

STARTING ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM are Castro County Commissioners Bay Baldrige of Precinct 3 (right) and Newlon Rowland of Precinct 1 (center). Administering the oath of office to the two

men in ceremonies Saturday morning is Judge Jack Miller (left) of the 64th District Court. Both incumbents were unopposed in the Nov. 7 election.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hundreds may get warranted surprise

Hundreds of traffic warrants are being issued out of Castro County for people who have not taken care of traffic tickets or who have failed to pay fines and court costs, according to Castro County Justice of the Peace Tana Young.

Young said that if someone who has an outstanding warrant is stopped on another traffic violation, they could be arrested, booked and jailed. At the very least, they must pay the amount of the fine and court costs from their first violation.

Also, they could have to pay a warrant fee of \$50 and a time payment fee of \$25 if they have entered a plea and not taken care of the fine.

"People who have gotten a traffic ticket should pay attention to what it says on the ticket and on the courtesy form that is usually handed out by Dept. of Public Safety troopers along with tickets," Young said. "The form tells what options the violator has and gives instructions for paying the ticket by mail if they wish to do so."

A lot of people are choosing not to contact the JP's office after they have received a ticket, Young said, and some who have appeared before her are choosing not to pay fines and court costs that have been assessed.

"Some people think that just calling my office will cover their obligation, but they must enter a plea before me," Young said, "and pleas are accepted only in person or by mail, not by phone."

Young said the warrants being issued are on tickets from as far back as two years (since she took office). She said she had not had a chance to work steadily on issuing the warrants and having them entered in the DPS information computer until recently.

Anyone who has received a traffic ticket in the past two years and has not taken care of it should contact Young's office to make arrangements for entering a plea or paying the fine and fees assessed. If the ticket has been lost, she will have a record of it and can advise the of-

fender what needs to be done.

Young said her office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. each weekday, except for holidays.

People who receive a traffic ticket can enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (which means 'no contest') or they may plead not guilty and ask for a hearing before a jury or the JP.

If a person is picked up on a warrant for not taking care of a ticket or fine, they will be arraigned and the bond is usually set at the amount of the fine and court costs. Young said they may post a cash bond and the jailer will fill out a cash bond waiver form. If they do not appear before her, then a plea of nolo contendere is entered and the bond is taken as payment for the fine and court costs.

"The DPS troopers have a schedule of fines that I charge so that violators can see it on the courtesy form at the time they are stopped," Young said. She said fines in her court can

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District courts render judgments for eight

In District Court sessions during December, eight persons received judgments in both the 242nd and 64th district courts.

64th District Court

On Dec. 7, Judge Jack Miller entered an order deferring further proceedings for Earnestine Jordan, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of theft over \$500 and under \$1,500 in connection with a Dec. 17, 1999, incident.

The terms of her plea included a probated sentence of five years of community supervision under the terms of deferred adjudication, \$272.25 in court costs, and a \$50 contribution to the Castro County Crime Line. She also must pay \$5,000 in restitution to Phyllis Cook of Hart, and complete 100 hours of community service.

Upon successful completion of her probation, the defendant shall be discharged and the proceedings against her shall be dismissed.

Also on Dec. 7, Gabriel Cantu was sentenced in two cases. His plea of guilty/nolo contendere was accepted to charges of burglary of a building and burglary of a habitation, both on or about March 18. The sentences in the two cases are to run concurrently.

For the burglary of a building he was sentenced to two years in a Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice-State Jail facility, probated for five years; a \$1,000 fine, \$275 in court costs, and a \$50 donation to Crime Line; and restitution of \$1,905 to Mike

Cleavinger of Muleshoe.

In the burglary of a habitation, he was ordered to serve two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, probated for five years; pay a probated fine of \$500 and court costs of \$275.25; and restitution of \$1,850 to Jack Angeley of Earth.

Gerardo Castro entered a plea of guilty/nolo contendere to DWI charges from May 22, 1994. The terms of the plea bargain included 60 days in the Castro County jail, probated for two years, a fine of \$500, court costs of \$242, a \$50 donation to Crime Line, and 100 hours of community service. He also must complete the repeat offenders DWI education classes, and after completion of a one-year's suspension of his driver's license, he must have an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he drives for the remainder of his probation.

An order was entered modifying probation for Zachary Shane Stevens. He was on probation for DWI, third or more, on May 9, 1998, and he was ordered to be confined to the Castro County jail for 60 days.

On Dec. 15, an order was entered modifying the probation of William Caraway, who was on probation for burglary of a building on June 21, 1994. His original sentence was five years in the IDTDCJ, probated for five years, with a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$242 and a \$50 donation to Crime Line.

The terms of probation he violated included causing bodily injury to two Dallas women by striking them with his hand, failure to pay supervision fees and failure to complete his community service.

He was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail and to perform his community service while he is in jail. Also he will have his community supervision extended an additional six months.

Also on Dec. 15, a plea of guilty/nolo contendere was accepted for Richard Ramirez to charges of DWI, third offense, which occurred on March 13. The terms of the plea bargain include two years in the IDTDCJ, probated for two years; a fine of \$500, court costs of \$272.25, attorney fees of \$250, and a \$50 donation to Crime Line; 100 hours of community service, DWI terms, 10 days in the Castro County jail, and completion of the repeat offenders program. He also must have an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he drives after his one-year's driver's license suspension.

Dec. 21, an order was entered deferring proceedings against Lynn Damon Nelson, with a substance abuse program a term of probation. He entered a plea of guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram on Feb. 27. The terms include five years of community supervision under the terms of deferred adjudication; a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$272.25, a

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ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR CASTRO COUNTY are sworn in at a ceremony Saturday morning at the courthouse in Dimmitt. Administering the oath of office is Judge Jack Miller (left) of the 64th District

Court. Being sworn in are (continuing from left) Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman, Sheriff CD Fitzgerald, County/District Attorney James Horton, and Constable James Dobbs. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Strong market could signal bright 2001 for cattle industry

Cattle feeders are ending the year with a stronger market than many anticipated, and Santa Claus himself couldn't have done any better.

That's how Jim Gill, market director for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) summarized the year during the annual TCFA year-end news conference last week in Amarillo.

"In many respects, 2000 was a turnaround year for cattle feeders," Gill said. "Large numbers of market-ready cattle and record large weights plagued feeders much of the year, but it appears we've turned the corner and 2001 looks very positive."

Gill estimates fed cattle will sell from \$72 to \$78 per hundredweight in the first quarter of 2001; \$70 to \$75 per hundredweight in the second quarter, \$68 to \$72 per hundredweight in the third quarter and \$76 to \$80 in the fourth quarter.

Cow-calf and stocker operators will enjoy continued market strength as well.

"Feeder cattle supplies will continue to tighten over the next several years. Prices for a 750-pound feeder steer, which averaged near \$85 in 2000, will average in the low \$90s

during 2001," Gill predicted.

Cattle prices will take a cue from beef production, which will be near 26 billion pounds in 2001, 3.1% below 2000.

"This will be the first decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual per-capita beef consumption around 66.5 pounds on a retail weight basis," Gill said.

He said the drop in beef production will stem mainly from the expectation that average carcass weights will fall back from the record 745 pounds notched in 2000.

"We placed a lot of lightweight calves the last half of 2000 and particularly the last three months. Lighter weight calves produce lighter weight finish cattle, which yield lighter weight carcasses."

Competitive meat supplies will still remain a challenge. Increases in pork and poultry production will offset the decrease in beef production, bringing total meat and poultry production to around 83 billion pounds, a 0.5% increase over 2000. Pork production will be near 19.4 billion pounds, a 2.5% increase; and poultry production will be near 37 billion pounds, a 3.4% jump.

Grain prices, which played a major role in 2000, will continue to be a factor in cattle feeders' purchasing and placement decisions, Gill said.

"Corn production in 2000 was estimated at 10.05 billion bushels, up 6.5% from 1999. Production in 2001 will likely be around 10 billion bushels. Changes in the farm program could eventually influence grain production, but it's unlikely to have much effect on the 2001 crop year," Gill said.

Consumer demand for beef took a strong upswing in 2000, which is expected to continue into 2001. Retail beef prices averaged \$2.95 per pound in 2000, up about 10 cents from 1999.

"With the anticipated drop in beef production in 2001, and continued improvement in demand, prices may edge higher and reach an average of slightly more than \$3 per pound during 2001," said Gill.

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By Don Nelson

Remember the story about the head of the US Patent Office in the 1800s who recommended that the agency be phased out because "everything has been invented"?

That was before the turn of the last century. Since 1900 the world has benefited from such nifty inventions as the automobile, the airplane, the computer, Nylon, Latex, laser beams, Scotch tape, Post-It Notes, artificial Christmas trees. . . .

So, as the new century begins, to say "You ain't seen nothin' yet" isn't being prophetic, it's just paying due respect to our own ignorance.

The NBC *Today* show had a great, pre-taped New Year's program Monday in which experts, teachers and researchers from some of the top technological universities, medical schools and industry told of some of the things we can realistically expect within the next half-century.

It was mind-boggling.

For instance:

> A top surgical specialist being able to perform heart surgery on you from 2,000 miles away through the use of video/electronic technology



A FAMILY PROJECT—This snowman at 602 SW Sixth in Dimmitt was built by (from left) Maria Marcus and her children, Arturo, 4, and Yannin, 9. Clear weather is expected for the area through the early part of next week.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Today is deadline for chamber nominations

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the honors that are bestowed each year at the annual Chamber Banquet, set this year for Jan. 20, with the theme of "Castro County: Cattle, Cotton, Corn and Cowboys."

A selection committee will choose the Citizen of the Year, Citizen

Through the Years, Teacher of the Year, and Chamber Member of the Year.

Nomination forms must be turned in today (Thursday) at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday . . .	30	19	
Friday	39	13	
Saturday	36	12	
Sunday	35	11	
Monday	26	22	
Tuesday	28	20	
Wednesday . . .	31	20	

December Moisture	0.43
January Moisture	0.00
2000 Moisture	14.60
2001 Moisture	0.00

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

Police Calls

Dec. 26-Jan. 2

Monday at 5:50 a.m., April Reyes of Dimmitt told police that someone broke a window at her residence on West Bedford. The damage was estimated at \$150.

Debra Kay Lopez, manager at the Colonial Inn Motel of Dimmitt, told police Friday morning that a suspect left the motel without paying the bill.

Sunday afternoon, a 36-year-old Hereford man was jailed for displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.

Monday at 3:30 a.m., a 29-year-old Bovina man was jailed for public intoxication.

Sunday at 2:44 a.m., some suspects were charged with being minors in possession of alcoholic beverages. They were stopped in the 500 block of Northwest Seventh.

A Midland man, 21, was jailed on warrants Monday for having an unrestrained child under the age of four and for violating a promise to appear.

Jail Count

There were 13 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning.

Two one-vehicle crashes were reported on Tuesday by DPS trooper Agustín Perez.

