling added 15 and Ky Wilcox finished with 14.



SCRAMBLING—Dimmitt's Keevin Sanders battles a Littlefield player for control of a loose ball during the varsity boys' game Friday afternoon at Littlefield. In background are Dimmitt's Daniel Flores (20) and Matthew Sandoval (right). The Bobcats led all the way for a 55-40 victory.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobbies get on track Nazareth struggled in the early minutes of the game and trailed Big With two tourney wins

The Dimmitt Bobbies put it all with eight each and Tamara Roberttogether last week to close out 1999 with a pair of wins in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament, but they also lost two games in the tourna-The Swifts came back in the fourth Caprock in the consolation semifinal

Kade Wilcox had 27 points in ment on a positive note, blowing past Lamesa's Lady Tornadoes, 50-32.

Shallowater, which is ranked No. 3 in the state among Class AAA teams, handed Dimmitt its first tournament Shallowater, Dimmitt struggled from loss in the second round, 67-40.

bracket, Dimmitt put together a solid 55-44.

The Bobbies looked to be on their offense. way to a consolation semifinal victory over Caprock last Thursday, but the Lady Longhorns erased Dimmitt's first-half lead in the third quarter and held on through the of the game in the second quarter and fourth quarter to claim the win, 51-

The Bobbies had no problems with Lamesa on Dec. 28, cruising to the first-round win, 50-32.

Dimmitt used a balanced scoring attack and an intense defense to rattle the Tornadoes and control the game's pace from the opening tip.

Heather Black was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 10 points, and nine Bobbies scored in the game. Audrey Saenz and Carol Summers finished

Friday:

son contributed six points.

In addition to her 10 points, Black had three steals and three rebounds. Dimmitt recorded 24 rebounds and ment, one of which was to Amarillo forced Lamesa into committing 26 turnovers in the game.

The Bobbies made 34% of their The Bobbies started off the tourna- shots from the field (18-of-53) and 62.5% from the charity stripe (10-of-

In the second game with the field, making just 12-of-43 field After dropping to the consolation goals for the game. The Bobbies enjoyed a little more success from game in beating Lubbock Estacado, the free throw line (14-of-18), but they couldn't control the Fillies'

> After taking an 8-7 first-quarter lead, things fell apart for the Bob-

> Shallowater quickly gained control led 27-17 at the break. The Fillies outscored Dimmitt 40-22 over the second half for the win.

Dimmitt had two players finish with eight points-Robertson and Lori Schulte. Saenz finished with

Turnovers plagued the Bobbies in the Shallowater game. They committed 19 errors and only recorded 10

take-aways. The Bobbies didn't let that loss bother them, though, because tip-off with their next opponent was just

Lubbock Estacado gave Dimmitt everything it could handle through the first three quarters of the secondround consolation game, but the Bobbies held on and used a big fourth-quarter run to seal the 55-44,

Carol Summers had a great game, finishing with 19 points, three steals and two rebounds. She hit two three pointers and was accurate on 47.1% of her shots from the field.

As a team, the Bobbies shot 33.8% from the field for the game (22-of-65) and made 6 of 11 free throw attempts. Nine Bobbies cracked the scoring column again.

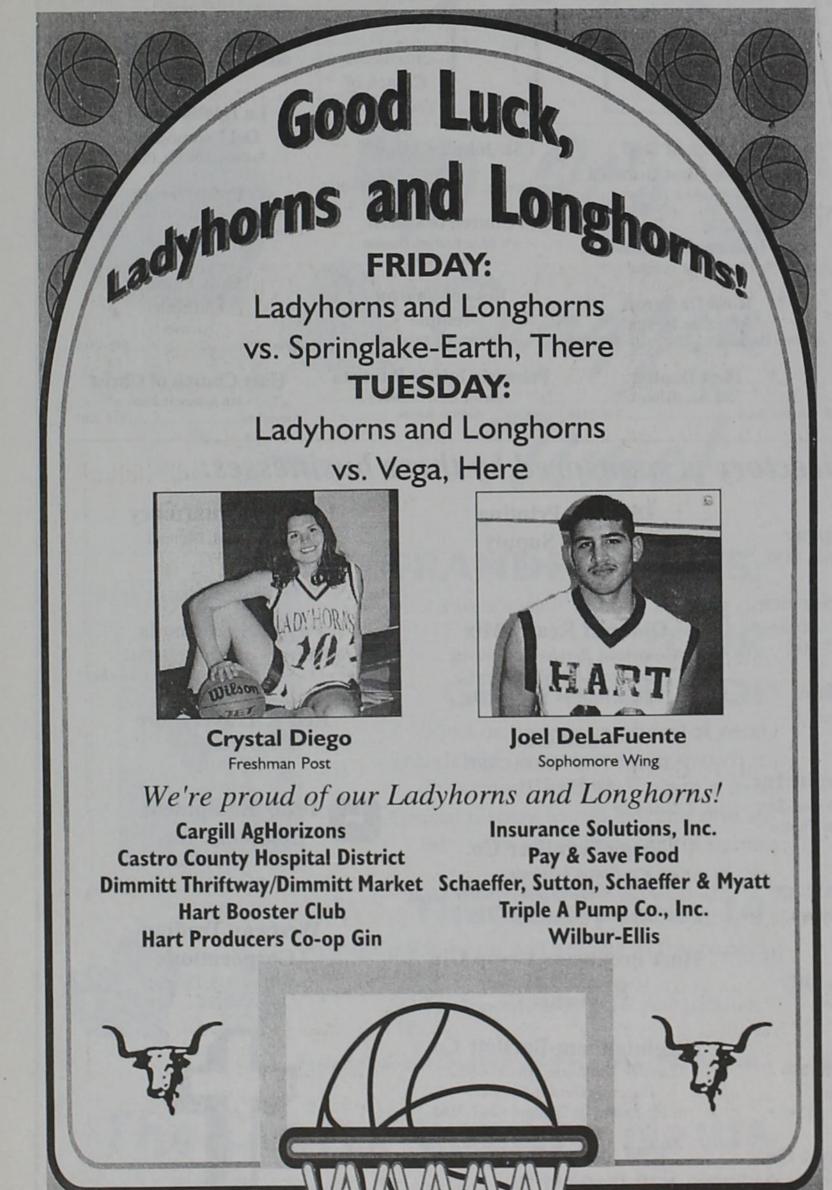
Dimmitt had a good first half against Caprock in the consolation semis, but a third-quarter slump allowed Caprock to pull away for a 51-45 win.

