Happy Thanksgiving

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FINDING OUT ABOUT THANKSGIVING-Alistair Mead of Colchester, England, (left) attended the Thanksgiving meal and bazaar sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church Nov. 5. He stayed with the Linskyi family during his visit in Dimmitt. He is seated with

Valya Koltchinska, (right) the visiting mother-in-law of Alex Linskyi of Ukraine, who is temporarily living in Dimmitt while his son attends Dimmitt High School. Alex's wife, Tonya, had to return to Ukraine to renew her visa. Standing behind the pair of visitors is Betty Freeman. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Crop is great

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Everyone who benefits from the cotton crop has good reason to be thankful this year.

As the huge harvest nears completion, yields are holding at a whopping twobale-per-acre average, making 1996 one of the biggest cotton years on record here.

For the county's cotton growers—who so often have to endure dry spells, hailstorms, wind and pests-it's like getting two crops for the price of one. They're grinning from ear to ear this Thanksgiving.

Ginners are grinning, too. The county's seven gins had turned out 50,186 bales by Monday evening as they passed the halfway point in processing the '96 crop. Harvesting is reported to be two-thirds to 80% complete.

A few spot yields as high as three bales (1,500 lbs.) per acre—unheard of here not many years ago-are being reported in most areas of the county. Even the dryland cotton in the Nazareth area is producing 1-1/2 bales per acre, according to Monte Phillips at Hart Producers Co-op Gin.

The price on local cot-

ton is averaging 62.5 to 11 cents below the futures price, mainly because of micronaire rating and fiber lengthand the price of cottonseed is running \$120 to

ton is averaging 62.5 cents per pound—eight Project Angel Tree will get underway Tuesday

Christmas a little brighter for needy dren living in the county. children will have a chance to do so Christmas trees will be erected in through Project Angel Tree, which each of the county's banks including gets underway Tuesday across the First United Bank, Hereford Credit county. The project will enable less fortunate children in Castro Count to have a Merry Christmas this year, complete with the gift of their choice. Organized by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and Panhandle Community Services, Project Angel Tree is a new "toy drive," and for it to be successful, the Ministerial Alliance and PCS are counting on the generosity of county residents. Project Angel Tree is designed to help families in financial need to supplement their holiday season by providing a Christmas gift for their children. The goal of the project is to provide one Christmas gift for ap-

Individuals who want to make proximately 100 less fortunate chil-

Union, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch and Hale County State Bank of Hart. Each tree will include an "angel," which will include the child's first name, age and gift he or she desires. Those interested in helping ensure that child has a Merry Christmas may select one or more "angels" from the tree, purchase the requested gift, which will be within a \$20 price (Continued on Page 16)

Holidays spark interest of English visitor

By LINDA MAXWELL

England's celebration of the Harvest Festival, held in late summer, is the English holiday that bears the closest resemblance to America's Thanksgiving, according to Alistair Mead of Colchester, England.

Mead, 47, is a fruit farmer. He visited in Dimmitt recently with Alex Linskyi and family. During his visit, Mead attended the annual Thanksgiving meal and bazaar sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church.

An avowed Christian, Mead said he is "not as involved in church things" as his friends, the Linskyis, are. He said in England about 10%

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giving meal and was glad to learn getting less and less as the years go about the American holiday. He also by saw a little of the Veteran's Day observance here, which would corre- in England we have 'food mounlate to the celebration of Armistice tains' in many crops. Too many Day in England, a holiday which is farmers produce too much food,' accompanied by "very impressive" Mead said. "So to be in farming of parades in London.

southeast of London, and has a popu- operation to keep ahead or else you lation of about 75,000. Since England is a rather small, yet heavily populated nation, Mead said that of the efficient farmers." naturally he had seen the Queen, although only from a distance. However, he said he does have some friends who live next door to Prin- collapsing. cess Anne.

Mead raises apples, cherries and strawberries on his fruit farm. His apples are in orchards of dwarfing root stock, watered by trickle and sprinkle irrigation and nourished with "fertigation"-fertilizer mixed with the irrigation water. He uses several methods to grow his strawberries, including outdoor crops, protected crops and in glass houses. The fruit goes to two main supermarket chains in England, but Mead added that he has exported some of his apples to Belgium before.

The European Common Market is controlled from Brussels, Belgium.

of the people attend church every Mead said that the national governweek, whereas in America the per- ments of the member nations have very little involvement in the control Mead said he enjoyed the Thanks- of the Common Market, and it is

"Because of the Common Market, all kinds, but particularly horticul-Colchester is about 65 miles ture, one has to have a very efficient go out of business. An inefficient farmer is subsidized at the expense

> He noted that the surplus food often is destroyed to prevent the substructure of the economy from

"We subsidize those who are dependent on farming," Mead said. "Agricultural policies in England are influenced by political policies rather than agricultural or economic factors."

Mead observed that a trend in (Continued on Page 17)

\$125 per ton.

According to Trish Elliott, Farm Services Agency director, the county's farmers planted 59,130 acres to cotton this year - mostly in the southern half of the county-"and we have had very, very little that was destroyed."

Based on the acreage, average yields and prices, it appears that the '96 cotton crop could produce as many as 118,000 bales and 47,000 tons of cottonseed, and generate a gross income of as much as \$43 million.

In the Dimmitt area, the harvest is about 75% to 80% complete.

"If we have another seven to 10 days of good weather, we should finish up with the stripping," said Jim Bradford of The North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc.

"There's a lot of two-bale cotton and a little bit of three - bale," Bradford reported. "Overall, the average is the best we've ever seen. The cotton we get is just about all irrigated."

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"सयसयसयसयसय Holiday Calendar

Dec. 5: A "Night Light Parade" will be held as part of the holiday festivities in Dimmitt this year. The festive parade, held at night, will feature lighted and decorated floats entered by business and organizations, including farm machinery outlined with festive lights.

Dec. 19: A "Scrooge Night", honoring all last-minute shoppers, has been planned for Dec. 19. Plans for this promotion are still in the works.



Santa letters are due Monday

Hey, kids! It's time to tell Santa Claus what you would like for Christmas this year.

Your letters to Santa Claus will be printed in the Dec. 19 Christmas issue of the News, then will be forwarded to Santa at the North Pole.

The News will accept letters from students in pre-school through the third grade until 5 p.m. Monday.

If you have a letter to Santa, drop it by the News' office at 108 W. Bedford in Dimmitt or mail it to PO Box 67, Dimmitt 79027.

Council filing deadline Dec. 4

Dec. 4 is the last day candidates may file to run for the unexpired atlarge position on the Dimmitt City Council.

Those who had filed as of Tuesday morning included Rosa Jimenez and Lyman Schroeder.

Vacated by council member Johnny Ethridge, who moved away, the position has a five-month term remaining before it expires. A qualified resident of any part of the city may file for the spot. The council ordered a special election for Jan. 18 to fill the unexpired term. The drawing for the order of names on the ballot will be held Dec. 9. Early voting by personal appearance will begin Dec. 30 and continue through Jan. 14. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 18, a Saturday.

Christmastr Night Light Parade set Dec. 5 About 20 entries are expected for the "Night Light Parade" planned for next Thursday (Dec. 5) in downtown Dimmitt. Those wanting to participate may call the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to enter. A continuation of the Christmas promotions sponsored by the Retail Merchants Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, the parade of lighted floats and vehicles is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., with line-up set for 5:45 in

front of the post office building. The entries will parade around the courthouse square. Prizes will be awarded for "Best Lights" and "Most Origi-

nal. "For safety reasons, we ask that absolutely NO candy or favors be thrown from any float or vehicles in the parade," said Chamber Executive Director Shelly Nutt. "We don't want to wait for an accident to happen before we rule it out."

Antique vehicles, a mule-drawn wagon, a lawn mower, numerous floats and farm implements have entered so far, according to Nutt.

"Just pray for the weather to hold," Nutt said. "A night like we had for Santa's Open House would be just perfect."

HELLO, SANTA-Last Thursday night, 260 children visited with Santa Claus at the gazebo in downtown Dimmitt as a part of the Santa's Open House promotion sponsored by the Retail Merchants Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. In addition to

Santa's visit, the event included Christmas carols by choral students from fifth grade through high school, led by Ken Strange. Also, participating stores observed late hours, with some offering refreshments, special sale items and door prizes. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Those wishing to file may call 647-2155 for more information.

More about

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Cotton crop is great

about two bales, and the quality

was good, and there wasn't much

Becky Ott at the Sunnyside Gin reported "real good yields-over

However, both Ott and and Vir-

gil Morton at the Dodd Gin said

this isn't necessarily the best cotton

its work on the '96 crop.

of a bark problem."

two bales per acre."

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"Yields are real good-two-bale cotton is fairly common," Randall Small of the Castro Co-op Gin said. "The grades are holding fair. We're over halfway through ginning, and hope to be through by Christmas."

In the Hart area, "We've had a lot of two, two - and - a - half and three-bale cotton around here," according to Monte Phillips of the Hart Producers Co-op Gin. "Most of the grades are pretty good. We've had some low 'mikes' this time, but not too many."

In the Five Point area between Dimmitt and Hart, the Royston crop they've ever had in the south-

Football picks due Wednesday

A reminder to Power Points Football Contest entrants:

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday and the Thursday and Friday games listed in this week's contest, your entry is due by 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Also due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this week's edition went to press Tuesday so local subscribers would receive their paper Wednesday.

Weekly results from contest headquarters in Denver are released late each Tuesday night, so they weren't in time for this week's issue.

Both last week's and this week's contest winners will be announced in next Thursday's edition.

Win a Kenneth Wyatt **Oil Painting!**

Drawing to be held Dec. 17

Proceeds to benefit the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home Residents' Activity Fund. -

Five Point Gin has already finished ern strip of the county.

"This isn't the biggest year "We caught up Saturday at 6 we've had," Ott said. "We've had a o'clock and have shut it down for couple of years that were just about the season," Jimmy Royston reportthe same. This is one of the three ed. "We ginned about three times biggest years we've had." as much as last year. It averaged

"I don't really know if this is any better than the '94 crop was or not," Morton said. "We had such a tremendous crop in '94 in our little circle of the world."

Morton added, "Our crop (in southwestern Castro and northwestern Lamb Counties) is averaging something just over two bales per acre, and 80% of the cotton, if not prime, is real close to it."

Morton said the stripping and ginning in the Dodd area are just about completed.

"We're nearly 90% finished," he said.

In the Tam Anne area in western Castro County, the harvest is twothirds through and yields are running one to 3-1/2 bales per acre, with an average of 1,100 or 1,200 pounds per acre, according to Carl Bruegel of Bruegel Brothers Gin.

"The crop is good and the grades are basically real good," Bruegel said. "The market isn't strong, but it's tolerable."

Most ginners echoed the sentiment expressed by Morton at Dodd:

"It's nice to have a crop like this.'

Commissioners discuss machines

Precinct 2 continues to have problems with equipment break-downs and on Monday Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales asked commissioners to allow him to trade two of his road graders for machines which Pct. 4 is planning to trade in for new ones. "Last week I only had one grader running," Gonzales told commissioners. "I've only got two that do run. This precinct is in need of another grader. I can repair if I have to, but I don't know how long it'll be before the transmission goes out. If that happens, I'm out of money in my vehicle and equipment



YO, BRANDON!-Brandon Smith of Dimmitt (12) and-yes-Brandon Smith of Amarillo Palo Duro (34) follow a shot during the shootout between the Bobcats and the Dons here Friday night. Dimmitt's Brandon Smith, a 6-0 senior, paced the Bobcats with 19 points, while Palo Duro's Brandon Smith-

a 6-7 senior who has signed with the University of Michigan-paced the Dons with 25. The Dons of District 3-5A handed the Bobcats their first loss of the season, 76-64, in a thrilling game before a nearcapacity crowd in Cleveland Memorial Gym.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Letter Why shop anywhere else?

Dear Editor:

Why shop anywhere else? Dimmitt has it all!

Christmas is quickly approaching and panic will strike many shoppers with the age-old question of "When do I have time to shop?"

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone that Dimmitt has it all.

Each store is "just down the road" or "around the corner," and all are just one stop light away. When we shop in Dimmitt, we see friends, we don't have to fight crowds or traffic,

banking services, Christmas loans at 6%; Hay's Company, small appliances and fixtures; Headhunters, complete line of salon products for men and women; Henderson TV & Appliance, appliance sales and service;

Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, full line of banking services; Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., tools, power tools, small appliances; Karryalls by Karen, gift baskets and balloon bouquets; Kittrell Electronics and Radio Shack, appliances, tiques, shown by appointment;

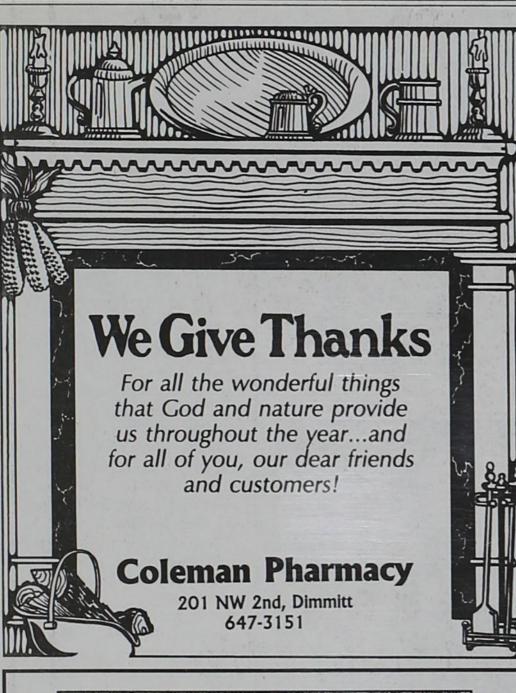
Pancake House, seven days a week, breakfast and lunch; Running M Boot and Bath Shop, bedding and bath products, and birdhouses; Seale Florist & Gifts, florist and specialty gifts; Thriftway Supermarket, food, cards, party supplies, party trays, piñatas, and more; Tots and Teens, children's, girls', and women's clothing and accessories;

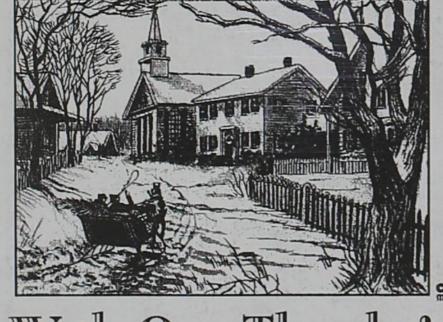
Town & Country Food Store, seven days a week, convenience store and fast food; Traditions, anelectronic toys, stereos, TVs, VCRs, Unique Gifts & More, gift baskets, decorative items, silver jewelry, and sewing notions; Video Magic & Auto Magic, video rentals, tanning beds, and used cars and pickups; and Village Shop, women's clothing and accessories, and specialty gifts.

Tickets may be purchased for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at Canterbury Villa or Clip and Curl Beauty Shop.

The painting will be displayed:

At First Bank of Muleshoe from now until Dec. 2 At The Village Shop from Dec. 3 to Dec. 9 At First United Bank from Dec. 10 to Dec. 16 Tickets for the drawing also will be available at the places the painting is on display.





maintenance." Gonzales told commissioners he "would like for Precinct 4 to trade the best machine it is planning to trade in in exchange for two of his that don't run."

Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker questioned how that would affect his trade value.

"You need to establish what the trade-in difference would be both ways. Get with a salesman and see what they would take for the machines and get some figures together. You can't do anything without that," Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldridge told Gonzales.

Gonzales said he was looking at the county's position in requesting the trade.

"I know we can't afford a new grader. That's why I'm just asking for a used one," Gonzales said.

Schmucker, who attended his first commissioner's meeting Monday after winning the election earlier this month to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Vincent Guggemos, asked commissioners to hold off on any decision until he has a chance to become familiar with everything and the court agreed, tabling the item until after the first of the year.

Baldridge presented an estimate for repairs to the gazebo which had been prepared by local contractor Don Hargrove.

