

# The Castro County News

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## Fire ruins cotton

Nine trailers of cotton were destroyed in a fire Tuesday afternoon at North Gin of Dimmitt.

"We don't know what started the fire. It was on the far north side of us, not from the gin," said Jim Bradford, co-owner and manager of the gin. "Luckily, it was not in the gin or modules."

At least six units and 20 firefighters of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire, which took about two hours to get under control. A section of US 385 was closed to traffic due to the heavy smoke across the roadway.

Bradford said gin workers tried to extinguish the blaze but it spread to weeds along the fence between the gin and Mendoza's lot, and quickly got out of control due to the wind. Some old vehicles on the neighboring lot were burned, adding to the thick smoke.

Some of the trailers that were on fire were pulled to the east side of the highway, downwind, to prevent sparks from spreading the blaze further.

DFVD spokesman Tommy Cleavinger said all of the trailers later were pulled further east from the roadway and dumped over to keep the burning cotton from melting the bottoms out of the trailers.

Bradford said the loss would be covered by the gin's insurance, but a dollar estimate of the loss was not available yet. He said not all of the trailers had been completely full.

## Holiday greeting lists are due Friday morning

The deadline for signing up on the holiday greeting card projects is today (Thursday) and organizers of the collections should have their completed lists submitted to the News by 10 a.m. Friday.

The annual Christmas card projects benefit Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Dimmitt, the Hart Cemetery Fund and Nazareth's Holy Family Cemetery Association.

## Holiday Calendar

**TONIGHT:** Dimmitt Middle School Choir concert at 7 p.m. at the DMS auditorium.

**SATURDAY:** Dimmitt High School Varsity Choir "Christmas Jubilee" Concert at 6 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.

**SUNDAY:** Area churches will be accepting donations of canned food on Sunday, and the collections will be given to Panhandle Community Services, which is coordinating a county food bank. The annual "Brown Bag Sunday" food drive is part of the Ministerial Alliance's project to help the needy during the holidays, and the new food bank will be maintained year-round, offering help to those less fortunate.

**SUNDAY:** Dimmitt schools Christmas Band Concert at 2 p.m. at Dimmitt High School auditorium.

**SUNDAY:** Nazareth schools Christmas Musical and Concert at 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**SUNDAY:** The Christmas Cantata, "Song of Bethlehem" will be performed by a 40-voice community choir and actors from local churches Sunday evening at 6 at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

**CURRENTLY:** The Castro County Ministerial Alliance and Panhandle Community Services are coordinating a new project this year designed to offer Christmas gifts to needy children. Through Project Angel Tree, generous county residents may select an "angel card"

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## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	60	23	
Friday	63	34	
Saturday	64	24	
Sunday	56	24	
Monday	67	31	
Tuesday	74	44	
Wednesday	69	46	

December Moisture .....05  
 1996 Moisture .....13.83  
 Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



**ANGELS AMONG US**—Local ministers (from left) Jim Hardwick, Kevin Wood, Larry Gilliam and Frank Travis place "angels" on a Christmas tree last Wednesday at First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch. The Castro County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring an "Angel Tree" project this year, and erected trees last Wednesday at First Bank, First United Bank of Dimmitt, Hereford Texas Federal

Credit Union and the Hart Bank. Each angel includes the name of a child from a less fortunate family, and includes a wish that child has for Christmas. Individuals are asked to select an angel, purchase the requested gift and return it to Panhandle Community Services by Dec. 20. The project has earned good support already in its first week. Photo by Anne Acker

## Community cantata is Sunday

A 40-voice community choir and actors from local churches will perform the Christmas cantata, "Song of Bethlehem," at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The cantata, which includes traditional Christmas songs and contemporary music interwoven with narration and dramatic scenes, was

written by Regan Courtney and Janet McMahan-Wilson.

Sharing the directing duties will be Charles Axtell, First United Methodist Church choir director, and Wayne Proffitt, First Baptist Church interim music minister.

Soloists will be Paul Craig as the Shepherd Boy and Tami Griffitt, mezzo-soprano, as Mary. Actors

will be Randy Gressett as Joseph, Tisha Rice as Mary, Bill Sava as the Old Shepherd, and Jerry Stump as the Innkeeper.

Carter Townsend will be the narrator, and Karen Roberson and Phil Lemons will provide the Voices of Angels.

Accompanists will be Deanne Clark at the organ, Marie Winders at the piano and Beth Buckley at the electronic keyboard.

The choir will conclude the program with Handel's *Hallelujah!* Chorus.

This is the second year for the United Methodist and First Baptist churches here to jointly sponsor a Christmas cantata. The first one last year was performed before a full audience in the First Baptist Church.

"Last year's cantata was so well attended and so well received that we didn't hesitate about joining forces again this year," Axtell said. "For the singers from the different churches, it's such an enjoyable experience to work together that we may make the community cantata an annual tradition."

## Brown Bag project to support 'food pantry'

Area churches will be calling on the generosity of Castro County residents Sunday, asking for canned food donations to help supplement the newly-established county "food pantry"

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance will be coordinating a big push for canned food again this holiday season, and one of the ways the group gathers food is through its annual Brown Bag Sunday promotion.

This year's Brown Bag food drive has been scheduled for Sunday. Under the project, area churches accept canned foods that day, and the food collected will be distributed to the needy.

The food collected will be given to Panhandle Community Services, which is coordinating a new food pantry with the cooperation of the Ministerial Alliance. Through the new food pantry, food will be provided year-round to less fortunate families in Castro County.

There will be no delivery of food baskets during the holidays this year, other than to selected families, according to a spokesperson for the Ministerial Alliance.

By mid-December, PCS hopes to

have a good stock of food for distribution. Those who need their food supplemented must apply to receive food by contacting PCS. Applicants must be willing to furnish proof of income and need when applying.

PCS will store food in its offices on 108 Southwest Second, and that will serve as the distribution sight.

The food supply at the local bank will be supplemented by High Plains Food Bank, which receives a large portion of its food from Affiliated Foods.

Since the local food bank is new this year, the Ministerial Alliance and PCS say donations from county residents are necessary for the project to succeed not only during the holiday season but throughout the year.

Coordinators of the food drive only accept factory-canned or pre-packaged foods from the general public, and they supplement that with perishable items they purchase with monetary donations from the public.

Those interested in donating food who cannot deliver to one of the churches or Panhandle Community Services should call PCS at 647-3244.



**CAN YOU SPARE A CAN?**—Dimmitt High School National Honor Society students went door to door in Dimmitt Sunday collecting food for the food pantry. Here, Colby McDaniel accepts a donation from Virgie Owens. A spokesman for the group said the drive garnered a lot of donations for the needy. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## City, county adopt new enterprise zone

Dimmitt city councilmen and Castro County commissioners on Monday granted approval of a new enterprise zone which would grant tax abatements to businesses making a substantial investment or creating new jobs within the boundaries of the enterprise zone.

The enterprise zone is a tool used to encourage new businesses to come to the area, and also offers incentive to existing businesses who may be thinking of expanding current operations.

An enterprise zone has been in place here for six years, and the new proposal "basically renews what we had before," according to Dimmitt

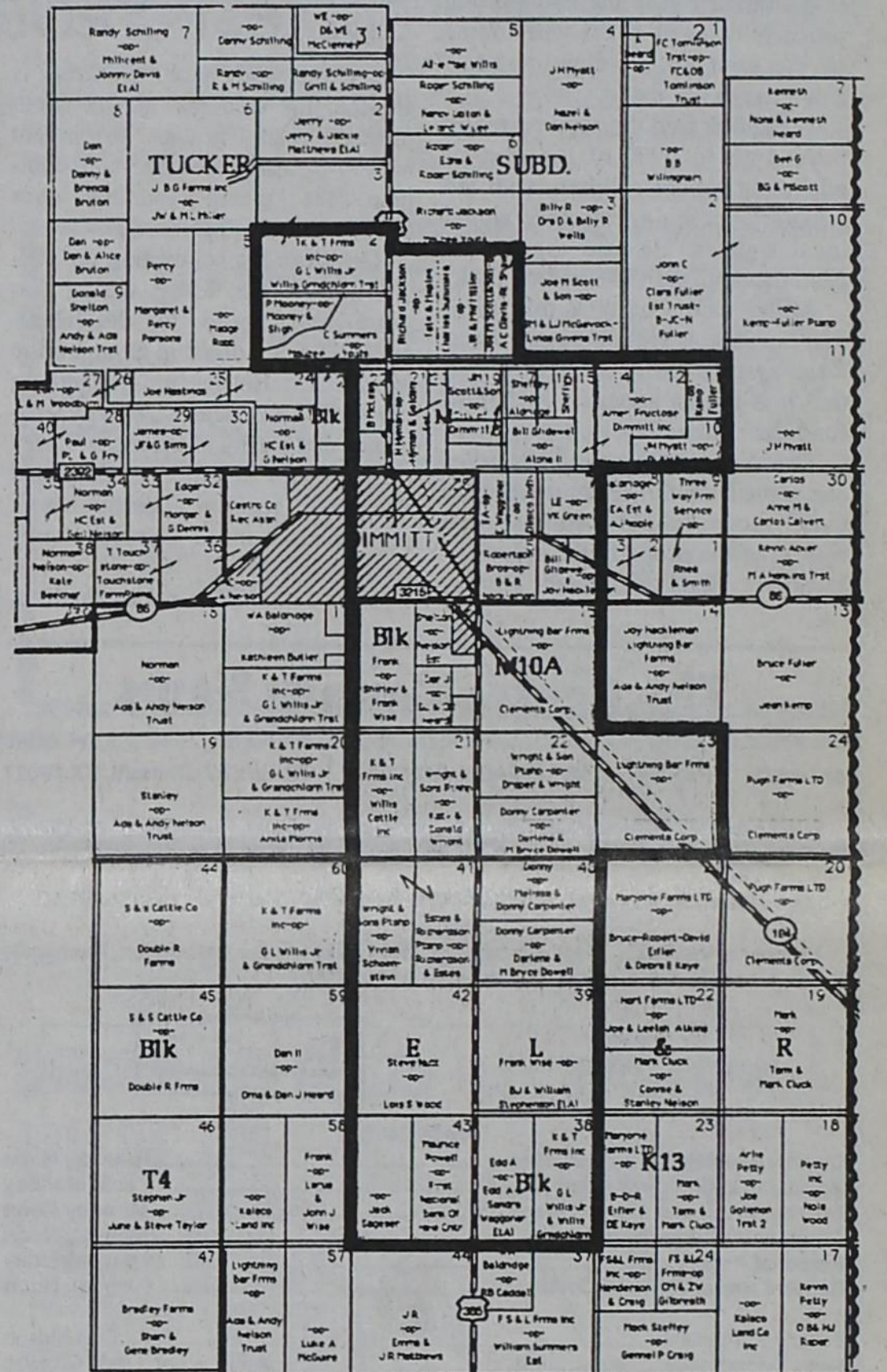
Mayor Wayne Collins. "The only difference is the area included in this enterprise zone is a little larger than it was last time."

The zone includes all areas around Dimmitt that have potential for development, including the city farm to the south on Highway 385; Goodpasture and Cerestar to the east on Highways 194 and 86, respectively; and the Dimmitt Municipal Airport to the north.

"It's as large as we can make it," Collins told commissioners Monday.

The Texas Enterprise Zone Program allows those establishing an enterprise zone to offer two incentives

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**ENTERPRISE ZONE**—The area outlined on this map is included in the new enterprise zone which was approved by the city of Dimmitt and Castro County commissioners this week. The proposed enterprise zone must now receive approval from the state.

## Pheasant season opens Saturday

Gunshots will ring out across Castro County Saturday morning as hopeful hunters from across the state test their marksmanship in hopes of nabbing at least one elusive, colorful ring-necked cock pheasant.

Pheasant season officially opens Saturday 30 minutes before sunrise and season will continue through Dec. 29.

Hunters will be flocking to Castro County for opening weekend, but will there be birds for them to bag?

"I've heard mixed reactions about how many birds are out there," said David Bownds with the Nazareth Lions Club, which sponsors one of three organized hunts in the county. "We have turned out about 150 chicks back in September and we're looking for a good hunt."

Tony Leibel with the Hart Lions Club, which also sponsors an organized hunt, said he expects the bird population to be about like it has been the past few years. "If a guy hunts hard, he'll find some birds. I don't really know if they are as thick as in the past, but there are birds out there," Leibel said.

Bag limit is three cocks per day with six in possession. The Nazareth, Hart and Easter Lions Clubs all sponsor organized hunts on opening weekend and several other organizations are planning meals on Saturday for hunters.

Those who haven't purchased a hunting license, yet, may do so at the Castro County Clerk's office during regular business hours Monday through Friday; or at Alco Discount Store and Hays Company in Dimmitt and Hart Auto.

Resident hunting licenses may be purchased for \$19 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens and children 17 and under. The fee for out-of-state hunting licenses is \$35 for a five-day permit.

### Organized hunts, meals and more

For \$100 a gun, hunters can hunt on designated land, receive a guided tour and more on opening weekend.

The Hart Lions Club has signed up 150 hunters for its organized hunt, and that group will be treated to breakfast, a free cap and hunting on donated lands throughout pheasant season.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served to hunters from 5 to 8 a.m. at the Hart School Cafeteria. The menu will include sausage, bacon, biscuits, eggs, juice and

coffee. Cost for the breakfast for those not signed up in the club's organized hunt will be \$4.

During the breakfast, the Hart Fire Dept. will hold a raffle for a shotgun, and tickets will be \$3 each. The shotgun will be awarded during the breakfast. Those wishing to purchase a ticket can do so Saturday morning at the breakfast or by contacting any member of the Hart Fire Dept., or stopping by Hart City Hall.

The Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will sponsor a stew lunch Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hart School Cafeteria. The stew, cornbread and homemade cobbler lunch will be \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased Friday afternoon at the Extension office in Dimmitt, or at the door Saturday.

The Nazareth Lions Club will sponsor an organized hunt again this year, and the 102 hunters signed up will pay \$100 each for the privilege of chasing down pheasant on assigned lands.

Those hunters also will receive a free breakfast and lunch and will benefit from guides on Saturday. The hunters also will have permission to hunt on the designated lands Sunday.

Breakfast will be served at 6 a.m. Saturday in the Nazareth Community Hall and a barbecued brisket lunch will all the trimmings will be served at noon Saturday at the Nazareth Community Hall. Those not signed up with the club's organized hunt may enjoy the barbecue dinner for \$5.50 per plate.

On Saturday evening, the Nazareth Museum Association will sponsor a steak dinner from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The menu will include steak, baked potatoes, beans, salad, dessert, bread and drink, and cost will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

At Easter, the Lions Club limited its organized hunt to 24 people this year, according to Eddie Matthews.

"There just aren't many birds this year," Matthews said.

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# DISD Board approves car purchase

The Dimmitt school board voted Monday night to purchase a new car for the DISD fleet.

The board voted to accept the second lowest bid—\$16,054.11 for a 1997 Chevy Lumina from Stevens Chevrolet in Hereford. The lowest bid was \$15,300 for the same year and model from Buddy Chevrolet in Port Arthur, near Houston. However, a \$600 delivery charge would have to be added to the cost, and delivery would not be available until 90 days.

Supt. Les Miller said they can take delivery of the vehicle from Stevens Chevrolet right away, and warranty service would be easier to obtain. The new vehicle will replace a 1980 Ford LTD with 167,358 miles on it, which will be sold by auction in the spring.

Miller told the board about a pre-legislative seminar he attended in Austin last week, along with DISD Business Administrator Johnny Hill and board president Debbie Annen. He said they heard reports from state legislators on what to expect in the coming session.

Miller said State Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, told the gathering that the state budget has doubled since 1988. Miller said Craddick gave the opinion that property taxes in Texas will double in the next six to eight years if changes are not made.

Craddick said the state currently pays 44% to 47% of the cost of educating school children, with the remainder coming from federal and local sources. He said that in the past, the state paid 75% of the cost.

Miller said Craddick told them that the state is still operating under a tax system designed in 1960 and that it is not an adequate system to fund the state today.

Craddick said property tax relief can come from three sources: budget cuts, more school reforms, and reform of the property tax system.

State Senator Teel Bivins,

chairman of the Senate Education Committee, talked about alternative education placements for students who are in trouble with the law.

He said he feels the legislation on alternative placement is forcing school administrators to act as prosecutors.

Alternative placement is sought for students who have committed a felonious act; however, Bivins told seminar participants that it should be up to law enforcement to determine if a felony has been committed.

Bivins recommended immediate expulsion for students caught in possession of an illegal substance, even if it is a misdemeanor amount. He also said he would like to see required removal of students who commit a violent felony, but leave it up to local discretion whether to remove non-violent felons.

Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Moses emphasized the need for stability in education. He said he is working on a knowledge assessment for students in kindergarten through second grade. It is not a TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic

Skills) test, but nevertheless will be helpful in determining what learning level students have reached and where they need help the most.

Miller said they were told there is a 90% chance that the legislature will address the property tax issue in their next session.

In other business, curriculum director Doricell Davis gave a report on the TAAS exit-level exam. Miller said the numbers were about average or a little better for this time of year, with seniors still having several chances to take any sections of the exam they have not passed. Seven seniors still need to pass the math section, and three in reading. All have mastered the writing section.

