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Sandy Lookingbill (left) and Martha Ibarra (right), employees of Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, help Stella Devers (center) of Panhandle Community Services hang angels on the Christmas tree in the lobby of the credit union. The angels represent needy children in our community that will receive Christmas gifts through the efforts of Panhandle Community Services and the Castro County Ministerial Alliance.

Photo by Chris Bradford

## Gifts purchased for Project Angel Tree are due Monday

If you want to make Christmas a little brighter for a less fortunate child in Castro County, Project Angel Tree offers an option.

Project Angel Tree is designed to help families in financial need supplement their holiday season by providing a Christmas gift for their children. The goal of the project is to provide one Christmas gift for approximately 100 less fortunate children living in the county.

The Panhandle Community Services and Castro County Ministerial Alliance are coordinating the Project Angel Tree, and the Christmas trees have been set up at the three banks in Dimmitt—First United Bank, First Bank of Muleshoe and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

Each tree includes an assortment of "angels,"

which will include a child's first name, age and the gift he or she desires.

Those interested in helping ensure that a child has a Merry Christmas may select one or more "angels" from the tree and purchase the requested gift, which will be within a \$20 price range.

The gifts should be wrapped and returned to Panhandle Community Services, along with the "angel" card, by Dec. Monday. Families will pick up the gifts from PCS on Dec. 21.

Each year the project has been in existence, the "angels" have disappeared from the trees quickly—usually within a week or 10 days. The Angel Trees were erected Monday morning at the three Dimmitt banking facilities.



Janice Shelton

## Shelton seeks re-election to treasurer post

Castro County Treasurer Janice Shelton has announced that she will seek re-election in the March 2002 Democratic primary election.

"I have served the taxpayers since 1995 as the county treasurer," Shelton said. "I am a native of Castro County and I really enjoy serving my community. I would like to continue my duties as treasurer and would appreciate your support in the future."

## Tana Young files for justice of peace

Tana M. Young has filed for re-election as Castro County Justice of the Peace, subject to the March primary election.

Young was first elected as justice of the peace in 1998, and she was sworn in on Jan. 1, 1999.

During her present term, Young has attended all of the required training courses and seminars on mass fatality training, annual forensics seminars, legislative updates. She has attended other training courses beneficial to her office and to help her in dealing with the public.

Young currently serves as second vice president of the West Texas Justice of the Peace

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Tana Young

## Thomas files for clerk's seat

Joyce Thomas, Castro County and district clerk, has announced she will be seeking re-election to

her office in the March 12, 2002, Democratic Primary.

"I have worked in the clerk's office for 17 years, 10 years as a deputy clerk and seven years as the district-county clerk," Thomas said. "Before taking office in 1995, I worked for 10 years for Joy Jones, who retired in 1994.

"I appreciated your support in 1994 and I am asking for your support in the 2002 March Democratic Primary."

Thomas attended West Texas A&M University in 1969 and 1970.

Thomas and her husband, Roy Thomas Jr., have three daughters, two granddaughters and three grandsons.

"I enjoy working with the public and serving you as a public official," Thomas said.



Joyce Thomas

## New chairs, used backhoe are on county's shopping list

County commissioners agreed to purchase new chairs and cabinets for the district courtroom and jury room, and a backhoe/loader for Precinct 3 on Monday during their regular meeting.

They also authorized County Extension Agent Rick Auckerman to advertise for bids for a new pickup for Texas Cooperative Extension.

The county has been remodeling the district courtroom to make it handicap-accessible.

Part of the renovation included removing one of the permanent chairs in the juror's box to allow for wheelchair access in the area. A portable chair will be placed in the juror's box. Several other chairs also must be replaced in the district courtroom, and commissioners decided to purchase eight wooden chairs Monday.

Commissioners decided not to buy a wooden chair to replace the one removed from the juror's box, electing to change the base on the one removed to make it portable. That also would ensure that the jurors' chairs are still identical.

"I'd just hate for any juror to have to sit on a wooden chair," said County Judge Irene Miller.

Commissioners will purchase

eight of the wooden chairs at a cost of \$198 each, plus shipping. They also authorized Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige to check into replacing the base on the juror's chair which has been removed.

In another matter related to the district courtroom renovation, commissioners agreed to purchase and install cabinets in the jury room at an estimated cost of \$800 for the cabinets and hardware.

Precinct 3 was allowed to purchase a used backhoe/loader on Monday when commissioners accepted a bid submitted by West Texas Cat.

The bid from West Texas Cat

was the only one the county received, and it offered a used, 1996 Caterpillar backhoe for \$31,000. Precinct 3 traded in a 1973 John Deere backhoe, and the trade difference on the two machines came to \$24,000.

"I know it's a lot of money, but I don't want to throw away money by overhauling this old John Deere again," Baldrige said.

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava met with commissioners about out-of-county commercial vendors using the Expo Building.

An out-of-state tool company

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## Final holiday drawings are slated Monday

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will have its final drawings for Dimmitt Dollars and "Star Spangled Christmas" gifts on Monday.

According to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava, prizes valued at over \$1,000 have yet to be awarded during this year's Christmas promotion.

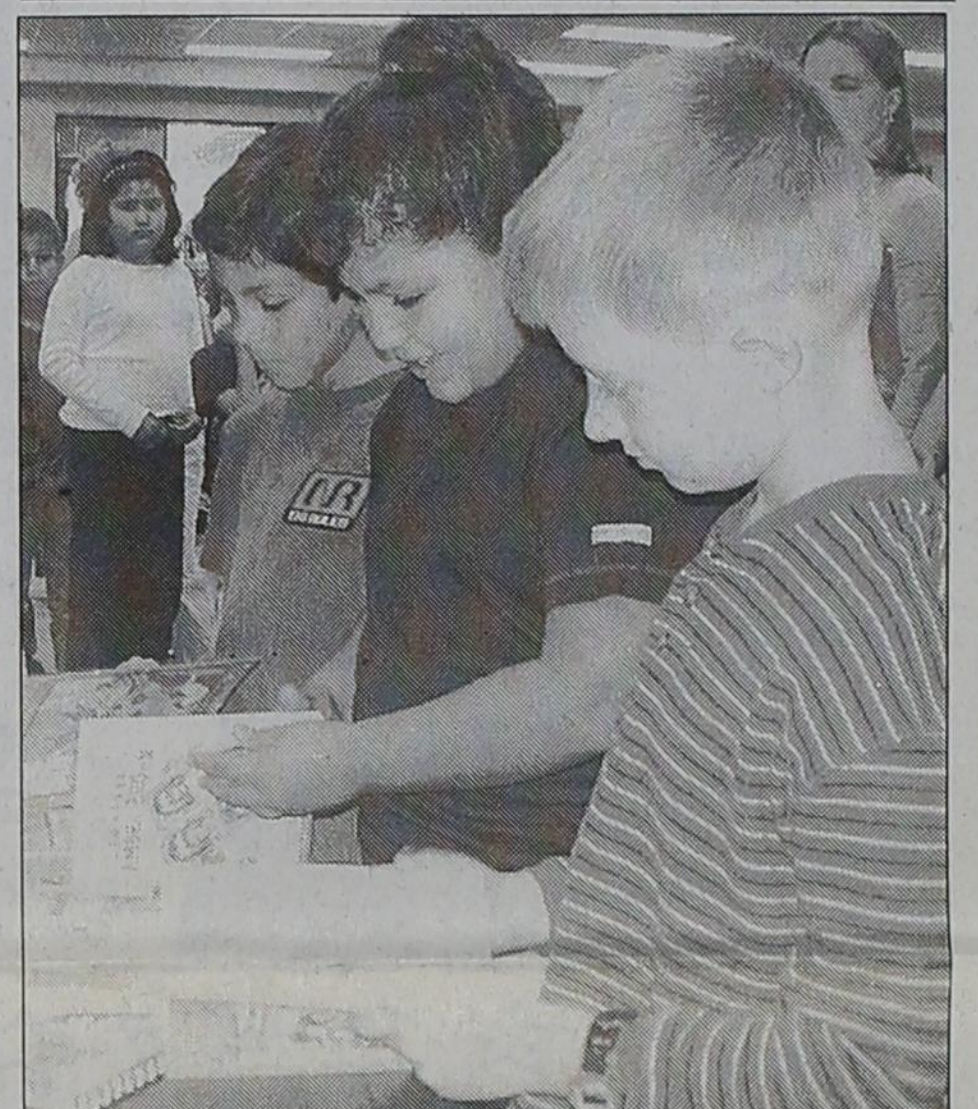
"Sign up at any of the stores where you see the red, white and blue 'Star Spangled Christmas' signs," Sava said. "We'll start making the rounds and conducting the drawings on Monday afternoon."

To be eligible for all of this year's prizes, shoppers must register in each store where a prize will be given.

"No purchase is required," Sava said. "But do take time to look at the great selection of gifts our local merchants have to offer."

The Chamber's "Star Spangled Christmas" promotion is part of a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to shop with their local hometown merchants.

Signs can be found in the front windows or on the doors of participating merchants, advising which merchants are participating.



**TOUGH CHOICES**—Richardson Elementary School students line up to pick out a free book last Thursday during a special project with the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. Taking their turn browsing through the books available are Gary Gil, Elida Fabela and David Underwood. Before they selected books, students enjoyed a skit put on by PAL students from Dimmitt High School.

Photo by Anne Acker

## DISD gets good report from audit

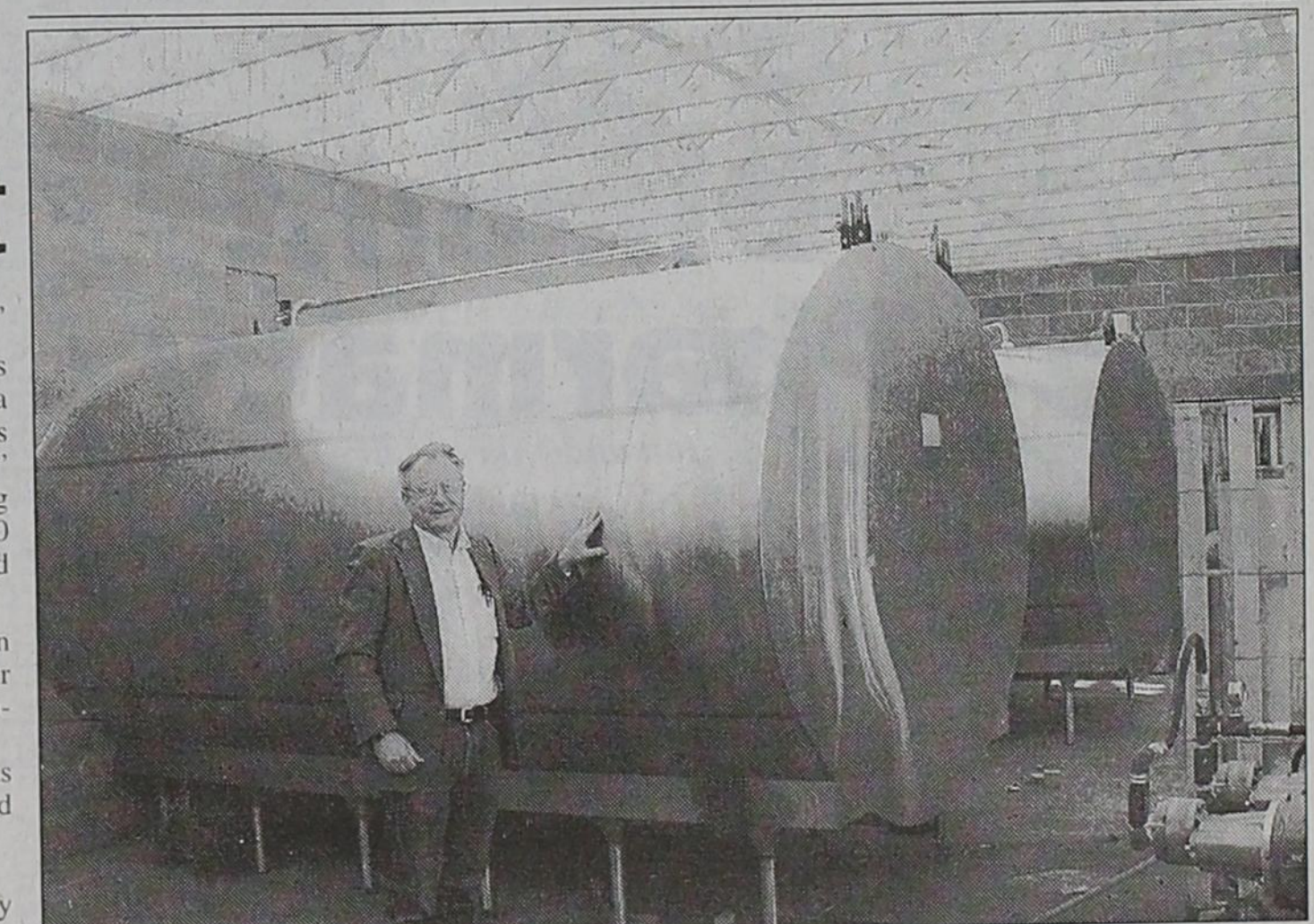
The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Education met Tuesday evening at the administration building. The first agenda item dealt with the results of the recent audit.