The \$4,100 proposal included sealing all the brick, painting the gazebo, ironwork and more, caulking the roof, etc.

Repairs for the gazebo will be paid from interest earned by an endowment fund established by the Centennial Commission, but current interest isn't close to the \$4,100 bid.

County Judge Irene Miller suggested doing part of the repairs now and part later.

"We could take care of repairs to the bricks and grout work now, and wait on the rest. It was recommended that we wait on painting it until the spring." After discussing options and quotes for various repairs needed to the gazebo, commissioners agreed to contact Hargrove about doing the grout work and repairs to bricks.

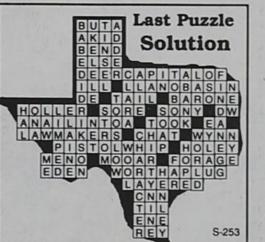
the sales clerks are friendly and helpful, and our local money stays local.

So, relax, take a deep breath, and have a Merry Christmas.

Our merchants include: ALCO, with clothing appliances, electronics, and decorative items; Border Line Restaurant, Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and supper, American and Mexican food; C.R. Anthony's, with men's, women's, and children's clothing and accessories; Coleman Pharmacy, perfumes, cards and staionery, unique gifts and cosmetics; Country Club of Dimmitt, golf bags, clubs, balls, gloves, etc.; Dimmitt Market, food, lottery tickets, party trays and more;

Dairy Queen, lunch and supper, seven days a week; El Sombrero Restaurant, Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and supper, American and Mexican food; First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, full line of banking services;

First United Bank, full line of



telephones, and satellite systems;

Lockhart Pharmacy, perfumes, cards and stationery, unique gifts, fine candies, and cosmetics; Merle Noman, women's and children's clothing, makeup, perfume, accessories, and unique craft items; Mr. Burger, seven days a week, breakfast, lunch and supper;

SHELLY NUTT Executive Director, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce



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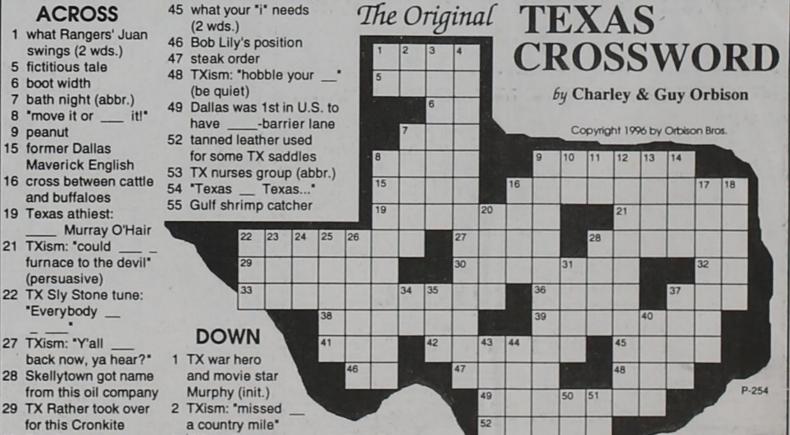
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ith Our Thanks

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving season.



FAMILES polled in a recent survey ranked their chief monetary concerns. The majority ranked the everyday budget first; the children's college education as a priority was the second-largest group; followed by those who gave greatest concern to retirement savings.

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Last week some Dimmitt ladies went to Tulia for a salad and breads luncheon and craft show. The event benefits Tulia's senior citizen group and merchants displayed their wares at the show.

Those from Dimmitt making the trip were Doris Flynt, Kathryn Birdwell, Marie Perrin, Myrtle Lois Moran, Dorothy Hopson, Delores Heller, Pam Joplin and Deanne Clark.

George Sides had a couple of groups help him recuperate. They took a meal to his home and Carolyn prepared the trimmings.

On Friday, the Flynts, Hopsons, Parsonses, along with their five Friona granddaughters, Clarks and Grahams took a chicken meal to the Sideses and on Sunday the pizza gang delivered pizza.

George made it to church this week already, so he's doing better.

Tina Rawlings had several guests in her room at Canterbury Villa last Thursday to help her celebrate her 93-94th birthday (there's some confusion over the birth certificate). Her daughters, Carolyn Jones and Patsy Rogers, served lemonade and cookies to Norma Conard, Virginia McAllister, Martha Jo Hyman, Millie Birkenfeld, Dorothy Hopson, Deanne Clark, Margaret Parsons and Ed and Betty Freeman.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Town and Country Extension Club met in the home of Extension Agent Marilyn Neal in Hereford for their monthly meeting.

Ann Henderson presided over the business meeting and led in the prayer and creed. New officers were elected for the new year. New officers were elected for the coming year including Henderson as president, Edith Graef as vice president, Betty Freeman as secretary, Oneida Hutto as treasurer, Mary Edna Hendrix as reporter and Edith Graef as FCE.

Marilyn served a delicious lunch of ham, English peas cooked with mushrooms, creamed potatoes with carrots, spinach salad, relish dish, cream cheese with raspberry sauce, hot rolls and ice cream with a warm fruit topping for dessert.

Club members enjoying the day were Claudine Langford, Wannie Stevens, Betty Freeman, Mattie Seale, Mary Cox, Oneida Hutto, Edith Graef, Ann Henderson and Mary Edna Hendrix.

The next meeting will be a luncheon at the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast in Olton on Dec. 13.

Our sympathy to the families of N.A. Bryson, Jodie Minnick, W.J. (Bud) Giles and Grace Greer Snider,

mother of Bill Snider. Bud Giles was a former Dimmitt resident as were his parents. His mother, Cue Giles, still lives in Plainview.

Cindy Ellis composed a beautiful poem, A Tribute to Mr. Bryson from the children of Pybus Christian School. He read stories to the children every Friday and had ordered new books to read.

Dugan Butler was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a fun day pickup foods and punch. When you of bridge. Dugan served a delicious dump cake and ice cream and she and Ina Rae Cates served a chicken casserole and three salads for lunch.

Loranell Hamilton won high score and Ina Rae was second. Others playing were Dude McLauren, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Bill Thornton, Virginia

Crider and Alma Kenmore.

Lucile Dollar entertained her grandchildren, Brandon and Kelly Thompson and their children for Thanksgiving.

Billye Gwyn Davis spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Morris and Andrea Price and Trent in Lubbock. Trent is appearing in the play, It's a Wonderful Life, at the Cactus Theater.

Out-of-town visitors at the Castro County Museum last week were Bill Russell and Kevin Welch of Clarendon; and Lourdes Giron and son, Jesus Giron of California, who were visiting Josie Garcia, Maria Luz Mendoza and Annabel Garcia in Dimmitt.

Christmas Open House was enjoyed by many on Thursday evening. I stopped at the First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, and visited with the employees, Chaun Gunstream, Marty Gerber, Jacque Ritter, Martha Martinez, Sha Ebeling, Erika Flores and Linda Jo Ramaekers. The two Christmas trees were beautifully decorated in all gold ribbons and decorations. The packages under the trees were wrapped in gold paper and gold ribbons. It was a of Ken Strange, sang Christmas carvery elaborate setting.

They were serving delicious

eat a miniature cream puff, forget your manners and put the whole thing in your mouth!

While I was there I heard the fire truck siren, so I knew Santa was on his way. I drove to the gazebo where all the children were gathered to see Santa.

The Unique Gifts and More was having its grand opening. Doris Ward and Janie Ward are owners of this new store and they were serving cookies and punch. This is a delightful new store.

I visited with Eloise McMasters at Lockhart Pharmacy. I looked around in the store and registered for the bicycle that the Chamber of Commerce was giving away. If I win, I hope it will be a three wheeler! Next I went in Tots and Teens and visited with Sandra Clark and Darlene Dowell, who were serving pretty decorated cookies and hot apple cider. (Darlene had one shoe on and one shoe off!)

Other stores were having open houses, too, but I stayed on the main street. Others open were Merle Norman, Seale Florist, Pizza Hut, Village Shop, Kittrell Electronics, First United Bank, Alco Discount Store, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., and Border Line Restaurant.

Several choirs, under the direction ols at the gazebo.

All this was a good start to get in the Christmas spirit.

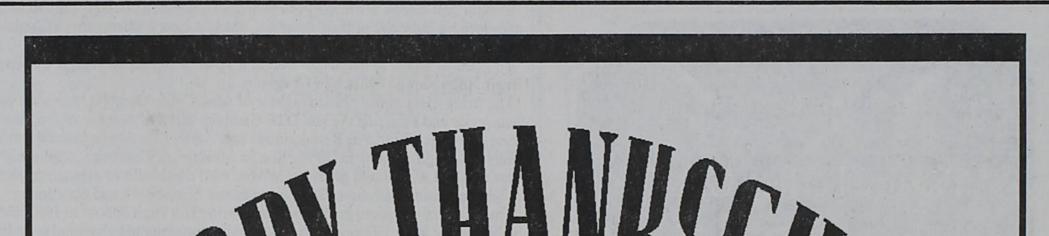


Happy Thanksgiving

Mbay your holiday season be trimmed with good fortune.

We feel fortunate to have you as our neighbors.

Westex **Federal Land Bank** Association



DHS art students to display works at Dimmitt library

The Dimmitt High School art department will hold an art show Tuesday through Dec, 13 at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Drawings, paintings and paper mache sculptures created by the fall semester art students will be displayed in the 1996 Winter Art Show at the library.

The exhibit will be open to the public during regular library hours,



Present this ad-buy one adult ticket,



We've enjoyed much success, and we know we owe it all to you, our loyal customers. Thanks!

Bennett Grain, Fertilizer & Cattle Hart

I his Thanksgiving holiday, we honor the brave men and women whose bold vision for a new land of freedom continues to guide the American spirit today.

Don Hargrove Construction



May His many fine blessings grace your holiday table and may you always have plenty to be thankful for.





Sandhill bazaar set Saturday in Olton

the Olton School Lunchroom.

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to 5 p.m. and admission is \$1 per person. Theme for this year's show is Christmas on Main Street.

The show is being sponsored by the Olton Young Homemakers and

Hottest Weight Loss Product of the Century Calorad Recommended by Doctors Nationwide!! Texas Leading Authority on the

Calorad Program will be at **Olton State Bank Community Room** Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

Come and learn how to "lose while you snooze Sleep away that fat!

Lose inches and pounds and become younger looking while you sleep

WITHOUT DIETING OR EXERCISE!

For more information on business opportunity, call 806-285-2517 and mention this ad.

The annual Sandhill Arts and Main Street coordinators. The show Crafts Show will be held Saturday in will feature a wide variety of booths including clothing, jewelry, Christ-The show will be open from 9 a.m. mas decorations and woodcrafts. A concession stand will offer cokes, hamburgers and more.

> During the show, Olton merchants will offer discounts to those attending the show, who have a handstamp. Discounts will be available at the Mini Mall, Bizzells Dress Shop, Old Circle Store and Leon's Grocery Store, Western Auto, Polished Perfection, Olton Cleaners and Olton Enterprise. Door prizes will also be given.

> Gift certificates for meals will be offered by local restaurants during the craft show. Those participating are the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast, Dairy Queen, J&H Restaurant, Pizza Parlor, Tino's and Makin' Memories.

Olton Bucks will be given by Olton State Bank, Security State Bank and the Chamber of Commerce.

Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at the craft show and children will have an opportunity to have their picture made with Santa between 12 noon and 2 p.m.



Charles Dustin Ferrell and Shawna Lea Williamson

January vows planned

L. Kim and Karen Williamson of Marshall announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shawna Lea Williamson, to Charles Dustin Ferrell, son of Gene and Glenda Ferrell of Longview.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18 at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Cyble Gamblin, formerly of Sunnyside and Frio, and the late D.N. Gamblin. She is a member of the Centenary College Choir, Phi Beta Lambda and Alpha Chi. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1994. She is a senior at Centenary College in Shreveport, La., and will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Her double minor is in speech and economics. The prospective groom graduated from Spring Hill High School in 1993 and

New food bank to offer help to needy year round

If you want to donate canned food said for needy families this holiday sea-Community Services.

PCS will coordinate a new food bank, which is being organized in Castro County, and it will provide food year-round to less fortunate families in Castro County.

"We're seeing a real improvement director. in food in homes of less fortunate people, since the Lone Star Card was introduced," said Donna Stump, Child Protective Services caseworker for Castro County. "It's been at least a year since I've worked a case of neglect involving malnutrition."

Stump said the Castro County Ministerial Alliance will be organizing the big push for food donations as in the past.

The annual Brown Bag Sunday project under which churches accept canned foods for distribution to the needy, will be conducted on Dec. 11. She added that other organizations like the Boy Scouts and 4-H still plan to conduct food drives, as well, and will donate the collected products to the Food Bank operated by PCS.

By mid-December, PCS hopes to have a good stock of food for distribution, according to Stump.

She said there will be no delivery of food baskets as in the past, other than to selected elderly families.

Those who need their food supplemented may apply to receive food by contacting Panhandle Community Services. Applicants must be willing to provide verification of income and

PCS will store food in its offices son, you need to take it to Panhandle on 108 Southwest Second, and that also will serve as the distribution sight.

> The food supply at the local Food Bank will be supplemented by High Plains Food Bank, which is "really low on food right now," according to Janie Singleton-Davis, executive

> A large portion of the food the High Plains Food Bank receives comes from Affiliated Foods, which donates canned goods that have been overproduced or have labeling problems. Foods pulled from store shelves also are donated to the Food Bank, Singleton-Davis said.

> The Food Bank distributes over 200,000 pounds of food per month through 170 agencies in the area. In addition to providing food to pantries like the one Panhandle Community Services is organizing, the High Plains Food bank also provides onsite help with soup kitchens, day care facilities and more.

"What we do is distribute donated food to the agencies who give to the needy," Singleton-Davis said.

Panhandle Community Services is just starting to establish its pantry, and donations from local people are necessary for the food project to succeed this holiday season and throughout the year.

"The Ministerial Alliance will use the PCS Food Bank for helping feed transient people passing through the county, too," Stump said.

he is a senior at East Texas Baptist University, majoring in behavioral science with a minor in speech. He is currently attending East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore. He is a chaplain for the Longview Police Dept.

Holiday home tour is planned in Hereford

Texas.

La Madre Mia Study Club of Hereford will host its annual Christmas Tour of Homes from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Featured will be the homes of Ralph and Judy Detten, 147 N. Texas; Ernest and Carmen Flood, 4-1/4 miles west on the Harrison highway from the intersection of Park Avenue and Highway 385; Frank and Diana Griffin, 114 Juniper; and

The annual tour is the principle fundraiser for the club. Money raised benefits the Hereford community through the club's scholarships and donations to worthy causes.

R.C. and Diane Hoelscher, 207 N.

Tickets for the tour are \$5 per in computer concepts next semester person and may be purchased in advance from any La Madre Mia Club member or at any of the featured homes the day of the tour.

Co-chairmen for this year's tour are Judy Williams, Susan Hicks and Glenda Marcum.

prove need.

"The elderly people (on fixed incomes) who do qualify for government food assistance only get \$10 a month," Stump said. "There are 32 needy elderly families that have been identified through PCS, local pharmacies and others. These families often must make a decision whether to buy food or medicine or to pay utilities each month. The focus of the food bank will be to see that those needs are met."

who wish to apply, but cannot get to the PCS office, can contact the agency and an application will be mailed or delivered to them, Stump

Feeding the hungry is a year-round project, not just during the holidays, and the Ministerial Alliance hopes its new pantry project, coordinated by PCS, will insure that the needy in Castro County have food throughout the year.

"This is 1,000 times better than what we have had in the past," said Gerald Aalbers, member of the Ministerial Alliance.

Donations of canned foods are accepted from the general public, but Elderly or homebound residents cash donations also are needed, according to Stump, because the money is used to buy perishable food items like meat, bread, milk and more.