The board gave approval for hiring two substitute teachers. Cathy Hill will fill in for Dimmitt High School Spanish teacher Susie Gonzales, who is recovering from a recent stroke. James Paslay will perform the duties of assistant band director Teresa Carlisle, who will be taking maternity leave soon. Miller said they are still looking for a home economics teacher.

## 'Power Your Imagination' contest challenges students

For the 15th year, Duracell is challenging students in the ninth through 12th grades to invent battery-powered devices and compete for prizes totaling over \$100,000 in savings bonds.

Deadline for submitting an official entry form, essay, wiring diagram and photo to the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is Jan. 15. Entries are judged on creativity, practicality, energy efficiency and clarity of the essay. Every student who submits a completed entry will receive a certificate of participation and a Duracell fanny pack.

The 100 nation-wide finalists,

each a candidate for a \$200 bond, will be announced in February. In March, 41 top winners will be named for a first place \$20,000 bond, five second place \$10,000 bonds, 10 third place \$1,000 bonds, and 25 fourth place \$500 bonds. Teachers of the first and second place winners will receive computers and color printers. All sponsoring teachers of the 100 finalists will receive gifts.

The first and second place winners, along with their parents and sponsoring teachers, will be honored April 3 at a 15th birthday party for the competition in New Orleans during the national convention of the National Science Teachers Association.

The competition is sponsored by Duracell USA and administered by the National Science Teachers Association.

"Every year this competition rewards many new ideas, including practical solutions for common problems, improvements on existing technologies, and some sophisticated designs," said Gerry Wheeler, NSTA Executive Director. "We are pleased to invite high school students to power their imaginations and give us the results of their creative thinking."

Some of the devices former winners have developed are an improved bike taillight, a robot which sorts recyclables, a gadget which reads the ripeness of fruit and a portable eye-sight screening tool. A survey of winners conducted last year shows that the competition appeals to many students, including those in industrial arts, technology, and a variety of science classes. Student inventors retain all rights to their devices.

Competition entry materials are available from: NSTA, 1840 Wilson Blvd., Arlington VA 22201-3000.



TEAM WORK—Dimmitt policemen help volunteer firefighters battle blazing cotton in trailers at North Gin in Dimmitt Tuesday afternoon. The fire's origin was undetermined. Photo by Linda Maxwell

### More about

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from a tree erected in one of the county's banks. Each card features the name of a needy child along with a requested gift with a \$20 price limit. If you select a card, you are asked to purchase the requested gift, wrap it and return it, along with the card, to Panhandle Community Services by Dec. 20.

Dec. 16-20: The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club is sponsoring Santa Claus visits during the week. For a \$20 donation, Santa will make a 10- to 15-minute visit in individual homes, distribut-

ing candy and visiting with children. To "hire" Santa Claus, call 647-2524 to make an appointment. Appointments are limited between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Kiwanis Club charitable projects.

Dec. 19: "Scrooge Night", honoring all last-minute shoppers, with a 50-cent movie at 6 p.m. at the Carlile Theatre for children ages 4-12, and late shopping hours at participating businesses. Four bicycles will be given away after the movie at about 7:45 p.m.

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- Kuwait's ruler
- XIT once covered \_\_\_\_\_ counties
- TXism: "como \_\_\_\_\_ (How are you?)"
- Mary's Univer. is in San Antonio
- \_\_\_\_\_ western State is in Wichita Falls
- TXism: "fire and fall \_\_\_\_\_ (retreat)"
- in NE Oldham Co.
- TX Johnny Horton's "North to \_\_\_\_\_"
- Sam Houston was \_\_\_\_\_ by a Cherokee chief
- "Remember \_\_\_\_\_ was a TX war cry"
- "Situation \_\_\_\_\_: all fouled up"
- Aggie kisses his \_\_\_\_\_ after a score
- transportation to DFW International
- this Earle was Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination
- TXism: "a fine how do \_\_\_\_\_"
- military color
- TXism: "pull the \_\_\_\_\_ fire" (rescue)
- TXism: "if you \_\_\_\_\_ gotta pay the band"
- "The Great Texas Dynamite \_\_\_\_\_"
- San Antonio pianist Samaroff
- Houston Museum of Fine \_\_\_\_\_
- state seal has "a star of five \_\_\_\_\_"
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of smoke
- "One \_\_\_\_\_, one Ranger"
- TXism: "mad as \_\_\_\_\_-eyed cow"
- TXism: "not a lick"
- this treaty led to destruction of missiles in TX
- TXism: "shootin' \_\_\_\_\_"
- Brazos: "arms of \_\_\_\_\_"
- concealed
- Oiler scores

**DOWN**

- head coach at A&M and Alabama
- Lake \_\_\_\_\_ means "friendship"
- belly button fuzz
- Hill Country Natural \_\_\_\_\_
- in McLennan Co. on I-35: Elm \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Tanya's "Can \_\_\_\_\_?"
- traffic light was invented by TX Henry \_\_\_\_\_ Garrett
- TXism: "eating out of the same feed \_\_\_\_\_" (associated)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ to shuck" (big chore)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_boose" (jail)
- Corpus Christi AM radio
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_buster"
- TXism: "tax wrangler"
- TX Claire Chennault was adviser to Chiang \_\_\_\_\_-shek
- "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)
- Mrs. Connally (init.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ridge North, TX
- Gov. Hubbard (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_nicely"
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- muffins" (cow chips)
- Dublin's Dr. Pepper plant uses \_\_\_\_\_ water to clean bottles
- Texas \_\_\_\_\_ weekend
- Bevo's school
- TXism: "that'll \_\_\_\_\_nicely"
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- TXism: "spin \_\_\_\_\_" (lie)
- TX Ginger's "Flying Down \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "as hard as finding a horse \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven"
- TXism: "lend a \_\_\_\_\_"
- Phil Gramm's time on the job (abbr.)
- Rangers' headwear
- Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
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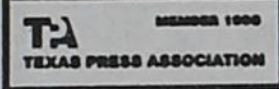
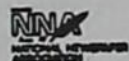
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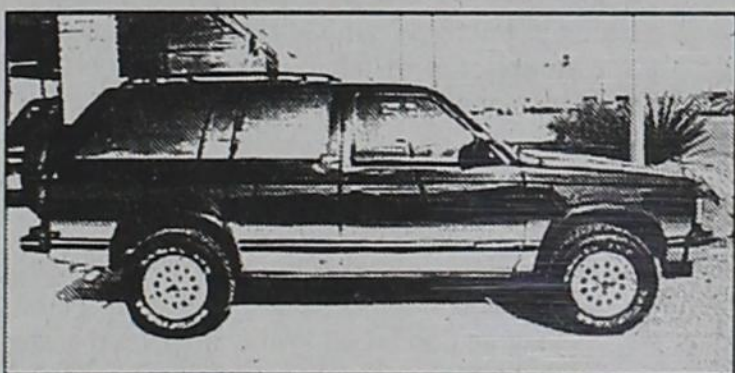
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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Wesley Mays and parents, Anthony and Mary Mays, with James and Vee Simpson and son, Jeremy, traveled to Austin on Thanksgiving Day for the Fall Classic Stock Show. There they represented Dimmitt FFA, along with Chris Davis, Jay McCormick and Travis Crow. After all had shown on Friday night they had dinner at Poppadeaux Restaurant with Cassa McCormick and Leslie and Frances Davis. On the way down, the group enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner in Abilene.

Bill and Dee Brisco were in Arlington for the Thanksgiving holidays. They visited their son, Kyle and Kelley Yates, and Alanna, and new grandson Joshua.

Out of town visitors at the Castro County Museum last week were Lawrence and Vernice Green of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt. They decided to move to Amarillo, where their son lives, after their house here was hit by the tornado.

Edwin Ramey visited his mother, Emily Ramey, last week. He was in the area to serve as a pallbearer at the funeral of a friend's father in Amarillo. Edwin is in the process of moving from Chicago to Dallas.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock took their two granddaughters, Alyson Smith of Amarillo and Katie Murdock of Clovis, N.M., to see Santa at the home of Mitzi Brockman. This is an annual event for Mitzie. She decorates her home with many Christmas trees, including one with all Precious Moments® decorations, and several nativity scenes; and of course, the children love seeing Santa. Cookies and punch were served. This year Mitzie needed to be out of town, but others were there to welcome the many guests.

The museum board had a short business meeting on Thursday evening with Dale Winders presiding. Clara Vick read the minutes. Others present were Madge Robb, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix. The meeting was short, since some wanted to see the "Night Light Parade," and Dale wanted to go to Plainview to see his grandson play in a basketball tournament.

A good crowd attended the "Night Light Parade." It was pretty, but just too short. I hope more will participate next year. Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt reported that some who said they would participate didn't show up or were unable to go come. Edgar Dennis was supposed to go bring his buggy, drawn by mules, but he was ill. Also, spotlights on the floats might have made it easier to go see the people riding on them.

Congratulations to the Dimmitt Bobcats and Coach Steinle for winning the Plainview Tournament this past weekend. Brandon Smith received the "Most Valuable Player," and Charley Sanders and Jason Nino made the All-Tournament Team.

Dude McLaurin was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a delicious pumpkin cake. Emily Clingingsmith served lasagna, green beans and coleslaw for lunch. Emily won high score and Dugan Butler was second. Others playing were Opha Burks, Susie Reeves, McLaurin, Bernice Hill, Elizabeth

## 4-H plans blood drive

The Castro County 4-H will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The club sponsors the blood drive each year during the holiday season. The drive is conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

For more information call the Extension office at 647-4115.

## TDoT to close part of SH 194

The Texas Dept. of Transportation (TDoT) announced last Thursday that it would be closing a 15-mile stretch of SH 194 from Hart to Dimmitt from Tuesday through Friday this week.

The department is closing the road from Hart to Dimmitt to upgrade a railroad crossing 2-1/2 miles southeast of Dimmitt, according to TDoT.

Traffic heading north out of Hart will be detoured along FM 168. Travelers heading south from Dimmitt will take FM 385. The length of the detour is necessary because there are no routes between Hart and Dimmitt that can handle the traffic volumes.

Huckabay, Neva Hickey, Alma Kenmore, Virginia Crider, Ina Rae Cates, Edith Graef, Cleo Forson and Loranel Hamilton.

The children's musical, Christmas in Egypt, was very entertaining. It was under the direction of Debra Ball, Tami Griffitt and Terri Louder. Participants included children from First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt and First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

La Dawn Reichling of San Francisco flew to Amarillo, where she visited with her mother, Louise Kemp, and brother, Carl Lee Kemp. Then La Dawn and Louise drove to Atlanta, Ga., to be with Louise's daughter, Ginger Ward, and her daughter, Jinsie. They enjoyed the drive to Atlanta, since there was snow on some of the trees and shrubs part of the way—a beautiful sight! They spent Thanksgiving with Ginger and she showed them all around Atlanta, especially where the Olympics had been held. On their way back, they stopped in Louisiana and toured a boat that had a casino.

Mike, Linda and Delaney Hunter West came in Nov. 14 to goose hunt with G.T. They got to come to the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's dinner and bazaar Nov. 15.

Linda, Lequetta and Delaney left Nov. 18 for Altus, Okla., where they ate lunch with Lequetta's aunt, Bonnie Cantrell, and cousin, Betty Briscoe of Hess.

G.T. and Mike left to go to Davidson, Okla., to hunt quail.

Lequetta, Linda and Delaney went on to Fort Worth to visit with Lequetta's sisters, Lori Sullivan and Jan Culwell. They returned to Davidson on Nov. 24 to pick up G.T. They attended a fish and calf-fries dinner at the home of cousin Larry and Jerri Sparks while they were there and spent the night with Betty Linker. On Nov. 25, Mike left to go back to Kirtland, N.M., and the rest returned to Fort Worth. The Wests' daughter, Angie Hazzard, and family got to Fort Worth from Kirtland, N.M. the evening of Nov. 24. They hit snow and ice at Wichita Falls and thought they never would get to Fort Worth. They saw lots of wrecks and cars off in the ditch.

Nov. 27, G.T. and Lequetta went to Winnsboro to spend the day with G.T.'s brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Billie West. The Wests' oldest son, John, and family got in about 8:30 p.m. "Uncle John" just had to come down to see Delaney Hunter, the daughter of his baby brother, Mike. John has three sons, so those girls are pretty special. John and family left after lunch on Thursday to go back to Broken Arrow, Okla.

Angie, her husband, Paul, and Lori's two sons, Barry and Paul David, went to the football game between the Cowboys and Washington and had a great time.

G.T., Lequetta, Linda and Delaney came back home on Nov. 29 and Angie and family on Nov. 30, and left Dec. 1, taking Linda and Delaney back to Kirtland with them. 1-40 was terrible all the way to the Texas-New Mexico line, but they had clear sailing the rest of the way.

They all enjoyed lots of good food, shopping and visiting, and had a happy Thanksgiving.

Mozelle Lilley, Jerrye Lilley and Irene Bradley went to Branson with the "Fun Bunch." They kept on the go with eight shows in two-and-a-half days, but got to enjoy lots of fun, good food and met lots of new people and renewed old friendships.

They saw Andy Williams, Dino, Shoje Tabuchi, Lennon Sisters, Joann Castle, Tony Orlando, Doug Gabriel, and Yakof Smirnoff; and enjoyed a cruise and dinner aboard the Branson Belle showboat with "The Cajun Connection" entertaining. There were 46 people on the tour from in and around Lubbock, including the driver and Mary McBride, the tour director. It was lots of fun and we would certainly recommend it.

Jerrye Lilley went to Fort Worth for Thanksgiving to see son, Jack and Mary Stewart, Sidney, Brent and Stephen. Thanksgiving day was spent at the home of Mary's parents, Ed and Joann Galloway, along with the rest of the Galloway clan.

They enjoyed lots of visiting and wonderful food. It was a fun three days of visiting, shopping, eating out at Edwardo's Mexican Food. Jerrye enjoyed spoiling Sidney as best she could in such a short time.

Carole Hopson, Candace Fry and Rocky and Reid, went to the home of Bobby and Wanda Stewart in Paris. While there, they met Sally and Shelby Stanton, who recently moved to Lafayette, La. Everyone had a good time visiting and shopping on the way home.

Nell DiCuffa and Edna Reinart went on a Christmas tour to Branson, Mo., recently. There were 95 in the group who boarded a plane from Lubbock to Tulsa on Nov. 14, and from there, they rode on the Metropolitan Transportation Services to Branson. It took two buses, and Nell and Edna were on #806—easy to remember, since it's the same as our area code.

Their first stop was the Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage, Mo. They said everyone should make a visit to that interesting place.

They saw many Precious Moments figurines. Artist Samuel Butcher created many of them from events that happened in his life. The murals of the chapel tell familiar and inspiring Bible stories.

One of these murals is the Philip D. Butcher Memorial in memory of his son, who was killed in a one-vehicle accident. It depicts Heaven with two angels holding a sign that

reads "Welcome Home, Philip." It serves as a reminder of special family bonds and their enduring power.

It took two and a half months for Butcher to paint the first and largest mural in the chapel. It is on the ceiling, which is 35 feet in the air. He worked lying on his back.

After seeing the chapel, the group went on to Branson. They checked in at the Marriott Residence Inn and ate at the Paradise Grill. They went to the Country Tonite Theater to hear country music, along with seeing comedy, dancing, clogging and wild-west lariat tricks.

On Nov. 15, they visited the unique College of the Ozarks, a working college where students "work out" their board and tuition doing chores, yard work and weaving baskets. Everything raised there is used for feeding the students. The Williams Memorial Chapel, built in 1957, is another chapel that has an interesting history, which was told by one of the students.

They attended the spectacular Christmas production by the world famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. The Rockettes' precision dancing has made this troupe famous at the Radio City and around the world. Their rendition of "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" was superb, Edna said.

On Nov. 16, they went to the Lawrence Welk Champagne Theatre. The show was delightful, with the four Lennon Sisters and their daughters; and Joan Cassels with her lovely "honky-tonk" music, and then she turned around and played classical songs and sang, too. There were 18 Lenons in the show.

On Nov. 17 there was another treat. The Bobby Vinton Show with the Glen Miller Orchestra was a most enchanting production taking everyone down memory lane, according to Edna. Imagine hearing Bobby sing *Roses Are Red, Blue Velvet, and Mr. Lonely*. His mother is a doll. She sang and danced. The band played *Pennsylvania 5000*, among other hits.

Then there was the Doug Gabriel Show; a visit to Silver Dollar City, where there was a five-story Christmas tree, very beautiful; the concert pianist, Dino Karsonakis and his spectacular show; a drive-through of animated displays at Port of Lights at Kimberling City; and the Engler Boys' Shopping Mall.

Each show had a nativity scene and each seemed to be better than the one before. They were all so inspiring, Edna said.

There were so many other things to see and such delicious food.

The group returned to Lubbock Nov. 18. and Nell and Edna got home Nov. 19.



WINNERS of the "Most Original" Award in the "Night Light Parade" held in Dimmitt last Thursday are (from left) "Giant Gifts" Chad Ewing and Mikel Atchley, sponsored by Tots and Teens and Kittrell's Electronics. With only eight entries, the parade was short, but colorful.

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## Schools plan holiday concerts and programs

Local schools have planned several concerts and programs for the holiday season, and the public is cordially invited to attend all of them.

### Dimmitt Choirs

Dimmitt Middle School choir students from grades 4 through 8 will be presented in concert today (Thursday) in the middle school auditorium at 7 p.m.



### PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a boy for Denita Mirelez and Oscar Peña of Dimmitt. Oscar Peña Jr. was born Dec. 2 at 1:23 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long. He has an older brother, Kolby Michael Perez, 4. Grandparents are Luis Peña and Lori Abalos of Dimmitt, Jaime Aguilera and Maria Peña of Hereford, and Carlos and Santos Mirelez of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Patsy Gonzalez of Dimmitt, Martha Mirelez of Hereford, Lolita of Florida, and Efrain Servin of Indiana.

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Nazareth second grade teacher Sheryl Damron of Tullia and her husband, Shayne. Taylor Michele was born Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Pat and Jerry Evans of Tullia and Robert and Patte Damron of Tullia. Great-grandmothers are Marie Barnes, Grace Sweatt and Lenora Evans, all of Tullia.

The first portion of the program will feature fourth and fifth grade music students. Then there will be an intermission, featuring a "Christmas Reception" with refreshments of cookies and punch.

The last portion of the program will include the Sixth Grade Singers and the Junior High Choir.

The Dimmitt High School Varsity Choir will give a "Christmas Jubilee" concert Saturday at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Choir director Ken Strange said the program will feature choral singing, with both sacred music and "Christmas fun songs."

The program will be highlighted with performances by several soloists, duets and ensembles.

There will be an intermission, during which a "Christmas Reception" of Christmas cookies and punch will be served.

### Dimmitt Bands

The Dimmitt school bands will present their annual Christmas concert Sunday at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Fifth grade band members must report to the auditorium by 1:30 p.m., with the sixth graders and junior high band reporting at 2 p.m. The high school band members must report by 2:30 p.m.

Attendance is required for all band members.

### RES Second Graders

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School second graders will present Christmas music programs next week, and the public is invited to attend.

Tuesday they will sing at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home at 2 p.m.

Next Thursday they will give a performance at 9 a.m. at the school cafeteria.

The choral students are directed by Ruby Teaschner.

### Nazareth Musical

The Nazareth schools will have their Christmas Musical and Concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria and the public is invited to attend.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will be singing, while fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will be playing instruments.

Also, high school band students will be playing several selections.

## Computer class to be held here next semester

Amarillo College will offer a class in computer concepts next semester in Dimmitt.

The course is open to the public and will meet one night a week. Cost for the course is \$15 for high school students and \$89 for adults. Those taking the course will earn three hours of college credit.

The course will deal in general application, theory and programming. The class will meet Monday and Wednesday nights beginning in January and continuing through May. A registration date has not been set yet.

Those interested in taking the course or any other college-level course should contact Shelly Nutt at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Sue Summers at Dimmitt High School, 647-3105.



ALL-REGION BAND members from Dimmitt Middle School include (seated, from left) Lillian Stewart, Rachal Harman, Lyndee Behrends and

Ashley Jackson; and alternates (standing, from left) Jason Riggs, Jessica Salinas and Charley Nutt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## DMS students win honors

Dimmitt Middle School students won honors at two competitions recently.

Dec. 10, members of the Junior High Band tried out for the All-Region Band and four were selected, with three named as alternates.

Lillian Stewart won third chair and Ashley Jackson won fifth chair in the bass clarinet section, in which only six players were selected.

Rachal Harman took third chair in the clarinet section out of 16 places selected, competing against 59 others.

Lyndee Behrends won 10th chair in the clarinet section.

Named as alternates were Charley Nutt on the flute, Jessica Salinas on the trumpet and Jason Riggs on the trombone.

The All-Region Band will be presented in concert Jan. 18 at West Texas A&M University.

Nov. 16, the DMS One-Act Play cast and crew participated in the district competition in Muleshoe, and tied for third place with their presentation of *The Ghost Wore White*.

Chris Reynolds was selected for the All-Star Cast. Rachal Harman and Laura Gil were named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Other cast members were Gina Hernandez, Lillian Stewart, Paul Craig, Debbie Peralez and Jade Vick. Crew members were David Garcia, Christina Moctezuma, Nancy Quiroz and Chris Back.

## Kiwanis Club plans visits from Santa Claus

All next week, Dec. 16-20, the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club can make arrangements for "Santa Claus" to visit in person in your home.

For a donation of \$20, "Jolly Old St. Nick" will make a 10- to 15-minute appearance, distribute candy, and greet children by name.

Appointments are limited to the

hours of 7 to 9 p.m., and may be made through the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Proceeds from the project will benefit the Kiwanis Club's charitable and educational programs for children in Castro County, according to Mike Huseman, Kiwanis president.

## Card Shower for Theresa Schulte on her 80th Birthday, Dec. 15

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Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella, mumps, and Haemophilus Influenzae Type B.

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

## Screening set Jan. 2

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Jan. 2 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

The screening costs \$70. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician.

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Selections at Tots and Teens, and Toys R Us





**EVERYBODY WINS** — Auctioneer Jack Howell gets his price for a cake during Canterbury Villa's annual Cake Auction recently, while Sharon Leinen and Carolyn Moke (right) show the cakes and spot bids. With a houseful of bidders, these three volunteers auctioned off 99 home-baked, donated cakes, earning \$4,800 to be used to purchase

Christmas presents for the nursing home's 49 residents. "Our local people are wonderful—I can't say enough about them," administrator Clota Shaw commented. The annual Canterbury Villa Christmas Party will be Tuesday evening, starting at 6:30.

Photo by Don Nelson

# CPS asks for help in giving gifts to foster children this Christmas

Castro County Child Protective Services is asking for help in making the holidays special for neglected and abused children this year.

The 12 Castro County children under the state's conservatorship have been placed in foster care because of abuse or neglect caused by very serious conditions in their homes, according to Stump.

The children range in age from 3 to 17 and most will remain in foster care until they reach the age of 18. Four of the children are eligible for adoption, but no permanent home has been found for them.

Individuals who would like to help make Christmas merrier for these children should contact Joe Josselet at First United Bank, any member of the Child Protective Services (CPS) Board, or Donna Stump, CPS case-worker for Castro County.

Board members include Joan Aalbers and Vivian Finch, Pct. 1; Gloria Hernandez and Francis Smith, Pct. 2; Bobbie Bruegel, Paula Graham, Jackie Smothermon, Darlene Wooten and Josselet, Pct. 3; and Connie Wilhelm, Pct. 4. Aalbers serves as president and Josselet is secretary-treasurer.

The foster children who will benefit from donations to CPS shouldn't

be confused with children sponsored through the Castro County Ministerial Alliance's Project Angel Tree. Children who will benefit from donations through Project Angel Tree are children from less fortunate families who can't afford to provide Christmas gifts for children.

A sibling group of four resides at an area children's group home in Lubbock. The three girls are ages 8, 11 and 14, and their brother is 9. Among these children's Christmas wishes are sports equipment, a remote-control car, baseball glove, Barbie dolls, a Game Boy, Walkman and any type of indoor board games.

Another 17-year-old boy would like computer games and sports equipment.

Three teenage girls under the county's care request jewelry, hair bows, clothing and posters for their rooms.

One 14-year-old boy requests a wallet, watch and roller blades.

Each of the children has limited contact with his or her natural family, and special needs like birthday and Christmas gifts would be nonexistent without donations from the public. Through monetary donations, the CPS board subsidizes the children's clothing needs throughout the year and purchases birthday and Christmas gifts for the children.

Area banks have included return envelopes in their monthly bank statements as part of a CPS fundraising project. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the foster children's needs can do so through the special enclosed envelope, at First United Bank, or by contacting any board member.

## Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Goldie Thompson's place sold at public auction Tuesday morning Dec. 3 for \$958 an acre. Kevin and Jodie Riley are the new owners.

Mr. and Mrs. John Graham of Clovis came by after the Goldie Thompson sale and Mrs. Graham visited with Teeny Bowden for awhile.

Joyce Wright brought their grandchildren, Sarah and Jared Williams of Plainview, home with her Friday evening to spend the night and Saturday with them. The children's parents picked them up Saturday evening.

Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright, is doing better now after suffering a stroke two weeks ago. They talked to her over the phone Saturday night and the doctor said if she continues to improve as she has, she can go back to work part-time. She lives in Idaho. Joyce's sister-in-law, Caroline Jones, is about the same. She is still in Lubbock waiting for a liver transplant.

Hershel and Retha Wilson have been busy this week watching their granddaughter, Jessica Wilson, play basketball in a tournament at Shallowater. Her Springlake-Earth team won consolation in the contest. Hershel is still improving after his back surgery and was scheduled to see his doctor in Amarillo on Tuesday for a checkup.

Rex Jenkins of San Angelo called Teeny Bowden after church Sunday to see how things are going here. He has been sick with the flu. Pearl had it, too, but not as bad. Both are better now. He likes to keep up with the church and the sick, so he decided to subscribe to *The Castro County News* and read the *Sunnyside News* each week since the church no longer puts out a bulletin.

Visitors in the Sunday morning worship service were Rev. Bennie Wright's nephews, Ricky and Tony Wright, Tony's two children, Justin and Candice, and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Landis, all of Shallowater. Dorothy is Ricky and Tony's mother. They fixed Lillian's car which wouldn't start, and stayed for dinner with the pastor and Joyce, and visited for awhile.

Hershel and Retha Wilson met his sister, Bonnie, and her husband, Duane Ferguson, in Lubbock Saturday for some shopping, window shopping, and to have dinner together. After one of the games in Shallowater, Hershel and Retha, and Lonnie and Renee Wilson drove to Lubbock to have dinner and shop.

Jeffery Jones has recently married and his wife's name is Gloria. Flossie Jones had a wedding celebration for them and Hershel and Retha Wilson, Lonnie and Renee Wilson and Andrea attended, along with other family members.

Emma Jean King attended an administration board meeting at First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt Sunday afternoon.

Karen and David Hutson of Dimmitt came out Sunday evening and watched the ballgames with Hershel and Retha Wilson.

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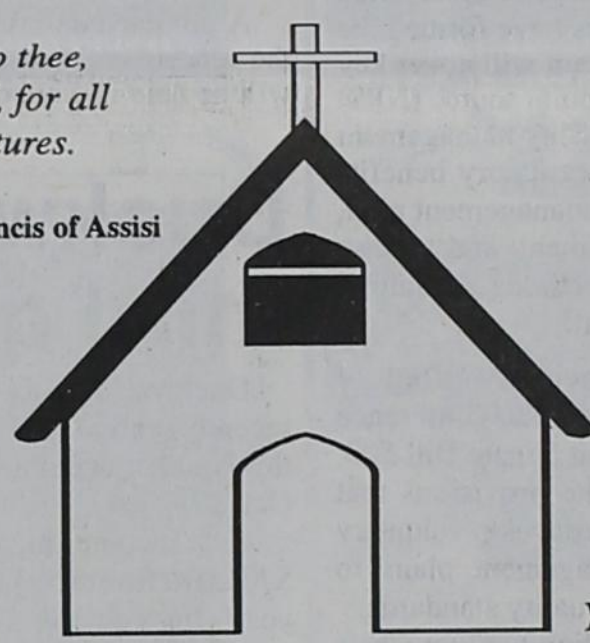
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**BEST LIGHTS Award** went to the float entered by Alco in the "Night Light Parade" held in Dimmitt last Thursday. Driven by Don Leinen, the float was occupied by Alco employees (from left) Rachel Ramirez, Michelle Leinen, Susie Sandoval, and Andreana

Mondragon. Not shown is Lisa Cristan. Others who helped with constructing the float were Connie Navarro and Ray Aleman. Congratulating them for winning \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars is "Santa," Howard Smithson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## WIFE celebrates 20th year

Women Involved in Farm Economics celebrated its 20th anniversary during the organization's national convention in Rapid City, S.D. in late November.

The first WIFE chapter was founded in Sidney, Neb., on Dec. 6, 1976.

Agency; Sara Wyant, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture; Cheryl Tevis and Taylor Brown. WIFE members were welcomed by Rapid City Mayor Ed McCloughlin.

### Computer classes are continuing

Richard Spears of Dimmitt is conducting a series of computer classes offering professional hands-on training designed for beginners. Cost will be \$20 per class.

All classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be held in the Dimmitt High School computer lab with Spears as the instructor.

The next session will be Monday, Tuesday and next Thursday. The class subject will be Beginning Windows.

Introduction to the Internet will be held Jan. 6, 7 and 9.

Jan. 13, 14 and 16 will cover Basic Word Processing.

Using Spreadsheets will be introduced Jan. 20, 21 and 23.

Feb. 3, 4 and 6 will cover Beginning Database.

Two of the courses will be repeated, with Introduction to Computers set again for Feb. 17, 18 and 20; and Introduction to the Internet scheduled for Feb. 24, 25 and 27.

Those interested in the courses are advised to pre-register by calling Spears at the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. or pick up a registration form at the *Castro County News* office.

During the annual convention on Nov. 23, Jennifer Felzien of Colorado was reelected as national president. Other officers named were Sheila Massey of New Mexico, first vice president; Mary Schuler of Montana, second vice president; Nancy Spiegel of Kansas, treasurer; and Ina Selfridge of Kansas, secretary. Current and past officers were honored for dedication to WIFE's ongoing role in agriculture.

1997 policy for WIFE members is farm profitability with emphasis on value-added, taxation, natural resources and education.

Speakers at the convention were John Stencel; Darrell Cruca, Deputy Administrator of Farm Service

Agency; Sara Wyant, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture; Cheryl Tevis and Taylor Brown. WIFE members were welcomed by Rapid City Mayor Ed McCloughlin.

An estate planning workshop was conducted by Dr. Val Farmer, psychologist, and Mr. Pat Geotzinger, attorney at law.

"Twenty years have brought about numerous changes to both WIFE and agriculture. As we go forward we must never get tired of telling the story of agriculture and never be ashamed of the profession we chose," said Felzien.

Brown, with the Northern Ag Network, was featured speaker for the closing ceremony, and he said "WIFE does make a difference and you have to be a player."

Highlight of the 20th annual convention was a slide presentation compiled by Massey.

## Environmental conference set

A conference on "The Ag Producer's Role in Environmental Stewardship" will be held Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at West Texas A&M University in Canyon in Rm. 101 of the Agriculture and Natural Science Building.

Registration will be from 9 to 10 a.m. in the foyer. The fee is \$15, and late registrants may pay at the door. However, those not pre-registered will not be guaranteed a lunch. The early registration deadline was Tuesday.

"This is an excellent opportunity for producers to get answers on how they can protect their natural resources, such as water and soil, while minimizing the possibility of potential contamination of their water supply," said Brent Conlin, assistant State Conservationist for field operations of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Amarillo.

Issues and questions most often asked by producers have formed the agenda. The program will cover key issues such as nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, water quality management plans, legal and regulatory benefits of a water quality management plan, pesticide management and safety, and alternative methods of animal waste management.

State Rep. David Swinford of Dumas will keynote the conference with a brief look at Senate Bill 503, its history, and the provisions that allow producers to develop voluntary site-specific management plans to meet state water quality standards.

Producers needing to renew their

private pesticide applicator's license will have the opportunity to earn continuing education units (CEUs) at this conference.

Conference sponsors include the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, US EPA, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, WTA&MU, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, USDA-Agricultural Research Service at Bushland, West Texas Agricultural Chemical Institute, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and four Conservation Districts, including High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1.

A similar conference addressing the concerns of the South Plains area will be held in Lubbock Jan. 16.

## CV to raffle Wyatt print

Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt will raffle off a print of a Kenneth Wyatt painting, with the drawing to be held Tuesday at the residents' annual Christmas party.

Tickets for the raffle are selling for \$2 each or three for \$5, and may be purchased at Canterbury Villa or at Clip and Curl Beauty Shop.

The print will be on display at First United Bank until Monday. It had been shown previously at First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch and Village Shop.

Tickets for the raffle also will be available at the place the print is displayed.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the residents' activity fund, which is used to purchase gifts, bingo prizes and other items for the residents.

## Nazareth students earn band honors

Five members of the Nazareth Junior High Band qualified for the All-Region Junior High Band at tryouts held last week.

Those selected for the honor band are Craig Birkenfeld on tuba, Jason Birkenfeld on baritone, Mark Birkenfeld on trumpet, Marsha Black on bass clarinet and Erica Gerber on saxophone.

The All-Region Band will give a public performance in January.

## Duckwall-ALCO reports third quarter figures

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc., recently announced results for the third quarter and nine months ending Oct. 27.

Net income increased 18% to \$701,000 from \$593,000 in the prior year's third quarter. Net sales for the quarter were \$64.9 million, a 6.7% increase over the \$60.8 million in sales the third quarter last year. Net income per share increased 13%, to 17 cents per share, compared with 15 cents per share in the prior year's third quarter.

For the nine months ended Oct. 27, net income increased 19% to \$2.6 million from \$2.2 million. Net sales were \$192.6 million, an 8% increase over the \$178.3 million registered the prior fiscal year. Net income per share increased 18% to 65 cents per share, up from 55 cents per share the prior year.

Glen L. Shank, president and chief executive officer, said, "I am pleased with the overall operating results for the quarter and year to

date. We have been able to achieve better than 18% growth in net income through improvements in our gross margins and managing our expense growth.

"Year to date, we have eliminated three major promotional circulars that, while having a negative impact on same store sales, have improved both our gross and operating margins by reducing the associated promotional markdowns and advertising costs."