Pat Buzzell of Cornell and Company was very complimentary of the job done by the school district. According to Buzzell, "there are no material weaknesses in your internal control relative to the use of grant monies". She also noted that while

the audit doesn't look closely at revenues, expenses are watched very carefully and "you have done a very good job budgeting expenses".

The three principals received awards for their campuses having reached "Recognized" status. In order to reach "Recognized" status, TEA has set down standards that include test score levels of 80% math, writing and reading for the different sub levels of the

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Mayor Wayne Collins examines one of the milk tanks at the new dairy being built by SRJ Dairy Development west of Dimmitt. This particular tank will hold 6,072 gallons of milk. The dairy is scheduled to begin milking around the first of the year and milk about 2,400 cows at full production.

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	34	
Friday	62	33	
Saturday	62	30	
Sunday	62	20	
Monday	55	21	
Tuesday	58	20	
Wednesday	58	24	0.16

December Moisture . . . 0.16  
2001 Moisture . . . 18.21

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



# More about Tana Young files . . .

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and Constables Association.  
Prior to her election as justice of the peace, Young was employed by the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., serving as a jailer and communications operator. She later worked only in communications. In 1990 she went through the training to become a certified peace officer and was commissioned as a Castro County deputy sheriff, working in communications.  
After being sworn in as justice of the peace, Young resigned that commission.

Before working in the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., Young was employed by the Hockley County Sheriff's Dept., and the Bailey County Sheriff's Dept., and she served as justice of the peace in Bailey County from June 1980 until December 1982.  
"There has been a great deal of change in the justice of the peace office since I was elected," Young said. "The county commissioners court had the foresight to see that computers would need to be added to increase the efficiency of the

office and to meet state requirements."  
Young said that within the next year, she expects all reports from the justice of the peace office will only be accepted in Austin via computer transfer.  
"I thank all the people who have had contact with this office for their patience during the transition period," Young said. "I ask the voters to consider me and my qualifications and experience when they exercise their right to vote on March 12, 2002."

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IN APPRECIATION—Harold Smith of Hart Sunday morning. Pictured with Smith is his wife, Faye; and Robert and Francis Duke, the hungry through the Society of St. Andrew's cleaning project, and he accepted this plaque representing the Society of St. Andrew.  
Photo by Neoma Williams

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## Harold Smith recognized by Society of St. Andrew

Harold Smith of Hart has been recognized by the Society of St. Andrew for his generosity in helping the public and those less fortunate.  
Smith was presented with a plaque Sunday morning.  
"Smith is known for going the extra mile time and again, seeking no recognition for himself, but striving tirelessly to be a servant of the Lord. He believes that the Lord is speaking to him as well as to all of us when He says, 'Feed my sheep,'" said Frances Duke, a spokesperson for the Society of St. Andrew.  
Duke said Smith is the "hardest working person I know. He works hard at whatever he does, whether it be farming, serving as county commissioner, trying to bring changes to this country's trade policies or giving food to the less fortunate."  
Smith and his wife, Faye, have been together 55 years and they raised two sons and a daughter, David, Danny and Patricia. The Smiths have six grandchildren.  
Smith began growing potatoes 47 years ago, and when he ended up with an edible produce that could not be marketed, he began his lifelong mission of finding churches, food banks, orphanages and other agencies that would distribute the food to the hungry in the US and in Mexico.  
When the Northwest Texas Gleaning Satellite was started, Smith was a willing participant, eager to work with the Society of St. Andrew, according to Duke.  
"Whenever he had waste, he allowed the Society of St. Andrew to go into the fields and salvage what we wanted. He was thrilled to have someone else get on the bandwagon, helping to salvage and distribute unmarketable produce that was still an excellent fresh food resource for our nation's hungry," she said.  
Smith was an enthusiastic member of the team as a grower until he retired from farming two years ago, Duke said. He now devotes his time in salvaging cull or "B" grade produce for many of those same churches, food banks, orphanages and other agencies that he delivered to during his early farming years.  
"I believe his greatest joy is distributing food to individuals and agencies," Duke said. "Many times he reported to me, saying, 'Today is the best day of my life . . . I'm having so much fun.'"  
In 2001, Smith devoted his time as a volunteer for the Society of St. Andrew, a non-profit organization founded to feed the hungry with food that would normally go to waste.  
"During this year, Harold has given his time and paid the cost of salvage to deliver over 280,000 pounds of produce to the elderly and others in need across Texas and into Oklahoma and New Mexico," Duke said. "In addition to this, he has been instrumental in salvaging another 1,546,574 pounds of produce, mostly potatoes. He has traveled thousands of miles in his efforts to salvage and distribute his precious food cargo."

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Dr. Leon Joplin will autograph his CDs Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at **Dimmitt Pharmacy**  
Jon and Niki Riddle  
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Dear Lord, help me to trust You so that I may feel You are with me always and therefore I need not fear.  
Amen

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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**ACROSS**  
1 TXism: "runnin' with the big \_\_\_"  
5 TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough"  
6 UNT is a Div. 1 sch. of this Assn.  
7 TX Gramm won't seek another one  
8 TX "\_\_\_ Garrett invented the auto. traffic light in '23  
9 ex-Mavericks coach Richie  
16 TXism: "chew \_\_\_ awhile"  
18 TXism: "he \_\_\_ when the Dead Sea was only sick" (old)  
21 TX media giant: \_\_\_ Belo Co.  
22 Luxford in '35 film with Cary Grant  
23 TXism: "kin \_\_\_ rattler" (wicked)  
24 Castroville: "The Little \_\_\_ of Texas"  
30 TX Roddenberry was a writer for this old TV series  
34 TX's 3rd governor \_\_\_ Bell  
35 \_\_\_ Marcus  
36 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a lap dog"  
37 regular practice  
39 TXism for wire cutters  
43 Dr. Pepper rival  
44 in La Salle Co. off I-35  
45 Austin univer.

**DOWN**  
1 TXism: "he \_\_\_ nothing but burn hay" (poor horse)  
2 \_\_\_ Aggie. Always an Aggie"  
3 one legally responsible for a minor  
4 Austm food festival "\_\_\_ arama"  
9 right good root beer  
10 TXism: "that gets my \_\_\_" (irritating)  
11 governing body for TX olympians  
12 Indonesia province

**The Original**  
46 TXism: "\_\_\_ dirty rotten shame"  
47 TXism: "I'll \_\_\_ to it"  
48 TX actor Autry (init.)  
50 character Jace of "Tales of the TX Rangers" and Drew of the Cowboys  
53 \_\_\_ City, TX  
54 \_\_\_ Paso, TX  
55 TXism: "I \_\_\_ mind to it" (ignored)  
56 TXism: "brave enough to eat in a boom \_\_\_"

13 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ a rafter"  
14 TXism: "ticked half \_\_\_ death"  
15 TXism: "turn \_\_\_ the lights, the party's over"  
17 TXism: "\_\_\_ the dogs out from under the porch"  
19 TX school rule: "\_\_\_ play"  
20 colored Mexican perennial plants  
24 TXism: "sneaky as \_\_\_ egg-sucking dog"  
25 ex-Cowboy kicker Lin (init.)  
26 male horse parent

27 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ walk the river with"  
28 TX Ruby disease  
29 fire or diesel  
31 TX Chennault was Chiang \_\_\_-shek adviser  
32 Tex-Mex mafia: "El \_\_\_"  
33 Mex. holiday Diez \_\_\_ Septiembre  
38 Rankin is its seat  
40 TXism: "the tail \_\_\_"  
41 Gov. "\_\_\_ Ferguson"  
42 TXism: "beat him like a red-headed \_\_\_"  
49 TXism for "many"  
51 h.s. football class of Azle or Boerne  
52 TXism: "fallin' out \_\_\_"  
57 TXism for "spank"  
58 Mt. Everest country



# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

We were in Branson, Missouri one summer many years ago with our daughter, Susan Owens of Hereford, to retrieve her 12-year-old son from summer camp. Even in August there were signs everywhere enticing tourists to spend Christmas in Branson.

Ralph and Avis Smith have recently returned from Branson and they shared a few things that helped us know that a December trip to Branson is worth while.

They were at Silver Dollar City to see the lighting of a 40 foot tree. The lights on the tree are set to synchronize with the *Halleluyah Chorus*. The many different musical shows are presented midst special Christmas themes and dress. Branson is special at Christmas.

The Smiths visit Branson often. They know the best places to hear good music, to stay while you are there and where to dine. They are also willing to share their information with anyone

planning to go there.

Dimmitt was teeming with hunters this weekend looking for pheasant. The restaurants enjoyed a booming business and the Kiwanis fed about 180, a large number of the guys who came to hunt.

Loren Vandiver of Houston and his brother, Craig of Uthopia, spent the weekend with their dad, Dr. Charles Vandiver. Dr. Vandiver reports that the three of them killed a couple, but didn't bag their limit.

Van and V.C. Hopson chose to spend Saturday at the Cowboy Action Shoot on a range near Green Belt lake in Donley County. The shooters dress as authentic as they can from the historical time period following the Civil War, 1865-1890.

The participants compete in teams of three. One team member shoots a Colt 45, the second person competes shooting a

double barrel shotgun and the third uses a lever action rifle. The Dimmitt fellows didn't win, but they weren't the worst target shooters either.

Alvin and Frances Frazier went to Littlefield for a special Christmas music program at one of Littlefield's banks. Frances' sisters, Ellen Wall and cousin Loren Ivey, were a part of the choir. The Fraziers visited with Fay Walker, a long ago Dimmitt resident, who also sang in the choir. Frances said the audience sang along with the group, and the bank was beautifully decorated. This helped to set the pace for a good Christmas season. The Frazier's son, Landol visited here recently. He lives in Decatur.

Joyce Davis was hostess for the sixth annual Snowman Exchange. This is a party for the Snowman Club of collectors and guests. There were 24 people

present and me. I went solely for the fellowship. I was the only one who didn't take a snowman for the exchange, nor did I read the part of the invitation that said bring your favorite Christmas goodie.

I broke all the rules of etiquette, but I've never had more fun, felt more welcome or enjoyed goodies more!

I didn't think I wanted another Christmas decoration of any kind, but as I observed the Chinese snowman auction, I found I was coveting each snowman that was opened. The snowmen ranged from a snowman music box to a snowman shovel and each one was special!

Tommie Sue Nisbett, one of the guests, told me she really doesn't talk a lot about her grandchildren, but would tell us about her cat. Her cat is named Buster because when she first acquired the cat Tommie Sue believed that she (the cat) was a he. After the cats first visit to the vet, Tommie Sue learned that Buster's name should have been Buserette. When it was Tommie Sue's time to choose a gift, she chose (or took away from) one she thought Buster would like. It was a snowman music box with a top hat and danced by shrugging its shoulders in time with the music.

Joyce, the hostess, has a collection of 550 snowmen. They were tastefully displayed throughout her home. Joyce drew a number for a door prize and the recipient was Shirley Lindley and the door prize was, what else, a snowman.

I hope that Joyce will invite me back next year. I promise to bring two of my favorite goodies, and I'm already shopping for the perfect snowman!

Several friends of Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards dropped by to wish them well as they move to Lubbock this week to an assisted living apartment. They will be near their son and daughter-in-law, Melvin and Jeanell.

Some of those coming by

were the Bill Bunches, Alvin Fraziers, Randy Morgans, Jewel Connell, Mozell Lilley, Mary Edna Hendrix, Bob Crozier and Bessie Strickland.