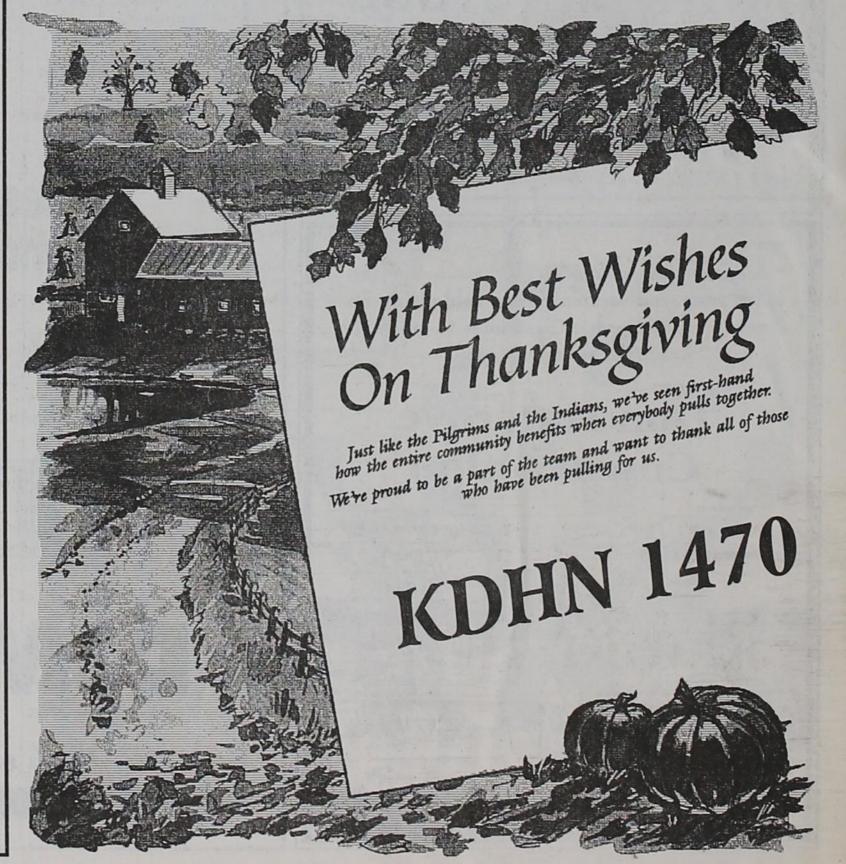
Computer class to be held in Dimmitt next semester

Amarillo College will offer a class in Dimmitt.

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

The course will deal in general application, theory and programming.

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



Happy Thanksgiving

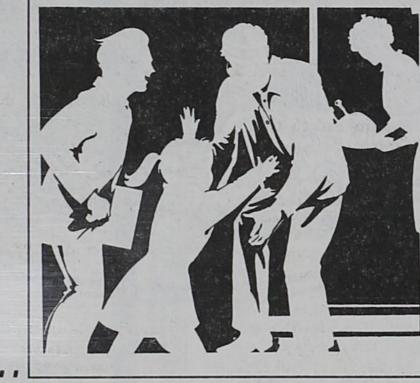
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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS for the Castro County Republican Organization for Women visited last week with State Republican Executive Committeeman Frank Alvarez Sr., who spoke to the group

during its regular meeting. Officers include (from left) Paula Graham, Mitzi Brockman, Frances Duke, Doris Flynt and Kathy Hill. Photo by Anne Acker

State GOP rep speaks to ROW

Frank Alvarez Sr., state Republican executive committeeman, drove 7-1/2 hours from his home in Sherman to speak to the Castro County Republican Organization of Women on Nov. 20.

Alvarez visited several counties in the 30th district during the trip.

County Republican Chairman, shared ideas that he has compiled from experts, volunteers and his business experience for building a county political organization and reaching out to various groups, such as the senior citizens, youths and Hispanics. He spoke highly of the work of women's groups.

According to Alvarez, Grayson County has overcome its traditional Democratic hold this year as Repubuncovered.

Alvarez hinted at possible candidacies for state offices in upcoming elections.

Alvarez and his wife, Jackie, have six children and he is involved in rentals and investments. That frees him up so he can devote a great deal Alvarez, who is also the Grayson of time to his executive committee position.

He is a conservative and mentioned that the "Democratic party has changed drastically in recent years and has not brought about advancements for Hispanics."

He said that's why he, his father and his son have become active from the ground floor up in Republican politics.

After hearing Alvarez's speech, the ROW elected new officers for the licans won three of five local races following year. They include Kathy

president; Mitzi Brockman, recording secretary; Paula Graham, corresponding secretary; and Frances Duke, treasurer.

ROW's legislative emphasis this month will be the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) proposal, which will rewrite all essential elements in education and will affect textbooks. ROW plans to suggest to Gov. Bush, Sen. Tom Haywood, Speaker Pete Laney and State Board of Education member Montie Hasie that they "take a critical look at the vaguely written proposal and the lack of age specificity and take action first instead of knowledge first."

Twenty-two members and 10 guests gathered at K-Bobs for the Nov. 20 meeting.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The annual Christian Mothers turkey dinner was held Sunday at the Community Hall with a great number of hungry people enjoying a delicious meal. Many from surrounding towns also enjoyed the dinner with us.

The raffle featured some beautiful items and everyone enjoyed taking chances on whatever was interesting to them.

The annual holiday arts and crafts bazaar sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club also was well attended.

The Nazareth ISD hosted an open house at the new addition Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Thanksgiving dinner and arts and crafts bazaar. The addition includes four classrooms for students in kindergarten through third grade, a little girls' restroom, a teacher's workroom, a big, fully-equipped computer lab, a book room, a counselor's office and a nurse's station. There are some very exciting changes being made at NISD.

Our sympathy to the family of Leonard Schulte, who died Friday in Amarillo. Services were held Tuesday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Jerry Stein, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie; four daughters, Lynette Cameron and Mary Louise Wethington of Tulia, Suzanne Dobmeier of Odessa and Jean Williams of Mount Juliet, Penn.; two sons, Donald and Bruce, both of Nazareth; two sisters, Lorene Buntele of Wallingfort, Conn., and Rosemary Dietz of Brownsville; a brother, Elmer Schulte of Nazareth; and 15 grandchildren.

Martha Schulte is a surgery patient

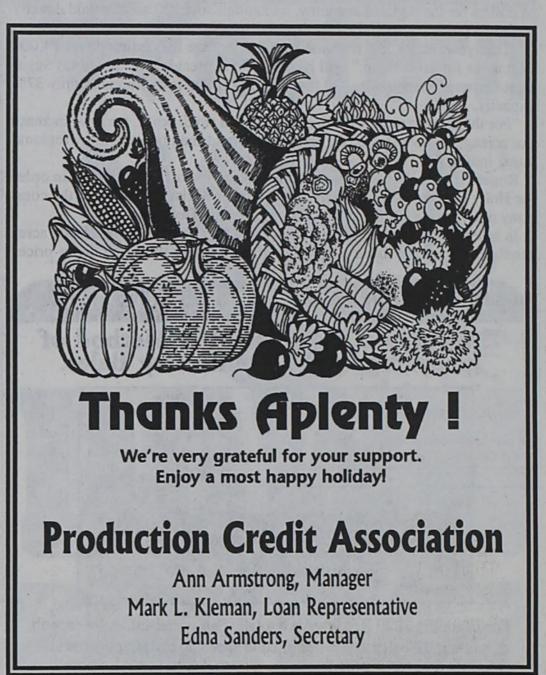
at Swedish Memorial Hospital in

Denver, Colo. Raelene Hoelting, Cince Schulte and Ashley Kleman enjoyed the trip to Denver with Martha. Before her surgery, Martha had the pleasure of visiting with wellknown Christopher Reeves and his wife at the Craig Rehab Center in Denver. She also listened to him speak at a fundraising benefit where he answered questions from the pub-

Rex and Vera Ramaekers left Sunday for Denver and will bring Martha home one day this week.

Judy Lange also drove to Denver with Martha Schulte and her girls. She spent the time visiting with her son, Kenneth, and his wife and family.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens Christmas dinner will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Center. The meal will be catered by the Catholic Daughters. New members are welcome.



and carried big margins in the state Hill, president; Doris Flynt, vice column.

Several successful fundraisers are held each year, he said, and "good old boy" violations in the ballot box and by office holders have been

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ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry More beets needed to maintain secure regional sugar industry

The Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association is asking farmers to commit additional and new sugar beet actes for next year's production by Dec. 15 to help maintain a secure regional sugar industry.

Regional beet acres are grown from as far south as Plainview, up to Dalhart and into eastern New Mexico. The beets are processed at the Holly Sugar processing plant in Hereford. Together, farmers and Holly generate millions of dollars for the regional economy, including about \$20 million paid directly to farmers.

"This year, about 350 regional beet farmers are harvesting about 14,000 beet acres for processing," said Kenneth Frye, president of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association. "At that level, the plant is operating at only 37% capacity.

"For the plant to at least break even or turn a small profit, we must increase our acreage numbers to 25,000. That will help us maintain a healthy regional sugar industry."

Roger Hill, Holly president and chief executive officer, said that in order for Holly to make plant maintenance and other decisions for 1997, the company must have a commitment of more acres by Dec. 15.

In order for this factor to return to profitability, a minimum of 25,000 acres must be committed for next year," said Hill. "With the better sugar prices

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we're seeing now and expect to see in the years ahead, we are confident that we will have sufficient acres to enhance the financial returns to both growers and our community."

Bill Cleavinger, association executive director, stresses that "sugar beets are a vital alternative crop" for area corn, cotton, grain sorghum and wheat producers.

"In the mid to late 1980s, large grain and cotton surpluses caused prices to decrease for those crops," said Cleavinger. "However, growers were able to partially offset the lower prices by increasing their beet acres.

"We are again looking at increased grain and cotton production that is projected to cause lower prices. That's why we must make sure we have the option to raise sugar beets as an alternative crop."

Frye says growers have or will receive a return-requested card on which they are asked to commit acres for 1997. Current growers and others wishing to commit beet acres for next year may contact the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association Office at (806) 364-6402 or the Holly Agricultural Dept. at (806) 364-6475.

"The growers association believes it is well within our abilities to reach the 25,000 acre commitment," said Frye. "We believe our regional sugar industry will remain strong and that it will continue to provide us with an alternative crop that has helped many of us through tough years in the past."

"Holly has been a part of the Hereford and Panhandle area since the mid-1960s," added Hill. "We are confident that Holly and this area's growers will continue to have a strong working partnership which benefits all of us."





Minding Your Own Business By DON TAYLOR

You'll Never Be Sorry

Few people live their lives without regrets. In fact, I've never met anyone who said, "I would not change anything about my life." Most of us have mistakes in our past that we would correct if given the opportunity.

Unfortunately, we seldom have a second chance. Therefore, the best plan for a successful future is to eliminate mistakes before we make them. In this column, I'd like to provide several "you'll never be sorry" thought starters.

In every day living

You'll never be sorry for thinking before acting, listening before judging and considering your words carefully before speaking.

You'll never regret standing up for what you believe, swallowing an angry retort and giving to those in need.

You'll never be sorry for ignoring gossip, doing what is right even when no one is watching you and reading the Bible.

You'll never have to apologize for telling the truth, forgiving someone who has wronged you and telling your spouse of your love.

You'll never regret turning the other cheek, avoiding an argument, being courteous and showing kindness to the afflicted.

You'll never feel remorse because you set a goal and worked toward it, completed a difficult project and sought peace instead of going to bed angry.

You'll never rue the day you admitted you were wrong, apologized and mended a broken relationship and patted someone on the back for their success or achievement.

You'll never be sorry for not lighting your first cigarette, not taking your first drink, not doing drugs and not committing your first crime.

You'll never regret turning off the TV and turning to a good book, thinking more and speaking less and harboring only positive thoughts.

You'll never be sorry you kept your promises, developed your public speaking skills and saved for your retirement.

In your business

really classy business cards.

You'll never be sorry for satisfying your customers, learning to read and understand your financial statements and remembering you customer's names.

You'll never regret giving your customers good value, being honest in every transaction and eliminating waste.

You'll never suffer guilt pangs because you planned before you executed, made improvements every day and praised fellow workers for tasks well done.

You'll never be sorry for building relationships with your suppliers, keeping your banker informed, listening to your customers and taking time to write a few thank you notes.

You'll never feel remorse because you gave a good customer the benefit of the doubt, set up a customer database and learned a valuable lesson from a

customers that no one else can match, building a winning team and taking

tude, greeting every customer and making a good first impression.

suggestions and taking time to do the job right the first time.

and helped a customer achieve something important.

You'll never be sorry for listing the advantages and benefits you offer your

You'll never regret making every job fun, developing an enthusiastic atti-

You'll never be sorry for following up after the sale, asking for customer

You'll never regret learning about the latest technology, turning your inven-

You'll never feel bad because you helped another small-business owner

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write

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Building a Better Dimmitt

DON'T DO WHAT I'M DOING-Last week, Jerald Locke of the Science Spectrum in Lubbock cautioned students at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School to stay away from snakes that look like this one. He is holding a rattle snake that has been de-fanged and de-venomed.

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DRIVER'S ROOM ONLY -

Photo by Linda Maxwell

4-H plans stock show

The Castro County 4-H Stock Show will be held Dec. 6 and 7 at

On Friday, Dec. 6, 4-H'ers are and steers to the show barns between 12 noon and 7 p.m. Entry cards and

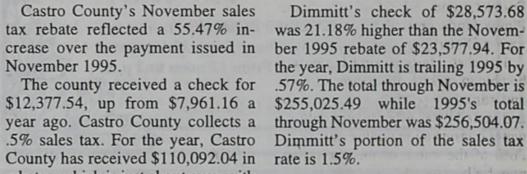
On Saturday, Dec. 7, all weighted cards must be turned in to the show superintendent at 8 a.m. Showmanship clinics will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The livestock show will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 7 with the steer show. The lamb show will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The barrow show will begin at 1:30 p.m. Showmanship will be judged after each division.

Castro County's November sales tax rebate reflected a 55.47% in- was 21.18% higher than the Novemcrease over the payment issued in ber 1995 rebate of \$23,577.94. For November 1995.

year ago. Castro County collects a .5% sales tax. For the year, Castro County has received \$110,092.04 in rebates, which is just about even with last year's total of \$110,286.78 through November.

The rebate issued to the city of Dimmitt was up while Nazareth's was down.



The city of Nazareth earned a rebate of \$762.60, down 21.13% from a year ago when the rebate was \$966.97. The yearly total for Nazareth is \$9,051.66, down 5.38%. Nazareth also collects a 1.5% share of the sales tax rate.

Hart earned a rebate of \$1,319.72 for November. That brings the yearly total to \$12,784.12, down 3.57% from the 1995 total of \$13,257.60.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers on September sales and by quarterly filers for July, August and September, that were reported to the state comptroller in October.

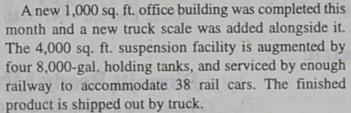
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Top, from left: Barney Luna, Salud Mendoza, Oscar Navarro, Raul Jackson and Eric Powell.

Bottom, from left: Tammy Wilhite, Fred Bruegel, Denise Schilling and David Darnell.

The Dimmitt facility of Westway Trading Corp. on the north edge of town on US 385 has shipped roughly in excess of 31,000 tons of liquid suspension feed since it opened its expanded facility in April of this year.

The suspension plant produces livestock feed products, which are marketed through Hi-Pro Feeds. The business continues to manufacture liquid blend feeds and supplements, as well. Eight employees staff the facility, including David Darnell, terminal manager of Dimmitt operations; Fred Bruegel, sales manager for molasses blends and straight molasses sales through the liquid blend plant facility; Tammy Wilhite, office manager; Denise Schilling, administrative assistant; Oscar Navarro, plant supervisor; plant employees Barney Luna, Salud Mendoza, Raul Jackson and Eric Powell; and drivers Jody Watts and Joe Rivera. "The suspension plant is a state-of-the art facility, totally automated and monitored by a computer batching system," Darnell said. "It is designed to manufacture a total feeding supplement by adding a variety of dry ingredients suspended in liquid, usually molasses or molasses products."