At 7:30 a.m. a 1989 Freightliner truck-tractor rig pulling a trailer was heading south on FM 2943 (Big Daddy's cutoff) and jack-knifed on the icy road just before reaching the intersection with US 385. Laroy Hightower, 56, of Panhandle, driver of the vehicle, was not injured. He was issued a citation for unsafe speed. The sleeper portion of the cab had heavy damage and the vehicle knocked down three highway reflector posts.

Also that morning, a 1989 International truck-tractor with trailer was heading north on FM 1055 and jack-knifed on the icy road, just before it came to the intersection with Hwy. 86. The vehicle hit a tree and knocked down a telephone switch box. Damage to the truck and trailer was light and the driver, Vitorino Rodriguez, 27, of Earth, was not injured. He was given a ticket for unsafe speed and no seat belt.

Dec. 19-26

Three incidents of criminal trespass were reported at the Azteca Complex during the past week. Suspects who had been warned to stay out of the complex violated the warnings—on Dec. 19, and on Dec. 23-24.

A representative of SPS told police the afternoon of Dec. 23 that someone removed an electric meter in the 100 block of Northwest Fourth.

Dec. 25, Silvia Salinas Gonzales of Houston told police that someone scratched the right side of her vehicle while it was in the 1000 block of West Stinson.

A Hart man, 40, was jailed Dec. 19 for displaying a fictional/counterfeit inspection sticker/insurance document for display.

Dec. 26 in the afternoon a suspect was involved in an accident while intoxicated on South Highway 194. The suspect was charged with DWI, third offense/breath test refused. Some minors in the vehicle

with the suspect were charged with being minors in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Jailed on warrants:

—Dec. 19, a 38-year-old Edmondson man for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

—Dec. 23, an Amarillo man, 27, for forgery of a financial instrument and failure to appear, DWI second offense motion to revoke, and display of a suspended driver's license; and a 20-year-old Dimmitt man, assault/bodily injury/family member.

—Dec. 24, a Canyon man, 34, theft over \$20 and under \$500, and driving with license suspended or invalid.

Jail Count

There were 11 inmates in the county jail as of the morning of Dec. 26.

Dec. 19, Mary Lou Moen of Fargo, N.D., was driving a fully loaded commercial fertilizer truck northwest on Highway 194. As she turned onto CR 529, the vehicle flipped on its side. She was given a citation for unsafe speed and improper license for the type of vehicle she was driving. The passenger with her, Shane Anderson, the owner of the truck, was cited for employing a driver without the proper license for the vehicle. He sustained a minor injury.

Dec. 22, a 1994 Chevy pickup driven by Leon Minjarez, 16, of Hart, was heading north in the 300 block of North Broadway in Hart. Minjarez decided to make a U-turn and did not see a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Lucas Anzaldúa, 21, of Hart, who was attempting to pass the Chevy at the time it made the U-turn. The vehicles collided, causing moderate damage to the Ford and moderate to heavy damage to the Chevy. No injuries were reported. Minjarez was given a ticket for no driver's license, second offense, and for turning when unsafe. His father was ticketed for allowing an unlicensed minor to drive.

Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features

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WHAT COULD A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS MEAN FOR YOU?

A NICE DINNER IN EVERY RESTAURANT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR YOU AND 42 FRIENDS, OR--

ENOUGH NEW HOUSES FOR YOU TO LIVE IN A DIFFERENT ONE EVERY DAY FOR 4½ YEARS, OR--



THESE COME IN ONLY 17 COLORS?



A FRESH NEW MERCEDES EVERY MORNING FOR 10 YEARS, OR--

ONE SHORTSTOP.



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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Cox
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—From the Texas Constitution:

Article 2 - THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT

Section 1 - DIVISION OF POWERS; THREE SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS; EXERCISE OF POWER PROPERLY ATTACHED TO OTHER DEPARTMENT

The powers of the Government of the State of Texas shall be divided into three distinct departments, each of which shall be confided to a separate body of magistracy, to wit: Those which are Legislative to one; those which are Executive to another, and those which are Judicial to another; and no person, or collection of persons, being of one of these departments, shall exercise any power properly attached to either of the others, except in the

instances herein expressly permitted.

You think putting together something your child got for Christmas is hard, try reading the Texas Constitution.

It is so big no one really knows how many words it contains. Last count on the number of amendments was 370.

But like the sometimes poorly written directions that come with items requiring set up or assembly, the 1876 Texas Constitution is our official rulebook.

Last week's court fight over whether the Senate could vote in secret for its new presiding officer centered on the fundamental concept of the separation of powers, outlined in italic above.

If you're interested in the legislative process, there's no better place to start than taking a look at Texas' organic law. The easiest way to do it is to go to the state's web page at www.capitol.state.tx.us/txconstoc.html.

This online version of the Constitution is searchable. Bookmark the site for future reference.

Oh peas, say it ain't so

If you're a longtime Texan, chances are you had a small bowl of black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck in 2001.

For generations, we Texans

have believed that was an old Southern tradition dating back to what some still refer to as the War of Northern Aggression.

Now, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department seems to have declared open season on this venerable tradition. In the January issue of *Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine*, writer C.F. Eckhardt of Sequin flatly declares the black-eyed pea tradition is a hoax.

According to Eckhardt, the black-eyed-peas-for-good-luck-concept was cooked up in 1947 by one Elmore Tom, head of the Henderson County-Athens Chamber of Commerce.

Torn, father of actor Rip Torn concocted the tradition to help a food company in Henderson County sell canned black-eyed peas, Eckhardt said. If the tradition is indeed no older than 1947, Torn's scheme succeeded beyond expectations.

Eckhardt, while admitting he likes black-eyed peas, says early Southerners thought them much more suitable for horse feed than human consumption. The notion that good luck can be assured by eating black-eyed peas, he believes, is merely the result of one man's clever public relations gimmick.

With the 77th Legislature about to convene, many more weighty issues lie ahead, but the prediction here is that we have not heard the last of this. Texans don't turn loose of tradition lightly.

More about

Hundreds . . .

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range from \$90 to as high as \$1,000 (for passing a school bus). She said the fine for no proof of insurance or financial responsibility is \$230; failure to yield to an emergency vehicle is \$250; and violation of a promise to appear (in court) is set at a fine of \$250.

Some people are going to get stopped on a minor traffic violation and may end up going to jail, just because they have not taken the time to take care of a previous traffic ticket, Young said.

"It would be to their benefit if they would get in here and take care of any tickets," Young said.

Scoreboard

CAPROCK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

First Round
Bobbles 68, Amarillo Caprock 43
Caprock 7 10 12 14 —43
Dimmitt 11 23 13 21 —68
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 23, Tamara Robertson 11.

Swiftettes 74, Goldthwaite 41
Goldthwaite 5 11 14 11 —41
Nazareth 22 21 16 15 —74
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 32, Whitney Hoelting 8.

Bobcats 62, Lubbock Estacado 60
Estacado 13 16 18 13 —60
Dimmitt 9 19 17 17 —62
SCORING: Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 28, Dee Norman 20.

Second Round
Bobcats 45, El Paso Montwood 46
Dimmitt 8 16 7 14 —45
EP Montwood 8 10 10 18 —46
SCORING: Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 16, Daniel Proffitt 11.

Swiftettes 82, El Paso Franklin 39
EP Franklin 10 12 11 6 —39
Nazareth 19 18 22 23 —82
SCORING: Nazareth—Whitney Hoelting 27, Stephanie Thiel 18.

Bobbles 51, Lubbock Coronado 61
Coronado 8 19 13 21 —61
Dimmitt 10 10 10 21 —51
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 23.

Consolation Second Round
Bobcats 63, Coronado 66
Dimmitt 16 15 16 16 —63
Coronado 10 21 16 19 —66
SCORING: Dimmitt—Dee Norman 18, Daniel Proffitt 12, Matthew Wright 11.

Bobbles 51, Andrews 36
Andrews 11 7 10 8 —36
Dimmitt 18 15 11 7 —51

SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 18, Rachel Fabela 13.

Consolation Semifinals
Bobbles 49, El Paso Franklin 33
EP Franklin 12 7 7 7 —33
Dimmitt 8 16 11 14 —49
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 18, Rachel Fabela 10.

Championship Quarterfinals
Swiftettes 60, Shallowater 45
Nazareth 13 12 15 20 —60
Shallowater 6 15 7 17 —45
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 23, Whitney Hoelting 15.

Championship Semifinals
Swiftettes 50, Coronado 72
Nazareth 16 11 15 8 —50
Coronado 14 20 19 19 —72
SCORING: Nazareth—Wendy Black 17, Stephanie Thiel 14.

Consolation Bracket
Bobbles 47, Stephenville 39
Stephenville 8 11 6 14 —39
Dimmitt 10 15 11 11 —47
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 15, Tamara Robertson 13, Rachel Fabela 10.

Third Place
Swiftettes 62, Perryton 74
Nazareth 10 19 14 19 —62
Perryton 17 13 22 22 —74
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 20, Whitney Hoelting 14, Wendy Black 10.

WHATABURGER TOURNAY

First Round
Swifts 61, Birdville 42
Birdville 15 11 9 7 —42
Nazareth 18 19 14 10 —61
SCORING: Nazareth—Ky Wilcox 17, Kade Wilcox 14, Eric Schilling 13, Blake Birkenfeld 11.

Second Round
Swifts 70, Lipan 65
Nazareth 21 15 19 14 —70
Lipan 11 16 16 22 —65

SCORING: Nazareth—Eric Schilling 24, Kade Wilcox 13, Ky Wilcox and Trey Robb 11.

Championship Semifinals
Swifts 67, Grapeland 63 (OT)
Nazareth 23 17 9 10 8 —67
Grapeland 19 13 14 13 4 —63
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 28, Eric Schilling 17.

Championship
Swifts 39, Kountze 87
Nazareth 10 7 7 15 —39
Kountze 23 20 21 23 —87
SCORING: Nazareth—Eric Schilling 17, Kade Wilcox 10.

HOOT OWL TOURNAMENT

First Round
Cotton Center defeated the Longhorns and Lady Horns on coin flips.

Consolation Bracket
Longhorns 48, Silverton 61
Silverton 12 16 22 11 —61
Hart 11 7 11 19 —48
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 14.

Lady Horns 44, Bovina 42
Bovina 9 8 10 15 —42
Hart 10 16 7 11 —44
SCORING: Hart—Diego 15.

Consolation
Lady Horns 31, Trinity Fellowship 66
Trinity 19 12 20 15 —66
Hart 11 9 5 6 —31
SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 9.

Seventh Place
Longhorns 62, Lazbuddie 59
Lazbuddie 22 18 11 8 —59
Hart 12 20 10 20 —62
SCORING: Hart—Albert Velasquez and Jeff Bennett 18.

TUESDAY

Swiftettes 75, White Deer 34
White Deer 5 8 6 15 —34
Nazareth 16 16 20 23 —75
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 22, Whitney Hoelting 14, Wendy Black 13.

Swifts 68, White Deer 47
White Deer 12 10 13 12 —47
Nazareth 22 13 17 16 —68
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 23, Eric Schilling 18.