The company completed a public offering in October 1996 in which the company raised \$13.1 million in net proceeds, including proceeds from the sale of 189,000 shares to underwriters. Duckwall-ALCO now has 5,089,823 shares outstanding.

The company also said plans are moving along on schedule for Duckwall-ALCO to acquire 14 Val Corporation retail locations in Indiana and Ohio.

Duckwall-ALCO operates 181 stores in the central US.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

### Creating a better business image



Every business has an image. Your image is the mental picture your customers and potential customers have of your business. It is a combination of the impressions you make when you answer the telephone, when someone visits your business location, when others talk about your business and when people see or hear your advertising.

Your image may be positive, negative or neutral. A good image will bring new customers to your business and will keep them coming back to do business with you again and again. Here are some steps you can take to improve your image.

### On the phone

For many small businesses, the telephone plays an important role in establishing first-time contacts and making good first impressions. Here are some simple, but proven techniques:

- Put a smile in your voice and answer the phone promptly—no later than the third ring.
- Identify your business and use your name, i.e. "Westside Sign Shop, this is Pat."
- Train everyone who answers the phone to be friendly and to know the answers to the most commonly asked questions.
- Avoid putting callers on hold. When necessary, ask their permission and don't keep them on hold long.

### Your outside impressions

If your exterior image is poor, you may make two impressions at once: your first and your last. Here are some tips for making the first impression a positive one.

- Your location must be accessible, convenient and safe.
- Your signs should be simple, easy to read, big and bright. Avoid confusing type styles and colors with little contrast.
- Your street number should be easily seen from the street.
- You should post your "open for business" hours and your phone number.
- You should maintain your building well. Eliminate peeling paint, broken or cracked glass, cluttered windows or unattractive outside storage areas.
- Parking should be free and plentiful with good lighting for nighttime areas.
- Vehicles, field employees and other off-premise equipment should promote your image consistently.

### Your inside impressions

When our advertising works and a new potential customer comes to your business, you will want to reinforce your positive image. Here are some inside suggestions.

- First and foremost, no matter what business you are in, your interior must be clean and uncluttered. There is no acceptable excuse for clutter and filth.
- Remember, most customers don't just see your business, they smell and hear it, too. Eliminate loud music and correct offensive odors.
- Employees need to receive regular training on how to approach and serve customers effectively. Communication skills are important. I'm not sure if you can teach "being friendly and outgoing," but I know you can hire it. Keep this in mind when you select staff. The best communicators have ready smiles, look you in the eye, use good grammar and enjoy meeting new people.
- In addition, employees need product knowledge and training to serve customers effectively.
- Each employee should be well-groomed and easily identifiable as a member of your business staff. Name tags or uniforms are good ideas.
- Your restrooms should be accessible and spotless.
- You should keep any visible office or storage areas organized and orderly. (This is a good management practice, even if the areas aren't visible.)
- Other interior tips include good lighting, pleasant decor and good, professional-looking signs.

There is no rocket science involved in creating a good image. However, with a little attention to details you can add luster to your image and make your business shine.

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

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# Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner at the center on Sunday. The meal was catered by the members of the Catholic Daughters organization.

The group enjoyed having C.B. Wilhelm at the dinner. He has been absent since he broke his hip. He is now in extended care in Plains Memorial Hospital and is doing quite well. George Venhaus of Happy and Father John Hickey were guests.

◆ Congratulations to Helen Backus who celebrated her 85th birthday Sunday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

◆ "Oh, I can't believe so many people would come to see my on my birthday." Those were Helen's words at her "open house" birthday party. Her family say it was great that so many friends took time to come and say Happy Birthday to Helen. It made her 85th birthday special. "May God bless you all."

◆ The FHA tour of homes was held Sunday afternoon and homes featured were those of Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm, Keith and Karleen Hoelting and Joe and Dana Kleman. All were beautifully decorated.

◆ A bigger than ever crowd attended the Santa Party held at the home of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman Wednesday evening. Mitzie wasn't able to be there due to a funeral, but thanks to her sister, Rosemary Ramaekers, her daughter Cyrilla Brockman, Santa Claus and other friends, the evening was still a success.

◆ Proceeds from the evening go to the Leonard and Alma Conrad Memorial.

◆ Donna Charanza and Virgie Gerber flew to Austin on Wednesday. Donna attended a trauma seminar on Thursday and Virgie enjoyed a couple days with Rick Gerber and his family. They saw the site of Floyd Hoelting's future new home, the beautiful Motorola building where Robbie Gerber works, Wade Hoelting's home where he lives with friends, and 9-year old Nick's school and his teacher.

◆ On Thursday evening Wade and his friend, Jennifer Lampy, joined them for dinner at the Gerber home.

◆ Prayers are asked for Vincent Huseman, who is in Hospice at St. Anthony's Hospital. His family is also in our prayers.

◆ Treva Ramsey celebrated her first birthday with a party hosted by her parents, Bryan and Tracy, at the home of her grandparents, Joe and Imogene Drerup. Attending were Treva, Bryan and Tracy Ramsey; Joe and Imogene Drerup; Kim Drerup; Wade and Julie Drerup; Lucille Drerup; Dwight, Anita and Dora Ramsey and her friend, Mrs. Edwards; Kyle, Amy, Tori and Shelly Fuston; Mrs. Denny Hill; Ashley, Jamie, Terryl and Abby Heard; and Joshua Gary.

◆ A large crowd of family and friends enjoyed the annual Christmas party hosted by Kevin and Malinda Gerber at their home in Plainview. For some, it seems to be the only occasion for all to gather and have a fun night.

◆ This year everyone was amazed at how good emu meat was, fixed in meat balls, sausage or grilled.

◆ A special toast was given by Kevin Gerber to his late wife, Trudie, who was missing this year. She always looked forward to this special gathering of friends.

◆ Annie Dupart of Enid, Okla., died Dec. 2 after a lengthy illness. She was the sister of the late Mrs. Frank Huseman, and is the aunt of Al and Louis Huseman of Nazareth.

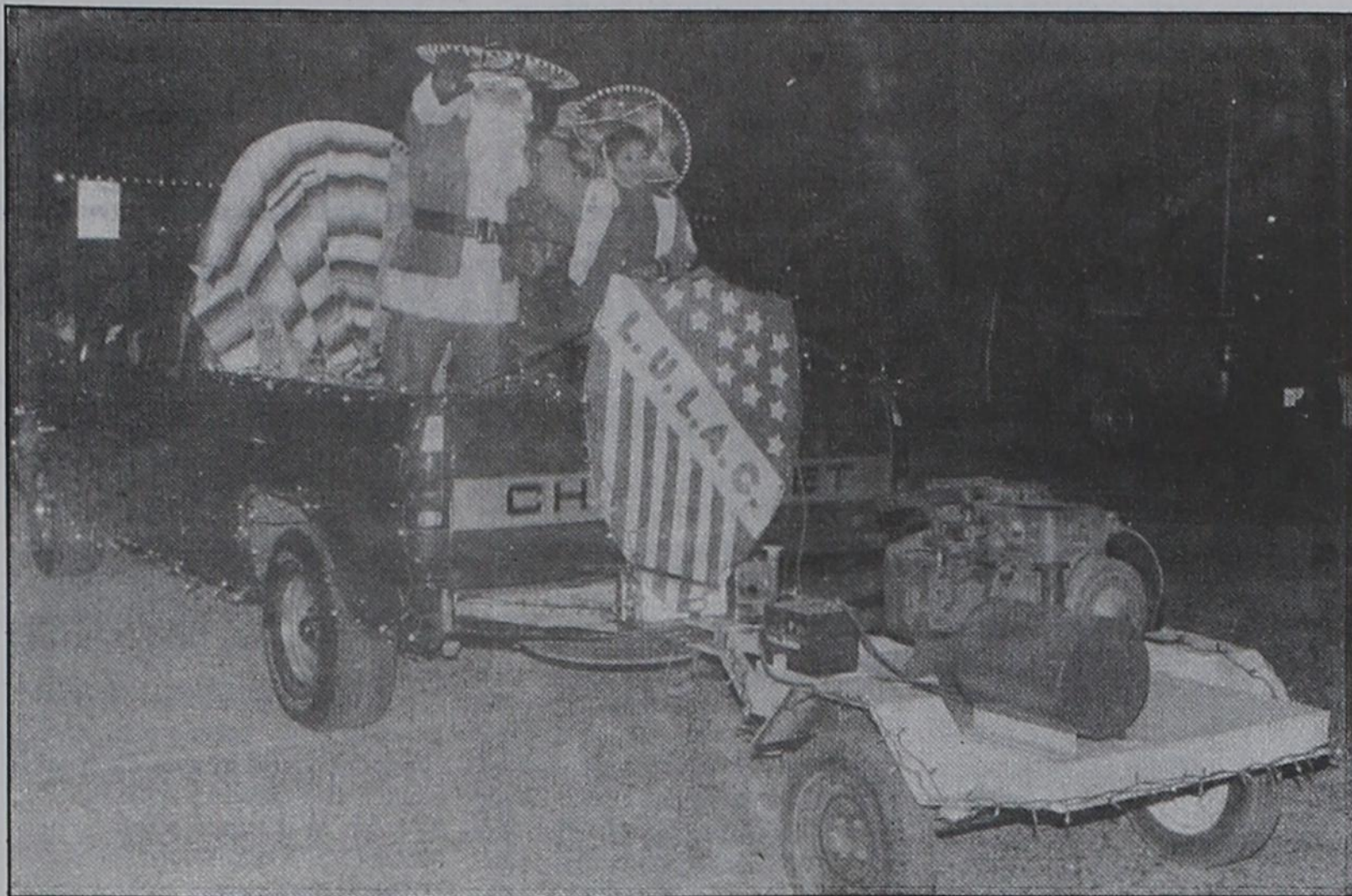
◆ Robert, Mary and David Verkamp traveled to Abilene to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Elaine, and her husband, Mackie Irion.

◆ Harold, Kirsten and Daniel Verkamp came from San Antonio to join them.

◆ Rose and Leslie Birkenfeld also had Thanksgiving dinner with them. Theresa Monteo was here from Florida for a few days with her family, the Robert Verkamps.

◆ On Saturday before she left to go back home, the family gathered at Walter Verkamp's home in Idalou.

◆ Present were Walter and Jenny Verkamp and Matthew and Emily, all of Idalou; Paul Verkamp and Dru Laws, Gery Verkamp and Halen and Leon Verkamp, all of Lubbock; Elaine Irion of Abilene; Theresa Montes of Deltona, Fla.; and Robert, Mary and David Verkamp, all of Nazareth. Unable to join the family were Harold, Kirsten and Daniel Verkamp of San Antonio.



◆ ¡Sí, Sí, Santa!—This float featuring a sombrero-clad Santa and elf was entered by the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and was one of eight entries in the "Night Light Parade" held last Thursday in Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Cotton Talks

Steadily gaining ground, the 1996 High Plains cotton crop continues to turn heads. Producers, close to having 90% of the crop harvested, continue to report outstanding yields.

Early projections of three million bales could even prove slightly low after converting actual bales to the 480-pound standard used for statistical purposes. Current estimates indicate as many as 2.9 million bales could be processed by the US Dept. of Agriculture's cotton division offices in Lubbock and Lamesa.

The cotton division offices are responsible for evaluating each bale produced and assigning values for specific fiber qualities. All US cotton is evaluated using a combination of High Volume Instrument (HVI) classing equipment and human classers.

HVI measurements are used for measurable characteristics such as length, micronaire and strength and human classers determine the color and leaf grades assigned to each bale.

Calculating the number of corresponding 480-pound bales from 2.9 million "running" or actual bales

requires adding between 3 and 5% to the bale figure. This adjustment is necessary because "running" bales typically weigh more than 480 pounds.

Making the required adjustment indicates a 1996 crop totaling between 2.98 and 3.04 million 480-pound bales.

"What a turn-around from the crop we expected to produce back in the middle of the summer," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "There were very few who ever thought we would produce this much cotton after the terrible start we experienced as a result of drought conditions."

"It appears that this year's crop is going to shatter the average yield mark of 555 pounds per harvested acre we set in 1993."

Should the classing office estimates prove correct, and the area harvests the 2.4 million acres estimated by USDA in November for Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S, per acre yields could average between 597 and 609 pounds per harvested acre.

Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S are typically used as a yardstick of High Plains production. It should be noticed that a small number of bales classed at the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices are received from outside the 25-county growing area.

Final production figures for the 1996 crop will not be available until 1997. It appears, however, that the 1996 crop is going to set many records, raising the bar for producers to match in future seasons.

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Please plan to attend this short meeting and eat lunch with us.

## Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.

Crop Production Division

## Entries due in January for county stock show

The annual Castro County junior livestock show will be held Feb. 5-7, and the Dimmitt Young Farmers will be accepting entries for the show during the week of Jan. 13-17.

Entry fee is \$10 per head and youngsters may enter two barrows, two lambs and two steers. For entry forms, contact the Castro County Extension office or any FFA advisor from Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth.

Judges for this year's show will be

Larry Gray, steers and heifers; Dale Schuffner, barrows; and Rex Stultz, sheep.

Animals should be in place at the Expo Building before 12 noon on Feb. 5. Animals will be weighed and sifted before 8 p.m. on Feb. 5.

The show will be held Feb. 7 beginning with the lamb show at 8 a.m., followed by steers at 11 a.m. The barrow show is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

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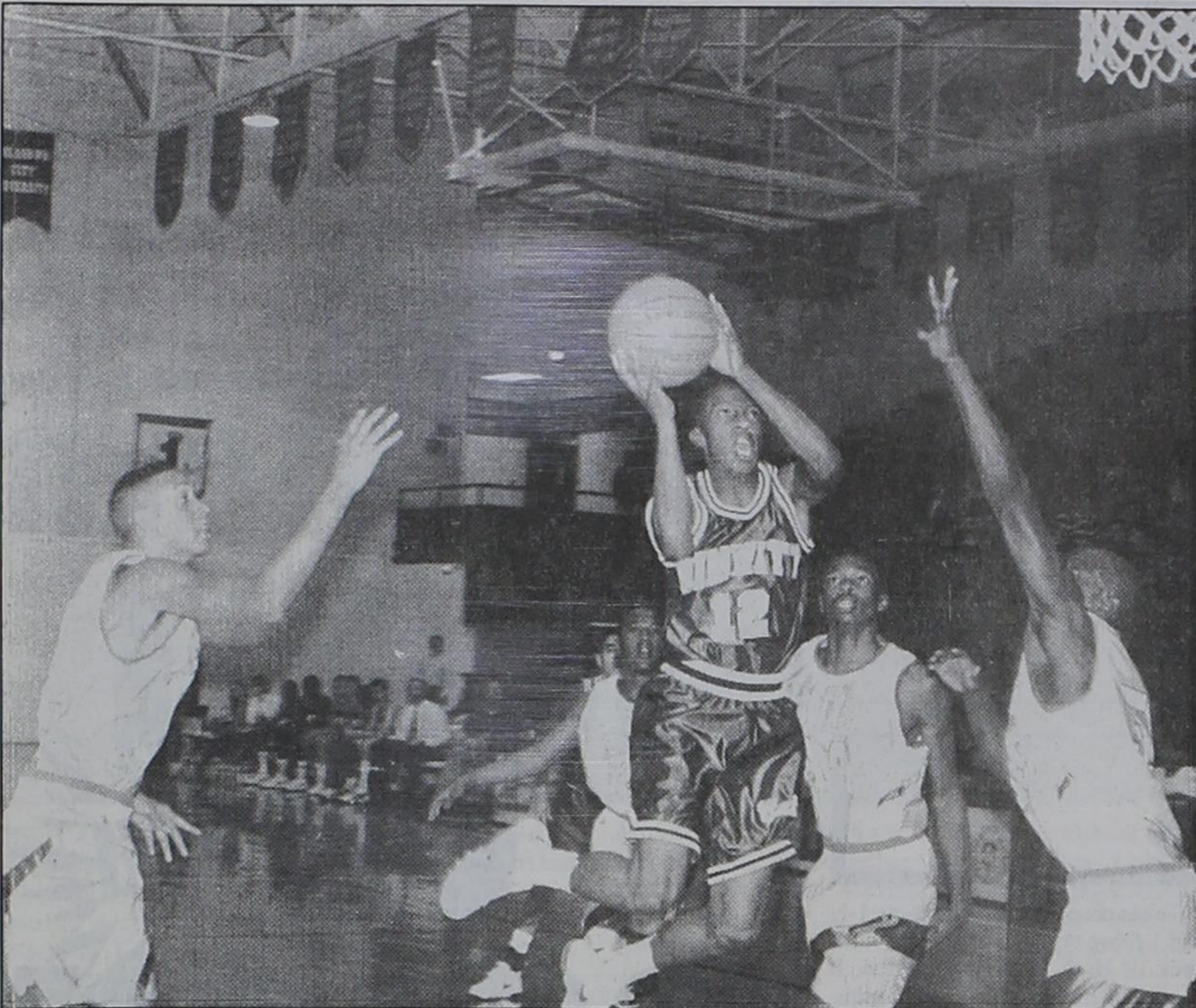
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# Sports



**MVP PERFORMANCE**—Dimmitt's Brandon Smith shows Lubbock Estacado defenders why he earned Most Valuable Player honors in the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic by making moves like this one last Thursday in a first-round matchup. Smith led the Bobcats in scoring in Dimmitt's three tournament

games, and the Bobcats claimed the tournament championship. Smith had 19 against Estacado to lead Dimmitt to a 73-65 win. He scored 31 against Sweetwater in the semis and 25 in the championship victory over Plainview.