Dimmitt owned a 14-10 lead eight minutes into the game and still controlled the scoreboard with a 27-22 advantage at halftime.

Caprock took over in the third quarter, though, outscoring Dimmitt 18-11. The Lady Longhorns added to their lead in the fourth as Dimmitt shooters struggled.

Summers finished with 14 points after making three treys in the game. Black added 13 points and Saenz

Dimmitt pulled down 26 rebounds and forced 13 turnovers in the game.



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January 6, 2000

Lady Horns top Claude to win Hoot Owl Tourney

the Claude Lady Mustangs last the consolation championship game. Wednesday, and their defensive effort lifted them to a 66-55 win and bracket after falling to Cotton Center the championship of the Hoot Owl in the first game, 61-58. Tournament in Silverton.

Hart had earned a spot in the Kress in the consolation semifinals, championship game afer beating 69-61, and that gave them the spot in Cotton Center, 60-23; and Silverton, 45-39, in the first two rounds of the holiday tournamnet.

In last Wednesday's title game, Center, was Hart's leading scorer Hart held Claude to seven points in the second quarter and that enabled the Lady Horns to build a 10-point lead at halftime. They were able to hold onto that advantage through the second half, despite an attempted run by Claude in the third quarter.

Vanessa Carrasco paced the Hart girls with a 25-point performance while Geneva Finch chipped in 13 and Lindsey Montemayor added 12.

Hart claimed a 17-14 lead in the first quarter, then outscored Claude 14-7 in the second period. Claude cut Hart's lead to nine in the third quarter, but the Lady Horns out-ran the Fillies over the final eight minutes, pouring 24 points through the net for the win.

The Hart Longhorns advanced to the consolation finals in the tournament, but couldn't claim the trophy from the Bovina Mustangs.

Bovina broke open a tight game in the second quarter before coasting to

The Hart Lady Horns were all over a 58-38 win over the Longhorns in Hart dropped to the consolation

The Longhorns were able to topple

the fifth-place game. Jacob Reyna, who had scored 17 against Kress and 11 against Cotton

points. Bovina's defense was able to hold Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez and Joey Pantoja at bay most of the game.

The Mustangs claimed a threepoint lead over the first eight minutes and extended their advantage to 12 points at halftime.

Hart struggled through the third quarter, allowing Bovina to build upon its lead for a 49-25 lead.

Hart tried to comeback with a mini-run in the fourth quarter, but the second and third quarter cold spells were too long.

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-Rainer Maria Rilke

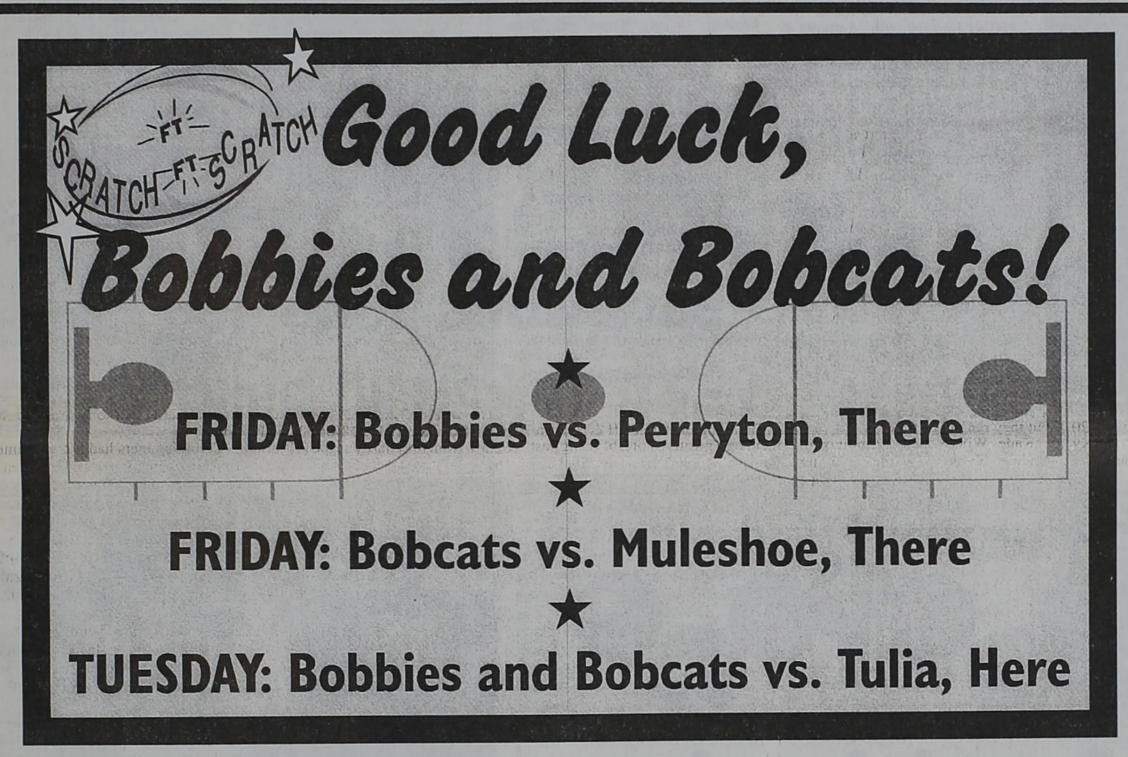
We don't understand life any better at forty than at twenty, but we know it and

-Jules Renard



GOING OUTSIDE—Dimmitt's Kelsey Welch whips an outlet pass from the baseline during the Bobbies' game with Littlefield's Lady Cats Friday afternoon at Littlefield. In background are Dimmitt's

Tamara Robertson and Lori Schulte (32). The Bobbies opened with a 17-4 quarter and closed with a 10-3 period to post a big 50-34 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend



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40, Friona 53 46, Lubbock Coronado 85