The members of the Adult Five Sunday School presented them with a devotional book, *Diamonds in the Dust* by Joni Eareckson. The Edwards new address is: MacKenzie House, 8609 Boston Ave., Lubbock, TX 79433.

Sue Merritt and Polly Simpson attended the annual Christmas party at the Amarillo National Bank, Plaza One. They were guests of Johnny Merritt, attorney, Sue's son, and his law firm, Mullin, Hoard and Brown. They enjoyed a lovely buffet, live music and being inside the very attractive mirrored building where the office is located.

Johnny's wife, Denise, was unable to attend because their daughter, Annie, nine-years-old, was performing as a toy soldier in Amarillo's extravagant production of *The Nutcracker*. If you've never attended, I believe New York City would have a hard time equaling. Amarillo's

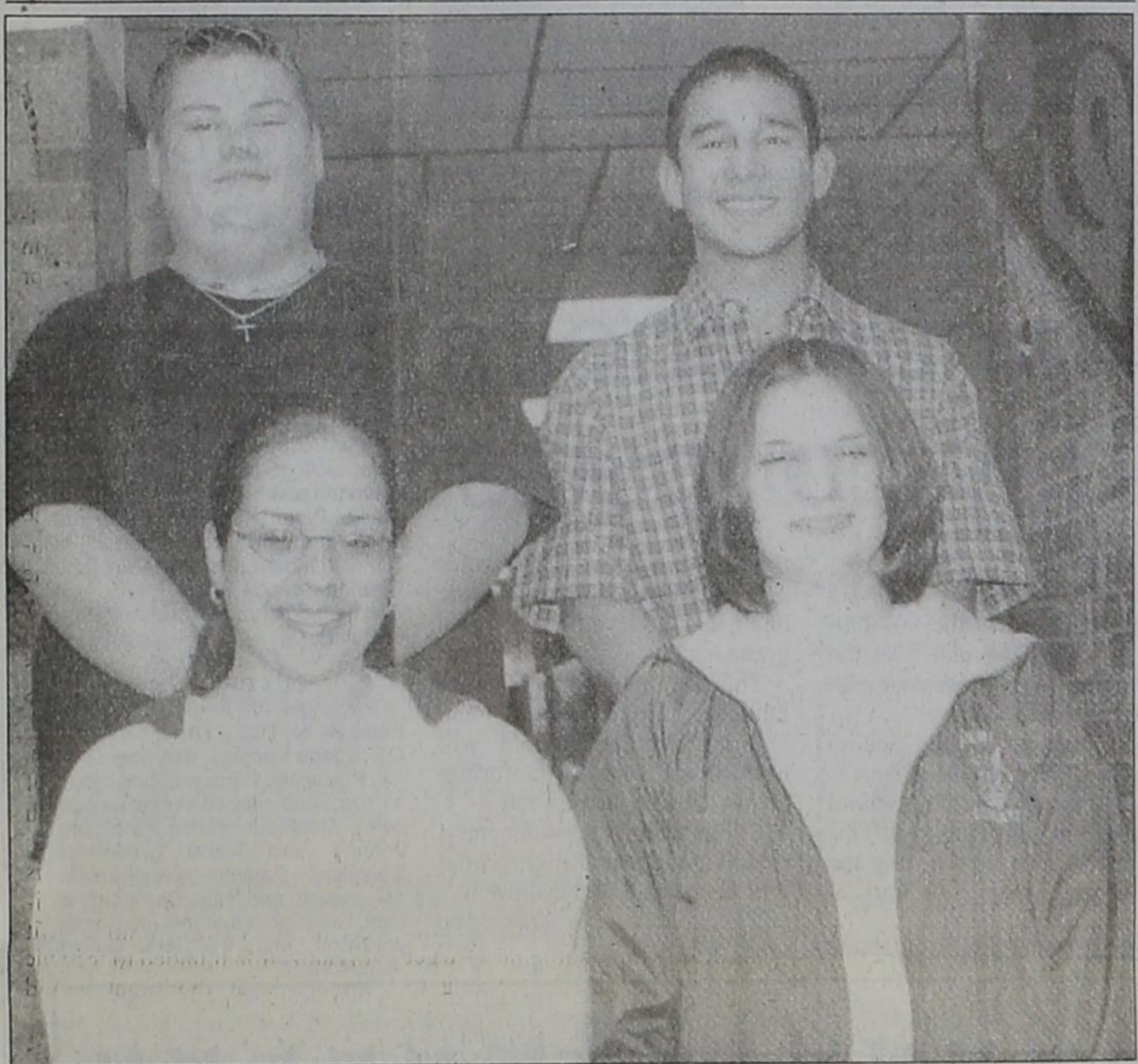
beautiful props, costumes and dancers. Each child and mother must be totally dedicated to this special show. Every rehearsal is a must and every performance takes precedent over anything else.

Sue went with Annie's other Dimmitt grandparents, Roger and Geneva Malone, to *The Nutcracker*, and were all impressed with Annie's performance.

Kay Kellar was hostess in her home for the Tennis Group's annual Christmas party. Dare I call them the "Senior" Tennis Group?

Kay served lasagne and all the trimmings. They celebrated the October, November and December birthdays. Then the real fun started with a gift exchange in the form of a Chinese Auction.

Those present were Linda Langford, Carrie Chance, Noemi Ponce, Kathy Rundell, Doricell Davis, Sharon Steffy and June Sutton. Out-of-town guests were Janice Richards of Bovina, Margaret Parsons of Friona, Debbie Burton of Tulia and Deanne Sowder of Lubbock.



**ALL-REGION SELECTIONS**—Dimmitt High School students (front row, from left) Maribel Montiel and Stephanie Hazel; and (back row, from left) Todd Jansa and L.J. Soler. All four qualified for the Symphonic Band, with Montiel earning 14<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet honors, Hazel making first-chair clarinet, Jansa qualifying as first-chair baritone and Soler qualifying as first-chair trumpet. Photo by Chris Bradford

## Four DHS band members named to Symphonic Band

Dimmitt High School's Bobcat Band placed four members on the Region 1 Symphonic Band, and three of those earned first-chair honors.

Six students from Dimmitt High School competed in the Region 1 Honor Band auditions on Dec. 3. Of the 560 students from Texas Panhandle schools, Dimmitt students captured three of the eight coveted first-chair positions.

First-chair selections from Dimmitt were Stephanie Hazel, alto clarinet, first-chair Symphonic Band; L.J. Soler, trumpet, first-chair Symphonic Band; and Todd Jansa, baritone, first-chair Symphonic Band.

Also qualifying for the all-region Symphonic Band was Maribel Montiel, clarinet, 14<sup>th</sup> chair.

Students making the honor band will perform in a concert at West Texas A&M University on Jan. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Hazel, Jansa and Soler also qualified for the area band audition, which will be held Jan. 5 in Sunday. The trio will represent Dimmitt at the concert, which features students from the North Texas area, including all schools north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

The audition process culminating with the state's honor bands in San Antonio begins in December with more than 12,000 high school bandmen auditioning at their respective regions for the right to go to the area tryouts. If they are successful at area, they will become members of the 2002 state honor band, which will perform at the state convention of Texas Music Educators Association in February.

### Dec. 15-16

Arts ... Crafts ... Furniture ... etc.  
Garage Sale Booths  
(Dec. 15 only on west side of building)

### Santa Claus

will be there Sunday, Dec. 16

## Tulia Market Square

101 E. Broadway  
(A non-profit organization)

**Saturday, Dec. 15—9 a.m.-6 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 16—12 p.m.- 5 p.m.**

*Register for Door Prizes  
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**Next Show: March 9-10, 2002**  
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Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

Guess who turned 40 on Dec. 10th?  
Just sit back and we'll give you some hints.  
Family, friends, church, radio ...  
We don't have time for the rest.  
But that's what makes  
Sarge (his nickname) the very best.

So we aren't poets, we just wanted  
to wish him a wonderful 40th!

Your family and friends

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

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# People



## Chat event offers college funding hints

Figuring out how to pay for college is sometimes one of the most difficult aspects of planning an education after high school, but students and families can obtain help in locating sources of financial aid during an online chat tonight (Thursday).

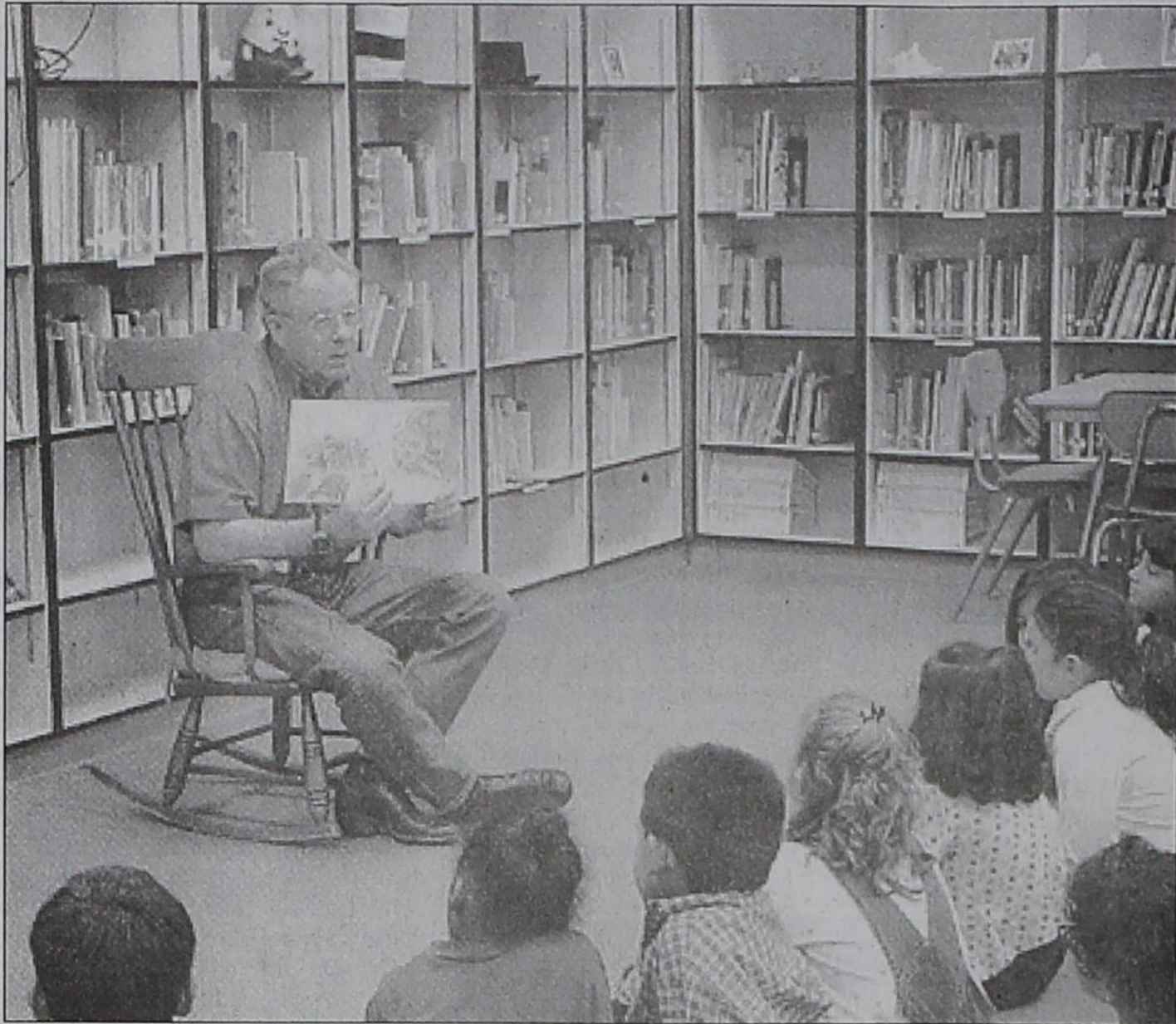
*Mapping Your Future*, a public service web site co-sponsored by Texas Guaranteed and other student loan guarantee agencies, will host the event from 6 to 7 p.m. The live event, "Getting Ready For Financial Aid," will feature experts to help students navigate through what some consider a maze of career, college and financial aid information—all from the

privacy and convenience of a personal computer.