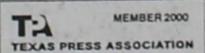
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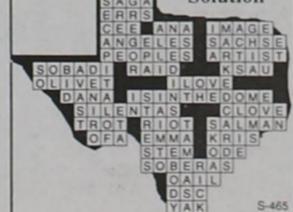


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Last Puzzle Solution



ACROSS

- TXism: "cold as an outhouse" in January
- San Antonio AM
- TX Tanya's "Cowboy-Lovin' Night"
- Friday night h.s. objective (abbr.)
- affirmative vote in the TX legislature
- TXism: "letting" (fight)
- this Gallegos was in "The Champ" with Randall "Tex" Cobb
- in the Valley: Lake _____ Rey
- seasoning herb
- Alain of film "Texas Across the River"
- Caribbean country
- country where TX Rangers recruit: Puerto _____
- capsule viewable at Space Ctr. Houston
- Hardy's sidekick
- those who run away to get "hitched up"
- Rice won _____ College Bowl in '66
- these "play" at the San Antonio Zoo
- TXism: "you can bet the farm _____"
- young man
- TXism: "so many you couldn't _____ with a stick"
- TXism for "food"
- grew larger
- Oatmeal Festival race: _____-Thon

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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DOWN

- some Texans do this in NM or CO
- Fort Worth Kay Granger's time in Wash. (abbr.)
- in Grayson Co. off 75: Van _____
- "T" & "A" of NAFTA
- broadcasts on KHOU-TV, et al.
- TXism: "he could put _____ on a mule's back" (good roper)
- long-time Dallas sportswriter Sherrod (init.)
- TX Steve Martin film: "_____ Story"
- Nacogdoches: "The _____ in Texas"
- in San Patricio Co. on hwy. 77
- pastrami shop
- what UT coach Darrell Royal called the "Alumni Line"
- TX-based Humble Oil had this name before Exxon
- TXism: "_____ country mile"
- TXism: "it's good for what _____ you"
- Duncanville pitcher David who was drafted by Rockies
- Cowboy Lilly (init.)
- Campbell was from TX in "True _____"
- Okie town
- killer whale
- TX Rangers 1st pay: \$1.25 _____ day
- Cowboy Leon
- TXism: "never _____ eyes on it"
- Iowa Park football class
- Attila the _____
- Denton's TWU was once College of Industrial _____
- TXism: "Sunday go to _____ clothes"
- Houston has large _____ space industry
- extras in TX Ginger's "Follow the Fleet"
- candy in England
- TXism: "bend _____ elbow" (drink)

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

If you were dreaming of a white Christmas, you certainly got your Christmas wish this year 2000.

On Christmas, everything glistened with ice. The first snowflakes began to fall late Christmas night and early on Dec. 26. Dimmitt became a winter wonderland.

Taylor Fry, our 3-year-old granddaughter who lives near Dallas, was especially excited that there was snow at Grammy and Gran Van's house. She wanted to play in it—throw snow balls, etc.—but much to her dismay, it was too cold to play in the snow.

By Wednesday afternoon, the children in our neighborhood were clad in warm winter clothes and were frolicking in the snow.

The Reinarts, Adam and Lane, were sledding behind a four-wheeler with their mom, Donna, driving them over the snow.

Yes, Taylor got to throw a few snowballs. She came into our house exclaiming, "I threw a snowball at Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer!"

Taylor's mom, Kelly, said, "Then you saw something I didn't see!"

But, Mother, 3-year-olds do see things that we can't see.

Beverly and Darrell Izzell and children, Daryn and Dondi, got here from Savannah, Ga., to spend Christmas with their parents, Don and Colleen Newman, long before the snow arrived.

The snow was special that year for David and Dondi because it just doesn't snow in Savannah, Ga.

Richard and Michelle (Schumacher) Newman were on their way from Colorado Springs, Colo., with their children, Thomas and Sidnee, to visit with parents Max and Karen Newman and grandparents Colleen and Don Newman. They reported that the trip from the Springs to Texas was very uneventful, but as they came to Dumas, snow became a real obstacle.

The highway patrolmen were giving out the message to each traveler to "find a place to stay. The roads are closed."

Schools, churches and motels in Dumas were filled with stranded travelers trying to get home or to a loved one's home for a belated Christmas.

We checked with Max and Karen and found out that Richard and his family got to Dimmitt Wednesday evening and joined Justin and Jennifer Newman of Lubbock and the rest of the family for a belated Christmas dinner at the Don Newmans' home.

Jim Bob and Cindy Ellis celebrated Christmas in shifts.

First their son, Chad, came from Arlington for an early Christmas visit.

Then Blake and his wife, Amy, arrived to celebrate with them.

Amy has just graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in civil engineering.

Amy and Blake were enroute to Burleson, where they are relocating. Amy has a job with an engineering firm and Blake will be training and shoeing horses.

Martha Jo Hyman spent the holidays in Tulia with the Bill Settle Sr. family, parents of Martha's son-in-law, Bill, and her daughter, Jo. The senior Settles are proud grandparents of baby Sidney, sharing her with Martha Jo as a grandparent also.

Other guests with the Settle family included Ty and Kay Kellar; Kay's mother, Midge Burleson; and a friend, Joe Lee of Guymon, Okla.

Pete and Herminia Salinas celebrated Christmas with her father and mother, Ray and Ramona Sandoval. The family group included the Salinas' children, Kristi from Amarillo and Nicholas and Jessica from Dimmitt; Ray and Angie Sandoval and children, Matthew and Danvilli; Rebecca Rodriguez and son, Javier of Dimmitt, and Elvia Cassillas of Darlene's daughter and son-in-law,

Hart.

The Harlen Dodd family and Darlene Stanton hosted their children over the holidays, with family arriving from different parts of the country.

Jerry Kay and Sandy Rhodes of Burleson came with their son, Randy; and their granddaughter, Heather.

Debbie and Brad Carducci and their son, Cannon, came from Cheyenne, Wyo.

We had almost all of the Hopson offspring at our house on Christmas evening. There were 27 of us. It was indeed a Merry Christmas.

We wish for all of you a happy and safe New Year.



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Happy New Year to everyone!

A New Year's blessing from our church bulletin: *May your troubles during the coming year be as short-lived as your New Year's resolutions.*

Many of the Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the center Sunday evening for a New Year's Eve party. A great variety of snacks were brought in and everyone enjoyed great food, fellowship, cards and dominoes of their choice.

I enjoyed a party at the home of Dan and Karen Gerber with most of the rest of my family and a great fun crowd of friends. The main food attraction was an abundance of great fish brought by Harold Gerber from Lake Ivey. We have all enjoyed having Harold home for the past 10 days.

The Nazareth Swiftettes played in the Caprock Holiday ABC Tournament last week. They played Goldthwaite, El Paso Franklin and Shallowater, beating all three before losing to Lubbock Coronado and Perryton.

They finished in fourth place, but that was great because there were 32 teams in the tournament.

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

The Nazareth Swifts played in the Whataburger Tournament in Fort Worth. They played Birdville, Lipan, Grapeland and won each game to advance to the championship. They lost to Kountze in the final game and had to settle for second place.

Kade Wilcox and Eric Schilling

were named to the all-tournament team.

Many of the parents made the trip to Fort Worth.

Gardenia Durbin graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. Commencement services were held at the Amarillo Civic Center on Dec. 15.

Most of the members of the Paul Durbin family (except for Brent Durbin's and Wade Durbin's families) were present along with friends Bob Brinkman of Kansas and Kyle Christian. They celebrated afterwards at the Cactus Bar and Grill in Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Brad Klein, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Deanna Huseman, Eric Wilhelm, Alice Palazzini and Tammy Drerup.

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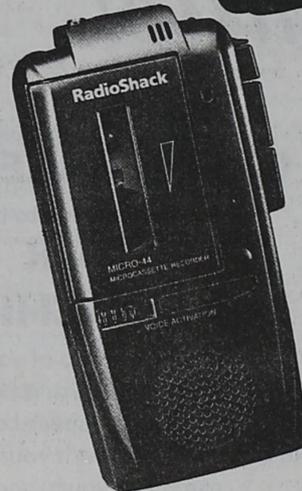
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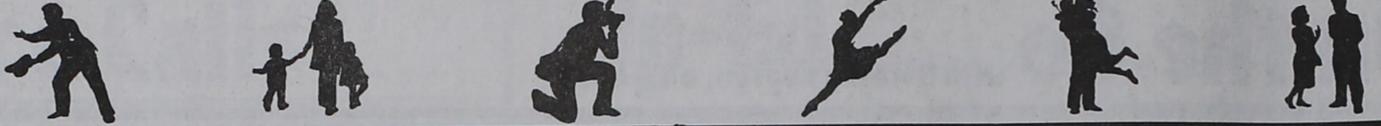


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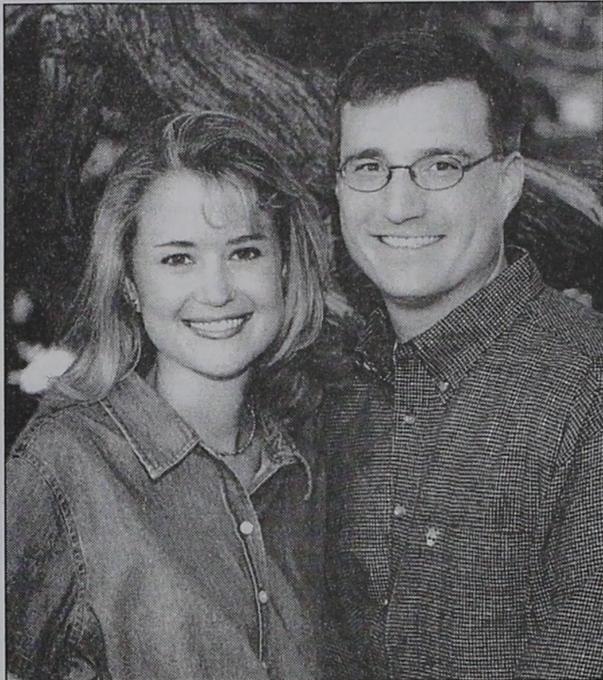
People



4-H forming judging teams

The Castro County 4-H is organizing teams for various judging and quiz competitions and those interested should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. "4-H has lots of judging opportunities to fit all interests," said County Extension Agent Rick Auckerman. "The teams we will have this year will depend on the people who want to participate as

well as the adult leaders we can get to help." Some of the teams which could be formed are livestock judging, dairy judging, horse judging, nutrition quiz bowl, range judging, soil judging, consumer judging, entomology judging and horse quiz bowl. Those interested should contact Auckerman or Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.



Karen Curl and Britt Booser

March wedding is planned

Betty Curl of Belton and Sam Curl of Stillwater, Okla., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Curl, to Britt Booser, son of Monty and Sue Booser of Dimmitt. The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. on March 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Lubbock Coronado High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is employed by Crowley Independent School District. The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1989. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness from West Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Farmland Grain.

4-H leaders plan meeting

The Castro County 4-H club managers and parent leaders will meet next Thursday, Jan. 11, to discuss the upcoming fashion show, stock show, judging teams, method demonstrations and more.