Some of the raw materials for the Dimmitt plant are obtained locally, with the majority coming from the Panhandle area, according to Darnell. He said the process even involves some recycling, with steep water being used from Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc.

Westway acquired Liquid Blenders in Dimmitt in

the Expo Building.

asked to bring their barrows, lambs livestock scales will be available when animals arrive.

November of 1994. Bruegel was the previous owner and manager of Liquid Blenders, and has remained involved in the business.

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Amarillo

County groundwater Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden is depleting annually

Castro County has 11,740,000 acre feet of ground water available in its portion of the Ogallala Aquifer now, but if the current rate of depletion continues, that water won't last long.

Over the past 17 years, the water level in the local area of the aquifer has dropped 2,603,406.96 acre feet. One acre foot equals 325,851 gallons of water. Castro County covers 880 square miles, or 563,508 acres.

The recent drought has been an added strain to the water supply. From 1995-96, the water supply droped 3.22% or 272,174.36 acre feet. That's the largest depletion rate during the past 17 years.

More than 200 acre feet of water has been depleted from the aquifer in four of those 17 years. Depletion was recorded at more than 100,000 acre feet 10 years.

The lowest depletion recorded came during a three-year span between 1985 and 1988. During the 1985-86 year, the aquifer was down just .78% for 65,930.44 acre feet. The next year that rate improved to a is allocated. -.16% or 13,524.19 acre feet. The best year in the past 17 was 1987-88, when the county's portion of the aquifer was depleted by only .03%-2,535.79 acre feet.

But if water continues to be depleted at the current rate, industry in sive state drought plan. the area, especially the farming industry, could be hurt drastically.

A precipitation enhancement proposal is currently being studied by High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, which includes Castro County. If the project succeeds in increasing precipitation in the local area, the rainfall would have to be increased by three to four inches per year before depletion would improve.

The depletion of the aquifer has many conservationists calling for change in Texas water laws, includ-

Average Change in Water Levels Ogallala Aquifer for Castro County

	Oganala Aquiler for Gastro Courty
Calendar Year	Change
1979-80	-2.82
1980-81	-3.06
1981-82	-2.23
1982-83	-1.71
1983-84	-2.27
1984-85	-1.44
1985-86	-0.78
1986-87	-0.16
1987-88	-0.03
1988-89	-1.45
1989-90	-1.98
1990-91	-1.78
1991-92	-1.20
1992-93	-1.62
1993-94	-2.14
1994-95	-2.91
1995-96	-3.22

* One acre foot of ground water equals 325,851 gallons.

ing change in the way ground water

One current proposal for water policy revisions includes the following, according to a report in the Nov. 13 issue of the Austin American-Statesman.

◆Development of a comprehen-

◆Better regional water-use planning which could include clarification by the legislature of what standards the conservation commission should apply in deciding whether to approve transfers of water between river basins.

✦Implementation of a statewide water conservation initiative which could include a voter referendum on granting property tax exemptions on equipment used to conserve water.

◆Improved water resource management. Current law does not recognize how ground water use affects surface water and vice versa. ♦A new, as-yet unspecified system for managing groundwater, currently subject to unlimited pumping under the so-called right of capture. The new system, perhaps employing groundwater ownership, could facillitate free-market trading. +Improved monitoring and enforcement of surface water rights. Unauthorized diversions were reported in the Colorado, Brazos and Concho rivers this summer.

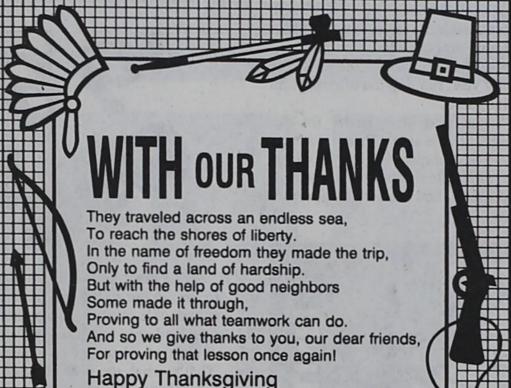


Nov. 19, Teeny Bowden went to Plainview for a dental appointment. When she got there, the office was still closed for lunch, so she went to Furr's. She was near the end of the serving line when she saw Bennie Acre-feet * and Joyce Wright. They invited her -238,363.88 to sit with them. While they were -258,650.17 eating, Teeny saw LaWanda Wilson -188,493.43 and waved at her. LaWanda and -144,539.80 Glen came and sat with them, too. -191,874.47 Teeny had to leave before long and -121,717.73 Joyce had to get back to work. None of the party knew the others were to -65,930.44 be in Plainview that day. -13,524.19

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright -2,535.79 were in Seagraves again last week -122,562.99 for a funeral. This time it was for -167,361.88 Katherine Petty, the mother-in-law -150,456.64 of Joyce's brother, Ross Jones, -101,431.44 whose wife is waiting for a liver -136,932.44 transplant.

-180,886.07 Sunday morning the temperature -245,971.24 was 22, and Monday morning it was -272,174.36 18.

> Lillian Carson, Ruth Brown and Suanne Bagley had a bake sale in Dimmitt Saturday in Ruth's garage. They sold everything they had



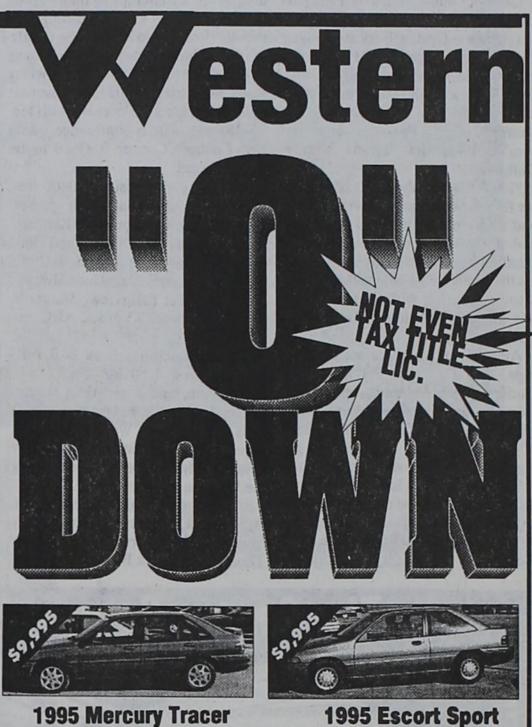
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baked, so they counted it successful. been working well.

Elton Gulley's daughter, Janie, of Emma Jean King attended the Arkansas, and her family came in ROW meeting in Dimmitt last week. Friday night to stay with Elton until W.B., Gaye and Leah after Thanksgiving Day. Elton is still Scarborough of Dimmitt visited a having trouble with his heart, but his while with Teeny Bowden Sunday pacemaker and defibrillator have afternoon.

Together We Can



Water board approves loans

The Texas Water Development Board has approved several loans to water conservation districts in the state, and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 will receive a \$2 million loan under the project.

The loans will be funded through the Agricultural Water Conservation Bond Program.

Several other water districts also received loans, including \$250,000 to Ward County Water improvement District No. 3; \$300,000 to Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3; \$500,000 to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District and the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District; and \$750,000 to South Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

The districts receiving loans will be able to make loans to area farmers and ranchers so they can purchase and install more efficient agricultural water conservation equipment. Up to 80% of the value of the equipment may be borrowed.

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District encompasses all of Castro, Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Armstrong, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall Counties.

Bottom line farming class set in Dimmitt

South Plains College will offer a Bottom Line Farming course in Dimmitt beginning Tuesday.

The course is designed to help farmers learn more about borrowing to meet federal requirements.

The class will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and again on Dec. 7, 10 and 12 at the courthouse and will be taught by John Norwood.

A Farmers Home Administration law requires that all FHA direct and guaranteed borrowers complete and pass educational courses involving agricultural finance and agricultural production.





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Cost is \$350 per person and enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class size is limited to 25. Ron Presley, SPC assistant professor of agribusiness, developed the curriculum in conjunction with the Texas A&M Extension Service and Texas Rural Communities.

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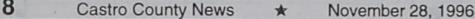
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Bobcats move into powerful district

who are getting over the sting of their we have no control over." early exit from the 1996 season with The extra teams in the district mean year. an all-new district.

Sports

Dalhart.

"I had thought about lots of scenarios for a new district last winter, but I had really never dreamed we would end up in a district like this," said Levelland, Borger, Caprock and Her-Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle, starting eford. Cooper is no slouch, and the his third year at the Bobcat helm. "It's Bobcats' tournaments include alwaysa tough district, with three teams in tough fields at Plainview, Seminole his quickness, which is a huge asset this group which made the playoffs and the Lubbock Caprock ABC ex- on our press and all of our defense. last year."

And, of course, there are the long trips to Dalhart, Perryton and ing back at the end of the season.)

"Well, yes, it's a long trip for us to the big men last year. those places, but we can't use that as

It's a new team, new attitude and a bus and go to those places and tend to omores on the squad. new start for the Dimmitt Bobcats, business and not worry about things

four fewer games to get ready for Gone are those games over the past district. In an attempt to make all of ent role this year than he has had the 25 years with Littlefield, always a the long trips on a Friday throughout tough place for the Bobcats to win; the district, it also calls for a juggled will have to move into more of a Shallowater, which became a big rival schedule that means the Bobcats will scoring role this year, which is a little in just a two year run; and the rest. play one district game, against River different than what he's done his Tulia is back on the conference slate, Road, before taking off for Christmas. along with new foes River Road, After the Caprock Tournament (Dec. Sanford-Fritch, Perryton and last 26-28) and a non-conference game year's bi-district upset winner, with Lubbock Cooper, it's back to the district grind.

> been tough as usual, with games travaganza.

Steinle welcomes back two fulltime starters, Brandon Smith and Sanford-Fritch. (Dimmitt fans will get Jason Nino, and a part-time starter, to make the trip to Perryton twice, Kalem Thomas, from last year's 28-7 with a girls-only affair the first Friday squad. Also back with a bunch of of the district slate, and the boys go- experience from last year is Charley Sanders, who got lots of time spelling

any kind of an excuse," Steinle said. Brad Beck, Albert Ewing, Casey "It's a long trip to Dimmitt for all of Smith and Stuart Sutton. Jerry happening and where to go from those folks, too. We'll just get on the Thomas and Derek Buckley are soph- there.

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PRESENTS

Steinle is expecting big things from Nino, Smith and Kalem Thomas this

"Brandon's going to have a differlast two years," the coach said. "He sophomore and junior years.

"Of course, we can't just have one person doing all the scoring, and he has to do other things for us, too, and he has worked hard and has really Dimmitt's non-district slate has come a long way in all facets of his game. Brandon has played exceptionagainst Class 4A teams like Randall, ally well early on. That's not a surprise, because he has worked really hard.

> "Brandon is really effective with All of his game is coming along so well that Brandon will help us in other areas even on nights when he's not able to score a lot of points."

Nino will fill much of the same role as last year, running the offense from point guard.

"Jason is a great leader for our team," Steinle said. "Jason is a very Up from the JV are Cameron Lust, intelligent player and is able to see the whole floor, able to see what is



THE DIMMITT BOBCATS, under Coach Alan Steinle (front center) are ready for a new season, new district and new challenges this year. Pictured are team members (from left) Casey Smith, Jared

Townsend, Jacob Larra, Jerry Thomas, Albert Ewing, Charley Sanders, Cameron Lust, Brad Beck, Brandon Smith, Jason Nino, Stuart Sutton, Kalem Thomas and Derek Buckley. Photo by Don Nelson



the offense. In our first game (an 85- for us. 78 win in double overtime) Jason had

"He does a great job for us leading expect him to take care of the boards

24 credits and only one turnover and basket, and has lots of ability. We played most of what was five quar- need him to help us on defense with ters. That's what we need at point his rebounding and jumping ability.

"He is a excellent jumper with good ability. He's very athletic "Charley is very athletic around the around the basket and is an effective player on the press with his size and quickness. He's had a leg injury that hampers him a little, but we expect guard, someone who can handle the His game is coming around, and all of him to give us lots of relief as a Casey Smith, Sutton, Jerry Thomas Lust, Ewing and Beck are three and Buckley are new to the varsity "Casey is very talented, one of the "Cameron played lots of minutes most talented players in our prolast year and is really going to help gram," Steinle said. "We need Casey us," the coach said. "Cameron has to play to his capabilities. If he improves and keeps working hard, he will see a lot of playing time. "Stuart can help us a lot on the point and give Jason some rest. Stuart sees the floor well and has a lot of quickness. He has a lot of basketball court sense, is a good ball handler and is very competitive. As Stuart comes along he will help us a lot. "Jerry is a young player but a very "We expect Cameron to chip in on capable player. He can play inside offense, scoring-wise, and to help us and outside and is an excellent leaper. a lot on the boards on both ends. He Jerry has really grown up and mahas gotten more physical and is play- tured since last year and is going to ing much better in traffic on offense help him. As he works to keep improving he is going to get better and "Derek is another young player who can make an impact this year. He "Brad does a good job of playing enjoys the game and has a great perwithin himself and doesn't try to do imeter shot. Derek has a lot of court things he isn't able to do," Steinle sense, and can play either point guard or off guard." Steinle relishes the tough schedule Dalhart has many players back from last year's playoff squad. "Perryton's going to have a lot of size and is going to be tough, and Friona is going to be much improved," said Steinle. Also waiting down the road in tournament play will be No. 3 Seminole, and other tough fields.



and be effective in getting the offense works on them." going.

job for us on defense, too."

Thomas, who has been hampered by a wrist injury suffered in the last football game, will play at the offguard post in Steinle's system.

"He's played awfully well considering his injury and the fact he has had little time on the court," Steinle said. "Kalem is smart enough to know what his role is and it took no time at all for him to fill that role. Kalem is very capable of scoring lots of points. He has a great perimeter shot, and is a battler and a hustler.

"Kalem is not blessed with height, but he does a great job as the back man on our press. Kalem does a very good job of using the tools he has."

Sanders also came right off the gridiron to the court, and showed right away he can hit from outside as well as inside.

"We expect Charley to fill some of that scoring void from last year," said Steinle. "He has come a long way from his sophomore year, and we

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ball well at all times and not lose it, his shots will come around as he backup for Cameron and Charley."

"Jason is also very capable of scor- seniors who played on the JV last role this year, but Steinle expects ing when we need it, and does a great year to get plenty of playing time each of the four to pay big dividends. under their belts.

> worked hard to get better. His shot has gotten better, and his all-around game is much better because he has spent lots of time working on it.

"Our defense is going to depend on him to take care of the middle for us because we will extend our defense a little more this year. Sometimes that is a very tough job, but we think Cameron can take care of it for us.

and defense."

Beck is one of the first subs off the help us even more. bench and can play anywhere on the floor.

said. "Brad is very coachable and is a

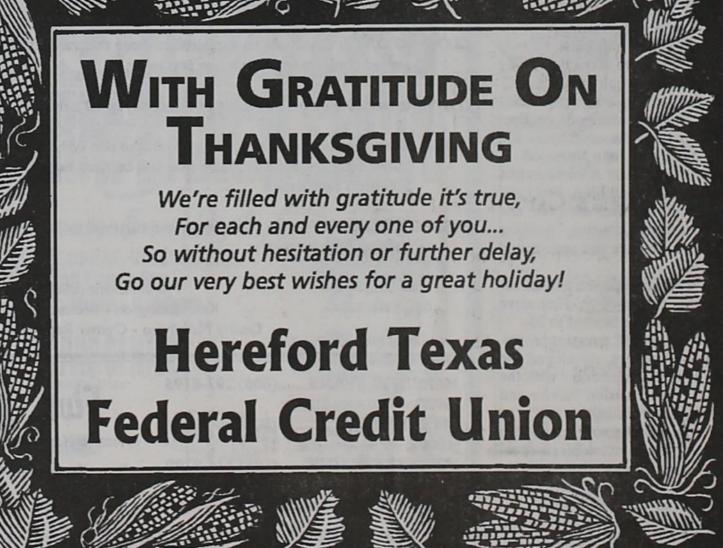
big asset because we can use him in a couple positions, around the basket ahead, with what should be an exand on the wing on offense, and any- tremely competitive district. Tulia has where on defense. His perimeter shot been picked second in the state, and is very improved, and he is very competitive."