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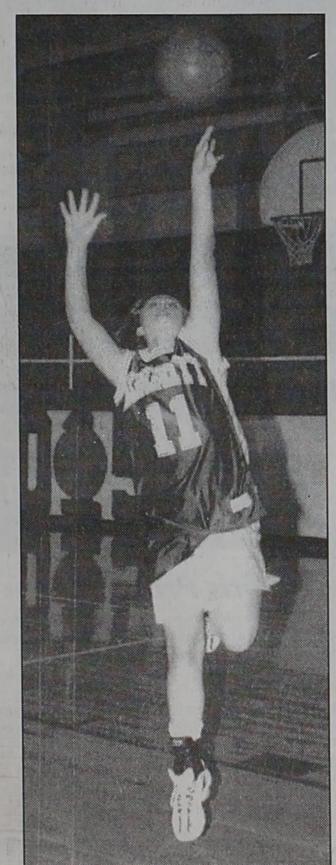
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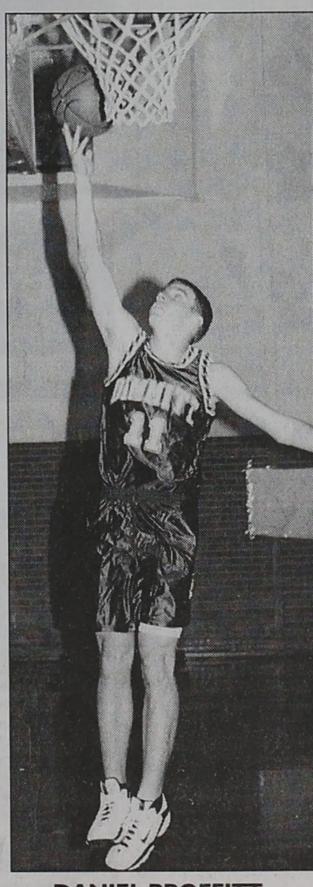
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Swiftettes win three of four games in Caprock Tourney

Coronado squad in the quarterfinals the tournament. and that game would be their only loss out of four tournament games last week.

Nazareth held the lead over Class AAAAA's fourth-ranked team, Lubbock Coronado, in the fourth quarter. That's when Swiftette shooters turned cold from the field and the game and come from behind for the win.

Coronado went on to beat Herechampionship game.

the quarters, Nazareth bounced back against Coronado.

After blowing away their first two to beat Crawford, the No. 2-ranked opponents in the Caprock ABC Holi- team in Class AA, by a 63-60 count day Tournament, the Nazareth to claim one of the consolation Swiftettes ran into a tough Lubbock crowns in the winner's bracket of

> The Caprock Tournament's annual sportsmanship award, named after legendary Dimmitt Coach Kenneth Cleveland, was presented to the Swiftettes this year.

the all-tournament team: Whitney Coronado was able to take charge of Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel. Hoelting led Nazareth in scoring in three of the four games, counting 19 against Trinity Christian, 24 against ford. 76-40, in the semifinals; and Lubbock Coronado and 22 against Lubbock Monterey, 62-50, in the Crawford. Thiel finished with a team high 22 against Lubbock Cooper and After falling to Coronado, 61-66 in added 12 against Trinity and 10

Nazareth opened Caprock action on Dec. 28 with a 77-38 rout of Lubbock Cooper. The Swiftettes followed that win with a 78-47 thrashing of Trinity Christian later that day in second-round action.

The Swiftettes got off to a quick start against Trinity Christian in the nightcap, taking a 21-6 lead in the first quarter. Nazareth cruised after that, posting a 42-17 lead at halftime Two Swiftettes also were named to and a 63-28 advantage after three quarters.

Nazareth shooters sank five threepointers in the game, with Hoelting and Thiel counting two apiece. The Swiftettes hit 9-of-11 free throws in the game.

Hoelting finished with 19 points for the Swiftettes while Cassie Birkenfeld added 16, Shawna Gerber finished with 15 and Thiel added 12.

The Swiftettes squared off against Lubbock Coronado in the championship quarterfinals on Dec. 29.

After taking a 15-14 lead in the first quarter, Nazareth found itself trailing Coronado by a point at halftime, 32-31.

The Swiftettes led by three after the third quarter, but their shots wouldn't fall in the fourth quarter, and they allowed Coronado to outscore them, 20-12, for the win.

Gerber finished with 13 points to complement Hoelting's and Thiel's performances. For Coronado, Erika Valek finished with 22 points while Erin Lewis added 16. Nazareth sank five three pointers

against Coronado, with Thiel draining two and Hoelting, Gerber and Birkenfeld each adding one.

Nazareth made 16 of 18 free throw attempts while Coronado sank 16 of 26 shots from the charity stripe.

The loss to Coronado dropped the Swiftettes into the consolation game on the championship side of the bracket, and they faced Crawford in that game.

Nazareth took the early lead over the Lady Pirates, 16-9, and the Swiftettes were still on top at intermission with a 35-29 edge.

Crawford attempted a fourth-quarter comeback, but Nazareth was able to hold on for the 63-60 win.

Hoelting's 22 points was high for Nazareth while Birkenfeld and Gerber added 13 apiece.



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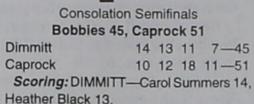
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Some people are so fond of ill luck that they run half-way to meet it.



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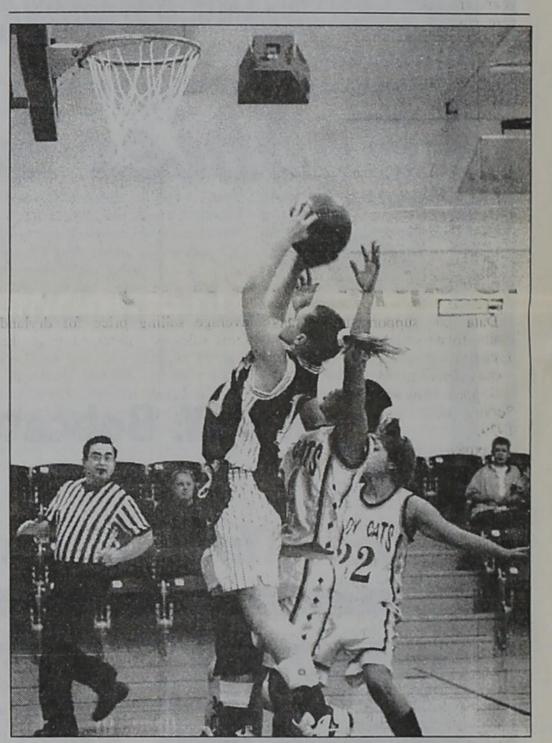
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NICE MOVE—Dimmitt's Dorothy Hamilton gets past two Littlefield defenders and puts up a shot in the Bobbies' game against the Lady Cats Friday afternoon at Littlefield. The Bobbies won the non-conference game, 50-34. Photo by Carter Townsend