Other 4-H spring activities will be discussed as well. The club managers will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office while the parent-leaders will gather at 7 p.m. For more information contact the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

DISD sets substitute in-service

Those wanting to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop. A session will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at the DISD Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license when reporting for the workshop. Those who signed up as substitutes for the fall semester are not required to attend again.

Texas 4-H will accept scholarship applications now

Senior 4-H'ers have until Feb. 16 to apply for the Texas 4-H Foundation scholarship and applications can be picked up at the Extension office in Dimmitt. County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Marilyn Neal say they will be glad to work with 4-H'ers on this or any other scholarship application. "If you want or need help on scholarships, please contact us to make an appointment," Auckerman said. The Extension office also has applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative scholarship.

'Three Hits and a Miss' to perform

Backed by an excellent combo of piano, percussion and bass, the group Three Hits and a Miss bring to mind the original Pied Pipers, Andrews Sisters and Merry Macs, and this group will be presented in concert on Jan. 20 in Plainview. Sponsored by the Plainview Community Concert Association, Three Hits and a Miss will perform on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Herral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Admission is by membership in the Community Concerts Association. For more information or to purchase season passes, call 296-2580, 296-5728 or 296-2113.



Robin Schulte-Straley

Straley graduates TTU with honors

Robin Schulte-Straley of Lubbock graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Texas Tech University on Dec. 16 with a bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies and a minor in biology. Straley was the banner-bearer for the College of Education, an honor bestowed upon the graduate with the highest grade-point average for each college. Following the commencement ceremony, Straley was individually recognized during a reception for College of Education graduates at the Market Alumni Center, and she was presented with a certificate from Dean Greg Bowes. Straley, a graduate of Nazareth High School, was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and was named to the 1999 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. While in school, Straley volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and taught Vacation Bible School and Parent Day out at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She is currently employed as a junior high teacher at Christ the King Catholic School in Lubbock. Straley is the former Robin Schulte, daughter of Clyde and Lisa Schulte of Nazareth. She is married to Todd Straley and the couple have a two-year-old daughter, Alicia. She is the granddaughter of Martha Schulte of Nazareth and Darrell and Joanne Lacy of Hart.

Nazareth 4-H to meet Monday

The Nazareth 4-H Club is planning a special "rock-and-roll" meeting on Monday in recognition of the late Elvis Presley's birthday. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth City Hall. "We will have a 50s dress-up contest," said one of the club's officers. All members are urged to attend.

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Asha Patel earns master's degree

Asha Patel, daughter of Dr. Nanu and Vina Patel of Dimmitt, has graduated from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas with a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling psychology. Commencement exercises were held on Dec. 8 in Dallas. Miss Patel is currently working in a private practice where she performs psychological and neurophysical evaluations.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Jan. 4-12.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.
MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bars, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Banana nut loaf, apple juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.
MONDAY: Shrimp poppers, French fries, tossed salad, old fashioned cornbread and milk.
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy, corn tortilla and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and

cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup or corn dogs; French fries, Frito corn chips or Mexipinto beans; mixed vegetables, tossed salad, chilled fruit cocktail or fresh fruit snack; cornbread, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruit fantasy; cornbread, crackers or corn tortillas; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger on a bun, cheese enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or peas; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
FRIDAY: Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Not available.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chef's salad or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, applesauce, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, ranch dressing, brownie, and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Not available.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal,

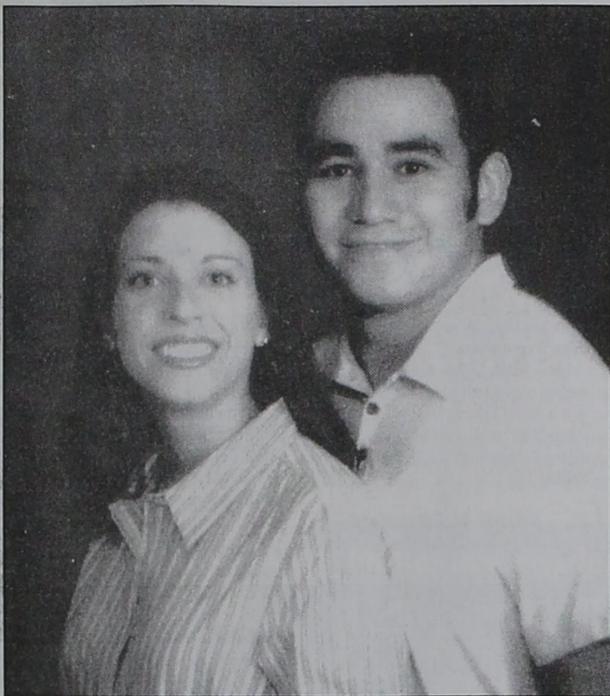
orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, corn, peas, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Sloppy Joe or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, applesauce, pineapple and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Chicken nuggets or chef's salad, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, fruit salad, S'mores and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, green peas, peaches, gingerbread and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Fish and hushpuppies or steak fingers, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, apple, orange cake and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, corn, peas, pudding and milk or juice.

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Alison Marie Mazurkiewicz and Art Ortega

Couple plan February wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Mazurkiewicz of Stafford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alison Marie, to Art Ortega, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Ortega of Dimmitt.

The couple are planning to wed at 3 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Missouri City. The Rev. Guillermo Morales will officiate at the double-ring ceremony.

Following the ceremony and mass, a reception will be held at the Regal Ranch in Stafford. On the eve of the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Ortega will host a rehearsal dinner at Lopez Mexican Restaurant in Houston.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Stafford High School. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a bachelor of science degree in rehabilitation. She is a member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology from Stephen F. Austin State University. He is a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and is currently employed as a sales manager at Elite Management Team in Atlanta, Ga.

Following a wedding trip to an undisclosed location (the prospective groom's surprise for his bride-to-be), the couple will reside in Atlanta.

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Jaimye Bingham

Bingham earns nursing degree

Jaimye Shai'An Bingham, daughter of Chris and Twila Williams of Nazareth, graduated from West Texas A&M University on Dec. 15 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Chi National Honor Societies. She also served as publicity chair in the Texas Nursing Student Association of West Texas A&M University.

Bingham served in the VALOR program, an internship at the Amarillo VA Medical Center, during the summer, working in the intensive care unit.

She has been hired as a registered nurse by Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System and works in the hospital's medical intensive care unit.

M*A*S*H blood drive is planned

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will hold its 19th annual M*A*S*H blood drive from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Texas Army National Guard, 2900 Tee Anchor Blvd.

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For more information contact Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 358-4563.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519 or Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

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Sports



In Caprock Tournament

Bobbies win trophy; Cats lose close ones

Coach Tim Gilliland is grinning from ear to ear. But Coach Alan Steinle is gnashing his teeth.

That's because Gilliland's Bobbies played their best basketball of the year last weekend and captured the consolation championship of the 32-team Caprock Holiday Tournament, while Steinle's Bobcats were edged out of the tourney by a couple of close losses in games that he thought his boys could/shoulda won.

The Bobbies romped past Amarillo Caprock, 68-43, in the opening game last Thursday morning, only to have the day lose its luster with a 61-51 loss to Lubbock Coronado that evening.

But they bounced back in the consolation bracket with impressive wins over Andrews (51-36), El Paso Franklin (49-33) and Stephenville (47-39) to capture the consolation trophy.

Senior guard Heather Black, who scored 99 points in the Bobbies' five tournament games—including an amazing 39 of 40 free throws—was a quick pick for the all-tournament team from among the big venue's 160 starters.

The Bobcats won a 62-60 squeaker over Lubbock Estacado in the first round, but then lost a pair of heartbreakers to El Paso Montwood (46-45) and Lubbock Coronado (66-63) and were eliminated from the field.

The Hereford Whitefaces, who defeated the Bobcats by nine points earlier this season, won the tourney championship. And Estacado, the team that the Bobcats defeated in the tourney's first round, went on to win its next four games on the back side of the bracket to capture the consolation championship.

Bobbies 68, Caprock 43

After taking an 11-7 first quarter lead, the Bobbies stunned the Lady Longhorns 23-10 in the second period and kept the pressure on the rest of the way for a 25-point win.

Black led the way with 23 points, although everyone on the Bobbies' roster scored in the game.

Coronado 61, Bobbies 51

This was one of the better girls' games in the tournament.

"We stayed with them the whole way," Coach Gilliland said. "We couldn't get our shots to fall in the fourth quarter, but we had a chance to win it. I thought we played four real good quarters of basketball."

The Bobbies took a 10-8 lead in the opening period, but the Lady Mustangs' D'Nika Romero and Candace Clenney went on a 17-point rampage in the second quarter to help Coronado to a 27-20 halftime lead.

The Lady Mustangs added three points to their lead for a 40-30 advantage going into the fourth.

The final frame was furious, but Coronado successfully protected its lead against a 21-point onslaught by the Bobbies.

Black scored 23 for Dimmitt,

including 11 of 11 free throws.

Bobbies 51, Andrews 36

The Bobbies' consolation quarterfinals game Friday turned out to be a yawner as they cruised to a 15-point win over the Lady Mustangs.

Dimmitt led 18-11 after the first quarter, 33-18 at halftime and 44-28 after three.

Black again hit all of her free throws—eight of eight—while scoring 20 points for Dimmitt. On defense, Andrews concentrated on trying to shut Black down. That's when Rachel Fabela stepped up with 13 points.

Bobbies 49, EP Franklin 33

In the consolation semis Saturday morning, Dimmitt allowed El Paso Franklin to take a 12-8 first-quarter lead, but then cranked it up a notch and scored 16, 11 and 14 in the next three quarters while holding the Lady Cougars to single digits in each frame (7, 5 and 7).

This was the game in which Black finally missed a free throw, finishing 7-of-8 while amassing 18 total points. Fabela bided her time until the second half, then added 10 points, including a pair of treys.

Bobbies 47, Stephenville 39

Want to hear about a crazy momentum change?

"We're getting beat 7-2," Coach Gilliland said. "We were shooting a free throw and missed it, and one of their girls rebounded it and put it back up—scoring a basket for us. And that changed the whole momentum of the game."

On the strength of that boo-boo put-up, the Bobbies finished the first quarter with a 10-8 lead over the Honeybees, who have finished as runners-up behind powerhouse Granbury in District 8-4A the last four years.

Then in the second quarter the Bobbies stretched their lead to 25-19 as Lori Schulte, Black and Tamara Robertson hit nine of nine free throws to go with two field goals by Black and one by Fabela.

The Bobbies outscored the Honeybees 11-6 in a defensive third quarter. Stephenville fought back and outscored Dimmitt 14-11 in the final frame, but it was too little too late.

Free throws were the difference in the contest. The Bobbies sank 21 of 23 (91%) while the Honeybees got only eight chances and sank five of them (63%).

"Free-throw shooting was a big factor in all five games," Coach Gilliland said. "The other coaches

kept saying, 'Man, you guys don't miss free throws!'"