Ewing can also help inside and outside.

"We need his help because he can do a great job for us as a third post player," Steinle said. "Nobody on the team wants to help and contribute any more than Albert.

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Goose hunting off to good start; duck prospects okay

Any doubts about this year's record fall flight estimate of 90 million waterfowl migrating into Texas can be easily dismissed by simply looking skyward, according to state wildlife officials.

Ducks and geese have arrived in Jan. 19. large numbers and anticipation is running high for the duck season in eastern Texas.

The fall flight of ducks this year is an estimated 90 million birds, the largest since 1970, and goose populations also are up, with high numbers of young birds being observed in the flocks, indicating good production of geese.

"We had a major migration of ducks and geese into Texas during the last couple days of October and the first couple days of November, with people all around the state seeing lots of birds," according to Brian Sullivan, waterfowl program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. (TPWD). "Goose season opened Nov. 2 and hunting success was very good, with some limits being taken," he said.

Despite early concerns about a possible lack of water for wintering birds. Sullivan says conditions are favorable.

"Habitat conditions have recovered from the drought in most areas. In fact, low water allowed annual plants to grow on the mudflats in some of our marshes and reservoirs, producing excellent duck foods," Sullivan said. "Recent rains have reflooded some of these areas and they should hold lots of birds. Hunters who take the time to locate these areas should find excellent hunting."

According to out-of-state reports, duck hunting has been good in northern states, where seasons are already under way.

"We've had good duck seasons in Texas the last two years and I expect this year to be even better," Sullivan said.

Duck season in eastern Texas runs from Nov. 16 to Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 to Jan. 19. The second split for ducks in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit in the western and northern part of Texas will run Nov. 2-

The daily bag limit for ducks is five birds, not to include more than one mallard hen (includes Mexican mallard or Mexican duck hens), one mottled duck, one pintail, one canvasback, two redheads (only one redhead was allowed last year), and two wood ducks. The merganser daily limit is five birds (no more than one hooded merganser); and the coot limit is 15 per day.

The statewide season for light geese runs Nov. 2-Feb. 16. The statewide daily bag limit for light geese is 10 birds, with a possession limit of 40.

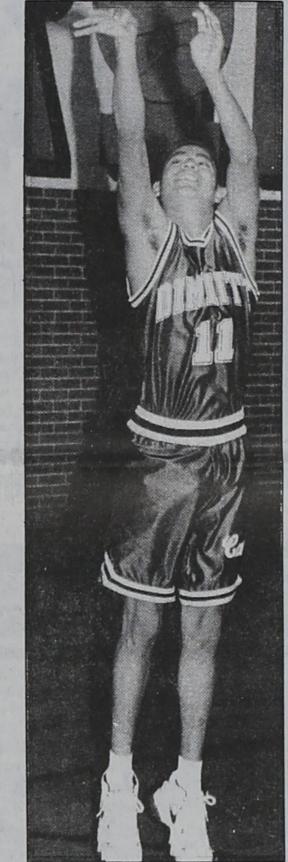
Hunting seasons and bag limits for dark geese are Nov. 2-Feb. 16 in the western zone with a bag limit of five (no more than four Canada geese and one white-fronted goose). In the eastern zone, the dark goose season is Nov. 2-Jan. 26 in all counties with a bag limit of two.

Seasons for sandhill cranes are Nov. 9-Feb. 9 in Zone A, Nov. 30-Feb. 9 in Zone B and Jan. 4-Feb. 9 in Zone C with a bag limit of three in all zones. The season for woodcock is Nov. 28-Jan. 31 with a bag limit of five and the season for snipe is Oct. 19-Feb. 2 with a bag limit of eight.



Hoop it up! Good Luck, Bobbies in the Frenship Tournament! FIRST CAME: Bobbies vs. Lubbock High, Thursday, 12.45 p.m. **TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats** vs. Hereford, There

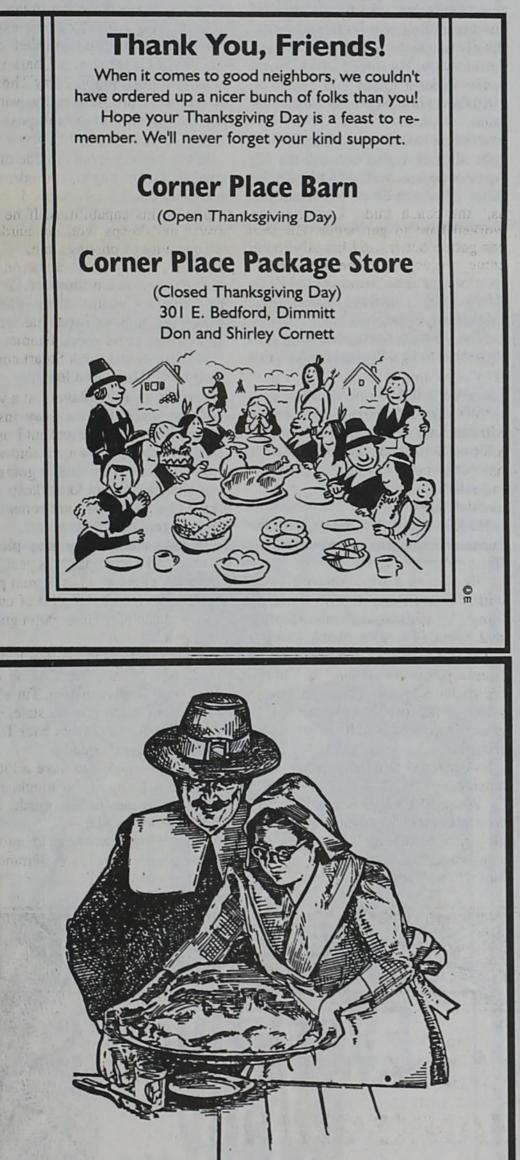




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Nov. 26-Hereford (Girls), Here Nov. 26—Abernathy (Boys), Here Nov. 28-30-Frenship Tournament (Girls), There Dec. 3-Hereford, There



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Dec. 5-7-Levelland Tournament (Girls), There Dec. 5-7-Plainview Tournament (Boys), There Dec. 10-Caprock (Boys), Here Dec. 12-14-Seminole Tournament (Boys), There Dec. 13-Perryton (Girls), There Dec. 17-*Tulia (Girls), There Dec. 20- River Road, Here Dec. 26-28-Caprock Tournament (Girls and Boys), There Dec. 31-Cooper, There Jan. 3-Palhart, Here lan. 7- Muleshoe, There Ian, 10-Sanford-Fritch, Here Ian, 14-Friona, There lan, 17-*Perryton, Here lan. 21-*Tulia, Here Jan. 24- River Road, There Jan. 28-*Muleshoe, Here lan, 31-*Sanford-Fritch, There Feb. 4-*Friona, Here Feb. 7-Palhart, There Feb. 11-*Tulia (Boys), There Feb. 14-Perryton (Boys), There

Denotes District Games

Bobbies

41, Randall 50

56, Borger 46

71, Lockney 34

Season Record: 2-2

43, Levelland 64



Bobcats

- 85, Randall 78 84, Levelland 62 69, Borger 62
- 64, Palo Duro 76 Season Record: 3-1

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Swifts want a shot at state championship

The Nazareth Swifts have a road map of their 1996-97 basketball season and that map has the route from Nazareth to Austin highlighted in red.

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) has the Nazareth Swifts ranked as the top team in the state in its pre-season poll, but that ranking doesn't matter a lot to the Swifts, who have come close to claiming the elusive state championship for the past three years, losing each time to the team that did win it all.

"We want to be No. 1 at the end of the season, not just at the beginning," said Coach Mark Makeever. "The guys' goal is to win state. That's the goal of a lot of teams, but the guys believe that if they can get there (to the state tournament) this year they can win it."

Several of the Swifts have experienced the thrill of playing in "The Drum" at Austin, and they want the chance again.

Among those players are returning starters Nathan Hoelting, a 6-4 senior post and wing, and Coby Schacher, a 6-3 senior post; and lettermen Bryan Braddock, Justin Bingham, Marcus Brockman, Nick Gerber and Billy Don Cannon.

Braddock, a 5-9 senior guard, was a part-time starter last season. So was Bingham, a 5-9 senior guard.

Makeever's starting lineup this year features five seniors including Hoelting and Schacher at posts, Braddock at point, and Bingham and Brockman at the wings.

A year ago Hoelting was the Swifts' leading scorer, averaging 15.5 points and seven boards per game. Schacher was good for 10 points and five rebounds. Braddock contributed 11 points and four assists coming in off the bench while Bingham chipped in four points, two assists and two steals per outing.

Gerber, a 6-5 senior post, and Cannon, a 6-0 senior post and wing are expected to contribute a lot this year as well.

Makeever plans on his bench providing a lot of help this season. So far he has played 10 deep in each of the Swifts' games, and hopes to get younger players some learning experience early in the season.

Rounding out the Swifts' roster are newcomers Barry Hoelting, a 6-2 junior wing; Darren Huckert, a 5-10 junior wing; and Jerad Birkenfeld, a 6-0 junior post.

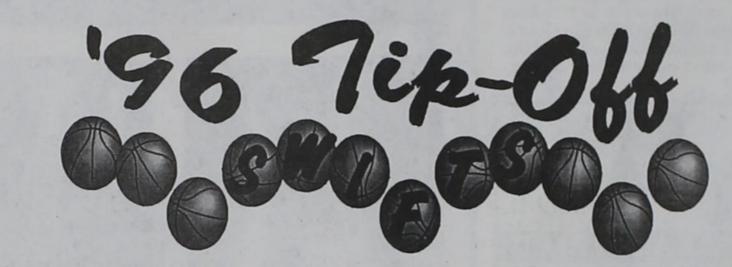
"We've got to figure out the right combination-who works best where," said Makeever. "We've got a lot of guys who are about the size and have the same capabilities. We want to make sure we play together as a unit."

The Swifts will be very quick this



THE NAZARETH SWIFTS hope to repeat as Region 1-A champions this year, and go a step farther by winning state. Team members are (back row, from left) Barry Hoelting, Marcus Brockman, Nick

Gerber, Nathan Hoelting, Coby Schacher and Billy Don Cannon; and (front row, from left) Bryan Braddock, Justin Bingham, Jerad Birkenfeld and Photo by Brenda Schulte Darren Huckert.



year and Makeever plans to use that many Class A teams that will be able year. The ball will be in his hands a defense. The Swifts' main defense ness or depth." will be man-to-man, but Makeever

quickness in a full-court pressure to match up with us in size, quick- lot," Makeever said. "He's got a lot of talent. He's real quick and defen-Makeever said he expects a lot of sively he can be as effective as he is offensively. He forced several turnovers against Olton and ended up with several steals, too," Makeever said.

against that trio, and that will leave open the other two guards.

"Justin will probably guard the other team's toughest guard," Makeever said. "We'll be counting on him to hit the outside shot when he's open. He's a hard worker."

Makeever says Brockman could be a "big missing piece of our puzzle. He could hurt a lot of teams. He's got good size (6-2) and he's a strong rebounder. He'll be able to pick up some points off of offensive boards and he can hit the outside shot."

He also expects Gerber to be a force inside. "Nick has looked good in early workouts. We need for him to play good post defense and rebound. He's capable of scoring, too."

Cannon is another versatile player who can play either inside or outside, and the Swifts expect him to be productive when he's in the game.

Barry Hoelting has a "lot of physical talent," according to Makeever, and he's shown a lot of improvement in practices so far. Makeever said he's got a nice 12-15 foot jumper and is quick.

Huckert's strength is his defensive play, and Makeever expects him to be a big factor in the Swifts' press.

"Darren does the best job guarding Bryan in practice," Makeever said. "He moves well and he's got long arms that help him defensively."

Birkenfeld doesn't have the height some of the other Swift post players have, but he's still tough inside, according to Makeever. "Jared's got a nice face up jump shot and he's got a great work ethic."

The Swifts moved into a new district this year, and it includes Vega, Happy, Farwell and Lazbuddie.

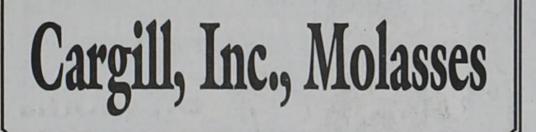
Makeever said he feels like three of the top 10 teams in Region 1 are in Nazareth's district-the Swifts, Farwell and Lazbuddie.

"Farwell's ranked 13th in the state and they've got a lot of talent and experience. Lazbuddie lost two, but they've got a big 6-7, 280 post and a couple of other players in the 6-2, 6-3 range. Happy will be improved, but young and Vega will probably still be a little down." If the Swifts get out of district, the road to Austin just gets rougher and rougher. Under the latest UIL realignment, the four Region 2-A semifinalists from a year ago have moved into Region 1. They are Paducah, Roby, Knox City and Chillicothe. All will be tough again this season. Makeever said he expects Lorenzo and Gruver to be good, too. But the Swifts think they've got a legitimate shot at defending their regional championship. "Last year we had a poster in the locker room that listed our team goals. Each time we met a goal we circled it on the poster. The top goal last year was to get to state. We did that. This year that poster will in-





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added he might "switch things up once in a while.

"We will pick up everything full court. We want to pressure people from the start, not sit back and wait for them to come to us. We want to always have pressure on the ball and not give up any open shots."

From that pressure defense, Makeever hopes the Swifts will be able to create a lot of their offense. "We want to play an up-tempo

game. I don't think there will be

teams to try and contain the Swifts big inside players with a zone defense, and that should leave the outside open. The Swifts have the personnel to can the outside jumpers,

Especially Braddock, who has led the Swifts in scoring so far this season. He's a big threat from threepoint range, can score off of the dribble and is a good penetrator.

"Bryan's a gym rat. He has spent a lot of time in the gym in the past

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Nathan Hoelting will start at post, but Makeever also will use the big man outside as well. His three-point shot is as deadly as his inside attempts.

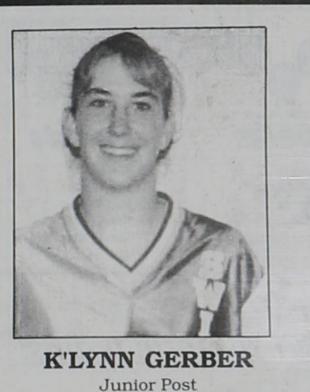
"Nathan is an all-around good player. He's got the capability of scoring inside or outside and he works hard at both ends of the floor. He's our leading rebounder," Makeever added.

The Swifts are counting on Schacher to be a big inside force this year.

"Coby is big and strong (6-3, 215) and he intimidates inside, whether he scores a lot or not. He's been struggling on offense so far, but that won't last. He needs to stay intense on defense."

Makeever said he looks for most teams to concentrate their defenses





NATHAN HOELTING Senior Post

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Experienced Horns want playoffs

Big things are in store for the Hart boys basketball program under the leadership of new coach Chad Watson.

Watson, a native of Milano, coached three years at River Road and three years at Randall before moving to his first head job this year at Hart.

Greeting Watson are three players 6-4 or taller, good team quickness and a fairly intelligent team.

"We're doing some new things with our man defense," Watson, a graduate of West Texas A&M University, said. "That's something these guys haven't played before, so it's a whole new experience. But, they're smart and coming along pretty well."

Watson is taking advantage of his team's quickness with a half-court trap that should pay dividends for the Longhorns.

The bulwark of the team is Dusty Ortiz, a 6-6, 270-lb. senior. Ortiz, who is also busy with football recruiting trips this fall (he spent last weekend as a guest of the University of Oklahoma for the game with Texas Tech, and is being pursued by the University of Hawaii). Ortiz is averaging over 30 points a game and has been a strong presence on the boards on both ends.