*Photo by John Brooks*

## Bobcats top the field to claim Pioneer Classic championship

Dimmitt beat back three tough competitors last weekend to claim the 1996 championship trophy at the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic at Wayland Baptist University.

Dimmitt took the championship with a 66-60 win over Plainview, led by Dimmitt native John Smith. In fact, Dimmitt had a stake in all three big trophies: besides the high school title and runner-up slots, Kevin Cleveland's WBU Pioneers took two easy wins for the college division crown.

The Bobcats' record improved to 8-1 after the tournament after a 73-65 win Thursday over Lubbock Estacado and a 69-62 victory Friday over Sweetwater.

Brandon Smith, who had 75 points in three games, was named the Most Valuable Player. Charley Sanders and Jason Nino claimed berths on the all-tournament team.

Late Dimmitt coach Kenneth Cleveland would have loved the championship tussle, with two of his most devoted disciples running the teams. They were a mirror of the Cleveland style, with stifling 2-3 zone defenses and a mix of styles that included moving the ball around without a dribble, and taking the good shot when you're wide open.

In the end, it was former Cleveland assistant Alan Steine who defeated former Cleveland two-time state champion Smith, whole played on two squads while Steine was first here as an assistant. Dimmitt won as much with its defense as its offense: Dimmitt limited Plainview to just 15 shots in the second half, and out-rebounded the Bulldogs in the last two quarters, 20-10.

The first half was a thing of beauty, with no free throws shot, only seven fouls assessed, and the teams making 50% of the field goals shot.

It looked as if it were going to be a long night for the Bobcats at the get-go, but Dimmitt stormed back from an early 20-10 deficit to close within two, 20-18, at quarter's end. The last three points came on a controversial shot by Brandon Smith at the finish of the period. One official said the shot was after the buzzer, while another called it good. After an animated discussion, the shot stood.

Smith tied the score early in the second at 20, and Dimmitt tied it again, at 25-25 with 5:22 left in the

half on a Nino three-pointer. The Bulldogs then scored 10 unanswered points, but Dimmitt's subs came in to score the only two baskets by either team in the last 2:10 of the half. At the break, Dimmitt trailed 35-30.

Plainview extended the lead to 40-32 early in the second half before Dimmitt chipped away at the lead. Sanders tied the score at 41-all with 2:48 left in the third when he put back a Cameron Lust miss.

Casey Smith hit back-to-back treys later in the quarter to keep Dimmitt close, and Plainview's lead was just three, 50-47, after 24 minutes.

Kalem Thomas gave Dimmitt its first lead since 2-0 with a trey with 6:30 to play, putting the Bobcats up 52-50. Plainview tied the score again, but never was able to regain the lead. Nino broke the last tie with 4:13 left, and Lust put back a Thomas miss with 3:34 left to make it 58-54.

Smith made two free throws with 1:51 to play to put the Bobcats up 62-56. After working the ball around, Dimmitt missed a free throw, and Plainview David Mata canned a three with 43 seconds left to make it a three-point game. Dimmitt limited Plainview to just a free throw the rest of the way, while icing the game with four more points in the last 30 seconds.

The Dimmitt-Estacado battle would have made any artillery commander proud. There were 49 three-pointers shot in the game. Estacado made eight of its 33 tries from outside the arc, while Dimmitt made seven of 16 to help pave the way to the eight-point win.

The air war began early, when Dimmitt made five treys in the first quarter while Estacado canned three bombs.

Dimmitt shot well all game long, making 29 of 56 field goals, 52%. Estacado's frigidty outside the arc was matched inside the three-point line, as the Matadors made just 24 of 73 shots, 33%.

With the three-point war going in Dimmitt's favor early, the Bobcats jumped to a 24-14 lead in the first period. Estacado had claimed an early 8-2 edge, but four straight Dimmitt bombs gave the Bobcats a lead they wouldn't surrender.

The Matadors took advantage of three straight Bobcat turnover to get

back within two points in the second quarter, 27-25, but Smith and Nino scored 10 points in the last 2:30 of the half that helped push Dimmitt to a 37-29 lead with 56 seconds left in the half. Three more Dimmitt turnovers led to five Estacado points in the last 35 seconds, and the Bobcats led just 37-34 at halftime.

Dimmitt turned up the defensive pressure after the half, outscoring Estacado 13-1 in the first three minutes to claim a 50-36 lead. Smith was just one-for-seven from the field in the first half, but lit it up for 10 points in the third quarter to push the Bobcats to their big edge.

Estacado battled back to within nine points, 55-46, by the end of the period.

Dimmitt took its biggest lead of the game, 67-50, with 2:25 to play. The second unit let the Matadors charge back within six, 71-65, with 16 seconds left, but Jerry Thomas hit a layup with 10 seconds left for the final eight-point win.

Sanders had 19 and Nino added 11 to lead the Bobcats.

Smith definitely iced his spot on the all-tourney team with his performance Friday against Sweetwater, when the Bobcats overcame a three-point deficit to claim the seven-point win.

Dimmitt was up five, 14-9, after the first quarter while the teams tested the water. In the second period, the tempo and the scoring picked up, and the Bobcats led by four at the break, 31-28.

The Dimmitt "D" clicked well in the first half, forcing 13 turnovers by the Mustangs. The Bobcats only committed seven fouls in the first half, but Smith was charged with three of them.

Sweetwater came out of the dressing room hot in the third quarter, outscoring Dimmitt 21-14 to claim a 48-45 win after three periods.

That's when Smith, and the Bobcats, came to life. Smith picked off three straight Mustang turnovers and converted them with baskets to give the Bobcats the lead. The senior wing had just seven points in limited first half action; he had 24 in the last 16 minutes to pave the way to the win.

Sanders was the only other Bobcat in double figures, with 10 points.

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- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

## Bobbies snag consolation crown at Levelland tourney

Dimmitt overcame a close-but disappointing loss to Slaton in the first round to claim the consolation title at the Levelland Tournament last weekend.

The Bobbies fell to the defending state runner-up, 29-19, in the first round, but blitzed El Paso Ysleta, 89-47, and the Levelland "red" squad, 42-33, to pick up the plaque.

Dimmitt's defense played four excellent quarters against the Tigerettes, but the offense was a little lacking in the opening contest.

"We played four great quarters of defense, but we shot just 19% from the field," said Dimmitt coach Jan Newland. "We played really well, we just couldn't score."

Slaton's Allyson Lewis was the only player in double figures in the game, scoring 13 of Slaton's 29 points. Lewis had eight of her team's 10 points in the third quarter. All-stater Rosie Smith had six of Slaton's 15 points in the first half, but the Bobbies allowed her just one field goal in the final two periods.

Carrie Bradley had seven for Dimmitt, including the only points of the second quarter, a three-pointer. Dimmitt had just three field goals in the first half, but trailed only 15-8 at halftime.

Tonya Robertson almost matched Lewis's performance in the third quarter, the Bobbies' best. Robertson, with her time limited while recovering from a knee injury, matched Bradley with seven points for Dimmitt.

Slaton led 25-15 after three periods. The teams were even up, 4-4, in the fourth quarter.

There were few free throws shot in the game that was a gem for fans of great defense. The teams combined for just 18 total fouls in the game.

All the offense the Bobbies didn't use Thursday was consumed Friday in the shellacking of the girls from West Texas. Dimmitt consistently outthudded and outscored Ysleta to take the easy victory.

Dimmitt took the lead for good when Amber Matthews converted a traditional three-point play to put the Bobbies on top, 15-12, with 2:08 to go in the first quarter.

At the end of the period, Dimmitt was up 18-14.

The last three periods, it was no match, as the Bobbies outscored Ysleta 71-33 for the easy win.

Ysleta switched to a 1-2-2 zone and the Bobbies took advantage. Bradley and Shawna Kenworthy bombed from outside, and when the defense came out to match them, Dimmitt pounded the ball inside. The Bobbies pushed its lead to 20, 39-19, on a bucket by Robertson with 2:07 left in the first half, and led by 43-22 at halftime.

Bradley had four three-pointers in the first half for 15 at halftime, only four points fewer than the Bobbies had scored as a team the day previous.

Dimmitt took its first 30-point lead with 5:25 to go in the third, 53-23, on a steal and layup by Bradley. Ysleta went the first 5:10 of the second half without scoring as Matthews blocked three shots and Bradley swatted away another. By the time Ysleta found the range from the field, Dimmitt was up 55-26. Dimmitt's lead was 24, 59-35, after three periods.

Dimmitt charged back to a 30-point lead, 77-47, on two Amy Matthews free throws with 1:25 left. The Bobbies scored 12 more points in the last 85 seconds, most of them on free throws. Heather Wise became the last Bobbie to make the scorebook when she canned a free

throw with 1:06 to play, making it 80-47.

Five Bobbies were in double figures, led by Bradley's 20. Heidi Weaver, who was slugged in an intentional foul with five seconds to play, had 13, while Amber Matthews had 11 and Amy Matthews and Kenworthy added 10 each.

Saturday's consolation final was an exceptionally well-played game matching the Bobbies against the top five JV and top five freshman players from the strong Levelland program. Loboette coaches Terri Meyer and Sid Gerber (a Nazareth native) substituted a fresh five at a time against the Dimmitt girls, keeping the Bobbies on their toes all game.

Dimmitt took the lead for good, 5-4, on a trey by Bradley, and went up six, 10-4, before Levelland battled back to 10-7 by the end of the period.

Back-to-back treys by Bradley and Jacy Buckley pushed Dimmitt to a 15-9 lead early in the third, and Dimmitt took its biggest lead at nine, 20-11 on a basket by Bradley with 2:56 left in the half. The teams had just one more bucket the rest of the quarter, and Dimmitt led 22-13 at the break.

Levelland crawled back within four, 28-24, before Bradley and Amber Matthews hit back-to-back shots off press-caused turnovers to push Dimmitt back to an eight-point lead. By the end of the period, Dimmitt's lead was 10, 30-20.

The Bobbies cruised through the fourth quarter, parrying with the Loboettes throughout the period to take the nine-point win.

Bradley had 12 and Kenworthy 11 to lead the Bobbies.



★ Power Points Football Contest ★

### Backus wins in grim week

It was the worst week yet for Power Points Football pickers. Upsets (if there is such a thing anymore) struck in waves over the weekend, leaving most prognosticators across Texas reeling, with local winners in double digits.

Doing better than anyone else hereabouts was Marlan Backus of Dimmitt, who managed 80 points of a possible 136 to earn the \$20 weekly cash prize from the News.

Some of the teams didn't score so high, either. When the Dallas Cowboys eked out a 10-6 win over the Arizona Cardinals, that low score determined the state's \$1,000 grand prize winner for Week 15 via Tiebreaker 1.

Danny Martinez of Abilene tied with Melanie Bouman of Corpus Christi with 114 points, but Martinez's guess of 27 points in the Dallas-Arizona game was far closer than Bouman's guess of 68.

Martinez, 23, a janitor at Johnston Elementary School in Abilene, entered the contest through the Abilene Reporter. His fiance said the two plan to get married as soon as the bills get paid. (Anybody hear wedding bells?)

This week's Power Points Football Contest is on Page 8. Make your picks and turn in your entry form at the News office by 2 p.m. Friday.

## Scoreboard

### CANYON CLASSIC

**First Round**  
**Swiftettes 38, Clovis 35**  
 Nazareth 10 14 9 5—38  
 Clovis 7 10 4 14—35  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Amy Pohlmeier 19.

**Championship Semis**  
**Swiftettes 49, Tascosa 51**  
 Nazareth 12 13 10 14—49  
 Tascosa 9 15 11 16—51  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Jill Ramaekers 15, K'Lynn Gerber 10.

**Third Place**  
**Swiftettes 31, Happy 37**  
 Nazareth 9 10 4 8—31  
 Happy 12 8 6 11—37  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Jill Ramaekers 10, Tanya Wethington 6.

### PIONEER CLASSIC

**First Round**  
**Bobcats 73, Estacado 65**  
 Dimmitt 24 13 18 18—73  
 Estacado 14 10 12 29—65  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Brandon Smith 19, Jason Nino 11.

**Championship Semis**  
**Bobcats 69, Sweetwater 62**  
 Dimmitt 14 17 14 24—69  
 Sweetwater 9 18 21 14—62  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Brandon Smith 31, Charley Sanders 10.

**Championship**  
**Bobcats 66, Plainview 60**  
 Dimmitt 18 12 17 19—66  
 Plainview 20 15 15 10—60  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Brandon Smith 25.

### LEVELLAND TOURNAMENT

**First Round**  
**Bobbies 19, Slaton 29**  
 Dimmitt 5 3 7 4—19  
 Slaton 6 9 10 4—29  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Carrie Bradley and Tonya Robertson 7.

**Consolation Semis**  
**Bobbies 89, El Paso Ysleta 47**  
 Dimmitt 18 25 16 30—89  
 Ysleta 14 8 13 12—47  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Carrie Bradley 20, Heidi Weaver 13.

**Consolation Championship**  
**Bobbies 42, Levelland Red 33**  
 Dimmitt 10 12 8 12—42  
 Levelland 7 6 7 13—33  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Carrie Bradley 12.

### FRIONA INVITATIONAL

**First Round**  
**Swifts 71, Floyd, N.M. 61**  
 Nazareth 20 13 19 19—71  
 Floyd 14 8 20 19—61  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Nathan Hoelting 24, Marcus Brockman 14.

**Longhorns 39, Farwell 58**  
 Hart 10 17 4 8—39  
 Farwell 15 18 11 14—58  
**Scoring:** HART—Dusty Ortiz 13, Moses Reyna 7.

**Lady Horns 37, Farwell 53**  
 Hart 10 6 17 4—37  
 Farwell 12 20 7 14—53  
**Scoring:** HART—Tylene Garcia 11, Veronica Gonzales 10.

**Consolation Semis**  
**Lady Horns 56, Logan, N.M. 40**  
 Hart 14 8 10 24—56  
 Logan 9 9 13 9—40  
**Scoring:** HART—Tylene Garcia 13, Charbra Lee 12.

**Longhorns 51, Logan, N.M. 42**  
 Hart 14 15 6 16—51  
 Logan 10 14 7 11—42  
**Scoring:** HART—Moses Reyna 20, Dusty Ortiz 9.

### Championship Semifinals

**Swifts 67, Grady, N.M. 54**  
 Nazareth 18 9 17 23—67  
 Grady 9 9 15 21—54  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Bryan Braddock 21, Nathan Hoelting 18.

**Consolation Championship**  
**Lady Horns 42, Lockney 45**  
 Hart 11 8 15 8—42  
 Lockney 15 6 14 10—45  
**Scoring:** HART—Charbra Lee 14, Veronica Gonzales 8.

**Longhorns 65, River Road 81**  
 Hart 12 16 9 28—65  
 River Road 14 22 21 24—81  
**Scoring:** HART—Dusty Ortiz 24, Moses Reyna 11.

**Championship**  
**Swifts 62, Farwell 67**  
 Nazareth 14 15 20 13—62  
 Farwell 14 8 21 24—67  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Bryan Braddock 28, Nathan Hoelting 15.

### MONDAY

**7th Bobbies 40, Friona 21**  
**7th Bobcats 63, Friona 24**  
**8th Bobbies 49, Friona 19**  
**8th Bobcats 48, Friona 33**

### TUESDAY

**Bobcats 63, Caprock 61**  
 Dimmitt 19 13 10 21—63  
 Caprock 11 23 14 13—61  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Brandon Smith 26, Charley Sanders 13.

**Swifts 52, Plains 45**  
 Nazareth 15 13 8 16—52  
 Plains 11 7 15 12—45  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Nathan Hoelting 18, Barry Hoelting 10.

**Swiftettes 78, Plains 28**  
 Nazareth 28 16 18 16—78  
 Plains 5 8 6 9—28  
**Scoring:** NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 15, Jill Ramaekers 12.

**Lady Horns 52, Morton 47**  
 Hart 15 18 10 9—52  
 Morton 12 7 13 15—47  
**Scoring:** HART—Charbra Lee 16, Nikki Lee 13.

**Longhorns 58, Morton 31**  
 Hart 21 14 12 11—58  
 Morton 10 6 9 6—31  
**Scoring:** HART—Dusty Ortiz 17, Moses Reyna 16.

**JV Longhorns 44, Morton 23**  
**JV Lady Horns 42, Morton 20**  
**JV Bobcats 64, Caprock 54**

## Talent contest is scheduled

The fifth annual "Plains-of-Texas" Talent Contest will be held Dec. 21 in Plainview. There is no entry fee, and the last date to enter the contest is Saturday.

Competition will be divided into three age groups: ages 3 to 10; 11-18; and 19 and up. A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winner in each age group.

Performances may be vocal and/or instrumental, but entries may be individuals only.

To enter or for more information call or write "Plains-of-Texas" Talent Show, 313 Irene, Plainview, 79072; phone 806-293-3180.