He added, "This was the best ball we've played all year, by a long shot. It's a good thing that we're getting it together now, too, because we start district against Littlefield (here) Friday."

Bobcats 62, Estacado 60

The Bobcats fell behind 13-9 in the

first quarter, but pulled to within 28-29 by halftime and were still within a basket of the larger Matadors, 45-47, after three.

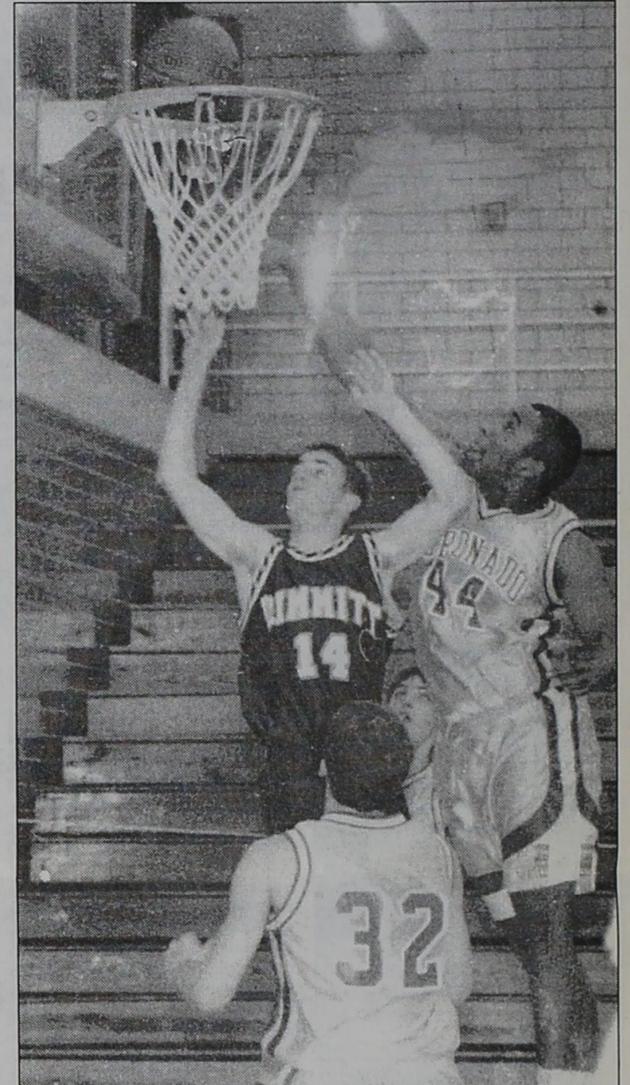
"Toward the end of the game, Austin (Sherman) hit a couple of baskets that helped us," Coach Steinle said. "We had a chance to get a good lead with some free throws, but didn't make them."

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KYLIE WEBB of Dimmitt protects the ball and looks for an opening in the Bobbies' game against Andrews in the consolation quarterfinals of the Caprock ABC Holiday Classic Friday. The Bobbies won the game handily, 51-36, and went on to capture the consolation championship of the 32-team tourney.

Photo by Carter Townsend



MATTHEW WRIGHT (14) scores past Lubbock Coronado's Gabriel Hall (44) to bring the Bobcats within a point of the Mustangs, 48-49, in the fourth quarter of the consolation second round of the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament Friday in Coronado's gym. The Mustangs eliminated the Bobcats from the tourney in a 63-60 squeaker.

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Hart teams pick up wins in shortened tournament

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns each lost first-round coin flips to Cotton Center, but both managed one win out of two games in the weather-shortened Hoot Owl Tournament in Silverton.

Losing the coin flips forced the Hart teams into the consolation brackets on Friday. The Lady Horns won their consolation semifinal game but the Longhorns came up short.

In Saturday's final round of action, the Lady Horns lost the consolation championship to Trinity Fellowship of Amarillo while the Longhorns claimed seventh-place honors with a win over Lazbuddie.

The Lady Horns controlled the first half against Bovina in the consolation semifinal, but the Lady Mustangs came back in the second half and threatened to steal the victory in the fourth quarter.

But Hart was able to ice the game in the waning seconds for a 44-42 victory.

The Lady Horns held a slim 10-9 lead in the first quarter and expanded that advantage to 26-17 at the break. Bovina trimmed that lead to 33-27 after three quarters, then outscored Hart 15-11 in the fourth to keep the game a nip-and-tuck battle down to the wire.

In the consolation game, the Hart girls fell behind early and never made up the lost ground as Trinity pulled out a 66-31 win.

Lacie Curry's nine points was tops for Hart.

Trinity owned a 19-11 lead after

one quarter and a 31-20 advantage midway through the game. Over the second half, Trinity outscored the Lady Horns 35-11.

The Longhorns struggled offensively against Silverton in their consolation semifinal game Friday, especially in the third quarter as Silverton pulled away.

Trailing by just a point in the first quarter, 12-11, Hart attempted to snatch momentum in the second period, but the Owls scratched that effort by holding the Longhorns to seven points.

Hart trailed by 10 at the half, but Silverton enjoyed a big run in the third quarter that put the game on

ice. Using a solid defense, Silverton outscored the Longhorns 22-11 in the stanza for a commanding lead.

Hart rebounded in the fourth quarter and picked up 19 points, but it was too little, too late.

Keith Finch was the only Longhorn to reach double figure scoring and he finished with 14 points.

In the seventh-place game, Hart fell behind by 10 in the first quarter and had to play catch-up the rest of the way.

It took a while, but the Longhorns did manage to overtake Lazbuddie for the 62-59 win and seventh-place honors.

Lazbuddie had a 22-12 lead after the first eight minutes, but Hart nar-

rowed that lead to eight in the second quarter.

Hart's big run came in the fourth

period, when the Longhorns destroyed Lazbuddie's defense for a 20-8 run that gave them the win.

Velasquez and Jeff Bennett each had 18 points to lead Hart in the victory.

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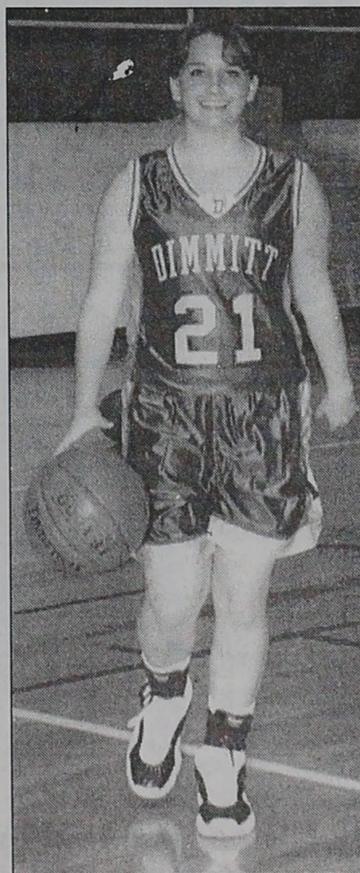
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Whataburger Tournament

Kountze overpowers Swifts in title game

The Nazareth Swifts and a few fans braved treacherous roads and traveled to Fort Worth last week for the Whataburger Tournament and the Swifts made the trek worthwhile, knocking off three solid teams before falling to the top-ranked AAA team in the state, Kountze, in the championship.

Kountze powered past the Swifts in the finals, 87-39, but that wasn't Nazareth's biggest loss in the tournament.

The Swifts' starting forward and one of their leading defensive players and a solid offensive threat, Ky Wilcox, suffered a season-ending knee injury against Lipan on Friday.

Nazareth had to turn around and play Grapeland in the nightcap Friday, and Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough admitted he was worried about how his team would perform because everyone had been down after Wilcox's injury that morning. But the team pulled together and

held off a tough Grapeland team in overtime to earn a spot in the finals.

"Kountze is good. They're one of the best teams I've ever coached against," Scarbrough said. "We were just excited to make it to the championship. This tournament was really a boost to our confidence."

Nazareth posted a 61-42 win over Birdville in the first round, then knocked off previously unbeaten Lipan, 70-65, in the second game. A 67-63 overtime victory over Grapeland moved the Swifts into the finals against Kountze.

Nazareth's Eric Schilling and Kade Wilcox each earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

The Swifts boarded the bus bright and early last Thursday morning headed for Haltom City in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and a 9 p.m. first-round game against Birdville.

"I was really worried about that first game. It took us eight hours to drive there, then we barely had enough time to check in at the hotel before we headed to the gym for the game. But we played solid all the way around and were able to win," Scarbrough said.

Nazareth held an 18-15 lead over Birdville in the first quarter and extended that margin to 37-26 by halftime. Nazareth's defense held Birdville to 16 second-half points enroute to the 61-42 win.

Ky Wilcox paced the Swifts in the first game, finishing with 17 points. Twin brother Kade added 14 while Schilling chipped in 13, Blake Birkenfeld added 11, Trey Robb finished with four and Daryl Pohlmeier added two.

Lipan had won 17 straight games and were undefeated this season when the Swifts knocked the team from the perfect ranks Friday morning.

"We led Lipan by 10 most of the way," Scarbrough said. "They made a run at us near the end, but we were able to hold on."

Nazareth took a 10-point lead in the first quarter, jumping out to a 21-11 advantage.

The Swifts' 36-27 halftime lead grew to 55-43 after three quarters.

Lipan outscored Nazareth 22-14 in the fourth quarter, but Nazareth was able to nip the rally in the waning seconds to preserve the 70-65 win.

Four Swifts scored in double figures, paced by Schilling, who had 24. Kade Wilcox finished with 13 while Ky Wilcox and Trey Robb added 11 each. Birkenfeld tallied nine and Pohlmeier had two to round out scoring.

Kade Wilcox hit five of six free throws in overtime to boost the Swifts to a 67-63 win over Grapeland in overtime of the semifinal game Friday night.

Kade Wilcox drained six three-pointers in the first-half as he led all scorers with 28 points. Schilling tallied 17, Pohlmeier and Robb finished with seven apiece, Birkenfeld had six and Chase Schulte had two.

Nazareth was hot in the first quarter, jumping out to a 23-19 lead over Grapeland. The Swifts continued to control the pace of the game in the second quarter and owned a 40-32 lead.

Grapeland got on track in the second half, outscoring Nazareth 27-19 to tie the game at 59 at the end of regulation.

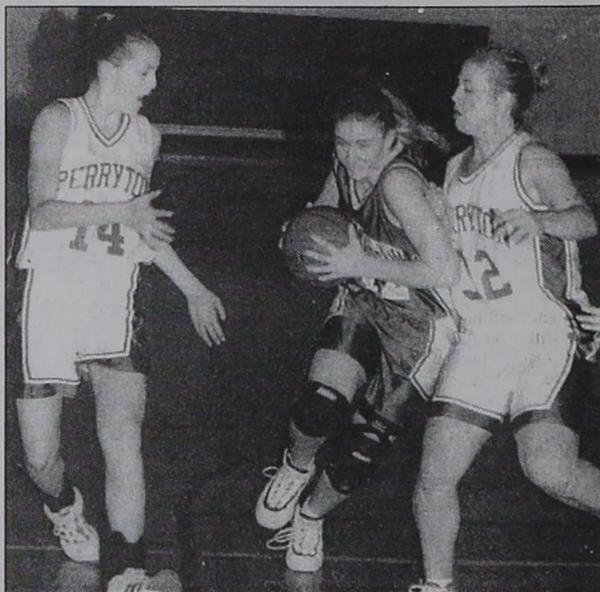
In the bonus period, Nazareth managed eight points, five of which came from Kade Wilcox at the free throw line. The Swift defense limited Grapeland to four points during the bonus period to claim the win.