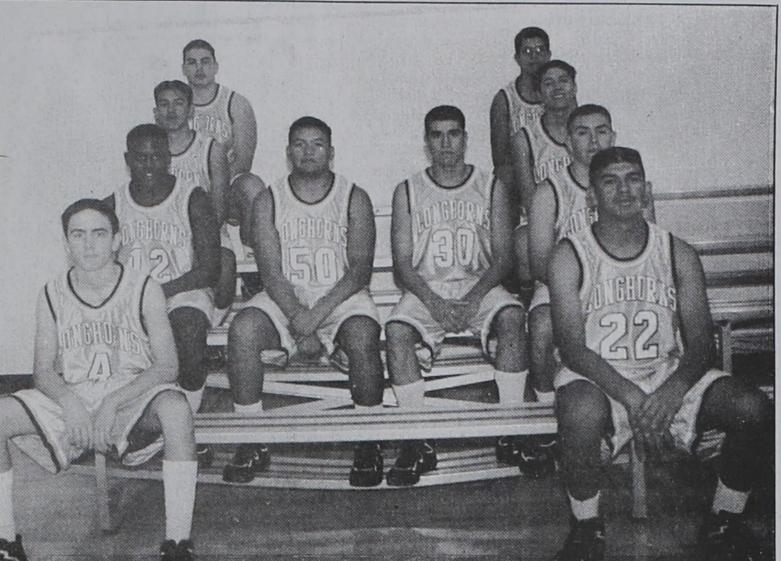
"Dusty's going to score a lot of points because he's so big, but he has to work hard for those points and rebounds, too," Watson said. "Dusty is a very good athlete and is very physical under the basket on both ends."

Joining Ortiz in the paint is 6-4 Rick Urbina, while 6-4 Michael Pantoja comes off the bench to give either of the starting post men a rest.

Lupe Delafuente is the point guard for Watson's offense.

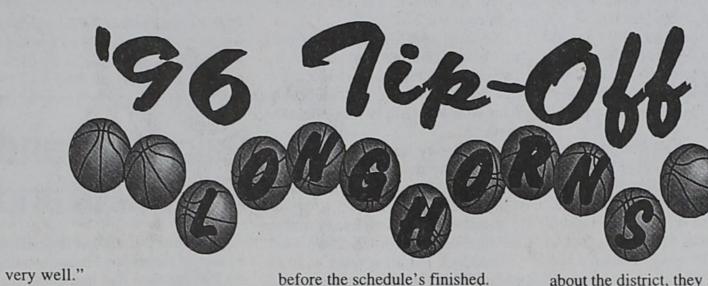
"Lupe is a junior and is a very intelligent kid," Watson said. "He's a good leader and he is coming along





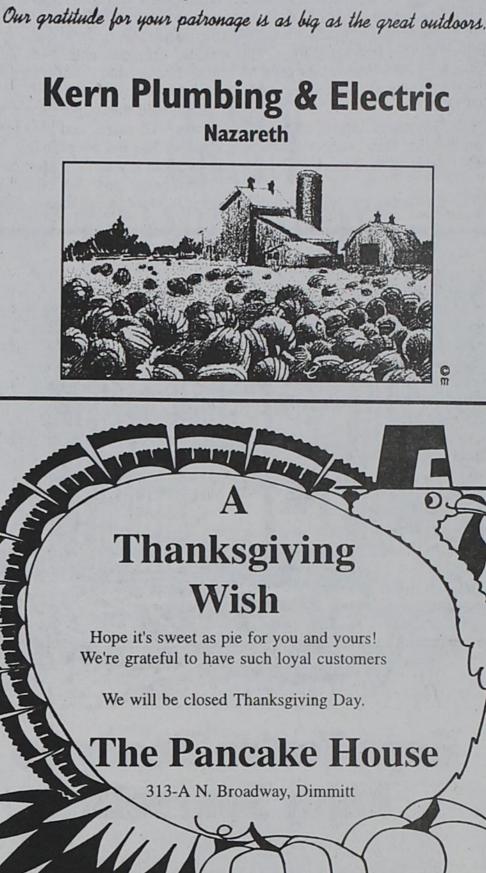
THE HART LONGHORNS gained a lot of experience a year ago, and this year they hope to reach the playoffs. Team members include (center) Matt Huerta and Lupe De La Fuente; (left row, from bot-

tom) Jared Aven, J.J. Finch, Sergio Martinez and Dusty Ortiz; and (right row, from bottom) Rick Urbina, Armondo Minjarez, Moses Reyna and Michael Pantoja. Photo by David Knox



about the district, they still have lots of things to work on. "We're going to have a good shot,

but we have to get our shooting



A Hearty Thanks to All

FRIDAY

Swiftettes 54, Littlefield 27Nazareth1218915--54Littlefield6597--27Scoring:NAZ--MistiBall14, K'LynnGerber 12, JaymeSchmucker 11.

Swifts 62, Littlefield

 Nazareth
 14
 23
 7
 18—62

 Littlefield
 12
 11
 15
 18—56

 Scoring:
 NAZ—Bryan
 Braddock
 21,

 Nathan Hoelting
 17,
 Coby
 Schacher
 12.

Bobcats 64, Palo Duro 76

 Dimmitt
 16
 17
 18
 13-64

 Palo Duro
 23
 21
 14
 18-76

 Scoring:
 DIMMITT-Brandon Smith 19,

 Kalem Thomas 7.
 5
 5

Longhorns 33, Stratford 55 Hart 2 5 11 15-33 Stratford 19 11 14 11-55 *Scoring:* HART-Dusty Ortiz 15, Jared Aven 8.

SATURDAY

 Bobbies 71, Lockney 34

 Dimmitt
 12
 22
 19
 18—71

 Lockney
 9
 8
 11
 6—34

 Scoring:
 DIMMITT—Jacy Buckey 20,

 Amber Matthews
 17, Carrie Bradley 13.

Lady Horns 38, Springlake-Earth 40 Hart 11 9 4 14—38 S-E 13 10 12 5—40 *Scoring:* HART—Charbra Lee and Nikki Lee 9. off-guard Sergio Martinez.

The other starters are junior Moses

Reyna ("He has the most potential on

the team," Watson said) and senior

"Moses is very fluid with great basketball skills," Watson said. "Our outside game is coming along, but we still have to work a lot on our shooting. That will come along, I think, and our offense will be in good shape."

Off the bench along with Pantoja are senior post Matt Huerta and sophomore guard Jared Aven.

"Matt does a good job in the post despite not having all that much height, and Jared is going to be really good," said Watson. "We have a real solid bench."

Hart started the year with a big comeback against Sudan, eventually losing by just four points, and got into the win column in a big game against Anton. Future non-conference opponents will include Silverton, Happy, Morton, New Deal, Lazbuddie and Petersburg. Longhorns' tournaments this year will be at Friona, Lockney and Littlefield.

The conference seems to be a lock for Lockney, although Watson believes his team will have a say in that they could be tough. Hale Center is always good and well-coached. Bovina had a lot of success in football, and a lot of times that success will carry over into the basketball season," Watson said.

"Highland Park is new to the dis-

trict and it is a basketball school, so

Before the Longhorns can worry

down. We have a really good chance at going to the playoffs this year. We have some very good athletes and we're very physical inside, and if the outside game keeps coming around, we are going to have a good year."

Bobbies face Lubbock today in Frenship Turkey Classic

The Dimmitt Bobbies will enjoy a little basketball with their Thanksgiving dinner today (Thursday), when they take on the Lubbock High Lady Westerners in the first round of the Frenship Turkey Classic.

The annual holiday tournament features 12 of the top girls' teams in the area.

The Bobbies and Lady Westerners will tip off at 12:45 p.m. at Frenship. The winner of that game will advance to the quarterfinal round at 9 a.m. Friday against the winner of the Sudan-Shallowater first-round matchup. Losers of the two games will meet Friday morning at 10:45. Other first-round games feature Frenship against Floydada, Hereford against Odessa, Abernathy versus Lubbock Cooper and Amarillo High against Muleshoe.

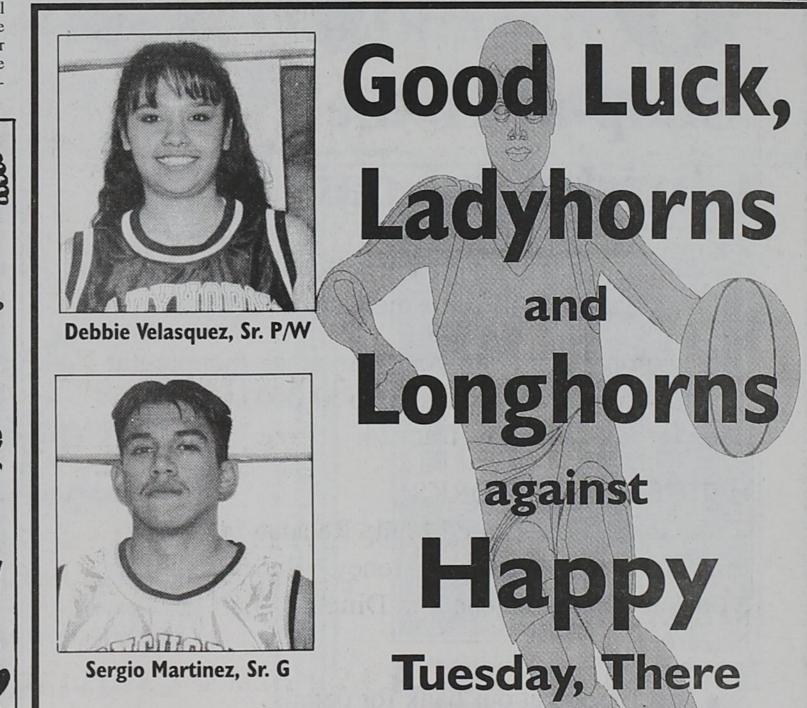
The Bobbies are in the top half of the bracket with Lubbock, Sudan, Shallowater, Frenship and Floydada. Saturday's schedule includes the consolation game at 4 p.m., thirdplace game at 5:45 p.m. and championship at 7:30 p.m.

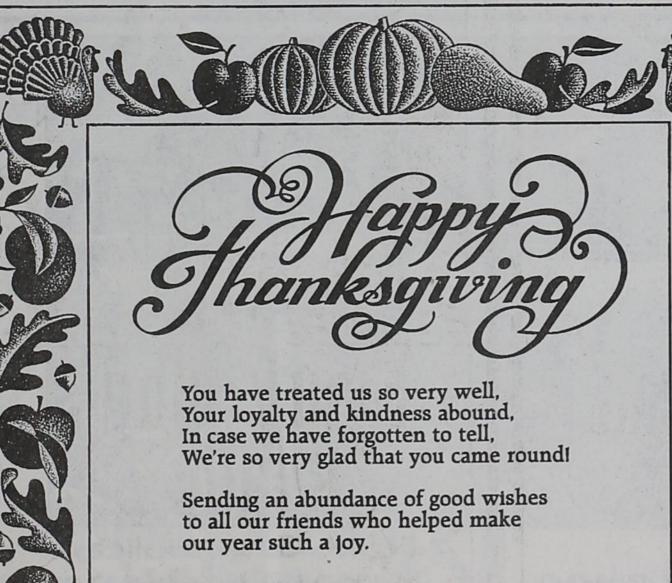


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12 Castro County News November 28, 1996 * Naz girls pound Littlefield; Swifts win close one

The Swifts and Swiftettes used solid pressure defense and balanced scoring to take two games from Littlefield Friday night in Nazareth.

The Littlefield girls were no match for the Swiftettes, who scored the game's first 10 points and coasted from there, posting a 54-27 victory.

In the boys' game, the Swifts managed a 14-point lead at halftime, but had to hold off a determined pack of Wildcats down the stretch for a 62-56 win.

The Swiftettes improved to 2-2 overall with their victory and the Swifts bettered their mark to 2-1.

start Friday night, using baskets by Misti Ball, K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier and a pair of free throws by Gerber for a 10-0 lead midway through the opening period. Swiftette shooters were hot in the

half, hitting 11-of-16 shots from the field and 7-of-10 tries from the charity stripe. The Lady Cats, meanwhile, struggled with 4-of-13 field goal shooting and a 3-of-8 free throw performance in the half.

Littlefield finally got on the board at the 3:18 mark, and managed to outscore Naz 6-2 over the rest of the period and it was 12-6 after one. Pohlmeier and Jill Ramaekers

The Swiftettes got off to a quick went to work in the second quarter,



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scoring nine points between them over. He hit his third straight before the Lady Cats added to their total with 3:07 left in the half.

The Swiftette defense, which forced nine Littlefield turnovers, turned two errors into baskets for a 28-8 advantage with 1:46 left in the half. By the end of the stanza, Littlefield had narrowed the margin to 19, 30-11.

Nazareth shooters stayed hot in the second, half, too.

Littlefield attempted a run at Nazareth near the end of the third quarter when a three-pointer by Michelle Tijerina pulled the Lady Cats within17.

Nazareth turned up the heat in the fourth quarter. Ball got two steals and turned both into coast-to-coast layups to put the Swiftettes up 45-22 with 6:36 left, and from there it was downhill for the Lady Cats.

Ball led a trio of Swiftettes with double figure scoring, finishing with 14. Gerber added 12 and Schmucker tossed in 11.

The Swifts missed just three of 11 shots in the second quarter and opened up a good lead over Littlefield, only to see that lead vanish in the second half.

But the Swifts held on, never allowing Littlefield a lead in the second half, and posted a 62-56 victory.

The Swifts took an early 4-0 lead on shots by Coby Schacher and Nathan Hoelting, but Littlefield answered with seven straight points to take over. The Swifts battled back to tie the game at seven on an inside jumper by Nick Gerber, then took an 11-7 lead on two more easy jumpers by Gerber.

Littlefield cut the Swift lead to two when Brian Mosley hit at the buzzer to make it 14-12, Nazareth.

Mosley, who finished with 17 points for the Wildcats, hit one of two free throws to open scoring in the second, then gave his team a onepoint lead on an offensive tip-in with seven minutes left.

Bryan Braddock put the Swifts back up by a point, then Hoelting added a pair of free throws to make it a three-point advantage. A Morris Randal three-pointer from the top of the key tied it at 18. That's when Braddock and the Swifts started dominating. Braddock answered Randal's three with one of his own at the 6:14 mark, then scored off of a Littlefield turnshot-another trey-with five minutes left to put Nazareth up by five.

Free throws by Darren Huckert and Braddock gave the Swifts an eight-point advantage with three minutes left before Mosley connected with 2:54 left.

Then Hoelting went to work, hitting to back-to-back shots to give the Swifts a 10-point edge. Gerber added another jumper with 15 seconds left in the half and Schacher scored at the buzzer to give the Swifts a 37-23 intermission lead.

Nazareth maintained at least a 10point lead for most of the third, and even went up by 14 midway through the stanza. But Littlefield battled back in the final two minutes and trimmed that lead to six by the end of the stanza, 44-38.

The teams traded shots in the first part of the fourth quarter until Nazareth gained a little more of an advantage when Hoelting and Schacher scored back-to-back shots on fastbreak plays.

Mosley silenced Naz fans with a shot of his own, then Randal drained a three to trim the Swift lead to three, 50-47, with 5:09 left in the game.