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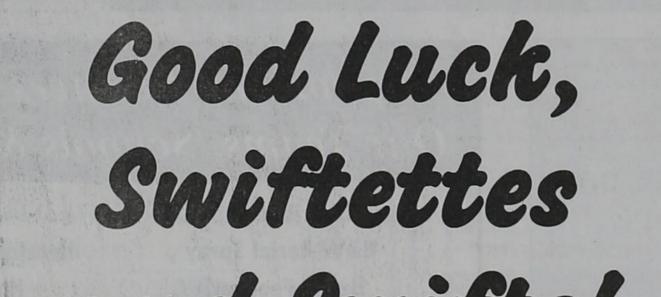
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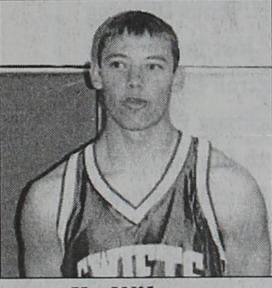
Robbie Hoffman on a fast break in the first quarter of the champi-

onship bracket consolation finals Thursday in the Lubbock

Monterey High School gym. The Swiftettes won in a squeaker, 63-

Photo by Don Nelson

60, in one of the tournament's best-played games.



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Natural recharge of groundwater supply can occur during wet years

By A. WAYNE WYATT Llano Estacado Water Planning Group Chairman

The Llano Estacado Water Planning Group continues to study depletion rates of ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer, and studies indicate that a natural recharge of the ground water occurs during wet years like the one we just experienced in 1999.

The difference between the average annual net change in the volume of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer and the average annual ground water use (withdrawals) for the same period of time (1985-1995)

for each county in the Llano was divided by 10 to obtain the aver-Estacado Regional Water Planning age annual change in storage. area should equal the amount of same time period.

mass water volume balance study or acre feet for an average annual evaluation.

Using Castro County as an example, the volume of water in storage was calculated from saturated thickness maps constructed by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District for 1985 and 1995. The difference between the volume of water in storage for the two dates

In 1985, the volume of water in natural recharge/irrigation recirc- storage was 10,354,357 acre feet; ulation that occurred during this and in 1995, the volume of water in storage was 9,023,308 acre feet. The These calculations represent a 10-year total change was 1,331,049 change of 133,104 acre feet.

> Board's estimated average annual total ground water use between 1985 and 1995 was 323,229 acre feet in Castro County.

The average number of irrigated acres in the county for the same pe-

riod was 255,242, with an estimated feet is 190,125 acre feet. average annual use of irrigation water of 303,590 acre feet, or 14.27 inches per acre.

This indicates that 19,639 acre feet of water were used for municipal, livestock, industrial, domestic and other purposes.

The Texas Water Development Board reported that an average of The Texas Water Development 255,242 acres was irrigated during the same 10-year period. The 133,104 acre feet of net depletion would equal an average of 6.257 inches of water for the 255,242 acres irrigated, which is significantly less than the board's estimated average annual water use for the 10-year

> The difference between the total estimated ground water use of 323,229 acre feet and the average

In Castro County, 563,508 acres in the county are underlain by the Ogallala Aquifer; therefore, it would require 4.04 inches per surface acre of natural recharge/recirculation to account for the 190,125 acre feet of water.

The average natural recharge/irrigation recirculation calculations for the region is 3.43 inches.

Tritium was used as a tracer to calculate the natural recharge rate of .5 to 3.24 inches per year in the Southern High Plains of Texas.

During the 1985 to 1995 study period, the average annual precipitation recorded at most of the National Weather Service Stations in the region indicated above average precipitation amounts.

From 1945 to 1997, the annual average precipitation (in inches) was

evaluations of natural recharge in the region shouldn't be made, but rather to point out that during periods of average precipitation, it appears that a significant amount of natural recharge occurs, for which we are very thankfu!.

The amount of recharge that occurred in 1998, a drought year, was likely near zero. In contrast, 1999 provided precipitation amounts of more than six inches above the longterm average in a portion of the area, with two to four inches above average common for the entire region.

Depth-to-water measurements made in observation wells in January and February are expected to indicate rises in water levels in a number of the wells when compared with measurements taken in January in February of 1999.

Some of the rises are expected to be the result of the filling of the cones of depression around measured wells as a result of below-average pumpage in 1999. Some of the increases could be a result of natural

Innovative program provides financial security to senior citizens

All across the country, homeown-tion of Retired Persons (AARP) and financial security through participation in the FHA-insured reverse mortgage program. This innovative program allows homeowners to draw tax-free income from their home equity without requiring monthly repayment.

compromise their standard of living in order to keep up with rising expenses.

For many Americans, the golden years are not very golden. Health care costs, home maintenance expenses and property taxes keep going up. For someone on a fixed income, it's often a challenge to keep pace.

The reverse mortgage program, advocated by the American Associa-

ers over the age of 61 are enjoying backed by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A reverse mortgage is a safe, financial alternative enabling older homeowners to remain in their homes for years and enjoy a secure retirement. Reverse mortgages enable older homeowners to access the Older homeowners don't have to built-up home equity in their home with repayment of the loan deferred until they no longer live in the home. Proceeds from the program are taxfree and can be received monthly, in cash or a credit line can be estab-

> Historically, income qualifications have prevented many older adults from qualifying for traditional loans. Until recently, many of these home

homes and move in order to cover

The reverse mortgage program does not have any income, asset,

While there is no restriction on the use of the money, quite often the cash is used to pay off a current mortgage, to pay off some credit cards, to pay the property taxes and

Seniors often worry that the expenses of home ownership will force them to lower their standard of living. This is a choice that older homeowners should not have to make. With the reverse mortgage program, participants now have access to addi-

the water level decline data for the

If it has been more than three years

since water level decline data has

been requested, landowners should

provide their name, address, Social

Security number or federal identifi-

cation number; a legal description of

their land tract; the total number of

acres in the tract; and the total num-

ber of years for which this data is

Requests for cost-in-water data are

filled on a first-come, first-served

basis and should be directed to

LaTisha Keller, High Plains Water

District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock,

Texas 79045-1499. She may be

reached at (806) 762-0181 or by e-

mail at hpwd@hpwd.com.