The online chat will deliver information on the following:

- ◆ Determining eligibility for federal student aid.
- ◆ Completing the FAFSA.
- ◆ Calculating financial need and expected family contribution.
- ◆ Considering the various options for paying for school.
- ◆ Conducting scholarship searches.

Anyone with Internet access can join in the chat by visiting [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org) tonight. Visitors will select the chat session and follow the simple instructions that will guide them through the process.



DIMMITT MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS has a captive audience as he reads from *Winnie the Pooh*, *The Christmas Mystery*, last week at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt. Each

month, the school has a different person visit with students and read to them as part of a monthly "Career Reading Day".

Courtesy Photo

## Group seeking stuffed animals

A Hale Center radio station is coordinating a stuffed animal drive, and the toys collected will be given to children dealing with troubled family situations.

The stuffed animals collected will be donated to law enforcement agencies, and will be carried in the officers' cars, and will be used to help officers comfort children in need.

The stuffed animals may be dropped off at KLG Radio 104.9 FM in Hale Center, CC Famers Co-op Gin, Security Bank in Ralls, Idalou, Lorenzo, Petersburg, Crosbyton, Abernathy, Tulia Junior High School, Tulia Police Dept., Olton Co-op Gin, First Ag Credit in Tulia, and at Mrs. K's Bakery, Season's Way, Ghost Riders and Children's Exchange, all in Plainview.



### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Russel and Susan Birdwell of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Rayce William Birdwell, who was born at 9:20 a.m. on Nov. 28 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has three older siblings including 10-year-old Devonee and 2-year-old Mason and Macy. Paternal grandparents are Kent and Mary Jo Birdwell of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Charlotte and Billy Phillips of Breckenridge and Bill and Ann Bray of Dallas.

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Angel and Annie Fuentes of Tulia. Their daughter, C'Era Jade Fuentes, was born Dec. 4 in Plainview. C'Era weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 19 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Johnny and Nana Green of Dennison. Paternal grandparents are Jessie and Nila Barretero of Hart. Great-grandparents are Cordie Johnston and the late Buford Johnston.

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## Dimmitt bands, choirs plan holiday concerts

Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School will present a series of holiday concerts for the public this week.

The first show on the schedule features Dimmitt High School's Concert Band, which will perform a concert of seasonal music Sunday at 3 p.m. at the DHS Auditorium.

The one-hour program will feature holiday favorites. Admission is free and a reception

will follow the concert.

Band Director Chris Brouillette invites the community to come out and help the students ring in the season with musical cheer.

The Dimmitt Middle School Band will perform its concert at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium on Tuesday. This concert will be held during the school day and will start at 12:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend

the free concert which features performances by the sixth grade band, and the seventh and eighth grade band.

The combined choirs from Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School will perform in the DMS Auditorium on Wednesday at 12 noon.

Choirs from the elementary, middle school and high school will participate in the show.

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# Tour of Homes set in Nazareth

Three homes will be featured in this year's holiday home tour in Nazareth, and the event has been scheduled for Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

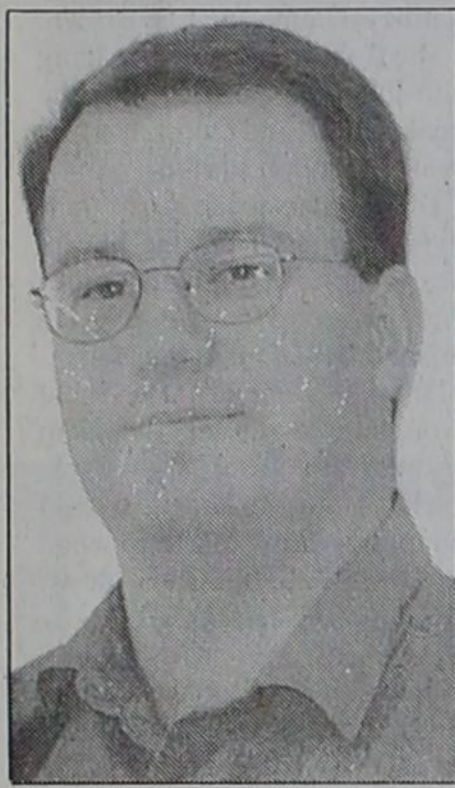
Homes included on the tour this year are Rusty and Lydia Schacher's, located on First Street, south of the school, in Nazareth; Lee and Pati Elder's, on SH 86 in Nazareth, the white house southeast of the flashing light; and Darryl and Rose Ball's, on FM 168 in Nazareth,

two houses south of the county barn.

Poinsettias and baked goods will be sold at the featured homes.

The event is sponsored by Nazareth High School Family, Community and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA). Admission is \$5 per person, and that entitles you to tour all the homes. Tickets may be purchased at any of the homes on the tour.

## 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'



By **CHUCK BALL**  
Minister, Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ

We love stories, don't we? Everyone loves to hear a good story. Even our children love stories.

We have helped develop the same love for stories in our own kids. My kids constantly want my wife or me to read their favorite story or read a bedtime story. It's no wonder that so many of us today love stories, because we ourselves were even raised on bedtime stories.

The question I can't help but ask is, which one is the greatest? Of all the stories ever written or told, which one is the greatest?

I believe the greatest story ever told is about a man who never starred in a movie, never recorded an album, never wrote a book, never scored a touchdown or hit a homerun, but yet still a man who was anything but average.

He was the son of a carpenter and he himself only lived 33 years. If his life was so brief, then how could his story be the greatest?

I believe his story is the greatest, first of all because it is told in the Holy Scriptures of God's inspired Word.

You know by now that I'm referring to Jesus. Some may still be wondering why I believe his story to be the greatest. Allow me to explain.

Jesus, although physically born the son of Mary and Joseph, was God's Son.

"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name, Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31)

"So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35).

Jesus, although he experienced a normal birth, was truly God's own Son.

Jesus lived only 33 years on earth, but he lived them perfectly without sin.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin." (Hebrews 4:15).

In his brief span on earth, Jesus touched so many lives. He was more well known because of the love he showed people than that of the most famous star of today. Multitudes and multitudes searched for Jesus daily until they found him and could share with him their request.

What makes the story of Jesus so intriguing is the fact that he was born into this world for a purpose.

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28).

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19:10).

Jesus left the glory of heaven to live a perfect 33 years and then die on a cross.

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8).

You may be asking the question, why would one who lived such a perfect life have to die such an agonizing and humiliating death? The answer is simple: He died for you and me!

Jesus himself said, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus shed his blood at Calvary that we might contact that blood and be washed and freed from our sins and have a home with the Father in Heaven.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:17).

This is such a remarkable story! There is no doubt in my mind that this is the greatest story ever to be told. When your child or grandchild requests a bedtime story, why not tell him the greatest story ever told. Remember, none of us can get to the Father in Heaven unless we contact the blood of Jesus.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

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*Dear Lord, I do not always feel the love of others but I am very grateful to You for Your surrounding love. Amen*



**MY EYES ARE CLOSED, SANTA!**—Lyndee Behrends (right), portraying Amelia Bedelia, a character from a popular children's book, squeezes her eyes shut, according to instructions from Santa's helper, portrayed by Deacon Buckley last Thursday. The two members of Dimmitt High School's PAL group were part of a skit presented to students at Richardson Elementary School. PAL members acted out an Amelia Bedelia story read by Kelsey Welch. After the skit, RES students were allowed to pick out a free book to keep, courtesy of the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program at the school. Photo by Anne Acker

## Gilbreath is honored

Cailee Gilbreath, daughter of Connie and Coby Gilbreath, has been named the fourth grade student of the week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Gilbreath was born Nov. 7, 1991, in Amarillo.

She enjoys reading and her favorite books are the Harry Potter series. She likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School and when she grows up she wants to be a teacher.

Her favorite person is Carly. She lists pizza as her favorite food and the dog as her favorite animal.

If she could change one thing in the world, it would be "for everybody to trust in God," Gilbreath said. She likes to play with her toys and she enjoys playing the violin.

Mrs. Damron, who is Gilbreath's teacher, said, "Cailee is cheerful and eager to learn."

## Naz News with Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Band mothers catered a delicious turkey dinner to a full house of Nazareth Senior Citizens on Sunday evening at the Senior Citizens Center.

Several band members helped serve the meal and also delivered 25 take-out meals to the elderly.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Mary Kleman, Dean Johnson and Dorothy Pohlmeier, who have December birthdays.

Guests were Father Dennis Boylan, Elmer and Florene Schulte, and Walter and Anita Schilling.

The Senior Citizens Center and those attended were dressed for Christmas, and even Father Dennis looked like Christmas.

Helen Backus was honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday afternoon at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. She has been a resident there for several years. A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the home to visit with Helen. She enjoyed birthday cake and punch with everyone.

The event was hosted by her family.

Bev Hill, Donna Charanza and Virgie Gerber attended a Christmas program Sunday evening in Plainview.

Miriam and Max Gerber, children of Kevin and Malinda Gerber, helped to present the program, "N'Seek Choir Presents the Mystery of the Missing Manger."

Malinda's parents, Roert and Maxine Yearoy of Morton, also enjoyed the program.

Lots of good basketball was enjoyed this weekend.

Our two varsity teams played in the Abernathy tournament. The boys beat Littlefield in the third-place game and the girls

beat Wall to win first place.

Our junior varsity girls and boys played in the Tulia Tournament. The boys played Silverton for third place and the girls beat Tulia and finished first.

Jim, Sandee and Jake Hoelting and their two grandchildren, Madison and Jaxton Hoelting of Tulia, drove to Liberal, Kan., this weekend to watch Whitney Hoelting play ball for Sewart County Community College in Liberal.

Whitney went with the family the tour the real life replica of "The Wizard of Oz," which is located in downtown Liberal as part of the town's wonderful museum.

The annual Nazareth Museum's steak dinner and raffle were a huge success again this year, with many pheasant hunters and other local residents enjoying the food.

Prayers are asked for Al Maurer, Dorothy McQuilliams, Tricia Kern Butler, Robert Verkamp, Francis Wilhelm, John Schacher, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Father Richard Scully and Father Jose Gomez.

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# Sports



## TABC rankings

Here are the latest prep basketball rankings for Class A and AAA, as released by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

### CLASS A

**Girls Division I:** 1. Brock, 2. La Poyner, 3. Smyer, 4. Sudan, 5. Martin's Mill, 6. Boles, 7. Moulton, 8. Lovelady, 9. Stratford, 10. Celeste, 11. Sam Rayburn, 12. Roby, 13. Gruver, 14. Era, 15. Menard, 16. Baird, 17. Shiner, 18. Evadale, 19. Trenton, 20. Kennard.

**Girls Division II:** 1. Nazareth, 2. Whitharral, 3. Round Top-Carmine, 4. Saltillo, 5. Kopperl, 6. Hedley, 7. Borden County, 8. Brookesmith, 9. Follett, 10. Throckmorton, 11. Dime Box, 12. Fayetteville, 13. Leggett, 14. Dodd City, 15. Woodson, 16. Strawn, 17. Guthrie, 18. Jonesboro, 19. Goodrich, 20. Millford.

**Boys Division I:** 1. Brock, 2. Farwell, 3. Lipan, 4. Kennard, 5. Snook, 6. Paducah, 7. Charlotte, 8. LaPoyner, 9. Graford, 10. Spurger, 11. Harper, 12. Stratford, 13. Frost, 14. O'Donnell, 15. Moulton, 16. Tenaha, 17. Roxton, 18. Gorman, 19. Thrall, 20. Petersburg.

**Boys Division II:** 1. Goodrich, 2. Round Top-Carmine, 3. Brookeland, 4. Henrietta Midway, 5. Utopia, 6. Leggett, 7. Channing, 8. Miami, 9. Fort Elliott, 10. Fannidel, 11. Nazareth, 12. New Home, 13. Westbrook, 14. Follett, 15. Calvert, 16. Lazbuddie, 17. Happy, 18. Avinger, 19. Whitharral, 20. Jayton.

### CLASS AAA

**Girls:** 1. Liberty-Eylau, 2. Wainsboro, 3. Perryton, 4. Llano, 5. Shallowater, 6. Muleshoe, 7. Canton, 8. Wimberley, 9. Quinlan Ford, 10. Waco La Vega, 11. Crandall, 12. Groesbeck, 13. Graham, 14. Troy, 15. Smithville, 16. Palacios, 17. Pottsboro, 18. Abilene Wylie, 19. Wills Point, 20. Liberty Hill.