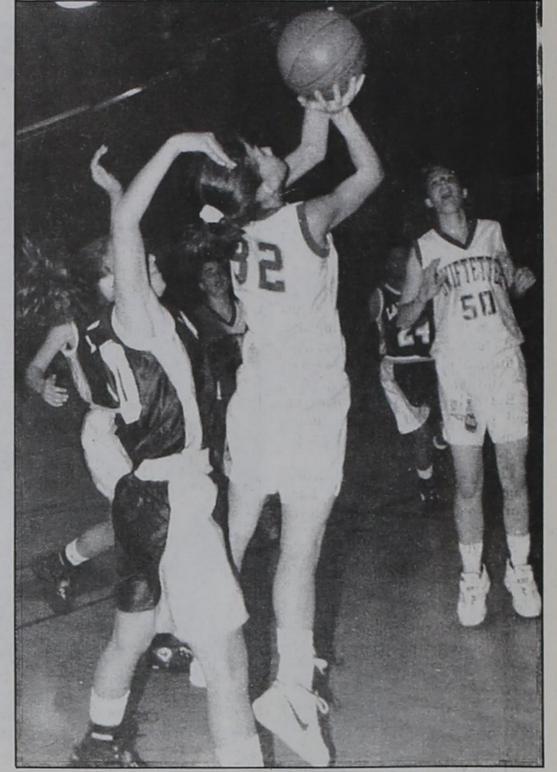
After a Swift time out, Schacher gave the Swifts a little more breathing room with a shot at the 3:31 mark.

The Wildcats trimmed it to two when Raldal hit his third threepointer at the 2:58 mark.

Hoelting and Mosley traded baskets before Nazareth pulled ahead by five on a free throw by Braddock and fast-break layup by Marcus Brockman with less than two minutes remaining.

The Mosley-Randal combination kept it close down the stretch, and pulled within three on a Randal shot with 21 seconds left.

Braddock sank three free throws in the final seconds for the 62-56 win. Braddock led all scorers with 21 points Friday while Hoelting added 17 and Schacher finished with 12.



FOUL! Nazareth's Tiffany Schmucker (32) is shoved to the floor as she attempts an inside shot during the fourth quarter against Littlefield Friday in Nazareth. The Swiftettes had no problems handling the Lady Wildcats, posting an easy 54-27 victory. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Palo Duro and Brandon Smith edge Cats and Brandon Smith

Palo Duro had the last big push in cats also had a season-high 14 turna game of surges last Friday, handing the Bobcats their first loss of the year in a 76-64 defeat at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

overs, while Palo Duro turned it over 16 times.

The game was actually even, 31-Dimmitt overcame double-digit 31, in the second half. Palo Duro

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

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

deficits four times in the contest to keep it close, but Palo Duro outscored the Bobcats 12-4 in the last three minutes to ice the win.

"I was really proud of our young men for coming back like they did time after time," said Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle. "We stuck with them and just kept coming back and coming back against a pretty good ball club."

Palo Duro, which improved to 5-2 with the win, used the great overall game of Brandon Smith, who will be playing college ball at Michigan. Smith led all scorers with 25 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Dimmitt's Brandon Smith had 19 to head the Bobcats.

The Dons, with better overall team height and quickness, killed the smaller Bobcats on the boards, especially in the first three quarters. After 24 minutes, Palo Duro had out-rebounded Dimmitt, 22-12. The Bob-



held Dimmitt to just one point in the last 2:30 of the first quarter after Charley Sanders tied the score at 15all. By the end of the period, the Dons had jumped to a 23-16 lead.

Dimmitt came back within two, 27-25, on a three-pointer by Derek Buckley with 5:10 left in the half, but Palo Duro went on another big run and grabbed a second double-digit lead in the second period to claim a 45-33 lead at halftime.

Dimmitt was hot out of the chute in the third quarter, outscoring the Dons 10-2 in the first four minutes of the period. Derek Thomas hit a trey with 4:08 left in the period to make it 47-43.

The Dons had another surge before the Bobcats closed to 57-51 on a Casey Smith layup with 1:22 to go in the third quarter. PD led at period's end, 59-51.

The Dons scored the first five points of the period before Dimmitt charged again. Four points by Brandon Smith, another bomb by Thomas and a basket by Sanders brought Dimmitt within four, 64-60, with 4:50 to play.

The Bobcats scored just one more basket the rest of the game, while the Dons' Smith took over.



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Lady Horns' run falls two short of S-E

Hart's Lee sisters led a valiant Lady Horn battle that came up just a bucket shy of a victory against Springlake-Earth Saturday afternoon, losing 40-38.

Hart stayed with the Lady Wolverines in the first half, trailing by just three at the break, but Springlake-Earth turned up the heat and scoring in the third stanza and Hart trailed by 11 with eight minues left to play.

But the Lady Horns never gave up, and put together a fourth-quarter comeback that almost toppled the Lady Wolverines.

Charbra Lee and Nikki Lee scored nine points apiece for the Lady Horns and Charbra nabbed seven rebounds.

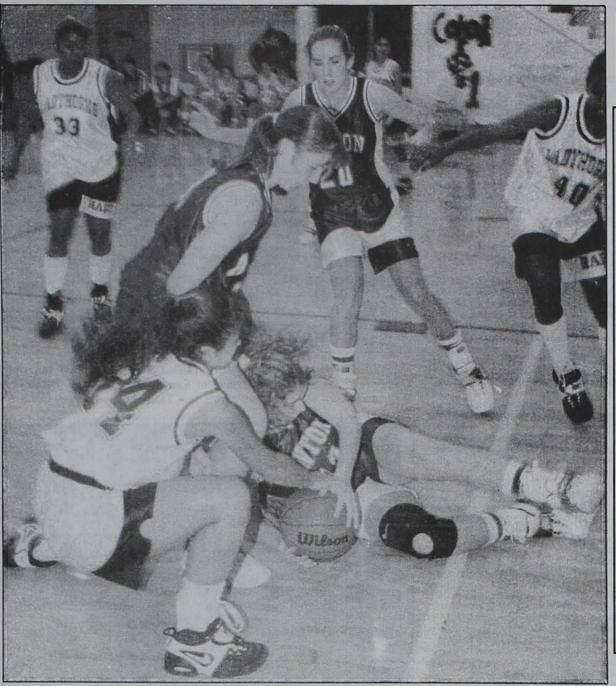
Springlake-Earth took a 13-11 lead at the end of the first period, and extended that advantage by a point in the second, outscoring Hart 10-9 for a 23-20 halftime lead.

Hart struggled through the third quarter, allowing the Lady Wolverines 12 points while managing just four of their own.

The tables were turned on Springlake-Earth over the final eight minutes, however. Hart outscored the Lady Wolverines 14-5, but came up one basket short of taking the win.

Tylene Garcia pulled down seven boards for the Lady Horns and Lisa Rincon recorded four assists.





LOOSE BALL SCRAMBLE-Hart's Ysa Rodriguez (14) dives after a loose ball along with two Anton girls last week during a regular season game. The Lady Horns used a big third quarter to take a lead over the Lady Bulldogs, then managed to hold on through the fourth quarter for a 50-42 victory. Other Ladyhorns pictured are Nikki Lee (33) and Charbra Lee (40). Photo by David Knox

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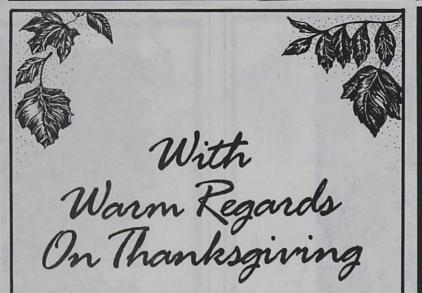






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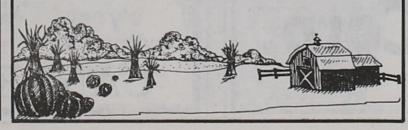
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What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Nov. 28 to Dec. 6.

DIMMITT **Preschool-First Grade Lunch** THURSDAY: No School! FRIDAY: No School! MONDAY: Italian spaghetti with ground beef, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, French bread and milk. TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk. WEDNESDAY: Pizza supreme, mixed vegetables, cantaloupe and milk.

THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, fresh watermelon and milk. FRIDAY: Com dogs, pork and beans, fruit fantasy and milk.

Grades 2-12 Lunch THURSDAY: No school! FRIDAY: No school! MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti with

ground beef, ravioli with meat sauce or beef taco; savory green beans; potato wedges or

Here are the school lunch menus for Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; French bread, white rolls, Arroz Mexicano or corn tortillas; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, grilled cheese with a bowl of soup or beef and bean burrito with chili; potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or fresh watermelon; hamburger salad, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; crackers, assorted muffins, combread, tortilla chips or Spanish rice; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza supreme, lasagna with ground beef or green enchilada casserole; mixed vegetables, Mexipinto beans or cantaloupe; tossed salad with dressing, raw spinach salad, applesauce or taco condiment salad; French bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos with cheese and peppers; mashed potatoes with gravy, potato chips or refried beans;

tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrotraisin salad; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked cajun fish, corn dogs or enchiladas; potato wedges, pork and beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or coleslaw; combread, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk

HART

Elementary School THURSDAY: No School!

FRIDAY: No School! MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun; chili, peaches, potato chips, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or steak finger basket; salad, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, apricots and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, salad, peaches, ginger cookies and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita; gelatin dessert, salad, pineapple, sliced cheese, fresh fruit and milk. FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito; salad, corn on the cob, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: No School! FRIDAY: No School! MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun; gelatin dessert,

peaches, potato chips, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of steak finger basket or hamburger basket; gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, apricots, and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, salad, peaches, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita, salad, ranch dressing, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito, salad, corn on the cob, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

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THURSDAY: No school! FRIDAY: No school!

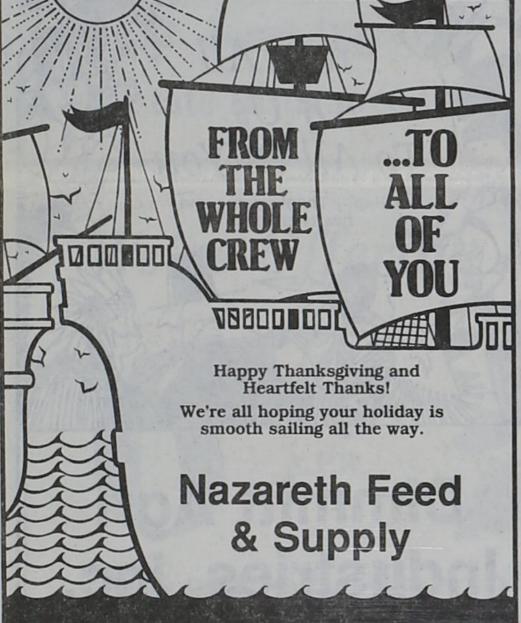
MONDAY: *Frito pie or corn dogs, salad, corn, peaches, pears and milk.

TUESDAY: *Tacos or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, beans, fruit cocktail, cobbler and milk.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS-Dimmitt choir students under the direction of Ken Strange gave a concert of Christmas carols last Thursday night at the courthouse square as part of the Santa's Open House celebration. Students in fifth grade through high school participated. Photo by Linda Maxwell





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

Red Cross aids Zaire

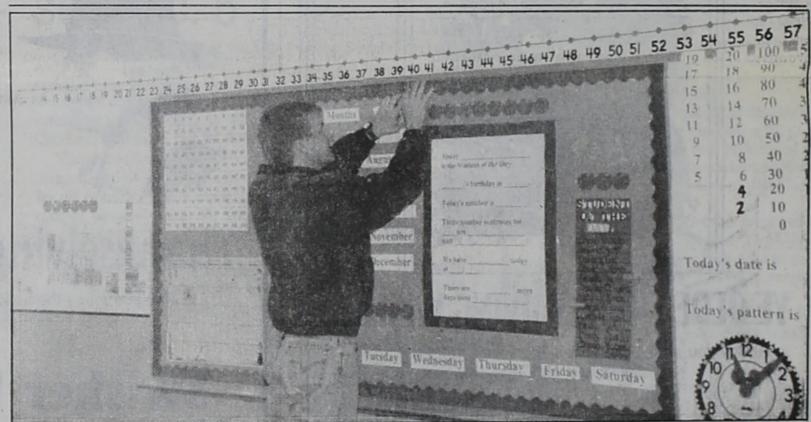
People wanting to provide urgently needed humanitarian assistance to the victims of the central Africa crisis and other international crises may do so by sending a check to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, through their local Red Cross chapter, or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C., 20013.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has stepped up their humanitarian operation in eastern Zaire in an attempt to reach Rwandan refugees and Zairian residents with medical supplies, food and blankets.

Also, a massive tracing intitiative has been launched in order to reunite children who have been separated from their parents.

WHICH ONE DO I WANT? Toby Gerber of Nazareth (foreground) fills out raffle tickets, then looks over the prizes before deciding which drawing to enter Sunday afternoon during the annual

Thanksgiving dinner and holiday bazaar at Nazareth. The dinner and bazaar were sponsored by the Nazareth Christian Mothers and the arts and crafts show was sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club. Photo by Dwayne Acker



NAZARETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Principal Joey Waldo works on a bulletin board in one of the new elementary classrooms in the addition to Nazareth schools. The school hosted an open house Sunday afternoon for those wanting to visit the new addition, which features four elementary classrooms,

a computer lab, restrooms, nurse's office, counselor's office, book room and more. The \$525,000 addition was made possible largely through a grant, which totaled \$425,000. The balance was paid from the Photo by Dwayne Acker school's fund balance.



HANKSGIVING GREETINGS



Thank you, good neighbors, for your kind friendship and loyal support. We hope your holiday is blessed.



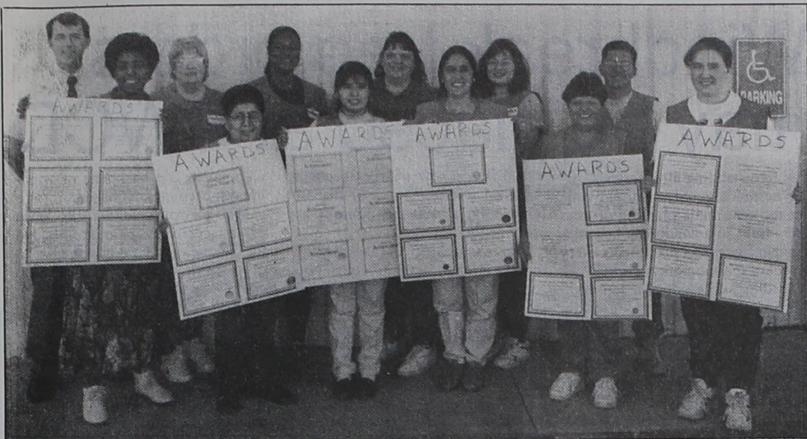
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A long, long time ago, two very different groups of people proved that teamwork can belp overcome bardship and produce some very fruitful results. It is that sentiment that comes to mind today, when we think of the many kind neighbors who have grown with us. Happy Thanksgiving and sincere thanks.

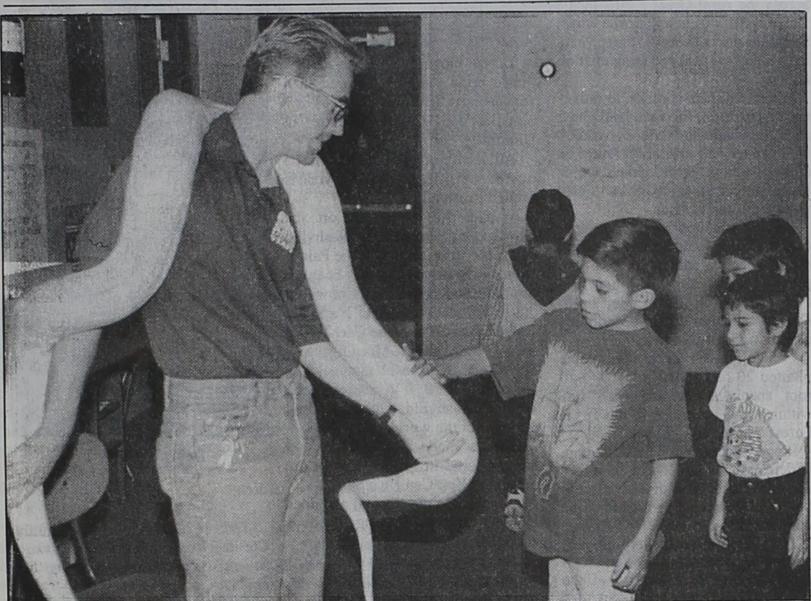
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PACE-SETTING STORE — Dimmitt's ALCO Discount Store may be one of the smallest of the 182 stores in the Duckwall-ALCO chain, but it is setting the pace for many of the larger stores. Here, manager Ron Gruhlke (back, left) and local employees show the 34 awards the Dimmitt ALCO Store has won for sales, customer service and expense control in the last three years. Four of the latest eight awards were chainwide, and six are first-place district awards for sales and cost control. Photo by Don Nelson



Plainview group to present annual Christmas concert

The Plainview Symphony will present its annual Christmas concert next Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Harral Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

After intermission, the Plainview High School A Cappela Choir will join the symphony in a series of Christmas selections for choir and orchestra.