Water District is measuring water depth across area now

High Plains Underground Water the same observation wells each Conservation District field personnel are now making annual depth-towater level measurements to determine the effect of pumpage during 1999 on ground water levels of the tional cash resources without having Ogallala Aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

> These water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water-level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

> Water District personnel make the water-level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The last several feet of the tape are coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker tact with water.

The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement and the date is affixed to the well or well site.

Water District personnel measure

year, and the current depth-to-water measurements are compared to that of the previous year to determine the average annual change in water lev-

This data is used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala

Aquifer within the Water District. Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District are pub-

monthly news letter, The Cross Sec-

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Tables listing observation wells in

each county within the district and the average annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year and 10els of the Ogallala Aquifer within the year intervals are published in the April newsletter.

Additional information is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com and its e-mail lished each year in the district's addresses are hpwd@hpwd.com and info@hpwd.com.

Water depletion allowance is approved by IRS for 1999

All requests for water depletion

data must be in writing. The requests

The cost is \$10 for the data for

For a new claim, taxpayers must

each parcel of land when decline is

of the tract of land on which the

acquisition; the number of acres in

address and Social Security number.

approved cost-in-water guidelines,

For \$50, one receives the IRS-

Data to support landowners' average selling price for dryland the number of feet of saturated thickclaims for a cost-in-water income tax farm sales is subtracted from the ness for the year of acquisition, and depletion allowance for federal in- average selling price for irrigated come tax returns has been inspected farms. The price difference is the current year and up to two previous shade of blue when it comes in conand approved by an Internal Revenue value of the water. Service (IRS) engineer for tax year

Taxpayers who own land within may be mailed to the High Plains the 15-county High Plains Under- Water District, or you may stop by ground Water Conservation District the Lubbock office and fill out a No. 1 service area may now obtain request form. this data from the district's Lubbock office.

Landowners who have previously shown. claimed the allowance and have established their cost-in-water at the include a complete legal description time of land purchase will only need the amount of the 1999 decline to claim is to be filed; the date of land substantiate their claim.

Landowners who have not previ- the tract; and the landowner's name, ously claimed the allowance need to establish the number of feet of saturated material they had beneath their land at the time of acquisition, the cost of the water which has been determined by comparing actual land sales with and without groundwater at the date of land acquisition, and the decline in the water level during the tax year.

The Water District contracts with a professional land appraiser who documents land sales occurring within portions of the district each year. The

Watson heads

The Texas grain Sorghum Board (TGSB) and the Texas Grain

hired Ray Watson as executive direc-

Watson replaces Dr. Bruce Maunder who was appointed interim executive director after former executive director Travis Taylor stepped down in October. Watson began his duties \$

holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University.

In addition to farming experience,

Watson has experience with the

USDA Foreign Agriculture Service

(FAS) and the US House Agriculture

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research and educational programs \$ made possible by Texas grain sor-

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their expenses.

credit or employment standards.

insurance and of course, to travel.

owners were forced to sell their to use their fixed monthly income.

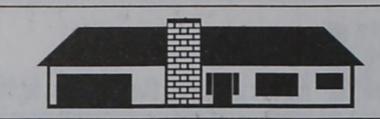
period of 14.27 inches.

Although an average of 14.27 inches per irrigated acre may be a little high, the 6.257 inches average per acre represented by the net depletion is obviously less than was actually used.

annual net depletion of 133,104 acre

estimated at 17.49 inches per year. From January 1985 through December 1994, that average annual precipitation fell to 17.17 inches. The evaluation is not intended to recharge. Only time will tell. suggest that additional studies or

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25—Legal Notices

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Key matchups on tap Friday as teams open district season

The most important games of the important as any other district game Kimberly Artho, 6-0 senior post Kyla basketball season begin Friday night when county teams begin district play.

The Dimmitt Bobbies will travel to Perryton in a District 1-AAA opener Friday. In District 8-A action Friday, the Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes will be in Vega and the Hart Lady Horns and Longhorns will play in Springlake-Earth. The Dimmitt boys won't start district play until Tues- of District 1-AAA's toughest teams day, when they host Tulia.

Tip-off in Vega and Springlake-Earth will be at 6:30 p.m. for the varsity girls' games and at 8 p.m. for the varsity boys' matchups.

Although Friday's games are the first district games, each is just as Holt.

Freshman tourney is slated here

Dimmitt will host a basketball tournament for freshman girls and boys teams beginning today (Thursday).

The Freshman Bobbies and Bobcats are entered in the tournament and each will play a first-round game tonight (Thursday) at the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Gymnasium.

The Freshman Bobbies will play Trinity Christian at 6:30 p.m. The Freshman Bobcats will face Friona at 8 p.m.

Other first-round boys' games include Trinity Christian vs. Lorenzo, Levelland vs. Tulia and Marshall vs. Littlefield.

Teams involved in the girls' tournament are Friona, Tulia, Marshall, Levelland, New Deal and Littlefield.

If the Freshman Bobbies beat Trinity, they'll play either Friona or Tulia Friday at 1 p.m. at the Cleveland Gymnasium. Losers of the two firstround games will play Friday at 10 a.m. at the Dimmitt High School

The Freshman Bobcats will meet either Trinity or Lorenzo in the second round, with the winners scheduled to meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Gym and the losers set to play Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the DHS Gym.

Saturday's girls' schedule starts with the consolation game at 1:30 p.m. in the DHS Gym. The thirdplace and championship games will be played at the Cleveland Gym, at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively.

The boys' consolation final will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the DHS Gym. The third-place game is slated for 3 p.m. at the Cleveland Gym while the championship game will start at 6 p.m. at the same location.

on the roster, especially when you May and 5-8 sophomore guard Kelly consider that state-ranked teams are Cleavinger, who earned state tournacommon in both District 1-AAA and ment MVP honors last year. District 8-A.

let up anytime soon, either, because Nazareth will host Sudan on Tuesday and Hart hosts Vega.

when they travel to Perryton in a conference opener Friday at 7 p.m.