Kountze was in control of the championship game from the beginning, pulling ahead 23-10 in the first quarter before coasting to an 87-39 win.

Nazareth couldn't shut down the powerful Kountze offense, which scored over 20 points in each quarter enroute to the win.

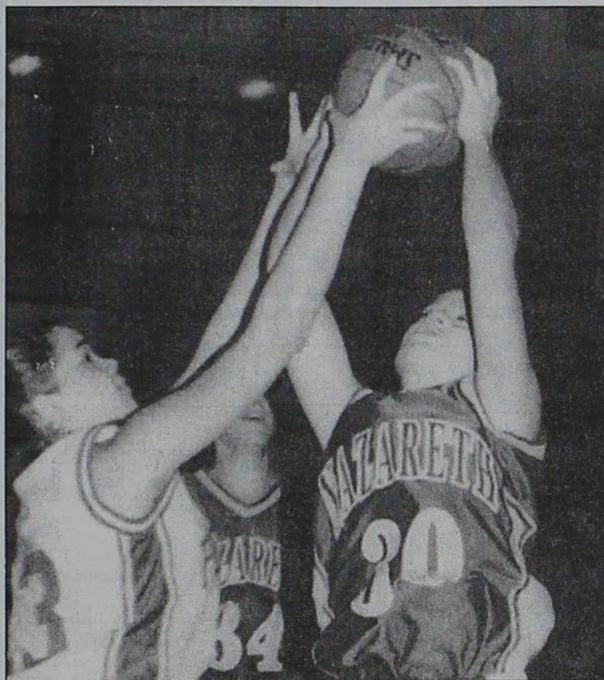
The Swifts fell behind 43-17 at the half and things went downhill from there.

Schilling finished with 17 points to lead Nazareth while Kade Wilcox added 10. Rounding out the scoring were Robb, 6; Pohlmeier, 4; and Birkenfeld, 2.



MIDDLE PENETRATION—Nazareth's Shawna Gerber (12) drives the lane from the high post, but misses a shot against Perryton Saturday in the third-place game at the Caprock Tournament. Guarding Gerber are Perryton's Lindsey Dyer (14) and Courtney Nowlin (32). Nazareth fell to the Rangerettes and finished fourth in the 32-team event.

Photo by Don Nelson



LET GO! Wendy Black of Nazareth (30) out-manuever Perryton's Kris Ann Jennings (33) and snags an offensive rebound, but is unable to capitalize on the follow shot. Her teammate, Whitney Hoelting (34) grabs Black's off-target shot and puts it through the hoop to pull Nazareth within six, 48-54, in fourth-quarter action. The Swiftettes fell to Perryton in the third-place game of the Caprock Tournament. Photo by Don Nelson

Perryton knocks off Swiftettes in third-place game at Caprock

Nazareth won three straight games in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament before dropping two on Saturday, first to Lubbock Coronado in the semifinals, then Perryton in the third-place game.

It was a good tournament for the Swiftettes, who blew away Goldthwaite and El Paso Franklin to reach the quarterfinal round on Friday night.

Nazareth's defense stymied Shallowater, one of the area's top AAA teams, and one of the biggest squads around, 60-45.

Lubbock Coronado was too much for Nazareth Saturday morning, though, as the Lady Mustangs posted a 72-50 win over the Swiftettes.

The weary Swiftettes, who played five games in three days, struggled to keep up with Perryton Saturday afternoon, and the Rangerettes prevailed, 74-62, for third-place honors.

Goldthwaite was never a threat to the Swiftettes, who shut down the Lady Eagles in the first quarter. Nazareth owned a 22-5 advantage in

the first and led by a commanding 43-16 margin at halftime before coasting to the 74-41 win.

Stephanie Thiel finished with 32 points to lead the Swiftettes while Whitney Hoelting added eight. The two combined for all four of Nazareth's three-pointers, with Thiel counting three long-range balls.

El Paso Franklin couldn't handle the inside-outside, one-two punch delivered by Hoelting and Thiel in second-round action and Nazareth coasted to an 82-39 victory.

Hoelting had 27 and Thiel finished with 18 for Nazareth, and they were joined in double-figure scoring by Wendy Black who had 12, including three treys.

Nazareth hit six three-pointers in the game and made 18-of-21 free throws.

A 19-10 Nazareth advantage grew to a 37-22 halftime lead. The Swiftettes blew open the game in the second half, outscoring Franklin 45-17 for the win.

Nazareth used a punishing defense and forced several turnovers to keep the giant Shallowater girls at bay in quarterfinal action, pulling out a 60-45 win.

The Fillies feature one of the area's tallest teams, sporting post players at 6-7 and 6-4, and a guard who is listed at 6-0.

Shallowater couldn't handle the ball against the Swiftettes pressure, though, turning it over 27 times in the game.

It was a close game in the first half, although Nazareth owned the halftime lead.

The Swiftettes were on top 13-6 after one quarter, but by halftime Shallowater had pulled within four, 25-21.

Keying that comeback was the Fillies' big post, 6-4 Heather Parmenter, who had eight of her 21 points during the spurt.

That Nazareth defense proved to be the difference in the third quarter, though, as the Swiftettes gained momentum during a 15-7 run in the stanza and held a comfortable 40-28 lead headed into the final period.

Thiel finished with 23 points while Hoelting contributed 15 in the win.

The Swiftettes squared off against Lubbock Coronado Saturday morning in the semifinal round, but after jumping out to an early lead, the Nazareth offense stalled, allowing Coronado to pull away for the 72-50 win.

The Swiftettes struggled from the field and from the free throw line, hitting just eight-of-15 charity tosses. Coronado counted 12-of-20 free throw attempts in the game.

Nazareth controlled the scoreboard by a basket, 16-14, after the first quarter, but things turned frosty from the field after that.

The Lady Mustangs erased that Swiftette lead during a big second quarter and owned a 34-27 lead at the break.

Nazareth couldn't get its offense back on track in the second half and Coronado increased the distance with a 19-8 fourth-quarter effort for the win.

Coronado was able to shut down Hoelting, Nazareth's all-state post, limiting her to six points. Black led the Swiftettes with 17 points as she buried three treys in the game. Thiel finished with 14 for Nazareth.

Nazareth sank eight three-pointers against Perryton in the third-place game, but the Swiftettes couldn't keep up with the Rangerettes in the second half and fell 74-62.

Perryton jumped out to a 17-10 first-quarter lead, but Nazareth battled back and it was a one-point nail-biter at intermission with Perryton on top, 30-29.

The second half belonged to the Rangerettes, who outscored Nazareth 44-33 over the second 16 minutes for the win.

Thiel, who finished with 20 points, had three of Nazareth's eight long balls before fouling out.

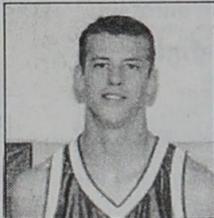
Hoelting tallied 14 points and Black counted two three-pointers and finished with 10 points. Nazareth was 16-of-22 from the free throw line while Perryton made 24-of-29 attempts.



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Cattle Feeders list top news stories for 2000

Cattle feeders are finishing the year with optimism and are eyeing 2001 with a positive glance.

"A strong market in November and December and a firm hand on their future has given cattle feeders a strong dose of positive thinking," said Richard McDonald, president and CEO of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA).

McDonald summarized the year and released the association's list of top 10 news stories in 2000.

"The formation of Consolidated Beef Producers, Inc., was the top story for cattle feeders in 'Cattle Feeding Country' this year," McDonald said. "Consolidated Beef Producers is a marketing cooperative that will give marketing options to cattle feeders. It's a win-win situation for both the cattle feeder and the packer, because it will allow the right cattle to go to the right plant at the right time."

Beef demand, which continues its upward climb, is another factor that made 2000 a turn-around year for cattle feeders.

"One factor in the continued increase in beef demand is the growing number of heat-and-serve beef dishes available to consumers. The beef industry, with the help of checkoff dollars, is providing a nutritious and tasty product in a form that consumers can quickly and conveniently use. Consumers are responding very positively," he said.

Cattle feeders still have a number of challenges, particularly in the environmental area, that will continue in 2001.

"In December, EPA released new permit requirements that are based on poor assumptions," he said. "TCFA-area feedyards currently operate under some of the most stringent federal and state regulations in the nation—regulations that have proven effective if properly implemented. If EPA had ensured that all states were implementing existing requirements, like we are doing in this area, they would not need new regulations."

Earlier, McDonald said a coalition of groups including TCFA was successful in getting another highly flawed EPA proposal on total maximum daily loads postponed.

"But we're concerned that regulatory agencies are proposing very strict guidelines with little or no science to back up the proposals," McDonald said. "Cattle feeders aren't opposed to functioning in a regulated environment, but we want economically-feasible regulations based on sound, common-sense science."

Top 10 stories—cattle feeding industry

1. Consolidated Beef Producers, Inc., was formed to help cattle feeders market cattle more efficiently. A total of 130 members committed 2.14 million head to the new marketing cooperative.

2. Beef demand continued to climb, spurred by a good economy, increased availability of new convenient beef products and improved consumer perceptions of beef.

3. EPA released proposed regulations on national permit requirements for feedyards. Requirements will be finalized in December 2002.

4. Mandatory price reporting rules were released by USDA. The reports will cover price, volume and terms of trade for fed cattle, boxed beef and exports.

5. Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China was passed and signed into law. It's estimated that beef exports to China will grow from 23,000 metric tons currently to 70,000 by 2005.

6. Mexico imposed permanent tariffs on US beef, creating a confusing and complicated export situation. The tariffs resulted from an anti-dumping case against US cattlemen.

7. Cold pasteurization for beef became a reality. The process gives beef processors another weapon in their arsenal of food safety efforts.

8. IBP, the nation's largest beef packer and No. 2 pork packer, is on the auction block. Two competing bids—one from Smithfield Foods, the No. 1 pork producer and the other from Tyson, the No. 1 poultry

producer—have cattlemen speculating.

9. McDonalds implemented animal welfare guidelines for poultry and egg producers, signaling a trend in food production that will likely affect cattlemen as well.

10. USDA released its final school lunch rule that endorsed a vegetarian diet for school kids. The cattle industry said the rule was as misguided as calling ketchup a vegetable.

Top 10 stories around TCFA

1. TCFA was actively involved in developing regional water plans for Texas. These plans stress local control of ground and surface water resources. TCFA also participated in a legislative work group reviewing state groundwater law.

2. TCFA held its first regulatory management conference where feedyards received updates on the 24 different state and federal regulatory agencies they must deal with.