# Hoop it up!

## Good Luck, Bobcats in the Seminole Tournament!

**THURSDAY: Bobcats vs. Clint, 2:30 p.m.**  
**FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. Denver City, 2:30 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY: Bobcats vs. Andrews, 2 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY: Bobcats vs. Seminole, 8 p.m.**

**FRIDAY: Bobbies vs. Perryton, 7:30 p.m.**

**TUESDAY: Bobbies vs. Tulia, 7:30 p.m.**



**DIMMITT BOBCATS**  
 ... 1996 Champions of the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic



**DIMMITT BOBBIES**  
 ... 1996 Consolation Champs in the Levelland Tournament

## Schedule and Scores

Dec. 12-14—Seminole Tournament (Boys), There  
 Dec. 13—\*Perryton (Girls), There  
 Dec. 17—\*Tulia (Girls), There  
 Dec. 20—\*River Road, Here  
 Dec. 26-28—Caprock Tournament (Girls and Boys), There  
 Dec. 31—Cooper, There  
 Jan. 3—\*Dalhart, Here  
 Jan. 7—\*Muleshoe, There  
 Jan. 10—\*Sanford-Fritch, Here  
 Jan. 14—\*Friona, There  
 Jan. 17—\*Perryton, Here  
 Jan. 21—\*Tulia, Here  
 Jan. 24—\*River Road, There  
 Jan. 28—\*Muleshoe, Here  
 Jan. 31—\*Sanford-Fritch, There  
 Feb. 4—\*Friona, Here  
 Feb. 7—\*Dalhart, There  
 Feb. 11—\*Tulia (Boys), There  
 Feb. 14—\*Perryton (Boys), There

\* Denotes District Games

Bobbies	Bobcats
41, Randall 50	85, Randall 78
43, Levelland 64	84, Levelland 62
56, Borger 46	69, Borger 62
71, Lockney 34	64, Palo Duro 76
45, Hereford 50	57, Abernathy 54
<b>Frenship Tournament</b>	67, Hereford 57
53, Lubbock High 56	<b>Plainview Tournament</b>
56, Shallowater 60	73, Lubbock Estacado 65
52, Muleshoe 48	69, Sweetwater 62
41, Hereford 59	66, Plainview 60
<b>Levelland Tournament</b>	<b>Champions</b>
19, Slaton 29	63, Caprock 61
89, El Paso Ysleta 47	<b>Season Record: 9-1</b>
42, Levelland *Red* 33	
<b>Consolation Champs</b>	
<b>Season Record: 5-7</b>	

## LIVE SPORTSCASTS

### Friday:

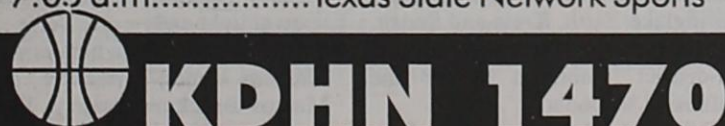
7:30 p.m. .... Dimmitt Bobbies vs. Perryton Rangettes

### Tuesday

7:30 p.m. .... Dimmitt Bobbies vs. Tulia Hornettes

### Daily, M-F

6:50 a.m. .... Dallas Cowboys Report  
 7:05 a.m. .... Texas State Network Sports



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**Friona Invitational**

# Farwell edges Swifts in title game

Nazareth saw a third quarter lead evaporate over the final eight minutes of the championship game in the Friona Tournament Friday night and had to settle for second place when Farwell came from behind to claim victory and the championship, 67-62.

The Friona tourney, originally scheduled for three days, was shortened to two because the Friona boys are still in the football playoffs. That forced most teams into playing two games last Thursday. The tournament was concluded Friday.

The Swifts built a lead in the second quarter and held onto that lead throughout the third period. But Farwell outscored Nazareth 24-13 in the fourth quarter to claim the vic-

tory. Nazareth earned a spot in the title game by winning two rough battles with New Mexico teams on Friday. In the first round last Thursday morning the Swifts knocked off Floyd, 71-61. Later that day they handled Grady, 67-54.

In the first game the Swifts gained control early, and managed to hold off a determined Floyd team in the second half for the win.

Nathan Hoelting poured in 24 points to lead the Swift attack against Floyd while Marcus Brockman added 14.

The Swifts took an early 20-14 lead in the first quarter and were on top 33-22 by intermission. Floyd

held a 39-38 advantage in the second half, but Nazareth's early advantage was too much for the Broncos to overcome.

Nazareth played its second game of the day last Thursday evening and again used a big first-quarter lead to its advantage in holding off a scrappy Grady team enroute to a 67-54 win.

The Swifts allowed Grady to take a 5-4 lead in the first quarter before catching fire and going on a 12-0 run. By the end of the first quarter the Swifts held an 18-9 lead.

Grady had problems stopping the Swift combo of Bryan Braddock and Nathan Hoelting, who combined for 39 of the Swifts 67 points. Brockman chipped in 10 and Coby Schacher added nine.

Braddock, who hit three treys in the game, had six points in the first quarter to boost the Swifts to their early lead, but was limited to three in the second quarter. As a team, Grady held Nazareth to nine second quarter points. The Swifts didn't score in the second until Braddock hit a free throw at the 4:10 mark. But the Swift defense also handled Grady shooters and by halftime it was a 27-18 ballgame.

Grady's Jared Burnett found his mark in the third quarter, scoring eight points, but Nazareth still held a 17-15 edge in the stanza. Nazareth had built a 14-point lead in the third, but Grady chipped away at that advantage and had cut it to 11 by the end of the period.

Grady was hot in the fourth quarter, too, behind the free throw shooting of Lance Sumrall, who hit five charity tosses in the stanza, and Nazareth found its lead cut to five midway through the final quarter.

But Nazareth also had fourth quarter success from the line. Brockman, who hit seven of eight free throws in the game, had five of those in the final quarter, including two technical tosses. Added to that were seven points by Braddock, six by Hoelting, three by Schacher and two by Jerad Birkenfeld, and the Swifts managed to hold on for the win.

The Swifts and Farwell battled to a 14-point tie in the first quarter against Farwell Friday in the championship game.

For a while, it looked like the Swifts would continue their tournament streak of first-half leads carrying through the second half for a victory.

But Nazareth lost control of the game in the final minutes.

The Swifts were up 29-22 at halftime, but Farwell started its

comeback in the third quarter.

The Steers gained a point on the Swifts in the third, winning that eight minutes 21-20. The big turnaround, though, came in the fourth, when the Steers got hot, outscoring Nazareth 24-13 for the come-from-behind 67-62 win.

For the Swifts, Braddock finished with 28 while Hoelting added 15.

## Naz teams ready for I-27 meet

Lubbock Cooper and El Paso Jefferson are first in line for the Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes today (Thursday) as they open play in the I-27 Tournament at Abernathy, New Deal and Hale Center.

The Swifts will take on Cooper at 12 noon today (Thursday) in a first-round game at Hale Center. The Swiftettes will meet El Paso at 4:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at New Deal.

If the Swifts beat Cooper, they will advance to the championship quarterfinals against either Crosbyton or Littlefield Friday at 9 a.m. at New Deal. If the Swifts lose their first game, they will play the Crosbyton-Littlefield loser Friday at 10:30 at Abernathy in the consolation quarters.

The Swiftettes will take on either Petersburg or New Deal Friday, with the championship semifinal game slated for 6 p.m. at New Deal and the consolation semifinal planned at 3 p.m. at New Deal.

The boys' 16-team field also includes Tulia, Lubbock Christian, Slaton, New Deal, Muleshoe, Shallowater, Springlake-Earth, Hale Center, Crane, Petersburg, Happy and Abernathy. Other teams in the girls' tournament are Springlake-Earth, Littlefield, Cooper, Hale Center, Lubbock Christian, Crosbyton, Happy and Abernathy.

Saturday's final games in the boys' tournament will all be played at Abernathy with the fifth-place game starting at 10:30 a.m., consolation finals at 3 p.m., third-place game at 12 noon and championship at 7:30 p.m.

In the girls' tournament, Saturday's schedule includes the third-place game at 1:30 p.m., consolation championship at 4:30 p.m. and championship at 6 p.m. All final round games will be played at Abernathy.



JILL RAMAEKERS of Nazareth (40) scores two of her 15 points off of a fast-break layup against Tascosa Friday in the championship semifinal round of the Canyon Classic. Ramaekers earned all-tournament honors for her performance in the annual tournament. After leading most of the way, the Swiftettes fell to Tascosa on a long, last-second three-pointer at the buzzer, 51-49. Nazareth went on to lose the third-place game to Happy, 37-31, and finished four in the tournament. Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Swiftettes finish fourth in tough Canyon Classic

The Nazareth Swiftettes played three of their toughest games of the season in the Canyon Classic over the weekend, winning one by three points and dropping two close ones to finish fourth in the annual tourney.

Nazareth knocked off Clovis, 38-35, in the opening round despite poor shooting in the second half. The Swiftettes had a lead on Tascosa until the final second of Friday's semifinal game, but a buzzer beating bank shot from near midcourt by the Lady Rebels handed the Swiftettes a 49-52 loss. Saturday's third-place game with district rival Happy was a close one too, but Happy outscored the Swifts 17-12 in the second half for a 37-31 victory.

Nazareth's Jill Ramaekers was named to the all-tournament team after leading the Swiftettes in scoring against Tascosa (15) and Happy (10).

Nazareth took a 10-7 lead over Clovis at the end of the first quarter last Thursday, then increased their lead to 24-17 at halftime. The Swiftettes outscored the Lady Cats 9-4 in the third, despite an ice cold performance for half of the stanza.

Nazareth was shut out in the third quarter until the 3:41 mark, but once the ice was broken, the Swiftettes were able to build a double figure lead headed into the final eight minutes.

But Clovis's defense dug in and limited the Swiftettes to five fourth quarter free throws, not giving up a single field goal in the stanza. Meanwhile the Lady Cats exploded on offense, scoring 14 points to cut into the Swiftettes' lead.

The Lady Cats reeled off eight unanswered points to start the final stanza before the Swiftettes hit a free throw in the final two minutes. Four other charity tosses down the stretch allowed the Swiftettes to hold on for the win.

Amy Pohlmeier led the Swiftettes with 19 points.

The championship semifinal game between the Swiftettes and Tascosa on Friday wasn't pretty, but the final seconds of the game were nail biting, capped off with a desperation

quarter-court shot banked in by Tascosa at the buzzer.

After a close first quarter in which the teams exchanged the lead several times, Nazareth finally took control on back-to-back baskets by Jill Ramaekers and held a 12-9 lead at the end of the period.

Tascosa got baskets from five different players in the second stanza to outscore the Swiftettes 15-13, but Nazareth was still on top, 25-24, at halftime.

The teams were tied at 35 after the third quarter, then the fireworks exploded in the fourth.

Nazareth held a 49-45 lead with less than 30 seconds left in the game, but watched that lead disappear as the buzzer sounded.

After Nazareth took the 49-45 lead on six free throws down the stretch, Tascosa went down and got a three-pointer from Christina Trujillo to cut the Swiftette lead to a point, 49-48, with less than 20 seconds left.

Nazareth took the ball out-of-bounds, but threw it away near midcourt and the Lady Rebels got it back with 12 ticks left on the clock.

Tascosa's Berkeley Johnson handled the ball at the top of the key. She lost control and had to chase the loose ball back near midcourt. With three seconds left she regained control, dribbled a couple of times and launched an off-balance 30-foot shot that banked in as the buzzer sounded, lifting the Lady Rebs to victory.

Ramaekers was high point for the Swiftettes with 15 points while K'Lynn Gerber added 10.

The Swiftettes fell behind Happy in the third-place game Saturday and although the score was close throughout the match, Happy was able to cling to a slim lead most of the way, finally pulling away down the stretch for a 37-31 win.

The Cowgirls posted a 12-9 lead in the first quarter, but the Swiftettes cut that margin to a point by halftime, 20-19. Happy held a 6-4 edge in the third and outscored Naz 11-8 in the fourth for the win.

Ramaekers tossed in 10 points while Tanya Wethington added six for the Swiftettes.

## Swifts earn AD honors

Nine Nazareth Swifts were named to the District 2-A honor squad for their performances during the 1996 season.

The Swifts finished their season with a 7-3 mark, losing their three games to state-ranked district rivals, Springlake-Earth, Kress and Sudan.

Justin Bingham earned first-team all-district honors at flanker and defensive secondary.

Coby Schacher was named first-team running back and second-team

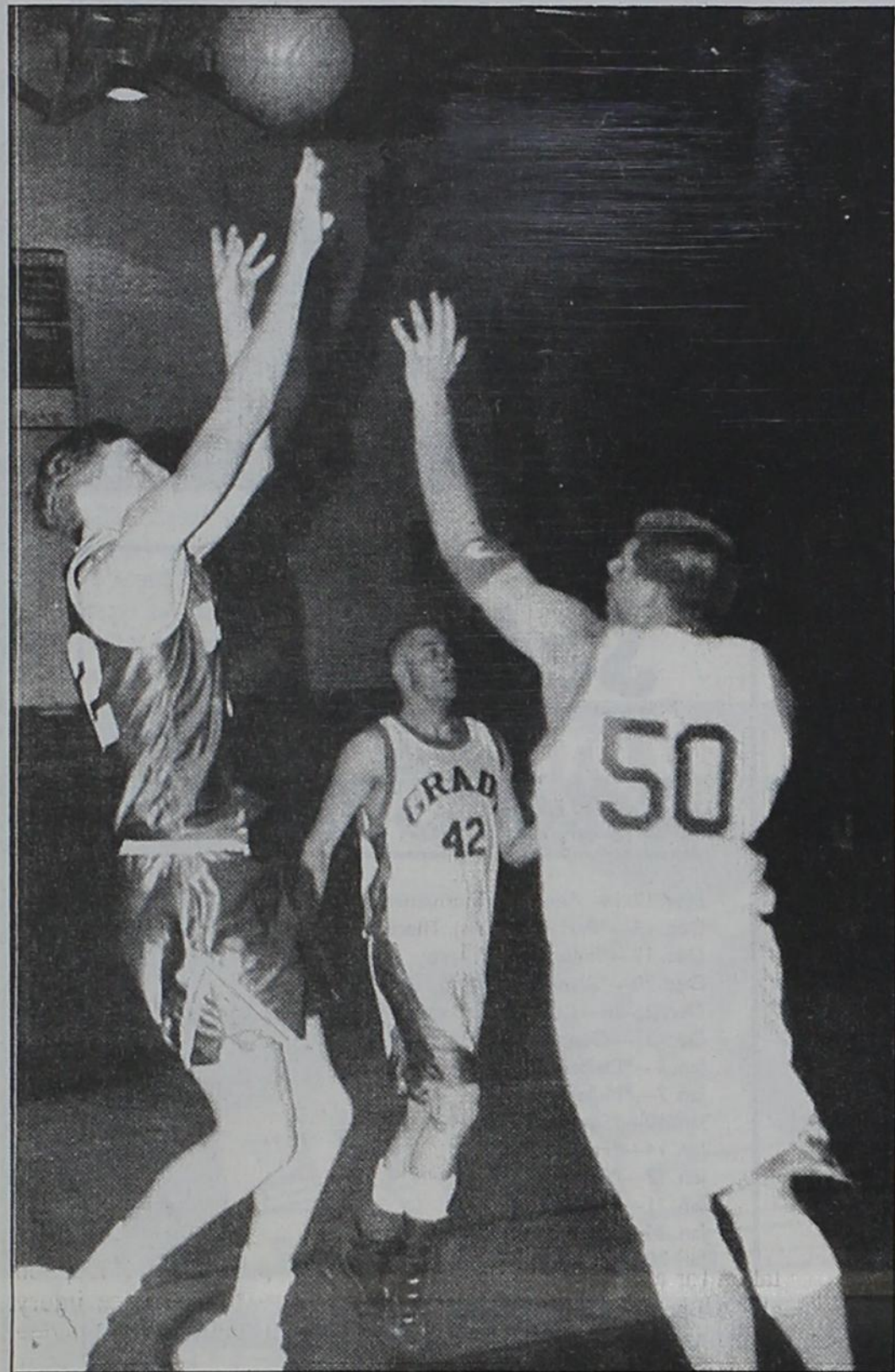
defensive end.

Cody Annen was named to the second team as offensive guard and kicker.

James Wilhite was a honoree on the second-team defensive line.

Barry Hoelting made the second team at tight end.

Honorable mention honors went to Malcom Jones, offensive guard; Marcus Brockman, safety; Derrick Schacher, offensive tackle; and Matthew Kern, linebacker.



NAZARETH'S BARRY HOELTING (32) gets off a jumpshot over an outstretched Galen Hutchins of Grady last Thursday in a championship semifinal matchup in the Friona Invitational. The Swifts led Grady most of the way, and pulled out a 67-54 victory to earn a spot in the championship. In that title game, Farwell put together a big fourth quarter to come from behind and beat the Swifts, 67-62.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Good Luck, Swiftettes & Swifts in the Abernathy Tournament!

**SWIFTS' FIRST GAME: Swifts vs.  
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# Hart teams advance to consolation title games in Friona Invitational

After dropping their first games in the Friona Invitational last Thursday afternoon, the Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns made a quick recovery and claimed victories over Logan, N.M., in the afternoon.

That enabled both teams to advance to the consolation title games Friday, but neither team was able to pull off the victory.

The Hart girls dropped a close game to district rival Lockney in the consolation championship, 45-42, while the Longhorns suffered an 81-65 loss to River Road.

Both teams ran into tough Farwell teams in the first round.

The Longhorns fell behind in the first quarter and never regained the ground, losing to the eventual tournament champions, 58-39. Hart's girls also had problems with Farwell, despite outscoring the Lady Steers 17-7 in the third period, and lost the first-round matchup, 53-37.