The Bobbies will have their hands full with a talented Rangerette team featuring 5-11 junior post Courtney Nowlin and 5-9 senior guard Lacie trict championship.

Rangerettes a strong inside-outside attack and they are surrounded by some quality players. Nowlin can go either inside or outside and she's just as much of a threat from three-point range as she is inside the paint.

Bobcats will host Tulia.

Tuesday's game will be the Bobcats' district opener and the battle with the Hornets is always a barn-

Tulia's all-state 6-5 post player, Mikey Marshall, who has missed a lot of the season with a leg injury, is back in action and ready for district.

The Hornets (9-8) made it to the state tournament last year for the second straight year, and although they lost a lot to graduation, they still have a lot of talented players on the floor in addition to Marshall.

In a battle of state-ranked Class A teams, the No. 2 Nazareth Swiftettes and No. 5 Vega Lady Horns will tangle in a District 8-A showdown Friday in Vega.

The Vega girls are the defending Class A state champions and they started last season's title trek by beating the Swiftettes in Nazareth in the district opener. Vega went on to claim a share of the district title with Sudan and the Swiftettes missed the playoffs for the first time in 25 years.

This year's Nazareth team is hungry-most of the team members were on last year's squad. The Swiftettes have been beating most of their opponents with an up-tempo style of ball under new head coach Matt Garrett, and their only losses on the season have been to nationallyranked Canyon, TABC's Class AAAAA No. 4-ranked Lubbock Coronado and a one-point loss to Panhandle.

Vega, coached by Dimmitt native Justin Shultz, got off to a slow start this season, but the Lady Horns have been playing well lately.

Vega lost six seniors from last year's state champion team, but re-

The Swifts open district play as The heated District 8-A race won't one of the favorites, but they'll be tested early by a much-improved Vega team operating under a new coach.

Three starters return from last The Dimmitt Bobbies will face one year's Vega squad, including 5-11 wing Jason Noggler, 5-11 post Jarrod Cook and 6-1 post Justin Wolfe.

The Nazareth-Sudan boys' game on Tuesday is a big one, as both teams, along with Hart, are among the favorites in the race for the dis-

Sudan's boys should be one of the Nowlin and Holt give the strongest teams in the district again, with several key players returning from last year's district runner-up and area-qualifying team.

The Hornets will have several players listed at over 6-0. Among the leading returnees are 6-2 post Rocky Then on Tuesday, the Bobbies and McAdams, 5-10 guard Donyale Weaver and 6-2 wing Eric Edwards, who is capable of playing inside or outside.

> Hart starts its district battle at Springlake-Earth Friday, and both games are expected to be good battles. The Hart teams will turn around and face a big district challenge on Tuesday when they host Vega.

> The Lady Horns are coming off of a big run in which they captured the tournament championship at Silverton with a win over Claude The Hart girls hope to extend their streak of success as the begin play in the toughest Class A district in the state with the Swiftettes, Vega and Sudan.

> The Springlake-Earth girls are rebuilding this year, with only four lettermen back, including 5-6 guard Kristen Broyles, 5-5 guard Chelyn Maddox, 5-9 post Heather Lewis and 5-9 post Haylee Moudy.

> The Longhorns are picked as one of the teams to beat in the District 8-A boys' race after returning several players from a team that gave the Swifts and Hornets a run for the playoffs a year ago.

> On Friday, the Longhorns will meet a Wolverine team that is loaded with experienced players from last year, including 5-8 junior guard Quade Furr, 5-9 junior guard Craig James and 6-2 senior post Buck

In the city of Washington, D.C., no sales were down only 8.8% in combuilding may be built taller than the Capitol.

The earliest recorded international cross-country automobile match between England and France that took place outside Paris on March 28, 1898. England won.



SHAWNA GERBER (12) scores underneath for Nazareth off of a feed from Whitney Hoelting in the first quarter of the Swiftettes' game against Crawford in the finals of the Caprock ABC Classic in Lubbock Thursday. This basket gave Nazareth a 9-6 lead, and the Swiftettes went on to post a hard-fought 63-60 win over the Lady Pirates, the state's second-ranked Class AA team.

Photo by Don Nelson

Hay hotline is still operating

With dry conditions intensifying across the state, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently reminded Texas livestock producers that the Hay Hotline, which links buyers with hay sellers, is still in operation.

Farmers and ranchers can access the Hay Hotline on the Texas Department of Agriculture's website at www.agr.state.tx.us or request a list of hay suppliers by calling toll-free 1-877-429-1998.

"With the abnormally dry conditions Texas has been experiencing since midsummer and the diminishing forage and hay supplies, the Hay Hotline makes locating hay easier for producers," Combs said. "Based on long-range climate predictions and La Niña remaining strong, the forecast may not improve anytime soon. I want to ensure that Texas producers are able to locate hay for winter feed-

The Hay Hotline connects Texas producers needing forage with hay suppliers from Texas and out-ofstate. It was started during the 1996 drought and revived during the 1998 drought when hay supply levels were low. In March, Combs reinstated the Hay Hotline as a pro-active approach because of the potential for another

"In some areas of the state, forage for grazing is non-existent and hay supplies are depleted or are dwindling fast since producers had to start feeding earlier than normal," Combs said. "In November, pasture and range conditions were at 36% of normal compared with 56% normal at the same time last year."

Sales were off in second quarter of 1999

Gross sales in Castro County for the second quarter of 1999 for all industries showed a 24.7% decline in comparing figures with the second quarter of 1998.

For 1998, Castro County showed gross sales of \$28,741,936 for the second quarter, with 150 outlets reporting. Although 1999's second quarter had two more reporting outlets, gross sales were down to \$21,655,452 for all industries. Of that amount, \$5,289,405 was subject to state sales and use tax.

In the retail trade division, gross paring the second quarter figures from the two years.

In the second quarter of 1999, 82 retail outlets reported gross sales of \$11,161,579, with \$3,976,866 subject to state sales and use tax. During the same period in 1998, 84 outlets

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Castro County received 12.31 inches phone service, a national honor beof rain during the January to May period, but heavier amounts were received south and west of Dimmitt election for a new jail. during different times.