**Boys:** 1. Koutze, 2. Gainesville, 3. Clarksville, 4. Hardin-Jefferson, 5. Lufkin Hudson, 6. Everman, 7. Waco La Vega, 8. Gonzales, 9. Hampshire-Fannett, 10. Crockett, 11. Dimmitt, 12. Denver City, 13. Crane, 14. Seminole, 15. West Oso, 16. Wimberley, 17. Newton, 18. Mexia, 19. Perryton, 20. Mabank.

*Deliver me from gossiping, Lord, and give me the moral strength to defend the person being gossiped about. Amen*



CRYSTAL DIEGO (10) of Hart gets an offensive rebound and puts it back up and in for two of her points last week when the Lady Horns hosted the Happy Cowgirls. Happy won the game, 81-43. Photo by Neoma Williams

## TDH plans shot clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday).

The clinic will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection from several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis),

measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

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

Also, the varicella vaccine is covered by Medicare. Those who qualify should bring their card to the clinic.

## Bobcats roll to tournament championship in Big Spring

Dimmitt walked away from the Big Spring Tournament with the first-place trophy and one of the Bobcats claimed Most Valuable Player honors.

Dimmitt knocked off Hereford, 55-46; Clyde, 53-42; and Trinity Christian, 77-70, enroute to the tournament championship.

Dimmitt's leading scorer, Austin Sherman, scored 51 points over the three games in the tournament, and he was named MVP of the tourney.

Sherman was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate Brent Josselet.

Dimmitt played Hereford in the first round of the tournament, and it was the Cats' third game against the Herd since the season began.

The outcome of the third game was just like the first two—with Dimmitt coming out on top.

In the previous meetings between the two teams, Dimmitt posted 74-57 and 68-56 wins.

In first-round action last Thursday, the Bobcats and Herd squared off again, with Dimmitt posting a 55-46 win.

Dimmitt found itself down by a point at halftime as Hereford's defense went to work on shutting down Sherman.

Sherman was limited to a pair of threes and another jumper in the first half, but Matthew Gauna picked up the slack, draining three long balls over the first 16 minutes.

Hereford's luck ran out in the third quarter, though.

Dimmitt's defense gave up two jumpers in the third quarter and the Bobcat offense opened up a comfortable lead headed into the fourth quarter.

Leading the comeback were Sherman and Matthew Wright, each with six points in the quarter. Nicky Gauna contributed

four points in the comeback.

Sherman was unstoppable in the fourth quarter, pouring in 10 points as the Bobcats rolled to the victory.

Sherman finished with 24 in the game while Matthew Gauna added nine and Wright contributed six.

In the semifinal, only four Bobcats scored, but those four had enough points to boost Dimmitt to a 53-42 win over Clyde.

Wright led Dimmitt with 15 points, Sherman and Nicky Gauna each had 13 and Josselet chipped in 12 for Dimmitt.

The Bobcats sank eight three-pointers in the game and made three-of-four charity tosses.

In the first quarter, Clyde posted a 14-13 lead behind the hot hands of Jamie Robinson and Drew Thompson, who had eight and six points, respectively.

Thompson would finish with four threes in the game and Robinson had 19 points.

Sherman struggled from the floor in the first half, counting just one three-pointer in the books.

Josselet, Wright and Nicky Gauna picked up the slack, though, and by halftime the score was tied at 25.

Sherman and Wright combined for 12 points in the third quarter as Dimmitt opened up a six-point edge, 37-31.

The Bobcats held on through the fourth quarter, extending their lead behind Josselet's six points.

Dimmitt outdid Lubbock's private school power, Trinity Christian, in a shootout for the championship, claiming a 77-70 win at the free throw line.

Seven three-pointers swished the nets for Dimmitt, and all but one of those came in the first half.

Dimmitt opened up a 26-17 lead in the first quarter, with four different players scoring five points—Josselet, Sherman, Matthew Gauna and Lee Brown.

The Bobcats were able to hang onto that nine-point lead at the break, 46-37, and Dimmitt's free throw marathon started.

The Bobcats made six of their seven attempts from the line in the second quarter, with Sherman going four-for-five. He finished with nine in the stanza.

Dimmitt's nine-point lead held through three quarters thanks to a jump-start from the bench. Patrick Hunter came in to add four points during the third when Trinity's defense shut down Josselet and Sherman.

Sherman, who was in foul trouble for most of the second half, didn't score a point over the second 16 minutes, but the Bobcats survived.

In the fourth quarter, Trinity sent Dimmitt shooters to the line several times, and the Bobcats made all but three of their 14 attempts down the stretch to claim the championship.

Sherman's 14 points in the first half was still tops for Dimmitt, and he tied for leading scorer honors with Nicky Gauna. Josselet and Wright each had 12, and Matthew Gauna had 10 for Dimmitt.

## Brockman earns all-district honors

Dimmitt's Thomas Brockman, a 5-9, 190-pound senior offensive lineman, has been named second-team all-district.

Brockman was the lone Bobcat to make the honor team, but several others were named honorable mention all-district.

Those players were senior offensive linemen Jonathan Jimenez (5-10, 190) and Deacon Buckley (6-0, 175); senior receiver Austin Sherman (5-10, 135); senior quarterback Matthew Wright (6-1, 145); senior defensive end T.J. Reyna (5-11, 210); sophomore linebacker Matthew Sanders (5-10, 210); senior linebacker Tanner Self (5-9, 185); and senior punter Anthony Oltivero.

The District 2-AAA Offensive Player of the Year was Kiel Kitchens of Shallowater. Three players tied for Defensive Player of the Year Honors, and they are seniors Matthew Hock of Littlefield, Jerod Kerr of Shallowater and Stephen Shelburne of Muleshoe.

Here's a complete list of 2-AAA all-district selections:

**FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE**  
Tight end: D.J. Dominguez of Muleshoe.

**Offensive linemen:** Tanner Wilson of Shallowater, Joshe Blair of Cooper, Tim Reek of Roosevelt, Allen Dolle of Littlefield and Jeffrey Skipworth and Bradley Thomason, both of Muleshoe.

**Receivers:** Kyle Atwood of Muleshoe, Tyler Kirby of Littlefield, Eric Morris of Shallowater and Marcus White of Cooper.

**Quarterback:** Lincoln Riley of Muleshoe.

**Running backs:** Jonathan Marburger of Shallowater, A.J. Flores Jr. of Muleshoe and Matthew

Hock of Littlefield.  
Kicker: Jake Ware of Littlefield.

**FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE**  
**Defensive ends:** Luis Sanchez of Muleshoe, Dustin Hood of Roosevelt and Michael Castillaia of Shallowater.

**Defensive linemen:** Rickey Aleman of Littlefield, Thad Polite of Cooper, Don Blevins of Shallowater and Daniel Johnson and Rey Martinez, both of Muleshoe.

**Linebackers:** Devon Rocha of Roosevelt, D.J. Dominguez of Muleshoe and Joshe Sheppard of Cooper.

**Defensive backs:** Kelly Hildenbrant of Roosevelt, Will Bynum of Cooper, Kyle Atwood of Muleshoe and Eric Mooris of Shallowater.

**Punter:** Lincoln Riley of Muleshoe.

**SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE**  
**Defensive ends:** Bradley Thomason of Muleshoe and Tyson Welch of Cooper.

**Defensive linemen:** Bryce Ray of Cooper, Tanner Wilson of Shallowater and Michael Durben of Muleshoe.

**Linebackers:** Kiel Kitchens of Shallowater, Brian King of Muleshoe and Travis Goen of Shallowater.

**Defensive backs:** Tyson Reed of Littlefield, Tanyon Reeves and Clay Cristy, both of Shallowater, Lincoln Riley of Muleshoe.

**Punter:** Jake Ware of Shallowater.

**SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE**  
Tight end: Paul Crosthwaite of Shallowater.

**Offensive linemen:** Thad Polite of Cooper, Thomas Brockman of Dimmitt, Daniel Johnson of Muleshoe, Mike Bosques of Littlefield and Don Blevins of Shallowater.

**Receivers:** Dustin Hood of Roosevelt, Dereck Hughes of Shallowater and Joe Rudd of Littlefield.

**Quarterback:** Matthew Vaught of Littlefield.

**Running backs:** Eric Vonberg of Shallowater, Jeff McNeely of Cooper and Clifford Caffey of Roosevelt.

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# Longhorns claim consolation crown

The Hart Longhorns suffered a one-point heartbreaking loss to Friona in first-round action at the Highland Park Tournament, but they regrouped after that and knocked off Canadian in another squeaker, then beat the host team for the consolation crown.

Hart's girls dropped three games in the tournament, falling to Friona, Adrian and Claude.

The Longhorns jumped out to a 15-10 lead in the first quarter and owned a 28-21 advantage at intermission. But when the final buzzer sounded, Hart was on the short end, 55-56.

Friona rallied in the second half, though, and Hart's first-half lead dwindled in the third quarter.

The Chiefs outscored Hart, 20-13, in the third period to tie the score at 41, then managed to pull the game out in the waning seconds, advancing to the semifinal round with a 56-55 win.

Keith Finch led Hart with 28

points while Corey Moore added eight.

The Longhorns' second game was another nail-biter, but this time they were on the positive end, beating Canadian, 59-58.

The consolation semifinal also saw Hart opening up a 15-6 first quarter lead that grew to a 37-27 advantage at halftime.

Canadian battled back in the second half, outscoring Hart 31-22, but the Longhorns were able to hold onto the lead down the stretch.

Finch poured in 26 points for Hart while Jacob Reyna chipped in 10.

Saturday's consolation final was a little easier for the Longhorns, and they won in a defensive battle, 37-30, over Highland Park.

The Hornets managed just two points against Hart's defense in the first quarter, and Hart led 9-2 after the first eight minutes.

Highland Park exploded in the second quarter, outscoring Hart

13-6 to tie the game at 15 by halftime.

The Longhorn defense controlled the game in the third quarter, holding Highland Park to six points, and the Hornets managed just 15 in the second half.

Meanwhile, Hart's offense got on track in the third, scoring 18 points to open up a good lead.

Moore led Hart in scoring with 14 points.

The Lady Horns struggled offensively throughout the tournament.

In their first game, the Lady Horns lost to Friona, 53-38, and a big Friona run over the second and third quarters was the difference.

The Squaws owned an 11-9 edge in the first quarter, and a 25-16 advantage at halftime.

Friona blew the game wide open in the third quarter, outscoring Hart 20-10 to take a 45-

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THE GIFTED AND TALENTED students at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt collected 1,470 cans of food for The Food Pantry in Dimmitt, and they presented the food Friday morning. Students pictured are Adam Reinart, Monique Aleman, Josiah Burzynski, John Hazel and Karina Abrego. Adult volunteers include

(back row) Senovia Diego (left) and Ute Ross (right). Accepting the food on behalf of Panhandle Community Service and The Food Pantry are PCS Director Stella Devers (standing, back left) and Food Pantry Manager Estelle Salinas (in front of Devers).

Photo by Joye Bradford

# Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

**FRIDAY: Bobbies vs. River Road at Caprock, starting at 6:30 p.m.**



**FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. Caprock at Caprock, starting at 8 p.m.**

## Schedule and Scores

- Dec. 14—River Road (Girls), Caprock
- Dec. 14—Caprock (Boys), There
- Dec. 21—Dalhart, There
- Dec. 27-29—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
- Dec. 31—Dalhart, Here
- Jan. 4—Tulia (Boys), There
- Jan. 4—\*Littlefield (Girls), There
- Jan. 8—\*Roosevelt (Girls), There
- Jan. 8—Amarillo (Boys), There
- Jan. 11—\*Shallowater, Here
- Jan. 15—\*Muleshoe, There
- Jan. 18—\*Cooper, Here
- Jan. 22—\*Littlefield, Here
- Jan. 25—\*Roosevelt, Here
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- Feb. 12—\*Roosevelt (Boys), There

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- 45, Levelland 67
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**HART'S KEITH FINCH** drives between two Happy defenders as he scores on an inside move during a regular season game last week in Hart. The Longhorns and Cowboys engaged in a big

shootout, with Happy eventually prevailing, 92-85. Happy couldn't contain Finch, who scored 38 points in the game. *Photo by Neoma Williams*

**More about**

# Longhorns claim . . .

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Hart attempted a fourth-quarter comeback, but only added 12 points to their total. Amanda Carrasco and Maegan Farris chipped in eight points apiece for Hart's girls. Adrian's defense shut down Hart in the first quarter and before the Lady Horns knew it, they were down 13-4 in the first quarter and 40-15 at halftime. The big first-half deficit was too much for the Lady Horns to overcome, and they lost, 61-37. Crystal Diego had 12 points to lead Hart while Kellie George added six. In Saturday's battle for

seventh-place honors, Hart had Claude on the ropes for most of the first half, but the Lady Horns couldn't deliver the knock out punch. Hart was ahead 13-11 after the first eight minutes and 17-14, at halftime. The momentum switched to Claude in the third quarter, though, as Hart shooters went ice cold from the field. During that period, Hart managed just three points. Claude had no trouble finding the net, with the Lady Mustangs pouring in 16 points to take the lead they wouldn't relinquish. Curry's 14 points against Claude was tops for the Lady Horns.