Farwell's boys took an early 15-10 lead and were up 33-27 by the end of the second. The Steers outscored the Longhorns 26-12 in the second half to take the victory.

Hart's Dusty Ortiz finished with 13 points while teammate Moses Reyna added seven.

Hart managed just 48% shooting from the field and Coach Chad Watson said that, coupled with turnovers and breakdowns on defense.

"A lack of defense and some key turnovers really hurt us against Farwell," Watson said.

In the girls' game, Hart was just a basket behind Farwell after the first eight minutes, 12-10. But the hot Lady Steers took a big lead in the second quarter. The Lady Horns went cold from the field, scoring just six points in the stanza on 2-20 shooting, while Farwell's girls couldn't miss, rattling the nets for 20 points and a big 32-16 lead. Hart cut that advantage to six by the end of the third quarter, and even drew

within two in the fourth, but Farwell got that 10 points back, outscoring Hart 14-4 in the fourth for the win.

Tylene Garcia was the top Lady Horn scorer with 11 points while Veronica Gonzales added 10.

"It was a great comeback, but we didn't shoot the ball well enough at the start of the game to win," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox.

Both Hart teams took first-quarter leads over Logan in the afternoon game last Thursday and used big fourth quarter performances to claim the consolation semifinal victories.

After building a 14-9 lead in the first quarter off of its pressure defense, Hart allowed Logan to battle back and after three quarters, the Lady Horns were clinging to a 32-31 lead.

But the Lady Horns weren't going to be denied. They shut down the Logan offense in the fourth quarter, allowing just nine points. And Hart shooters finally found their mark, pouring in 24 points over the eight-minute period for the 56-40 victory. Charbra Lee scored eight of her 12 points in the fourth quarter while Garcia scored nine of her 13 in the stanza. Ysa Rodriguez and Veronica Gonzales each finished with 11.

"It was a better offensive night for us. We controlled the tempo and we controlled the boards," said Wilcox. "Our defensive pressure was much better in this game. We had people score who need to score in order for us to win."

The boys' game was a little closer, but Hart still used a big fourth quarter to pull out a 51-42 victory.

Moses Reyna was virtually unstoppable, scoring 20 points to lead the Longhorns.

Hart took a 14-10 first quarter lead and extended that edge by a point to 29-24 at halftime, thanks to two big three-pointers by Matt Huerta in the second.

Both teams had trouble shooting in the third, but Hart won the fourth quarter battle 16-11 for the win.

"It was a better effort by our club," said Watson. "We got some points out of Moses that we really needed. Matt Huerta also played well for us. I'm proud of the way we came back after the Farwell game."

Friday's girls' consolation championship was a nip and tuck battle and the outcome was in doubt until the end.

Lockney was in control first, taking a 15-11 lead in the first quarter. Hart cut that lead to two by halftime, then to a point at the end of the third, but Lockney held off the Lady Horns in the final quarter for the 45-42 win.

Charbra Lee finished with 14 for Hart while Gonzales had eight.

"I was proud of our effort," said Wilcox. "We battled on the boards very well. Our press did some good things as well as a few bad things. The girls competed and played hard

the full four quarters.

"We need to take better care of the basketball, though, if we want to compete for the district championship. Lockney has a well coached team that will be tough to beat later in the year," she added.

The boys' game was all River Road.

The Longhorns kept it close in the first quarter, but River Road started pulling away in the second and used a big third quarter to take a commanding lead, 57-37. The fourth quarter was a shooting fest, with Hart managing 28 points, but River Road added 24, ensuring a victory.

Hart was paced by Dusty Ortiz, who finished with 24 points while Moses Reyna finished with 11.

"This was a good tournament for us," said Watson. "We got to play some quality teams and we learned that we need to work harder to get to where we want to be."

## Longhorns place 13 on AD team

Hart had one player earn two-way first-team honors on the all-district team and 12 others earned mention to the elite squad.

Juanio Romero was the lone Longhorn to earn first-team honors on both sides of the ball.

Others recognized on the offensive first team were J.J. Finch, Matt Huerta, Abel Dominguez and Lucas Anzaldúa.

First-team defensive honorees, in addition to Romero, are Dusty Ortiz, Armando Minjarez and Lupe de la Fuente.

Those earning second-team honors on offense were Minjarez, de la Fuente, Osbaldo Carrasco and Felipe Guerrero. Second-teamers on defense include Dominguez, Sergio Martinez, Roy Gonzales and Teddy Gutierrez.

## Council ballot positions drawn

On Monday positions were drawn for the ballot in the special election set for Jan. 18 to fill the unexpired-at-large position on the Dimmitt City Council.

Candidates were drawn in this order: Lyman Schroeder and Rosa Jimenez.

Vacated by council member Johnny Ethridge, who moved away, the position has a five-month term remaining before it expires. The city council ordered the special election.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Dec. 30 and continue through Jan. 14. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 18, a Saturday.



**SWARMING DEFENSE**—The Dimmitt Bobbies apply pressure to an El Paso Ysleta post inside the paint during first-round action last Thursday in the Levelland Tournament. Among the Bobbies pictured are Kimberly Newland (44), Carrie Bradley (21), Tonya Robertson (34) and Jacy Buckley (11).  
Photo by John Brooks

# Bobbies open district play

It's time to gas up the car, twice, for those long road trips as the Dimmitt Bobbies travel Friday to Perryton to open District 1-AAA play.

Dimmitt fans will go to Perryton twice this season, as the boys finish up the district slate at Perryton in two months.

The far-flung district is starting early so fewer school days will be missed because of travel. All of the long trips in the district are on Fridays, while the northern teams square off against each other on Tuesdays, and the southern half does the same.

Four returning starters are back for

new coach Deanne Robertson, who moved north from Anton. Perryton was just 9-20 last year but was 6-4 in conference play. They will feature four players with decent height, 5-11 posts Stephanie Watson and Kara Slack and 5-10 Leigh Ann Ogden. The leading scorer back from last year is 5-8 wing Jaclyn Nowlin, who averaged 13 points per game last season.

Also back is 5-7 sophomore guard Tobi Alexander.

The team will feature a man-to-man defense and is still working out the kinks in its new offense.

Dimmitt was off Tuesday and is coming off the consolation title at the Levelland Tournament. The time should allow post Tonya Robertson more recovery from a knee injury that has strictly limited her playing time.

The rest of the squad is at full strength.

## Cats enter round robin at Seminole

A tough field awaits the Dimmitt Bobcats this week in the round-robin Seminole Tournament.

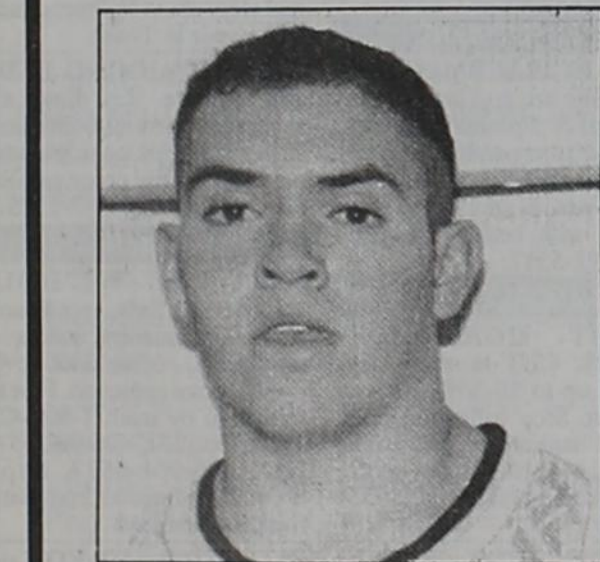
Only five teams are in the boys' field: Seminole, Andrews, Denver City, Clint and the Bobcats. Each will play the others in the three-day affair.

Dimmitt will open against Denver City at 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday), then face off at the same time Friday against Clint.

Saturday, the Bobcats meet Andrews at 2 p.m., then face Seminole at 8 p.m. in the tourney's last game.



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## Good Luck, Ladyhorns and Longhorns in the Lockney Tournament!

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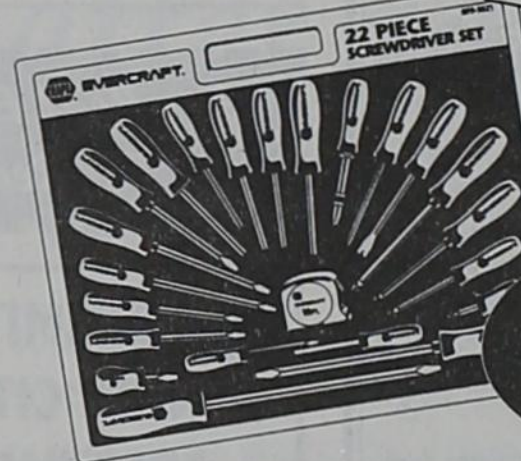
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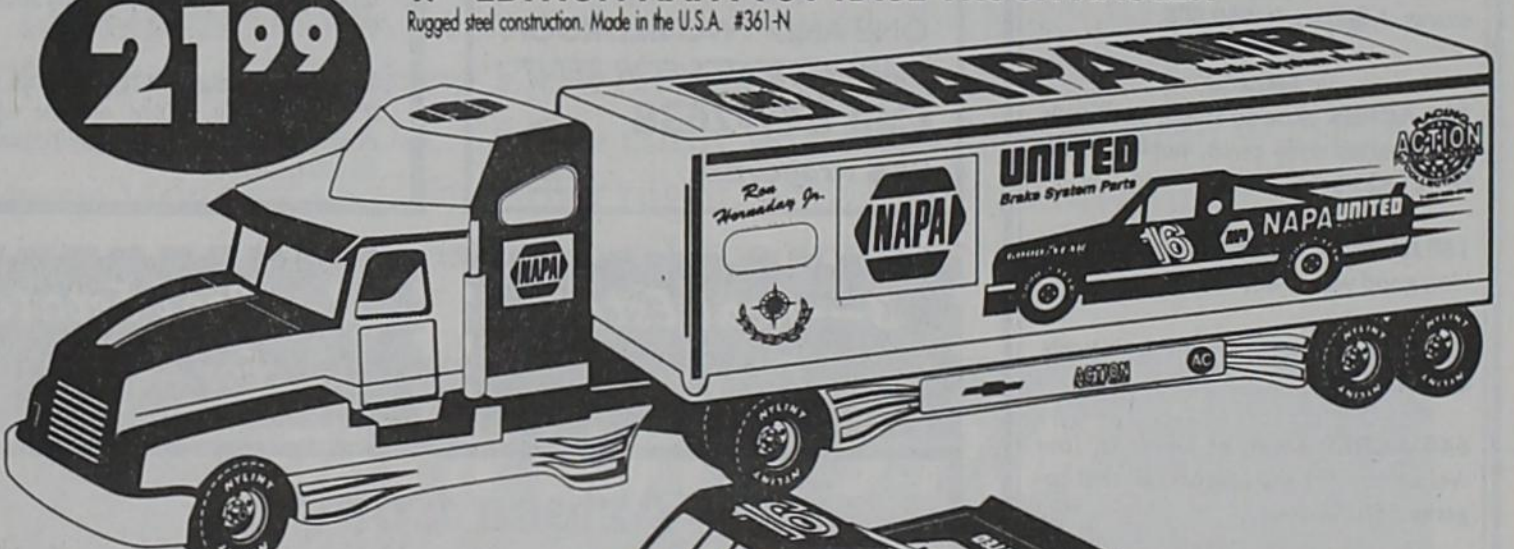
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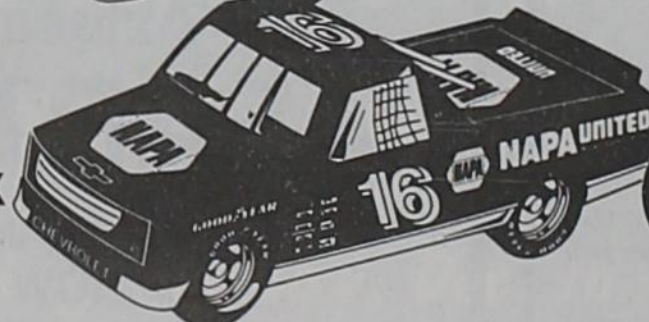
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## What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 12-20.

**DIMMITT**  
**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Pepperoni pizza, vegetable medley, cantaloupe and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Macaroni and cheese, Swedish brown beans, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Chicken taco with hot sauce, refried beans, Spanish rice, honeydew melon and lowfat milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin, white rolls and lowfat milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Steak fingers with gravy, French fries, cucumber and tomato salad and lowfat milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and lowfat milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and lowfat milk.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pepperoni pizza, barbecued hot links or beef enchiladas; vegetable medley, Mexican corn or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or broccoli and cauliflower salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of macaroni and cheese, baked fish scandia or fajitas with sauted onions; Swedish brown beans, rice pilaf or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or guacamole salad; cornbread, white hot rolls,

Arroz Mexicano, flour tortillas or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**MONDAY:** Choice of chicken tetrazzini, creole bean soup or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes, baked potato or refried beans tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, corn tortillas or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes with gravy and savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin, hot rolls and lowfat milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of steak fingers with gravy, chicken pot pie and green enchilada casserole; French fries, sweet potatoes and apple or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plum; assorted muffins, hot cheese

rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

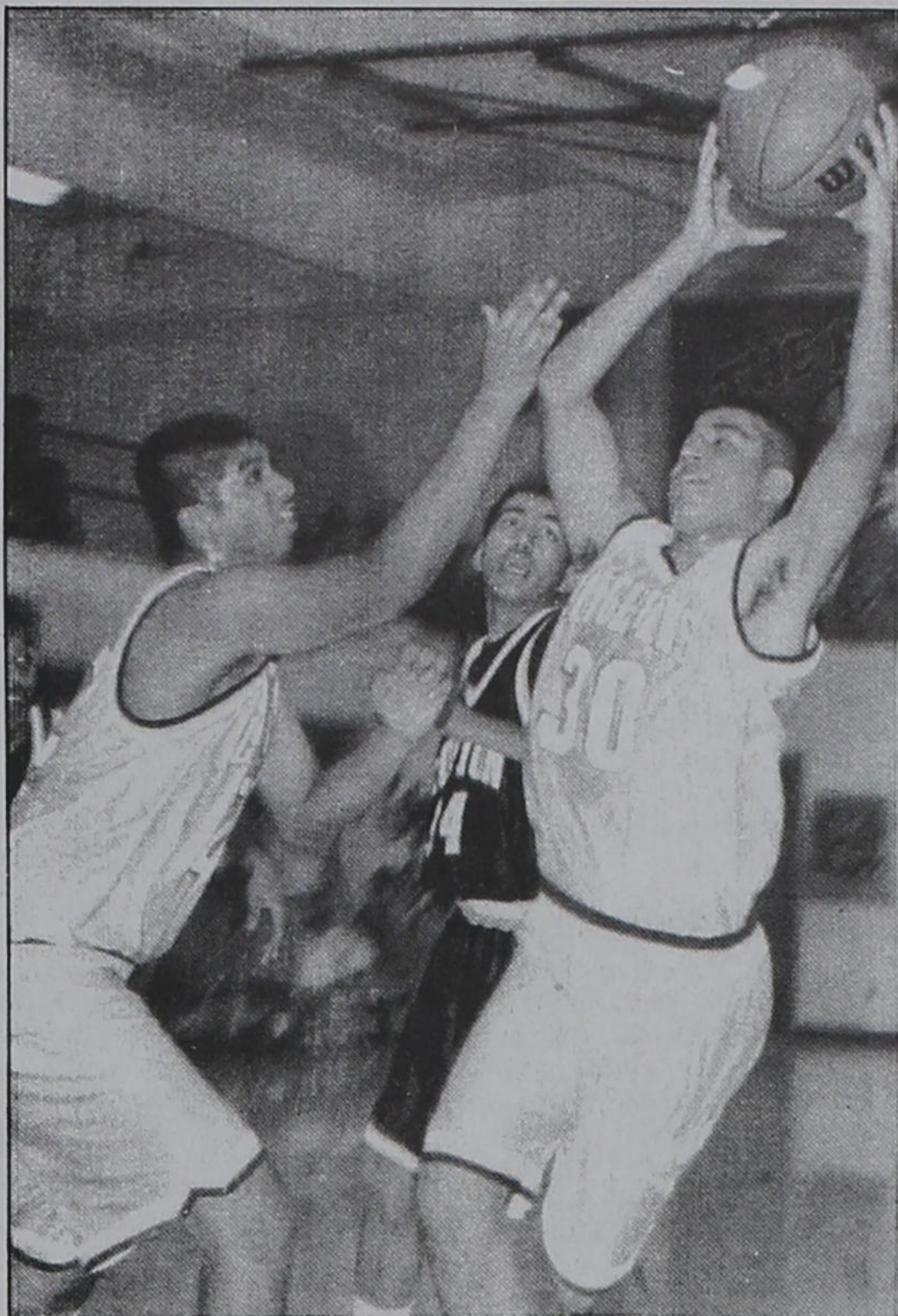
**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**HART**  
**Elementary School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or steak finger basket; salad, gelatin dessert, peaches, corn on the cob and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or Frito pie; salad, gelatin dessert, pears, pinto beans, sliced cheese and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potato, peaches, raw broccoli, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, wheat rolls and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket and enchilada casserole, tortilla pieces, gelatin dessert, pears, corn and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich, cornbread, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, ginger cookies and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Hot dog on a bun with chili, gelatin dessert, quick baked potatoes, salad, fresh fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Burrito, sliced cheese, salad, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, corn, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

**Junior High and High School**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or steak finger basket; salad, gelatin dessert, peaches, corn on the cob and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or Frito pie; crackers, salad, gelatin dessert, pears, pinto beans, sliced cheese and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, peaches, raw broccoli, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, wheat rolls and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or beef enchiladas, tortilla pieces, gelatin dessert, pears, corn and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of beef stew or toasted cheese sandwich, cornbread, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, ginger cookies and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Hot dog on a bun with chili, gelatin dessert, quick baked potatoes, salad, fresh fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Burrito, sliced cheese, salad, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, corn, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

**NAZARETH**  
**THURSDAY:** \*Beef stew with cornbread or pizza, salad, corn, fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*Corn dog or chicken strips, salad, rice, fruit and milk.  
**MONDAY:** \*Chicken fried steak with rolls or corn dog, salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, pears and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** \*Hot turkey sandwich or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, corn, peaches, applesauce and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \*Hamburger and French fries or pizza, lettuce, carrots, applesauce, cookies and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** \*Burrito or baked potato, salad, green beans, applesauce, pineapple and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \*Sandwiches or corn dogs, lettuce, tater tots, apples, peach cobbler and milk.