Sept. 14-16, the corn harvest was rudely interrupted by heavy rains and hail, which also damaged developing cotton in some areas of the county.

of conversation for October, the snow that fell Oct. 17 brought .47inch of moisture, but failed to bring a killing freeze.

The year's weather was topped off by the five to 12 inches of snow that fell in the county Dec. 4, paralyzing travel and causing power outages in isolated spots in and around Dimmitt.

Other note-worthy news stories from throughout the year included agricultural news, two exciting res-

Obituaries

Dollie Herington

of Dimmitt, were held at 10 a.m.

Tuesday at Muleshoe Memorial Park

in Muleshoe with John Herington

officiating. Burial followed under the

direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral

Mrs. Herington died Saturday at

She was born May 6, 1913, in

High Plains Hospital in Hale Center.

Tipton, Okla. She married Grady

Herington on Nov. 19, 1932, in

Clovis, N.M. He died March 30,

Lane High School in Parmer County.

She was a homemaker and a member

Survivors include two daughters,

Joyce Holland of Lubbock and Judy

Waggoner of Dimmitt; two sons,

John L. Herington of Weatherford

and Jerry W. Herington of Farwell;

three sisters, Cassie Mae Ginnings of

Corsicana, Frankie Henson of Lub-

bock and Bobbie Gulley of Clovis,

N.M.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-

grandchildren; and a great-great-

Bill Struve

80, of Hereford, a charter member of

the Easter Lions Club, were held

Monday afternoon in Frio Baptist

Church with Rev. Larry Perkins offi-

ciating and Rev. Cliff Hargrove of

tery of Hereford under direction of

Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Burial was in West Park Ceme-

Mr. Struve died Jan. 1 at Here-

He was born March 29, 1919, in

Olton. He married A. Florene Whit-

ford on July 25, 1940, in Plainview.

He served in the US Army and was a

veteran of World War II. He was a

charter member of the Easter Lions

Club and was a member of Frio Bap-

tist Church. He was a lifelong farmer

and realtor in the Hereford area. He also was a woodworker who special-

He is survived by his wife; a son,

Kerry Struve of Hereford; a daugh-

ter, Kita Hargrove of Sudan; a sister,

Bertha Grant of Scottsdale, Ariz.;

five grandchildren; and three great-

the Vista Care Hospice of Plainview

The family suggests memorials to

ized in hand-crafted dominoes.

Funeral services for Bill Struve,

of the Church of Christ.

grandchild.

Sudan assisting.

ford Care Center.

grandchildren.

N.M.

She graduated from Oklahoma

Services for Dollie Herington, 86,

stowed upon Dimmitt and Castro County, and the possibility of a bond

Ag Production

According to information released in February by the Texas Ag-Mainly providing a novelty topic ricultural Statistics Service, Castro County was ranked number one in the state in market value of agricultural products sold in 1997.

> The total market value of all ag products sold, including all row crops, forage, livestock and livestock products (including dairies) was estimated at \$668,439,000 for 1997, with the bulk of that coming from livestock, poultry and related prod-

1 Farm Relief

The county's farmers received almost \$11 million more for their crops than the current market prices

Tyler sheriff will speak at CofC banquet

Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler will be the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, slated for Jan.22 in Dimmitt.

This year's banquet will start at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and Cheryle Pybus will serve as em-

Guests will be served a filet mignon dinner with all the trimmings. The meal will be catered by the Methodist Men.

The 1999 Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Chamber Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year will be recognized at the banquet.

Nominations for the awards were accepted through Wednesday and the winners will be selected from among those nominations.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

Those holding tickets will be able The family suggests memorials be to register to win two Southwest to the Children's Home of Portales, Airlines tickets to any of the carrier's US destinations.

> Smith has served his county as sheriff since 1976 and is currently in his sixth term. During his tenure, he has compiled a series of stories telling of his weaknesses and experiences as a Texas lawman.

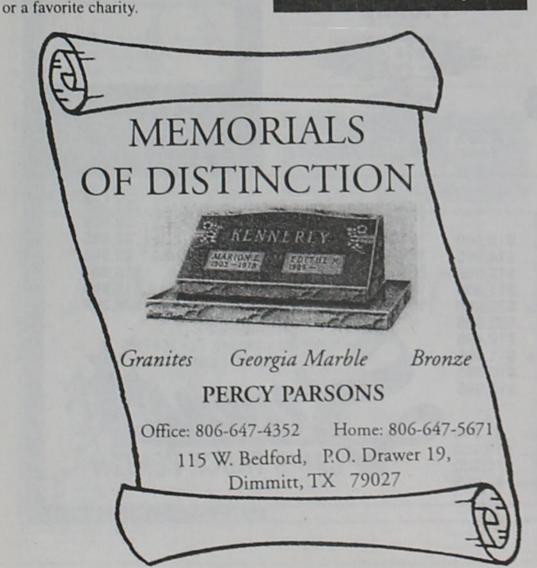
> The subject of his talk will be "laugh at yourself, or you're in a heap of trouble."

He travels nationwide and averages over 100 lectures and entertainment speeches each year.

Smith heads an organization that has several specialized units that have received national recognition, most notably a riot control unit that kept the peace during the hate crime trials in Jasper.

For more information about the banquet or to purchase tickets, contact Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.

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emergency farm relief package approved by Congress and signed by President Clinton on Oct. 22. The federal aid was expected to boost income on many farms by 25 to 30%. The bulk of the aid package was designated to help compensate farmers who are struggling to make ends meet because of depressed farm

4 Boll Weevil Vote

The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was established in a five-county zone, which includes Castro County, with a 75% approval rate from the 1,928 ballots received. Only 476 voted against establishing the zone, while 596 voted against the proposed assessment rates of \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton and \$5 per acre for dryland cotton.

Expanded Calling

Expanded Local Calling was approved by Dimmitt subscribers to GTE/Contel telephone service by well over the 70% approval rate needed. Toll-free service was made available in August to Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford and Tulia, with Plainview scheduled to be added by Feb. 29, 2000. Subscribers agreed to an additional \$3.50 per month per line charge for residential, and \$7 per line for businesses.

6 Fire Rescue

Nov. 1, three Dimmitt High School students rescued a young mother and her two sons from their burning mobile home at 504 Southwest Third Street. Josh Chancey, 17, Solomon Torres, 18, and Eric

cues, two stories affecting local will provide, due to an \$8.7 billion age, especially to the kitchen area, sell more than 300,000 customer but no one was injured.