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# Swiftettes win I-27 title while Swifts finish third

The Nazareth Swiftettes won their second tournament of the year Saturday, trouncing Wall in a defensive battle, 37-25, for the championship of the I-27 Invitational.

The Swifts, who just laced up their basketball shoes this week, opened their season in a big way, beating two out of three District 2-AAA talents to finish third in the boys' I-27 Tournament.

Nazareth trailed Wall in the first quarter, 11-9, but the Swiftettes' pressure defense shut down Wall for the next three quarters, allowing just 14 points.

After outscoring Wall 14-5 in the second quarter, the Swiftettes turned their 23-16 halftime lead into a 28-19 advantage after three quarters.

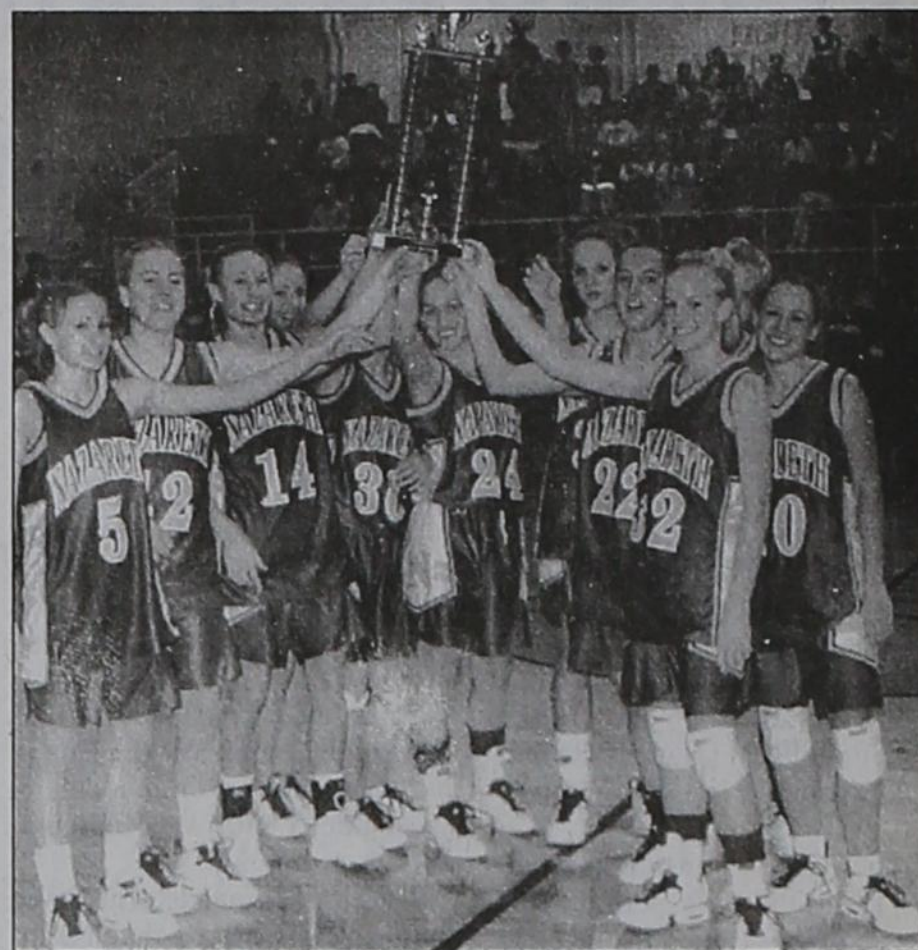
The defensive battle continued in the fourth quarter, and Nazareth had just enough offensive output to scale the Wall for the 37-25 victory and tournament championship.

Stephanie Thiel was the only Swiftette to finish in double figures, and she had more than half of Nazareth's points, scoring 19.

The Swiftettes opened the tournament with a 66-30 win over Littlefield, then beat Sundown, 54-36. That set up the championship game with Wall.

The Swifts dominated Muleshoe in their first-round game, running away with a 73-45 win. The Nazareth boys stumbled in the semifinals, though, falling to Shallowater in a thriller, 66-67.

Nazareth had another good



**TOURNEY CHAMPS**—The Nazareth Swiftettes show off the trophy they received Saturday after downing Wall to win the I-27 Invitational in Abernathy. The Swiftettes knocked off Littlefield, Sundown and Wall in the tournament.

*Photo by Brenda Schulte*

outing in the third-place game on Saturday, demolishing Littlefield, 72-43.

Nothing Littlefield did could squelch the offensive production of the Swiftettes and Stephanie Thiel in first-round action.

Thiel poured in 30 points and was one of three Swiftettes to finish in double figures as Nazareth posted the 66-30 win.

Lesley Brockman chipped in 11 and Danette Ramaekers added 10 for Nazareth.

The Swiftettes started off on fire offensively, but so did the Lady Cats, and it was a 19-point stalemate after one quarter.

Nazareth opened up a slim lead in the second quarter and was up 30-28 at the break.

Littlefield's offense fizzled in the second half, though, producing just 11 points as Nazareth's defense picked up the intensity.

Over the second 16 minutes, Nazareth outscored Littlefield 36-11 for the win.

The Swifts controlled their first-round opponent, Muleshoe, from the opening tip and never looked back, coasting to the 73-45 win.

The game was virtually out of Muleshoe's reach after the initial quarter, with Nazareth owning a commanding 25-8 lead. That margin was extended to 42-20 at halftime and 58-33 after three quarters.

Eric Schilling paced the Swifts with 22 points while Kade Wilcox added 17 and Ky Wilcox chipped in 11.

The Swifts' semifinal loss to Shallowater went down to the wire.

Trailing by four with seconds remaining, Nazareth was able to pull within a point before time expired, but Shallowater advanced to the championship with a 67-66 win.

The lead changed hands several times in the game. Nazareth trailed the Mustangs

by two after the first quarter, 14-16, but came back to take the lead at halftime, 29-27. The Swifts still led after three quarters, 49-47, but the Mustangs went on a big run in the fourth quarter and Nazareth couldn't recover.

For Nazareth, Kade Wilcox finished with 18 in the game while Schilling added 16 and Daryl Pohlmeier scored 14.

The girls' semifinal between the Swiftettes and Sundown was all Nazareth.

After opening up a 19-10 lead in the first period, Nazareth coasted to a 30-19 halftime lead, then outscored Sundown 36-11 over the second half to claim the big 54-36 win.

Erica Gerber and Thiel tied for leading scorer honors with 11 apiece while Wendy Black added 10 for Nazareth.

Kade Wilcox poured in 25 points Saturday as the Swifts claimed the third-place trophy with a 72-43 win over Littlefield.

Leading 18-12 after one quarter, Nazareth raced past the Wildcats over the next three stanzas, never allowing Littlefield to get into the game.

## Youth rally set in Hart

The Hart Ministerial Alliance is hosting a county-wide youth rally Saturday at 6 p.m. at Hart High School.

Two bands, *Visions* and *Shepherd Blind* will be performing.

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**TREY ROBB** works from the wing, looking for an open teammate cutting to the basket Saturday in a third-place game between the Nazareth Swifts and Littlefield in the I-27 Tournament. Nazareth beat Muleshoe to open the tournament, but fell to Shallowater by a point in the semifinals. The Swifts came back to beat Littlefield for third-place honors.

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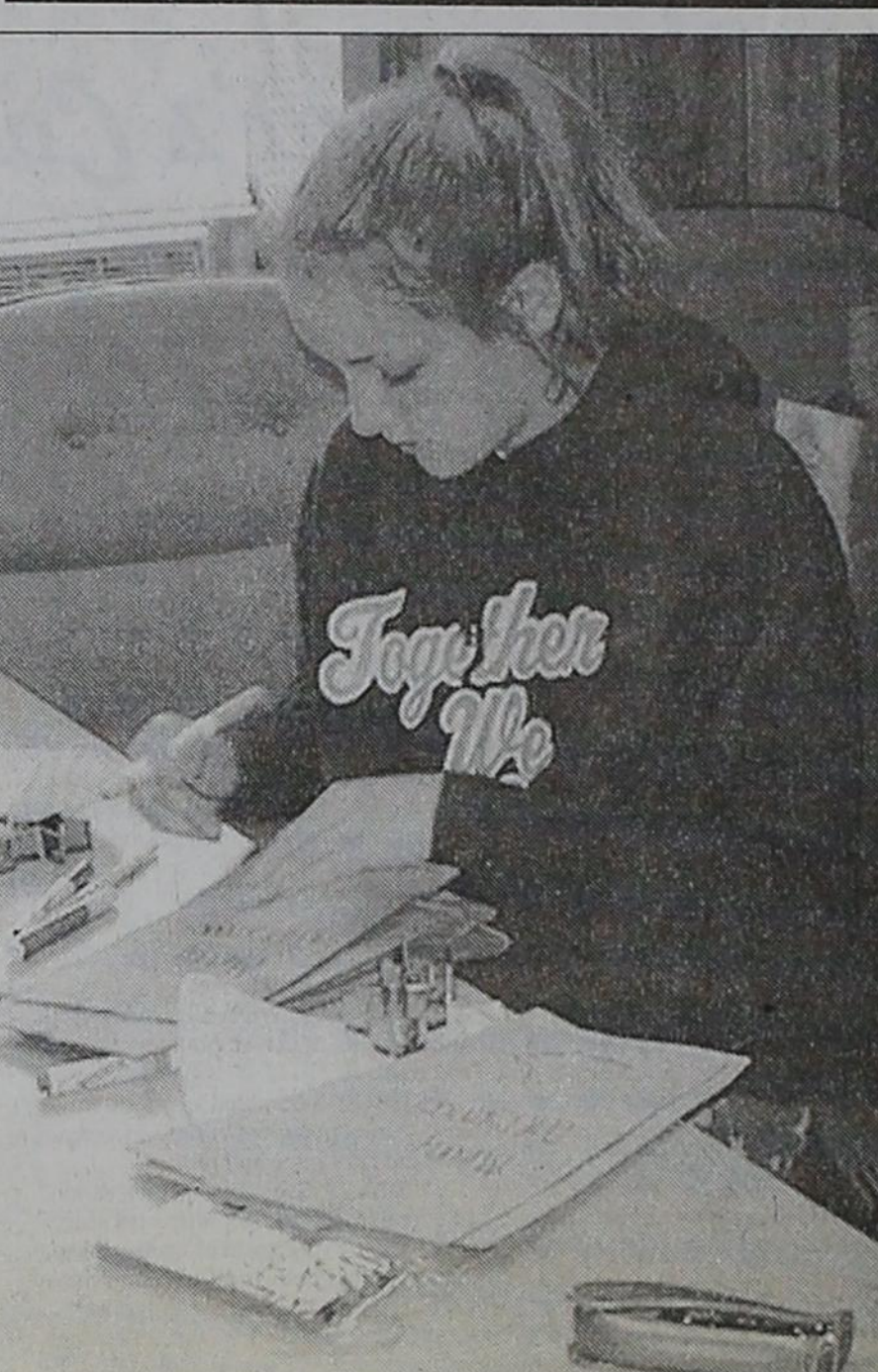
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students as well as reaching an attendance level of 94%.