3. The Power to Produce Program was rolled out to feedyards in "Cattle Feeding Country." The program helps cattle feeders reduce natural gas and electricity costs.

4. The US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed critical habitat for the Arkansas River shiner. TCFA and a coalition of groups claimed that the agency failed to show that the benefits of severely restricting activities outweighs the burden on the private sector.

5. Scientifically-flawed Total Maximum Daily Load rules were postponed by Congress. TCFA worked with a coalition that supported the congressional effort.

6. A total of 40 feedyards in "Cattle Feeding Country" earned the "Mark of Quality" by obtaining certification in the TCFA Beef Safety and Quality Assurance Program.

7. The TCFA Education Foundation awarded eight scholarships totaling \$16,500 to help graduate students conduct cattle feeding research.

8. WWW.tcfatx.org made its debut as TCFA launched a new and improved website.

9. The TCFA annual convention had a new twist this year. For the first time, it was held outside of Texas in Oklahoma City and offered a new weekend format.

10. The Feeders 500 Club of TCFA's Beef Political Action Committee ended 2000 with a record 160 members. For the two-year election

cycle, Beef-PAC members contributed \$236,172 in support of 143 state and national candidates, 95% of whom were elected.

ACGA convention will focus on new farm bill

The preliminary agenda for the ninth annual American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) convention includes panels of farm leaders, elected officials and agriculture experts who will give their views on the new farm bill, renewal fuels, biotech corn, labor, trade, energy and environmental issues.

The American Corn Growers Association was founded in 1987 by corn producers, including Carl King of Dimmitt, who wanted more representation than they were getting from existing commodity groups. Since then, the organization has grown into one of the country's most respected voices exclusively for corn growers.

The ACGA focus is on the farmer. Its board of directors are all corn growers. Its producer members approve all policy decisions. Associate members provide support.

The 2001 convention will be held Feb. 1-4 in San Antonio. It is open to all guests and members of ACGA.

"Add your voice to solving our growing economic problems in rural America by joining farmers and their city neighbors at the convention," said Virginia Solheim, convention chairwoman.

The convention will be held at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio and registration for the event is \$85 per person, payable to ACGA Convention, Box 18157, Washington DC 20036.

Registrants are asked to pay for hotel accommodations. Those reserving at the Menger Hotel should call 1-800-345-9285 before Jan. 5 should ask for the ACGA group rate (\$99

booking number 5347). The convention will feature banquets, issue seminars, talks by elected officials, farm leaders and ag experts, entertainment including tickets for the San Antonio Spurs' NBA game, and more.

Feb. 1 is the opening day for the convention, and the highlight of the day is the ACGA board of directors meeting from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Registration for the convention is planned from 7 to 10 p.m., and includes an opening reception at the Menger Hotel.

On Feb. 2, activities are planned from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and among the highlighted events is the panel discussions, scheduled throughout the day.

The ACGA awards banquet, additional panel discussions and more are planned for Feb. 3.

"We are entering a new era in American agriculture, and the American Corn Growers Association will be in the forefront of change," said ACGA President Keith Dittrich. "With the fellowship of farmers and their town and country neighbors we can make a difference. That's why we would like you to join us at our ninth annual convention in San Antonio. We hope the convention will build friendships and give direction to a new policy that benefits family farmers."

The National Association of Farmer Elected Committees will hold its convention on Feb. 4 in conjunction with the ACGA meeting.

For more information about the convention, call (202) 835-0330.

TDA plans hearings on organic cotton rules

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) will hold two public hearings on Monday to review guidelines for organic cotton in active boll weevil eradication zones. The scheduled hearings were included in the rules which were adopted last June.

The hearings will be held at 11 a.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. FM 1294 in Lubbock; and at 3 p.m. in the Dawson County Community Center, 910 S. Houston in Lamesa.

In the hearings, TDA will accept comments on any changes that may need to be made in the regulations for the 2001 growing season.

The rules cover indemnification eligibility and the method for calcu-

lating any compensation for organic growers who may need to destroy crops because of infestation in an active eradication zone.

TDA developed the rules to maintain the effectiveness of the boll weevil eradication program as well as to protect the integrity of TDA's organic certification standards and the crops marketed under the program.

TDA will adopt comments for 10 days beginning Monday. Those who wish to comment can write TDA at PO Box 12847, Austin 78711; or fax to (512) 463-1104. For more information, call John McFerrin, producer relations specialist, at (512) 463-7593.

Trees may be ordered from soil district office

Wildlife packets, evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs for windbreaks may be ordered through the Castro County office of the Running Water Draw Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt.

Call 647-2153, ext. 101, to place an order or for more information.

The wildlife seedling packets are produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock and are available to assist landowners in creating wildlife habitat.

Four wildlife seedling packets are available: quail/pheasant, deer, tur-

key and squirrel. Each packet contains 100 bare-root deciduous trees and shrubs that cater specifically to the habitat needs of their labeled species. Each packet contains the following trees and shrubs:

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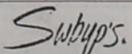
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24—Card of Thanks

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We want to thank all the people who were so kind and good to our mother, Beral Hance, through the years. When Mother's health was good, she always requested that we never make her leave Dimmitt. She told us she wanted to go to Canterbury Villa when she could not live by herself. It was not always easy to honor this request, but it was a request that we all decided to abide by.

The staff at Canterbury Villa have always ministered to her with care and kindness. We would never be able to properly thank all of the people of Castro County that have been so important in mother's life and in ours.

The many acknowledgments of sympathy are greatly appreciated. The food, cards, donations and flowers are quite an honor for mother. We are especially grateful to the First Baptist Church and the funeral home for all of the consideration extended to us.

Again, our thanks to all who have made Mother's life so good for all of these years.

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I've been surfing the Internet and picking up more "dawn of the millennium" stuff which I'll share with you later.

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1. Don't discount any possibility.
2. Buckle up—it's gonna be a wild ride!

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This year the event will feature two lamb shows on Saturday, and a pig show on Sunday.

Lambs

Weight cards for both lamb shows will be due at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The first show will start at 11 a.m. Only lambs entered in the first show will be eligible for the second show.

Entry fee is \$20 per head for the first show. The entry fee for the second show is \$10 per head, but you MUST be entered in the first show before you can qualify for the second. Late entries will be charged an additional \$10.

A five-pound weigh-back will be in effect at each show.

The showmanship contest will be conducted between the first and second shows and there will be a \$5 entry fee.

The event will feature a cash pay-

back, plaques and belt buckles for the winners.

All lambs must be slick shorn and there will be no shearing or washing allowed in the barn. No straw bedding is allowed—only sawdust.

Pigs

Weight cards on barrows will be due Sunday at 10 a.m. The show will start at 12:30 p.m.

Entry fee for the big show is \$20 per head and late entries will be charged an additional \$10.

Showmanship will be judged after the barrow show, and each entry in the showmanship round will be charged \$5.

A five-pound weigh-back will be in force.

No washing of pigs will be allowed after the show starts.

Only sawdust will be allowed for bedding (no straw).

Cash, plaques and belt buckles will be awarded.

For more information about either the pig or lamb show, contact Jim Wright at 647-2477 or 647-6897.



SWEARING IN CEREMONIES were held Saturday morning in the Castro County Courthouse, and law enforcement officials were sworn in by 64th District Court Judge Jack Miller (with back to camera). Those taking the oath include (from left) Sheriff's Deputies Mitch McDonough

and Michael Colley, special investigator for the DA's office Delbert Morris, and Sheriff's Deputies Jerry Jansa, Glen Snitker, William Cox (partially hidden), Joe Aleman, and Don Williams. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Caprock Tournament . . .

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After a Dimmitt turnover, Estacado scored with 10 seconds left to tie the game at 60-60.

"Our boys didn't even call time out; they knew what to do," Coach Steinle said. "We took the ball out of bounds and worked it down the floor at a pretty good pace. Austin drove the lane and dished off to Dee (Norman) for a layup, and he made it."

"Just as I saw Dee shoot the ball, the clock was running down by tenths of a second, and just as the ball cleared the net, the buzzer went off."

He added, "I thought it was a fitting end because Dee had lost the ball (on a traveling call) before they scored their last basket, then he got the opportunity to win it for us, and came through."

Sherman burned the nets for 29 points while Norman added 18 and Daniel Proffitt 10. Norman was also Dimmitt's top rebounder with eight, while Marcus Larra and Sherman led in floor play with 12 and 10 credits respectively. Proffitt led in steals with four.

"It was certainly a good way to get the tournament started for us," Coach Steinle said. "We were able to battle the whole way with them, from being down a few points to winning at the end."

But as exciting as that game was, the next two were just as disappointing for Steinle and his team.

EP Montwood 46, Bobcats 45

After an 8-8 first quarter, the Bobcats led all the way until El Paso Montwood's Rams forged to a 46-45 win in the final frame.

At one point in the third quarter, the Bobcats held a 31-18 lead, but Montwood closed out the quarter with a 10-0 run to climb back into the game.

"We had them back on their heels and just let them get back in the game," Coach Steinle lamented. "We had four turnovers during that run and missed a couple of easy little shots that we normally make. We just let them keep hanging around."

The Bobcats owned a 45-44 lead when the Rams got the ball with 10 seconds left in the game.

"They ran a baseline play, and Matthew Wright deflected the ball and knocked it out of bounds, giving them the ball under their own basket with two or three seconds left," Coach Steinle said. "They did a lob pass and one of their kids went up and got it and scored."

"We had the opportunity to put them away earlier in the game, and we should have done it," Coach Steinle lamented. "We just seemed pretty flat. We didn't seem to play with as much energy as usual. We only shot the ball 30 times—about half as many as we sometimes take. And we weren't aggressive enough on defense—especially around the basket, where we have to concentrate our defense."

Leading scorers for Dimmitt were Sherman with 16 and Proffitt with 11.

Coronado 66, Bobcats 63

The Bobcats' final game of the tourney was a battle all the way, with Dimmitt forging a 16-10 first-quarter lead and the score tied at 31-31 at halftime and 47-47 going into the fourth quarter.

"We played reasonably well, and took about twice as many field goal attempts as in the Montwood game (61), but just didn't hit our threes like we normally do," Coach Steinle said. "And we ended up having 25

turnovers in the game, and that was a major factor.

"Still, we got a four or five-point lead in the last couple of minutes of the game, but we just weren't able to finish it off."

Leading Dimmitt scorers were Norman with 18, Proffitt with 12 and Wright with 11. Sherman, Larra and Wright led in floor credits, while Matthew Sandoval was the top rebounder with nine.

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donation of \$50 to Crime Line and restitution of \$140 to the Dept. of Public Safety; and 200 hours of community service.

It was ordered that as a special condition of community supervision he is required to serve a term of confinement and treatment in a substance abuse treatment facility, abiding by all rules and regulations of the program for a term of not less than 90 days and not more than one year. Upon successful completion of the program he is required to participate in a drug or alcohol abuse continuum of care treatment plan as developed by the Texas Commission on Alco-

hol and Drug Abuse, abiding by all rules and regulations of the plan until discharged by the staff of the continuum of care program.