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



**ON THE BOARDS**—Hart's Lupe de la Fuente (30) nabs a rebound during action against Morton Tuesday night. The Hart boys had no problems handling the Indians, winning easily, 58-31. The Longhorns were led by Dusty Ortiz, who finished with 17, and Moses Reyna, who had 16. Hart improved to 4-6 with the win. *Photo by David Knox*

## Scholarship applications being taken

The Cargill Foundation is accepting applications for 250 \$1,000 scholarships, which will be awarded to high school seniors from farm families.

The Cargill Scholarship for Rural America is open to all high school seniors who will graduate in the spring. The seniors must come from families that derive at least half of their income from farming. Scholarship candidates must enroll full-time next fall at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

In the past, several Castro County students have been awarded the scholarships.

Information and application forms may be obtained at any Cargill office or high school FFA department. Students may also request forms from the Cargill scholarship coordinator, National FFA, PO Box 45205, Madison, Wisc., 53744-5205. Application deadline is Feb. 15.

The Cargill Foundation established the program in 1986 to recognize and encourage academic achievement, accomplishment and talent among rural youth. So far, Cargill has presented 2,250 awards for a total of \$2.25 million.

The National FFA selects the scholarship winners, although applicants do not have to be members of FFA. The organization bases its selections on academic record, leadership, extra-curricular accomplishments and financial need.

"The program has helped to honor academic achievement among rural students," said Ernest Micek, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cargill. "It's an endeavor which continues to receive enthusiastic responses by families in rural communities. It has become a favorite and well-established tradition."

## Hart teams to play in Lockney Classic

The Hart girls will face Silverton and the Hart boys will take on Lorenzo in first-round action of the Lockney Classic today (Thursday).

The Lady Horns and Lady Owls will tip off at 3:30 p.m. while the boys' game with Lorenzo is slated to begin at 5 p.m.

If the Hart girls win today, they will take on the loser between Lockney and Ralls Friday at 3:30 p.m. If Hart loses its first game, it will meet the winner of the Lorenzo-Clarendon first-round game Friday at

9:30 a.m. Saturday's girls' bracket features the championship game at 6:30 p.m. and the consolation game at 3:30 p.m.


Should the Hart boys beat Lorenzo, they will take on the loser between Lockney and Ralls Friday at 5 p.m. If Hart loses to Lorenzo, the Horns will face the Silverton-Clarendon winner Friday at 11 a.m. Saturday's schedule includes the boys' consolation game at 5 p.m. and the championship contest at 8 p.m.

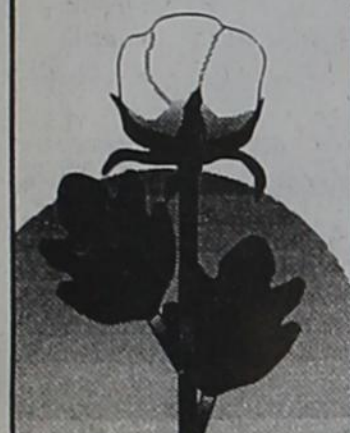
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### COTTON

Cotton is the single most valuable crop grown in Texas, which has led all states in cotton production since 1880. Upland cotton producers harvested 4.5 million bales of cotton in 1995, down 8 percent from 1994. Overall, the crop turned out smaller than expected except in some isolated areas around the state.

1995 Texas Upland Cotton Production

<b>Rank in U.S.</b> #1	
<b>Acres harvested</b> 5.75 million	
<b>Total production value</b> \$1.58 billion	<b>Total U.S. Production</b>



Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
 Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System



## Announcing Kim Hunter

As the new Nurse Practitioner at the Medical Center of Dimmitt

Kim Hunter, M.S., R.N., C.F.N.P., will join the staff of the Medical Center of Dimmitt Monday, Dec. 16, as a full-time nurse practitioner.

Kim hardly needs an introduction here. She has been associated with Plains Memorial Hospital and the rural health clinics at Dimmitt and Hart since 1980.

Kim received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from West Texas State University in 1980. That same year she joined the staff of Plains Memorial Hospital as a charge nurse.

In May 1995, she received her Master of Science degree in nursing from West Texas A&M University, with Family Nurse Practitioner certification.

After serving a year as a staff nurse at St. Jude Hospital in Brenham, she returned to Plains Memorial Hospital in 1987, and served two years as Director of Nursing.

She also has served as the clinical educator at the Amarillo Emergency Receiving Center at Northwest Texas Hospital, and as a flight R.N. with Medivac 1 Air Ambulance Service.

Since August 1994, she has been associated with Plains Memorial Hospital, Hawkins Memorial Medical Center at Hart, the Medical Center of Dimmitt, and the Children's Rural Health Clinic in Plainview.

She has been the family nurse practitioner at the Hawkins Memorial Clinic since last May. Kim is certified in family practice, advanced cardiac life support, advanced pediatric life support, trauma care, pediatric emergency care, and neonatal resuscitation. She also is a certified paramedic and a member of the Texas Nurse Practitioners Association and Sigma Theta Tau, national nursing honor society.

We're proud to have a family nurse practitioner of Kim's ability and dedication on our staff.

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You may make an "after-hours" appointment now by calling 647-2194.

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# Obituaries

## David Bradley

Funeral services are pending in Clayton, N.M., for Dimmitt native David Bradley, who died Tuesday night in an Amarillo hospital.

Mr. Bradley, 56, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Bradley and the brother of Gene and Ray Bradley, all of Dimmitt. Other survivors include his sister, Jane McGee of McLean, four children and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Bradley graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1958. He was the manager of the Felt (Okla.) Feedyard near Clayton.

Hass Funeral Home in Clayton, 1-505-374-2211, is in charge of funeral arrangements.

many. He married Pam Green on Dec. 22, 1971, in Lubbock. Mr. Kennedy was discharged from the Army in May 1973, and moved to Plainview, where he worked for the Hamby Co. He moved to Arlington in 1975 and returned to the Plainview area in 1987. He farmed until 1993, when he went to work for Larson International. In 1995, he took a job as maintenance schedule planner for Excel. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Renata of the home; a brother, Layne of Edmonson; a sister, Meitzie Moore of Sweetwater; his mother, Erma Lee Barnhill of Sweetwater; and his grandmother, Reba Slaughter of Lubbock.

## Mark E. Broadstreet

Services for Mark E. Broadstreet, 32, of Denver, Colo., formerly of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning in the First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Larry Gilliam, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Broadstreet died at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 in Denver.

He was born Dec. 21, 1963, in Dimmitt and lived here until he moved to Denver in 1985. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1982 and worked for KDHN while in high school. He worked for Marriott Hotel in Denver.

Survivors include his parents, Gene Broadstreet and Ruby Gowdy, both of Dimmitt; a brother, Wayne Allen Broadstreet of Dimmitt; two sisters, Valerie Ann Cooksey and Elaine Gail Broadstreet, both of Dimmitt; and two nephews.

Pallbearers were Ty Koch, Curtis Broadstreet, Dale Broadstreet, Jerry Frazier, Sandy Parsons III and Jeff Pigg.

## Fidencio Gonzales

Fidencio Gonzales, 25, of Dimmitt died early Monday after a brief illness.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Friday in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home's Ivey Chapel, with Rev. Emilio Perez of the Association of Christian Churches of Plainview officiating.

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

Mr. Gonzales was born April 25, 1971, in Hereford, and had lived in Dimmitt all his life. He was a member of the Rose of Sharon Pentecostal Church of Dimmitt.

He is survived by his parents, Andres and Gloria Gonzales of Dimmitt; two sisters, Oralia Lugo of Dimmitt and Guadalupe Gonzales of Amarillo; five brothers, Mario Moreno of Dimmitt, Robert Gil of Hereford, and Michael John Gonzales, Andres Gonzales Jr. and Adrian Gonzales, all of Dimmitt; and his grandmothers, Rebecca Vargas and Andrea Gonzales, both of Dimmitt.

## Rodger Kennedy

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Rodger Kennedy, 44, of Plainview, in First United Methodist Church of Plainview with Dr. Max Browning, pastor, officiating and Rev. Morris pool. Pastor of First United Methodist Church at Sweetwater, assisting.

Burial was in Parklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery by Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Kennedy died last Thursday in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 1, 1952, in Olton. He grew up in Hart and graduated from Hart High School in 1970. He joined the US Army in 1971 and had been stationed in Ger-

## Alonzo Messenger

Graveside services for Alonzo "Bennie" Messenger, 79, of Clovis, N.M., the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Saturday in Mission Garden of Memories with Rev. Curtis Tucker officiating.

Arrangements were by Muffley Funeral Home of Clovis.

Mr. Messenger died last Thursday.

He was born in Throckmorton and moved to Clovis in the 1930s. He worked in construction as a heavy equipment operator. He married Elsie Selman in 1977 at Clovis. He was a member of the Bethel Assembly of God in Clovis.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald, and a daughter, Joanna.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lonnie, of Breckenridge; three daughters, Beth Wilcoxson of McKenzie, Tenn., Jerri Hallum of Canadian, and Inez Elrod of Rotan; two stepsons, Lonnie Roby of Amarillo and Darrell Selman of South Dakota; two stepdaughters, Nora Burris of Muleshoe and Melba Moore of Bovina; two brothers, Crystal of Haskell and Jonnie of Throckmorton; three sisters, Nona Reed of Fort Worth, Mary Ruth Messenger of Throckmorton and Rhoda Mays of Dimmitt; 23 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

## More about Pheasant . . .

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Those 24 hunters will pay \$100 each to hunt on around 1,500 acres of land on opening weekend, and will receive a guided tour of those areas on Saturday.

Hunters will be served coffee and doughnuts Saturday morning prior to the hunt, and will be treated to a barbecued lunch Saturday at noon. Those not hunting with the club will be asked to pay \$6 per plate for the barbecued dinner, which will include beef, sausage and all the trimmings.

The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club will hold a pheasant hunt breakfast Saturday morning from 5:30 to 7 a.m. at the Expo Building. Cost for the meal is \$4.50 per person and all pheasant hunters and the general public are invited to attend.

The Kiwanis will be serving sausage, eggs, biscuits, coffee and juice.



HART'S YSA RODRIGUEZ (14) brings the ball downcourt and drives around a Morton defender Tuesday night in a non-conference game. The Lady Horns built a big lead in the first half, but watched Morton chip away throughout the second. Hart was outscored 28-19 in the second half but still managed to take the victory, 52-47. Photo by David Knox

# Police Calls

Three Nazareth men, ages 18, 20 and 21, reportedly were discovered in the act of burglarizing a barn in Swisher County Dec. 4. Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said the three apparently had loaded hand tools and other valuable items into five-gallon buckets and were about to carry them out of the barn, when the farmer who uses the barn, Frank Devon, confronted them.

Fitzgearld said the farmer went to his vehicle to call in a report on the three suspects, when they fled in a pickup. He was able to get the license tag number and the three were stopped and held for questioning. Warrants are pending on two of the suspects, and the third had been moved to a jail in Tulsa.

Fitzgearld reported that his department has recovered almost \$2,500-worth of traffic and road signs, most of which had been stolen in August of 1995. Investigation is continuing in the case.

A combination TV/VCR and a cordless telephone both were taken from a home southeast of Nazareth. Apparently entry to the home, belonging to Doyle Schulte, was made by kicking in the rear door.

A socket set valued at \$500 was reported missing from a barn out in the county Dec. 10.

Alvin Kleman told deputies Dec. 5 that someone took a washer and dryer set valued at \$500 from his hired hand's house, which had been sitting vacant.

Friday, Tom Miller told deputies that someone had attempted to break into a residence northwest of Dimmitt and broke a small window on the west side of the house.

A 19-year-old Dimmitt woman told police that some suspects punched her in the face with their fists Monday afternoon.

About \$200 in damage was done to a pickup belonging to Andrew Prieto of Dimmitt in an incident of criminal mischief. A window and a

taillight on the vehicle were broken.

Charges of DWI, first offense, were listed against a 28, year-old-Dimmitt man early Friday, and against a 63-year-old Hart man early Monday.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man was held on a warrant from Lamb County, stemming from charges of Minor in Possession.

A Dimmitt man, 32, was jailed Dec. 4 for theft by check; and a Dumas man, age 26 was jailed for failure to pay child support.

Fitzgearld said Deputy W.H. Cox Jr. received a letter of commendation from the Earth Chief of Police for his help in apprehending a suspect in a burglary Dec. 9 in Earth.

# 'Scrooge Night' set for 'last-minute' shoppers

A cut-rate movie for children, extended shopping hours for "last minute shoppers," and a drawing for four bicycles to be given away—all will be features of "Scrooge Night" next Thursday in Dimmitt.

The recent remake of *Miracle on 34th Street* will be the movie presentation at the Carlile Theatre, and children ages 4-12 are invited to attend for only 50 cents admission. The movie will start at 6 p.m. and is expected to conclude at 7:40.

Following the movie, two girls' bikes and two boys' bikes will be given away in the Shop at Home promotion sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants' Committee. The winners do not have to be present.

Sign-up slips are available at all participating businesses in Dimmitt and the more you sign up, the better your chances of winning.

"Scrooge Night" organizers are encouraging parents to leave their children at the theater and let chamber volunteers keep an eye on them while parents take the time to shop with the merchants who will be observing late opening hours.

Participating merchants include Alco, Border Line Restaurant, Dimmitt Market, Kittrell's Electronics and Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, Merle Norman, Seale Florist, Thriftway Supermarket, Tots and Teens, Unique Gifts & More and The Village Shop.

## More about

# Enterprise zone . . .

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tives to businesses meeting established criteria.

Those incentives include offering a refund of 2% local sales tax on certain construction costs and offering abatement of certain ad valorem taxes on real property improvements through a written contract with the taxing entities.

Businesses seeking the incentives must be located within the enterprise zone area and they must be making a substantial investment or creating jobs.

"In the past we've had good support," said Collins. "We've got to do something to encourage growth and create jobs and opportunities for our kids when they graduate. We hope it will help stabilize our population and economic base."

For a business to qualify for the tax abatement, it must meet one of the following criteria:

◆A business investing between

\$25,000 and \$999,999 or employing between 2 and 29 people will receive a 25% abatement for five years.

◆A business investing between \$1,000,000 and \$4,999,999 or employing between 30 and 49 people will receive a 50% abatement for the first five years and 25% for the next five years.

◆A business investing more than \$5,000,000 or employing 50 or more people will receive a 100% abatement for the first five years and 50% abatement over the next five.

◆A business investing more than \$50 million or employing 500 or more people will receive 100% abatement for 10 years.

"The enterprise zone doesn't reduce our taxable base—if a piece of property is worth \$100,000 now, we would still collect the taxes on that. Only the value of the improvement to that property would qualify for abatement," Collins explained.

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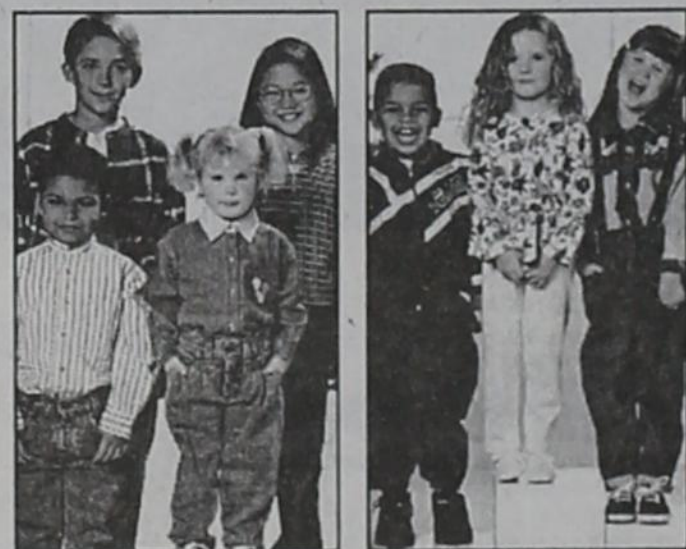
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