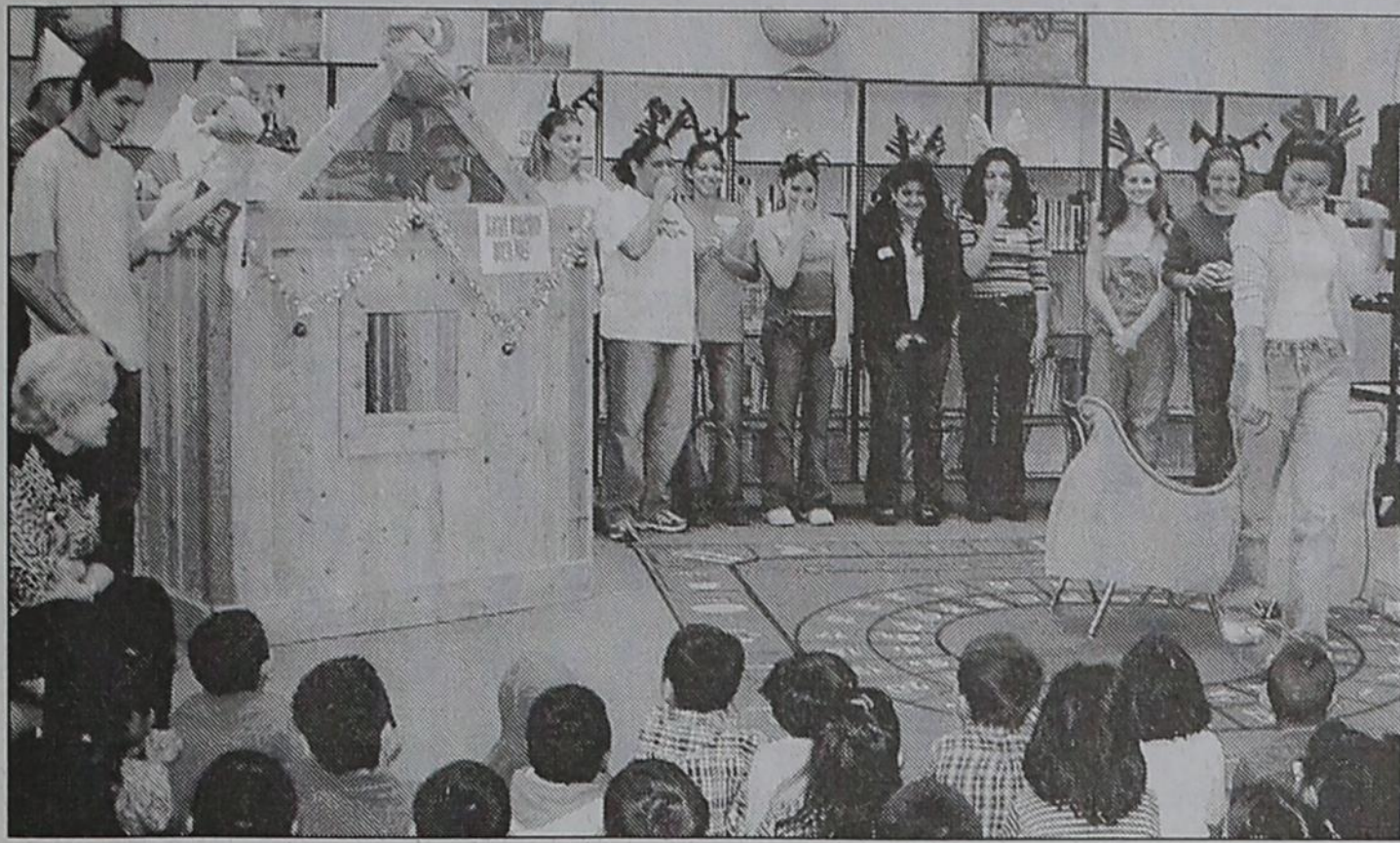
Beth Joiner was added to the substitute teacher list.

At the end of week 14, DISD had 1,271 students enrolled. This compares to 1,285 at the end of the thirteenth week.

Darlene Collins came before the board with a request to apply for a grant of \$44,000. This grant application was approved and will be used for monitors, LCD projectors, a smart board and other electronic equipment. The grant also provides for six teachers to receive training on the new equipment.

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**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** act out a Christmas skit involving Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa Claus and the other reindeer last Thursday morning for Richardson

Elementary School students. The skit was presented as part of a Reading is Fundamental program at the school. Photo by Anne Acker

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held a commercial tool sale in the Expo Building Sunday, and products offered were in direct competition with local merchants, Sava said.

The vendor paid a \$200 deposit and \$100 in rent for the Expo Building, and obtained a permit from the City of Dimmitt for another \$100. The deposit will likely be returned to the vendor.

Sava said he felt like the vendor should have paid more rent because the business pays no local taxes and was selling a product from a taxpayer-funded property.

"I'm just trying to protect our local businesses," Sava said.

"I thought we had decided not to let people from outside the county have sales in the Expo Building because it does take away from local business," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

"It has been our policy in the past not to allow out-of-town businesses to rent the Expo Building for commercial ventures," Miller said.

Miller said she will see what legal restrictions the county can place on rental of the Expo Building to out-of-county vendors.

She said the county probably should consider revising its Expo Building rental policy because the current one is four years old.

# Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

When it comes to making yourself understood in Washington, D.C., there is usually very little room for error or lack of clarity.

That was reiterated last Thursday afternoon after comments by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle were read, interpreted and apparently misconstrued.

After telling reporters that he intends to pursue the farm bill through passage by the Senate, Daschle apparently left out the part in which he wanted to complete a conference and send the bill to the White House for the President's signature.

In an effort to clear up exactly what he intended to say the first time around, Daschle's office has been hard at work reiterating his goal of finishing Senate floor debate of the farm bill, quickly completing a conference with those in the House of Representatives and dropping the bill on President George W. Bush's desk before congress adjourns for the holidays.

That is where the politics of the situation appear to have the most impact. Reality and the calendar says that there just isn't that much time left before congress will adjourn.

Plains Cotton Growers and others have been adamant about the act that whether they like the Senate farm bill in its current form or not there should be no delay in getting the farm bill to the Senate floor.

Once there, both Republicans and Democrats would have the ability to debate and offer amendments to the Senate bill. This would serve two important purposes: First, it keeps the process moving forward; and second, neither side is viewed as trying to obstruct or delay completion of the legislation.

Everyone, from the producer in West Texas to the shop keeper in the big city is keenly aware of the fact that Congress has a lot of work to do between now and Christmas.

The fact is a new Farm Bill will strengthen the foundation of a struggling agricultural economy that supplies 20% or more of the nation's gross domestic product.

Its passage is not only important to farmers and ranchers, it should also be viewed as one of the first steps toward moving the entire US economy out of the current economic recession.

With the High Plains cotton harvest virtually complete, all that remains is the ginning and classification of cotton still in modules.

For most growers, one of the more pleasant surprises of this year's crop has been the consistently high quality it has exhibited.

Overall, the crop has averaged some of the best color, staple and strength readings observed in recent memory.

To date, the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office has processed just over 1.6 million bales of cotton and expects to see slightly more than two million bales by the end of the ginning season.

Staple lengths recorded at the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock are averaging just under 1-1/16th inches (Staple 34) with approximately half having staples of 34 or longer and the rest coming in below that figure.

HVI color and leaf measurements have also been a pleasant surprise. More than 75% of the crop classed to date has been assigned color grades of 11 or 21 while 93% of the bales have received leaf grades of 3 or better.

The only HVI reading that appears to be less than optimal appears to be micronaire, where the trend for much of the season has been to the high side of the optimal range. This is further evidenced by the fact that 45% of the bales classed at Lubbock have mike measurements in the 4.3 to 4.9 range and 19.9% have been assigned mike grades of 5.0 or greater.

The high mike readings are in many cases keeping producers from realizing the full price benefits of the longer than expected staple readings.

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First Round  
**Bobcats 55, Hereford 46**  
Dimmitt 8 15 16 16—55  
Hereford 15 9 4 18—46  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 24, Matthew Gauna 9.

Championship semifinals  
**Bobcats 53, Clyde 42**  
Dimmitt 13 12 12 16—53  
Clyde 14 11 6 11—42  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Matthew Wright 15, Austin Sherman and Nicky Gauna 13, Brent Josselet 12.

Championship  
**Bobcats 77, Trinity Christian 70**  
Dimmitt 26 20 13 18—77  
Trinity 17 20 13 20—70  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Austin Sherman and Nicky Gauna 14, Brent Josselet and Matthew Wright 12, and Matthew Gauna 10.

## I-27 SHOOTOUT

in Abernathy  
First Round  
**Swifts 73, Muleshoe 45**  
Muleshoe 8 12 13 12—45  
Nazareth 25 17 16 15—73.  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Eric Schilling 22, Kade Wilcox 17, Ky Wilcox 11. Muleshoe—Sheets 21, Broyles 14.

**Swiftettes 66, Littlefield 30**  
Nazareth 19 11 21 15—66  
Littlefield 19 9 6 5—30  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 30, Lesley Broeckman 11, Danette Ramaekers 10.

Championship Semifinals  
**Swifts 66, Shallowater 67**  
Nazareth 14 15 20 17—67  
Shallowater 16 11 20 20—66  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 18, Eric Schilling 16, Daryl Pohlimeier 14.

**Swiftettes 54, Sundown 36**  
Nazareth 19 11 21 15—54  
Sundown 10 9 6 5—36  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Erica Gerber and Stephanie Thiel 11, Wendy Black 10.

Championship  
**Swiftettes 37, Wall 25**  
Nazareth 9 14 5 9—37  
Wall 11 5 3 6—25  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 19.

Third Place  
**Swifts 72, Littlefield 43**  
Nazareth 18 22 14 19—72  
Littlefield 12 10 9 12—43  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 25.

## HIGHLAND PARK TOURNAMENT

First Round  
**Longhorns 55, Friona 56**  
Hart 15 13 13 14—55  
Friona 10 11 20 15—56  
**SCORING:** Hart—Keith Finch 28, Corey Moore 8.

**Lady Horns 38, Friona 53**  
Hart 9 7 10 12—38  
Friona 11 14 20 8—53

**SCORING:** Hart—Amanda Carrasco and Maegan Farris 8.

Consolation quarterfinals  
**Lady Horns 37, Adrian 61**  
Hart 4 11 15 7—37  
Adrian 13 27 13 18—61  
**SCORING:** Hart—Crystal Diego 12, Kellie George 6.

**Longhorns 59, Canadian 58**  
Hart 15 22 11 11—59  
Canadian 6 21 14 17—58  
**SCORING:** Hart—Keith Finch 26, Jacob Reyna 10.

Consolation  
**Longhorns 37, Highland Park 30**  
Hart 9 6 18 4—37  
Highland Park 2 13 6 9—30  
**SCORING:** Hart—Corey Moore 14, Marcial Mendoza 7.

Seventh Place  
**Lady Horns 35, Claude 42**  
Hart 13 4 3 15—35  
Claude 11 3 16 12—42  
**SCORING:** Hart—Lacie Curry 14.

**FRIDAY**  
**Bobbies 31, Sudan 44**  
Dimmitt 4 8 8 11—31  
Sudan 2 6 15 21—44  
**SCORING:** Hart—Caitlin Buckley 13.

**MONDAY**  
**9th Bobcats 45, Cooper 36**  
Dimmitt 10 12 10 13—45  
Cooper 9 7 9 11—36  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Charlie Saenz 17.

**TUESDAY**  
**Bobcats 66, Abernathy 63**  
Dimmitt 13 13 20 20—66  
Abernathy 21 17 14 11—63  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 22, Nicky Gauna 18, Patrick Hunter 13.

**Bobbies 37, Abernathy 50**  
Dimmitt 4 10 11 12—37  
Abernathy 14 9 14 13—50  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Ashley Irons 9.

**Swiftettes 82, Farwell 47**  
Nazareth 34 19 9 20—82  
Farwell 8 7 15 17—47  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 29, Wendy Black 17.

**Swifts 78, Farwell 36**  
Nazareth 14 21 20 23—78  
Farwell 5 7 12 12—36  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Eric Schilling 20, Kade Wilcox 17.

*He was a perfect pessimist—a real no-it-all.*

*There are times, Dear Lord, when I am in doubt. Give me the assurance again that Your Spirit will always be with me to guide, strengthen, forgive and love me. Amen*

*Live so that when others think of honesty, compassion, and integrity, they think of you.*

**Longhorns 71, Amherst 66**  
Hart 19 14 19 19—71  
Amherst 16 9 13 28—66  
**SCORING:** Hart—Keith Finch 25, Jacob Reyna and Corey Moore 12.