242nd District Court

On Dec. 18, Judge Ed Self entered an order modifying the probation of Richard Eugene Smothermon. His probation was extended for one year and he must pay additional attorney fees of \$250.

He was to report to the Castro County jail for 10 days or until space would be available in the Brownfield Regional Treatment Center, where he is to participate for no less than 6 months and no more than 24 months,

as an alternative to incarceration. He must obey the rules of the facility, reimburse the facility for room and board, medical expenses and personal items, remain at the facility unless on furlough or until successful

completion of treatment, participate in any aftercare program and in all programs deemed necessary, and pay the costs of a physical exam and tuberculosis Tine test before admission to the facility.

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Congratulations to Joe Carver for completing 50 years as a Registered Pharmacist

Joe Carver has been cited by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy for attaining half a century of service as a Registered Pharmacist.

Joe graduated from the University of Texas in January, 1949. He did graduate study in pharmacology and also was a researcher and instructor at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

He has been licensed in Texas for more than 50 years and in Florida for 26 years.

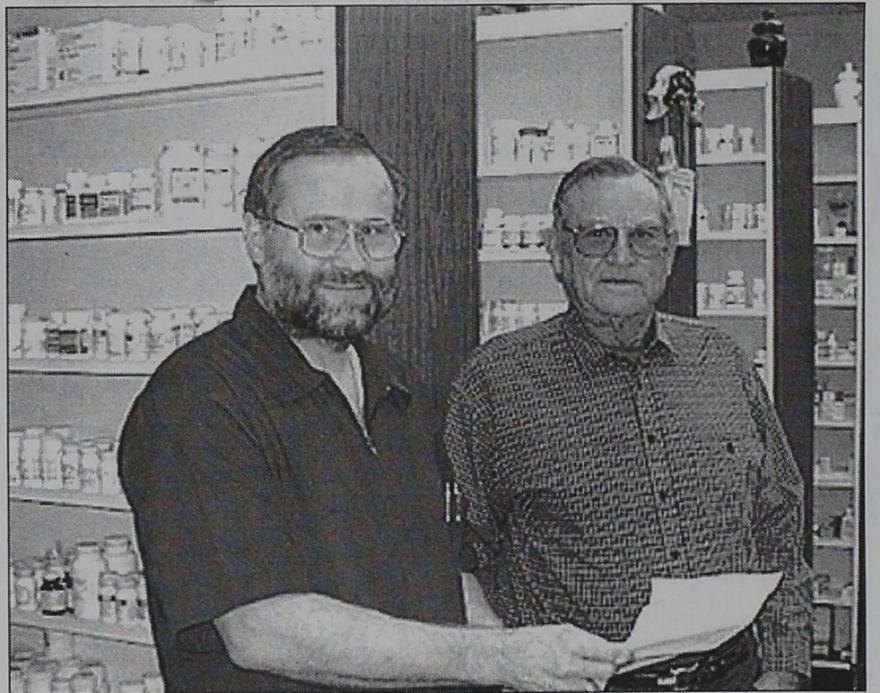
His first retail pharmacy was in Hudspeth County. He established Carver Pharmacy at 104 NW Second St. in Dimmitt in 1963 and operated in until 1977, when he sold it to Garland Coleman.

Twenty-five years ago, Joe established Carver Institutional Pharmacy Services. Through CIPS, he has provided pharmacy management for three different corporations serving 18 hospitals in Texas. He also has provided consultation service for nursing homes in Texas and Florida.

Garland Coleman is completing 25 years

Garland Coleman is completing a milestone this month, too—25 years as a Registered Pharmacist.

Actually, Garland has been around a pharmacy/drugstore all of his life. His father owned a pharmacy in Paducah.



On behalf of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, Garland Coleman, RPh. (left), presents Joe Carver, RPh., with his Citation of Achievement for completing 50 years' service as a Registered Pharmacist. Coleman will reach his 25-year milestone as a Registered Pharmacist this month.

Garland graduated from the Southwest Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy in October, 1975, and was licensed as a Registered Pharmacist in Texas in January, 1976. After working at the City Drug in Tulia for two years, he bought Carver Pharmacy from Joe on Nov. 1, 1977.

Garland built a new building in 1985 and moved the pharmacy to its present location at 201 NW Second St. in October of that year.

Between them, Joe and Garland have provided an unbroken 37-year record of dedicated pharmaceutical service to the people here.

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Obituaries

Walker Boston

Graveside services for Walker Boston, 95, of Amarillo, and formerly of Hart, were to be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Boston died Dec. 31 at Ware Memorial Nursing Home in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 5, 1905, in Kentucky. He married Dorothy Brandon on Aug. 15, 1930, in San Benito. They lived in Hart before moving to Deaf Smith County in 1941. Mrs. Boston preceded him in death on Jan. 22, 1981. He was a farmer and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hereford.

He is survived by a son, Larry Boston of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Christine Box

Funeral services for Christine Box, 81, of Hart, are set for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church of Hart with Aaron Reed, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Perryman Cemetery at Forestburg under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Box died Jan. 1 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born March 7, 1919, in Forestburg, where she married J.C. Box on Aug. 30, 1937. He died in 1974. They moved to Tulia in 1940 and to Hart in 1971. She was a member of Good Neighbors of Hart and the Hart Senior Citizens. She was honored by the Hart FFA Chapter and Hart Lions Club.

Mrs. Box was cafeteria supervisor for the Hart Independent School District, retiring in 1991. She also was a nursery worker at First Baptist Church in Hart.

She was preceded in death by a son and a daughter.

She is survived by four daughters, Kathy Leibel of Hart, Charlotte LeMaster of Plainview, Carla Hochstein of Nazareth, and Bobbie Goins of Hobbs, N.M.; two sons, Jimmy Box of San Antonio and Terry Box of Amarillo; two sisters, Fredia Boyer of Amarillo and Inez Sheen of Arlington; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Baptist Youth Change to Change the World, c/o First Baptist Church, Hart 79043.

Armavena Buckmaster

Armavena Lee Buckmaster, 88, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, died Dec. 31 at Lubbock Hospitality House.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Chapel of Angels Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Buckmaster was born March 2, 1912, in Wilbarger County. She married Clovis Talmage Buckmaster on Aug. 10, 1933. He died on April 19, 1973. While living in Dimmitt, she was an active member of the First Baptist Church. In Lubbock, she also had been active in the First Baptist Church there, and she had worked in the Oval Room in Dunlap's for many years. A homemaker and an amateur artist, she also wrote poetry and was a published author.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Edith Mae, in 1906, and by a brother, Verdie Lee, in 1908.

She is survived by two sons, Roger Buckmaster of Nashville, Tenn., and Ronnie Buckmaster of Lubbock; a daughter, Deborah Baker of Dumas; a brother, Dr. Darwin Stringer of Odessa; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Idie Gearn

Funeral services for Idie Gearn, 80, of Hereford, formerly of Castro County, were held Tuesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Hereford.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery of Hereford under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

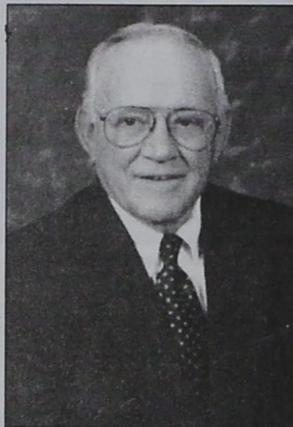
Mrs. Gearn died Dec. 30 at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born Feb. 16, 1920, in Shattuck, Okla., and married Kenny D. Gearn Sr. on Jan. 2, 1942, in Las Vegas, Nev. They moved to Castro County in 1948 and to Hereford in 1949.

Mrs. Gearn was a grade school mentor for more than 10 years and was the first Sweetheart of the Hereford Country Club. She was a bookkeeper and secretary to her sons at Gearn Industries. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hereford.

She is survived by her husband; four sons, Geary Gearn and Tim Gearn, both of Hereford, Ken Gearn Jr. of Canyon, and Gordon Gearn of Oklahoma City, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

dren. The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Hereford.



Bob D. Mooney

Funeral services for Bob D. Mooney, 71, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Mooney died at 2 a.m. on Dec. 27 in Dimmitt.

He was born March 15, 1929, in Plainview. He married Phyllis Youts on Feb. 26, 1947, in Dimmitt.

He moved to Dimmitt in 1930. He attended Dimmitt High School where he was an all-around athlete. He graduated from DHS in 1948. He worked in the parts department at Joy-Youts Motor Company in Borger from 1952 to 1961. He farmed from 1961 to 1975. He had worked for Goodpasture and Amstar in Dimmitt. He was employed by Sally Filgo as a mail carrier until his death. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Joe D. Mooney of Amarillo; five daughters, Judy Moore of Sunray, Janice Davis of Amarillo, Jane Ann Coffin of Mont Belvieu, Susie White of Dimmitt and Janet Wohlgemuth of Deer Park; a brother, Jack W. Mooney of Lakewood, Colo.; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arthur B. Oakley

Arthur B. Oakley, 89, of Dimmitt, died at 6:35 a.m. last Thursday, Dec. 28, in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Quin Oakley officiating, assisted by Kevin Oakley. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 12, 1911, in Hedley. He married Melvina Salmon on Dec. 24, 1935, in Clarendon. She died on March 31, 1995, in Amarillo.

Mr. Oakley grew up in and around Clarendon. He attended Clarendon Schools. He moved to Dimmitt on Dec. 24, 1935, in Clarendon. He worked for Consumers Co-op Service from 1940 to 1942. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 during World War II. From 1945 until his retirement in 1976 he worked as a foreman for the Texas Highway Department. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. He belonged to the VFW, Masonic Lodge, Good Sam Travel Club and Dimmitt Senior Citizens. He was a past member of the Castro County Museum Board.

Survivors include two daughters, Sara Beth Dees of Lubbock and Vella Mae Etter of San Jose, Calif.; two sons, Quin Oakley of Amarillo and Marion Oakley of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Vera Johnson of Clarendon; 17 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice and BSA Hospice.

Nobie Phipps

Funeral services for Nobie Phipps, 82, of Earth, the mother of a Dimmitt man, were to have been held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Earth with Rev. Bobby Broyles and George Johnson officiating.

Burial was to follow in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

Mrs. Phipps died Dec. 31 at Bender Terrace Nursing Home in Lubbock.

She was born April 30, 1918, in Hall County, and married J.D. Phipps

on Jan. 15, 1939. She graduated from high school in Kirkland and moved to Earth in 1944 from Wellington.

Mrs. Phipps worked for Bryants Dept. Store in Earth and worked at Citizens State Bank of Earth from 1973 until her retirement in 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of Muleshoe Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Bob Phipps of Dimmitt; two daughters, Fran McCarty of Earth and Kaye Crawford of Lubbock; two sisters, Lois Stinner of Childress and Jo Zeller of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a brother, J.L. Brooks of Fort Myers, Fla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson's Association of Lubbock, 4102 24th St., Lubbock 79408; or to Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth 79031.

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