> Flood Rescue On May 2, five men helped in the effort to rescue James Meeks, 64, of Brownfield, whose pickup had plunged into icy floodwaters on US 385 about 10 miles south of Dimmitt. Dimmitt Volunteer Firefighters Ty Lively and Jackie Thomas, DPS Trooper Brian Smith, Sheriff's Dep-Waggoner all played a part in the effort and were honored May 21 with plaques commemorating their brav-

8 GTE Sale

GTE announced its intention to

access lines in parts of Texas (including Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth) to dba Communications (now known as Valor Communications, LLC). The purchasing company was formed by the private equity firms of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (WCAS), Vestar Capital Partners and Citicorp Venture Capital in partnership with several prominent Hispanic-American investors with long-standing ties to the business community and govuty Billy Cox and local citizen Quint ernmental institutions in the South-

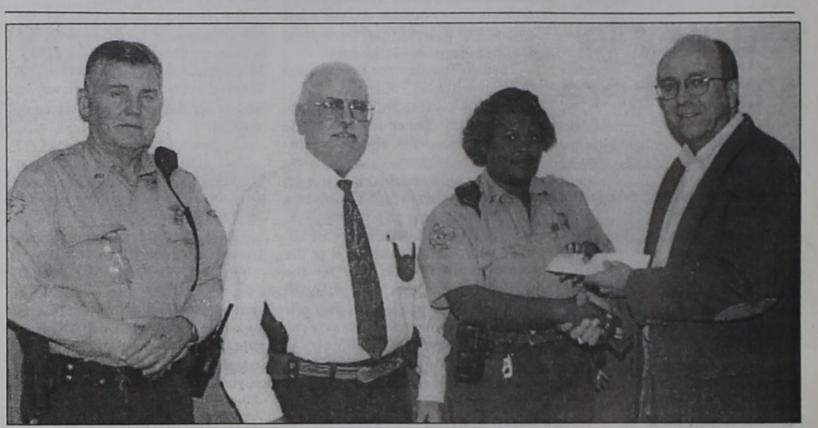
'Champ' Status

The City of Dimmitt and Castro County were designated as a "Cham-Dept. of Agriculture's round II Rural proval of the voters.

Champion Community program. Dimmitt/Castro County was one of the four applicants that were accepted for the "Champion Community" designation. As such, Dimmitt/ Castro County will receive continuing technical and financial assistance through regular USDA Rural Development programs.

Jail Bonds

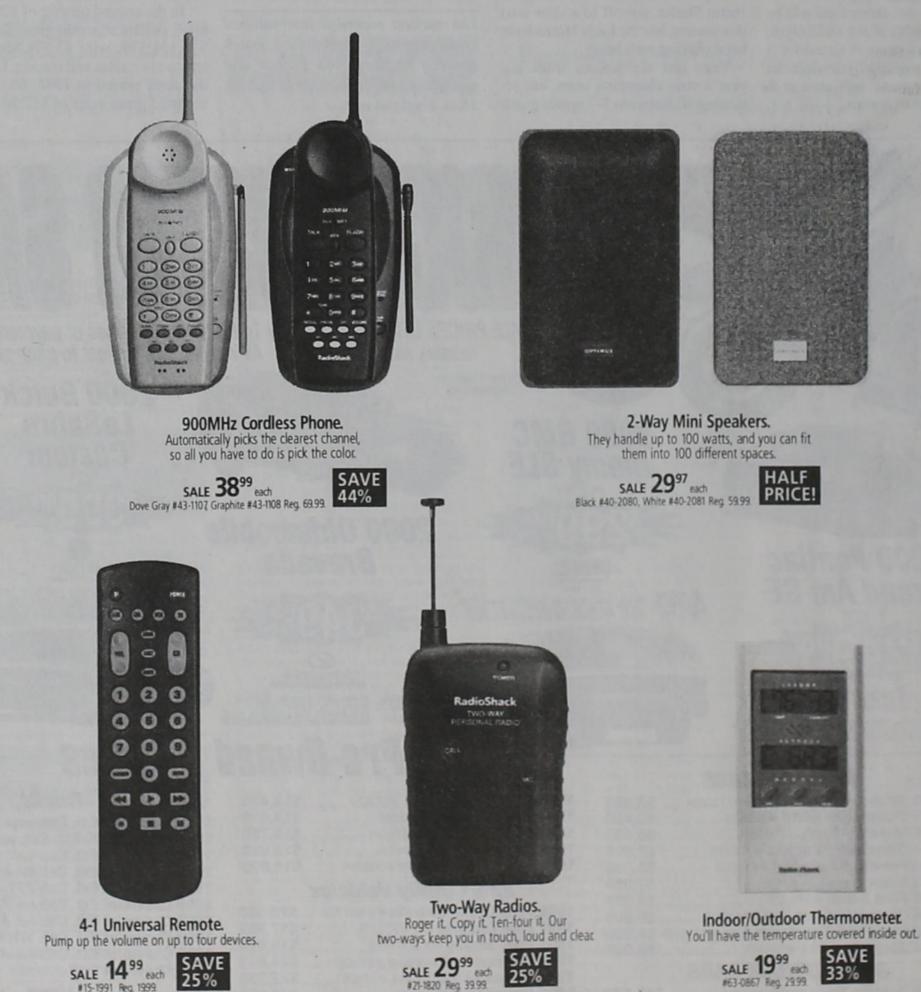
The Castro County Commissioners voted Nov. 22 to begin the process of setting up bonds to build a new jail. A financial advisor and bond attorney must be selected and a bond election must be called. The commissioners voted to pursue the bonds, even though they expressed pion Community" under the US doubt that the issue will gain ap-



A SPECIAL GIFT—Members of the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. voted to give up their annual Christ-Enriquez, 16, pulled Denita Mirelez mas party and donate the money to the Castro and Kolby, 6, and Oscar, 2, out a County Ministerial Alliance for use in helping needy window. The home had heavy dam- people throughout the year. Representatives of the

Sheriff's Dept. are (from left) Deputy Don Williams, Sheriff CD Fitzgearld, and Capt. Jail Administrator Mary Ewing. They presented the money to Ministerial Alliance member Howard Rhodes (right) last

The decorations are down and so are the prices.



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