**Lady Horns 66, Amherst 37**  
Hart 17 16 22 11—66  
Amherst 6 14 13 4—37  
**SCORING:** Hart—Crystal Diego 26, Lacie Curry 14.

**JV Bobbies 50, Abernathy 23**  
**JV Bobcats 68, Abernathy 53**  
**JV Lady Horns 77, Amherst 34**



**FRESH FRUIT AND GOODIES** were delivered to senior citizens in Nazareth over the weekend by members of the Nazareth 4-H Club. Club members provided baked goods and other items, then sacked the food along with fruit for the elderly citizens. Helping bag the fruit Saturday morning at Nazareth City Hall are Caitlin Huseman and Kendra Huseman. Photo by Jenna Acker

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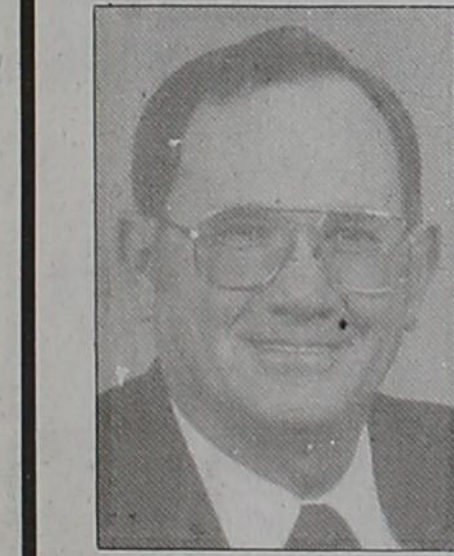
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## DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

### CALENDAR EVENTS

**Thursday, Dec. 13**

- DHS Student Council Meeting - 12:00
- DHS End-of-Course History Test - 8:30
- Basketball: 7th grade Girls @ Canyon Tournament
- 9th grade Girls @ Friona Tournament

**Friday, Dec. 14**

- Basketball: 7th grade Girls @ Canyon Tournament
- 9th grade Girls @ Friona Tournament
- DHS JV & Varsity Boy @ Caprock
- DHS JV & Varsity Girls @ Caprock vs. River Road

**Saturday, Dec. 15**

- Basketball: 7th grade Girls @ Canyon Tournament
- 9th grade Girls @ Friona Tournament

**Sunday, Dec. 16**

- DHS Band Christmas Concert-2:00 DHS Auditorium

**Monday, Dec. 17**

- Migrant PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Richardson Elementary Library

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**

- DHS End-of-Course Algebra Test - 8:30
- DMS Band Christmas Program

**Wednesday, Dec. 19**

- DMS Choir Christmas Program

### CAMPUS EVENTS

**RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY**

- Students at RES are e-mailing letters to Santa Claus this week.

**DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Band and Choir Christmas Programs will be held in the auditorium on Dec. 18 and 19.

**DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL**

- Student Council and National Honor Society will be Caroling on Monday, Dec. 17.

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The three principals of Dimmitt Independent School District show off certificates they received at Tuesday night's school board meeting for guiding their schools to a 'Recognized' level by TEA. Left to right, they are George Rasor, principal of Dimmitt Middle School, R.L. Stockstill, principal at Dimmitt High School and Clint Seward, principal of Richardson Elementary. In order to attain a rating of 'Recognized', TEA sets standards including at least 80% grading of sub-groups on math, reading and writing and 94% or better attendance by the students. Photo by Chris Bradford

# Police Calls

Law enforcement officers investigated several reported thefts during the past week, and the stolen items ranged from cash to a ring.

On Dec. 3, Michael Edward Sparks of Amarillo told police someone had taken a blue cloth recliner and a heavy blanket from a building in the 300 block of Southeast Fourth St. in Dimmitt.

Sparks valued the recliner at \$400 and the blanket at \$35.

In another incident, \$440 in cash was removed from a purse owned by Senobiar Diego of Hart.

The theft, reported by Dimmitt resident Ute Ross, occurred in the 100 block of Southwest Second St. in Dimmitt.

A payroll check was taken

from North Gin Ltd. without the employer's consent on Nov. 22.

Employees with Alco in Dimmitt told police someone had taken a ring without paying for it on Dec. 7. The ring was valued at \$3.99.

Kathy Lynn Davis of Dimmitt reported to police on Dec. 3 that someone had cut the locks and entered a building in the 300 block of Southeast Fourth St.

In reporting a case of vandalism on Dec. 7, Efrain Rodriguez told police someone had sliced his trampoline mat with a sharp object.

Rodriguez said the trampoline mat was worth \$200.

On Dec. 5, police responded to Dimmitt High School after receiving reports of a fight between students during the lunch hour.

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Police stopped a subject for a traffic violation on Dec. 3 and discovered the driver to be intoxicated. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and for assaulting a public servant.

Others arrested on alcohol-related charges this week were:

✓ An Amarillo man for DWI, possessing an open container, driving with a license suspended, and theft by check.

✓ A 47-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on Dec. 8 for driving while intoxicated.

✓ A Happy woman was charged with public intoxication and not wearing a safety belt on Dec. 9.

✓ A Happy man was charged with driving while intoxicated on Dec. 9.

✓ An 18-year-old Nazareth woman was charged with driving under the influence and minor in possession on Dec. 9.

# Obituaries

## E. W. Cawthon

E.W. "Bud" Cawthon, 79, of Hereford, died Friday in Amarillo.

Private graveside services were held Saturday. Arrangements were handled by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Cawthon was born Feb. 21, 1922, at Childress. He married Lurline Dixon in 1946 in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Randy Cawthon of Amarillo; a daughter, Lynette Dudding of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hereford Senior Citizens or Harrington Cancer Center.

## Wilma Jo Noble Williams

Wilma Jo Noble Williams, 62, of Magnolia, Ark., formerly of Dimmitt, died Dec. 7 at her home.

Services were held Monday at the North Acres Baptist Church in Magnolia with Bro. J.P. Skinner and Bro. Harless Oglesby officiating. Burial followed at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born June 12, 1939, in Dimmitt to the late Ester and Katie Noble.

She was a member, pianist and pastor's wife for 25 years at North Acres Baptist Church. She was a member of Magnolia Music Club and Piano Teachers Guild of America. She taught piano at the Columbia Christian School.

She was preceded in death by a brother, E. B. Noble and a sister, Martha Rose Smith.

Survivors are her husband, Dial Rex Williams of Magnolia, Ark.; a son, Richard S. Williams of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Tim Hale of Fort Myers Fla., Joetta Denise and Darcy Swafford of Monroe, La.; two brothers, Jerry Noble of Lubbock and Don Loy Noble of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Noble of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to North Acres Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 1488, Magnolia, Ark., 71754.

Pallbearers were Marlin Oglesby, Wayne Butler, Daniel Clark, Carl Carter, Patriek Carter, Randy Reeves, Steve Reeves, and James Randolph.

## Lydia Gomez

Lydia Gomez, 72, formerly of Hart, died Dec. 3 at Hereford Care Center.

The first of two memorial services was held on Dec. 5 with Gonzalo and Elisa Medina of Plainview officiating. The second was held last Thursday, Dec. 6, with the Rev. Steve Martinez, pastor of New Life Assembly of God Church in Hereford, officiating.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Dec. 6, in the chapel at Bartley-Silva Funeral Home in Plainview. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Bartley-Silva Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gomez was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Mexico. She married Domingo M. Gomez on Sept. 16, 1949, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

She was a housewife. She had lived in Hondo before moving to Hart. She had lived in Hart for 38 years.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Delia Carrasco of Dallas; three sons, Saul Gomez of Houston, Domingo Munoz and Johnny Munoz, both of Perryton; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

We all have the strength to endure the misfortunes of others.

Dear Lord, when I am hurting and confused, may I have the courage to share that hurt with my loved ones. Help me to remember they are not mind readers and that they may not be able to solve my problems, but can be supportive. Amen

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**Mother**

*She was soft but strong  
Her arms open wide  
She held me close to her  
Each time that I cried.*

*Her love was so pure  
god surely was pleased  
Never a day went by  
That she didn't fulfill my needs.*

*Her laughter pure joy  
Soft wind in the trees  
I still think I hear it  
With each gentle breeze.*

*She listened each time  
When I needed to talk  
My confidant and friend  
As we strolled life's walk.*

*She still hears when I call  
My face to the sky  
That beautiful angel  
My mother on high.*

May God Grant you Peace

Our beautiful Mom, Grandma  
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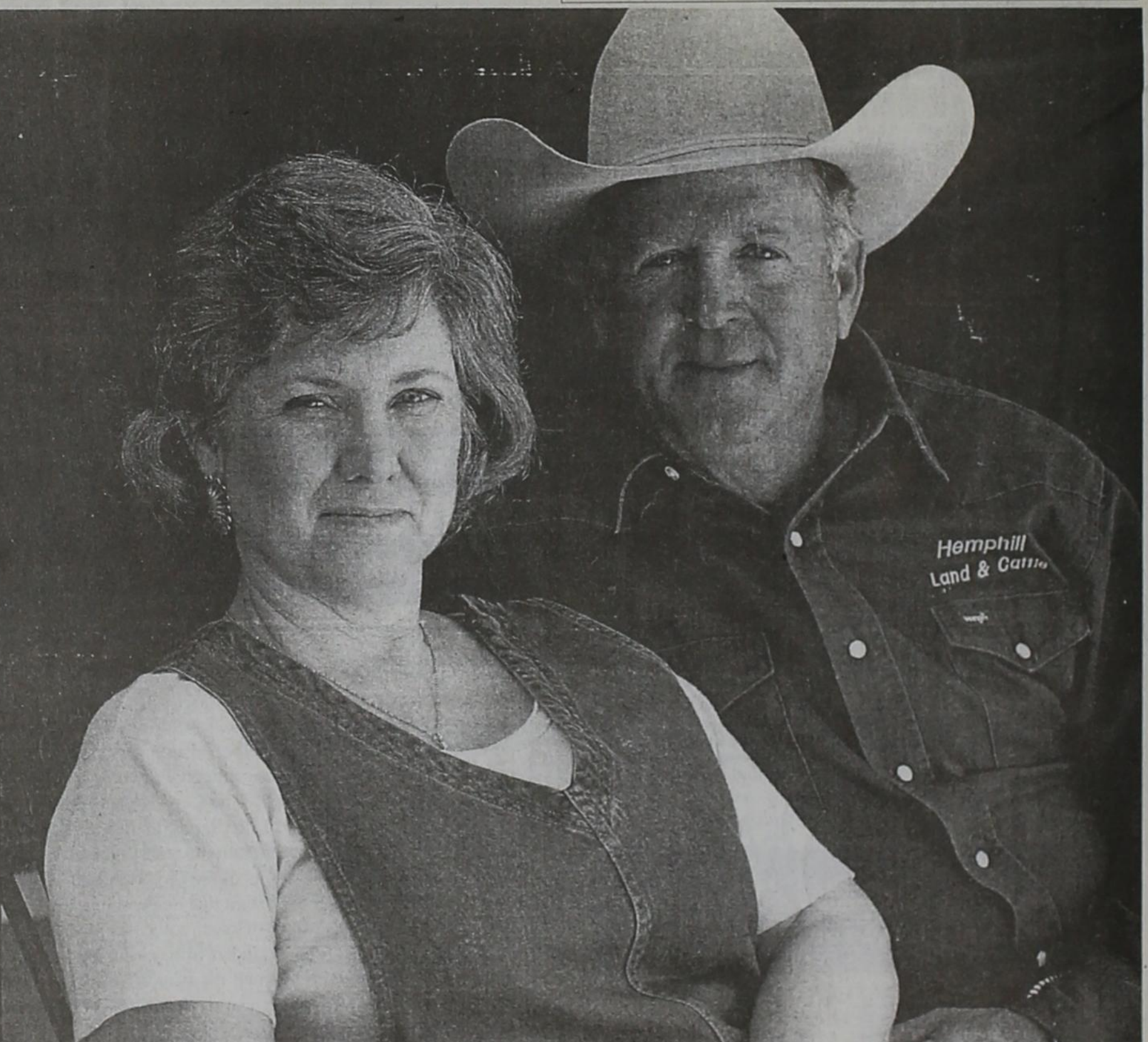
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