The Symphony guest conductor will be Dr. Carl Moman, chairman of music at Wayland Baptist university. He will be joined by PHS choir director, Walter Wright.

Adult and student tickets will be available at the box office for \$8 and \$3, respectively. The box office will open at 7 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 5.

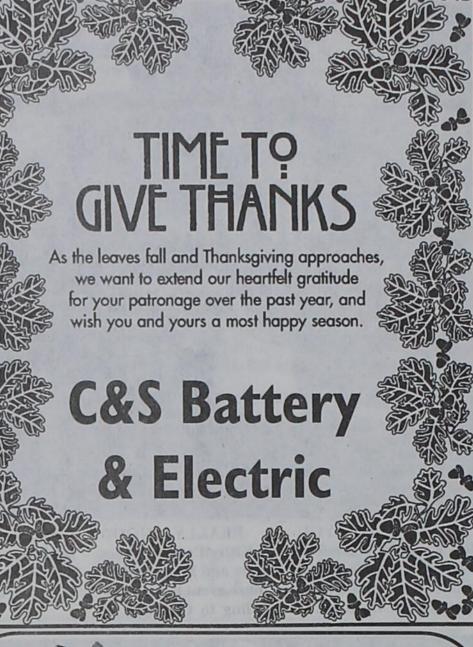
The Symphony Debs will be introduced at the beginning of the choral portion of the concert. The Junior Guild will go backstage at intermission and will be introduced to several of the instruments in a close up, "Petting Zoo."

The instrumental portion of the concert will include *Christmas Song* by Mel Torme, *Toy Trumpet* by Raymond Scott, *Sorecere's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas and Leory Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*.

Portions of the Nutcracker Suite will feature Yi Min Cai playing the harp and the celesta by Mary Jane King. The Symphony will conclude with Irving Berlin's White Christmas and Chuck Sayre's A Rockin' Christmas.

Following intermission, the choir and symphony will perform *Gloria*, *Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella*, *Jesus Child* and will conclude with *Do You Hear What I Hear*.







JULIUS SQUEEZER, an albino Burmese python, visited Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt last week. Jerald Locke of the Science Spectrum in Lubbock told students that Julius does bite. However, he promised to keep the snake's head away from them if

any wanted to pet the animal. Almost all of the second grade students of Pat Evan and Darlene Collins at least gave the snake a touch, while a few, like Diego Salinas, took time for several strokes. Watching Salinas is Alfredo ByGotia. Photo by Linda Maxwell OUT-OF-TOWN It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith of Plainview. Their daughter, Courtney Elise was born Nov. 23 at 2:16 a.m. She weighed 5 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 21 inches long. She has a big sister, Kynzee Blaire. Paternal grandparents are

Robert W. and Norma Smith of Dimmitt. Ma-

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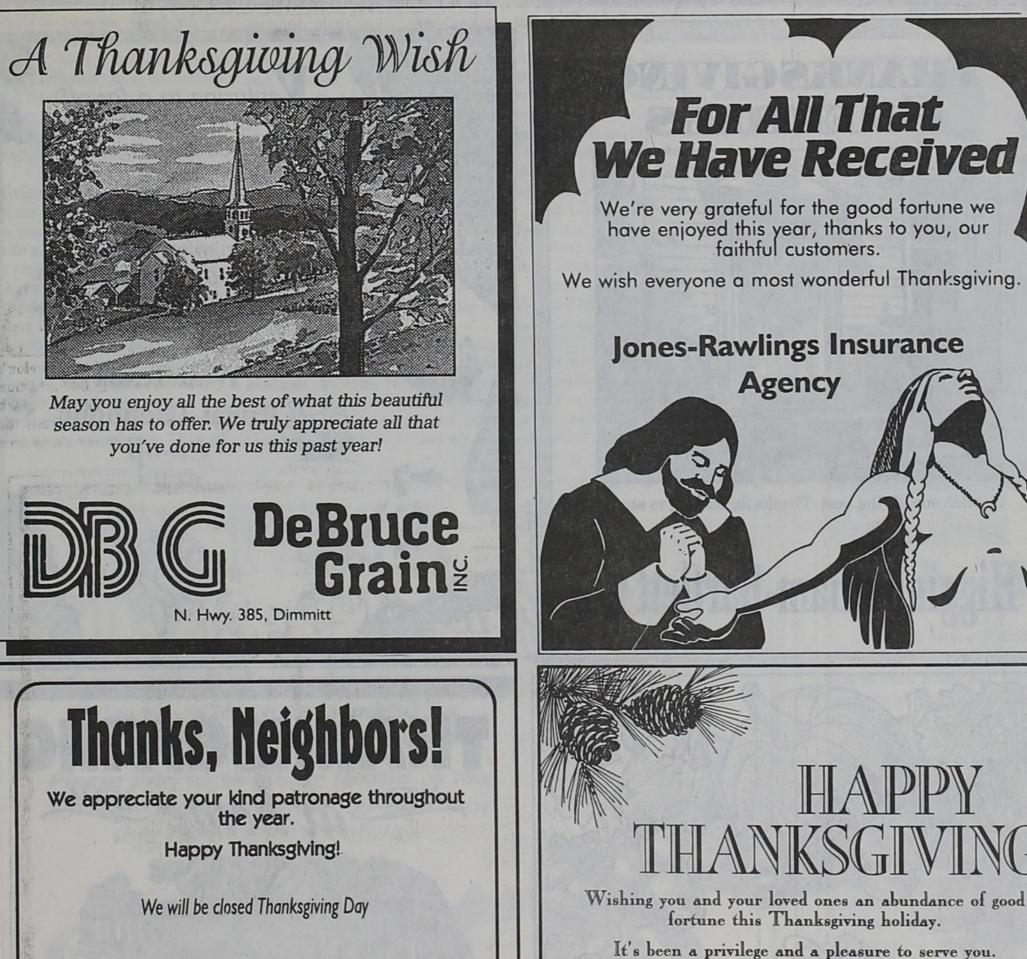
Happy Thanksgiving To All Our Friends

As we celebrate the many blessings that this year's harvest brings, we also give thanks for the wonderful people who grace and enrich our lives. We're proud to count you as friends!

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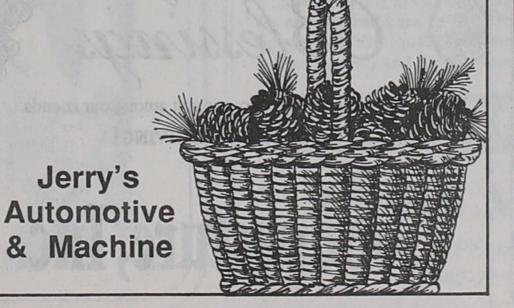






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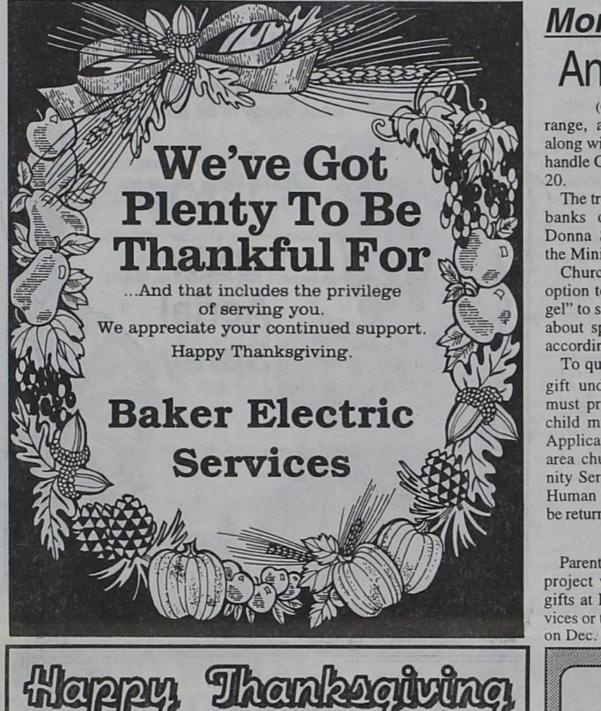


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CAN GIVE YOU A REALLY GOOD PRICE-Jerry Kittrell (left) of Kittrell's Electronics talks with customers Stella Devers and Ramiro Garcia during the Santa's Open House event last Thursday night in Dimmitt. According to Chamber of

Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt, many businesses reported wall-to-wall customers for the annual event which kicks off the Christmas shopping Photo by Linda Maxwell season in Dimmitt.



More about Angel tree

(Continued from Page 1) range, and take the wrapped gift, along with the "angel" card, to Panhandle Community Services by Dec.

The trees will be set up in the local banks on Tuesday, according to Donna Stump, a spokesperson for the Ministerial Alliance.

Church and civic groups have the option to select more than one "angel" to sponsor, or may contact PCS about sponsoring an entire family, according to Stump.

To qualify to receive a Christmas gift under the project, the family must prove financial need and the child must be under 11 years old. Applications may be picked up at area churches, Panhandle Community Services or the Texas Dept. of Human Services. Applications must be returned to PCS by Monday.

Windbreak tree orders may be placed at SWCD

A tree standing alone adds a certain aesthetic quality to rural living, but the systematic planting of trees and shrubs in a windbreak becomes a management tool that affects every aspect of the farm or ranch.

Seedlings to produce a conservation tree planting are produced by the Texas Forest Service's West Texas Nursery and are available for ordering this fall through the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District.

Whether around a homestead, near cattle or bordering cropland, multiple row windbreaks act as a silent partner to Castro County landowners, naturally protecting their investments.

Utilizing windbreaks as a conservation tool is not a new concept. Millions of shelterbelts were planted across the rural Great Plains in the 1930s and 1940s to reduce the winds and hold down the soil. Sixty years later many are still reducing erosion today.

Windbreaks, in addition to reducing soil erosion, increase land value and crop yields and reduce livestock weight loss and mortality. But producing a high performance windbreak requires more than "just" planting a line of trees.

Prior to planting a greenbelt, it is essential to establish the protection need, species adaptability to the planting region and the dimensions of the break, be it of a homestead, livestock, field or wildlife windbreak or a living snow fence.

Generally, each tree row should be planted 20 feet apart, with 10 to 20 foot spacings between each tree within a row, according to the Texas Forest Service in Lubbock.

Proper spacing prevents crowding, which reduces stress and therefore decreases insect and disease susceptibility while extending the life of the windbreak.

ished if one row of trees becomes infested with an insect or disease. Generally, insect and diseases are confined to a species.

For example, if a pine row becomes infested with tip moths, junipers and deciduous trees and shrubs would not be affected and protection would continue. Also, should a pine die from the infestation, a gap would not remain because of the backup provided by the additional rows.

The second advantage is the early protection faster growing species provides. Deciduous trees are faster growing than evergreens. A row of cies included in a windbreak is an green ash will provide initial protection while the slower growing pines or junipers, the backbone of windbreaks, become established.

Multiple-row windbreaks also exhibit a diversity in tree species and the unique, aesthetic characteristics of their flowers, leaves, fruit and color.

The height and density of the speimportant consideration as well, according to the Texas Forest Service. The protected distance beyond the windbreak is directly proportional to the height of the tallest trees and barrier density.

A single row of trees may suffice for a period, but a multiple-row windbreak established with the recommended dimensions can serve a lifetime.

Gospel concert Dec. 5 to feature Debra Winger

Debra Winger, a Christian country music artist, will be featured in a concert next Thursday (Dec. 5) at 7 p.m. at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt.

Admission to the concert will be by free-will offering, and everyone is invited to attend.

Winger has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry stage in Nashville and at the Branson Jam at the Palace Hotel in Branson. She has been on the "Country Boy Eddie Show" on the TNN network, the Nashville Gospel Music Show, the Carl Tipton Show, the "Good Morning, MN Show" and Branson TV channel 5, in addition to 70 TV stations and WWCR Nashville, which is aired throughout the world.

She has made 10 recordings, and has appeared in two videos for the program "You Can Be a Star."

Winger also plays guitar and does novelty trick of playing it behind her head. She said she was saved in 1975 while singing in nightclubs, and began her gospel singing and testimony in Christian coffeehouses and street ministry. She has turned down opportunities to be charted in country music so that she could continue her work and ministry for the Lord. She is married and has five chil-

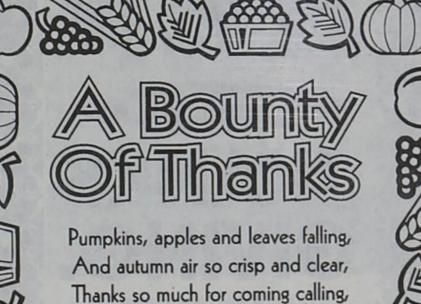


Debra Winger

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Parents of children selected for the project will be able to pick up the gifts at Panhandle Community Services or the Hart First Baptist Church on Dec. 23, she added.

The Texas Forest Service also recommends multiple rows in windbreak design. The purpose of the windbreak will dictate the number of rows required.

Multiple-row windbreaks have distinct advantages over a single line of trees. First, species composition can be diversified to ensure that the integrity of the planting is not dimin-

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Dec. 14 will be the monthly Carlile Country Showcase, with several performers scheduled to appear.

The Walkers of Hereford will be featured on the first half of the program, according to Carlile owner Susan Sandvik. She said Christmas music will be featured in the other part of the program, along with other local talent.





Hessing We feel truly blessed to count you among our friends. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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UNIQUE GIFTS & MORE in Dimmitt held ribbon cutting ceremonies last Thursday afternoon. Participating were (from left) Chamber members Bill Henderson, Mary Lou Schmucker, Dorothy Hopson, Chaun Gunstream and Don Nelson; co-owners Doris Ward and her daughter-in-law, Janie Ward, and Janie's daughter, Jennifer, 3; and Chamber members Mike Huseman and Deanne Clark; Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt; and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about Holidays spark interest . .

(Continued from Page 1) England and Europe that "seems unstoppable" is the growing number of people who are avowed vegetarians. He said as much as 20 to 25% of the population is either totally or partially devoted to a vegetarian diet. He said it is more common among the younger population.

He was quick to point out that he enjoys eating meat very much, and that Englishmen in general do eat a lot of meat. He was impressed by a tour of some of this area's cattle operations, with local resident John Merritt showing him around. Also, Mead talked with Dimmitt Agri Industries manager Don Graham and his wife, Paula. He said he also viewed cotton crops, which he had never seen growing before. While in America, Mead did try Mexican food and said he "certainly did like it" even though its flavors are "very different" from the normal type of English diet.

out of the way to say hello," Mead said. "Everybody has been so friendly and welcoming. Getting to know the local people helps to really get to know what life is like for everybody."

In addition, Mead said he enjoyed visiting several museums, including the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon, and the museums in Dimmitt and Plainview.

finally figured out they were saluting the flag at the end of the field.

Mead is continuing his education with a course in Russian at the University of Essex in Colchester. He wants to learn more Russian so that he won't have to be so dependent on translators when he makes a trip to Kiev over the Christmas holidays.

He enjoys traveling, when he has time after his crops are harvested. Mead said he has traveled to every European and Scandinavian country, as well as South America, West Africa, Ukraine, Russia and, of course, the US. He said most of it was in his "younger days." Mead met the Linskyi family when they worked on his farm in the summer of 1994. He said his farm is listed in "Summer Jobs and Vacations in Britain," a publication that is widely distributed and offers unusual travel and work opportunities for those who are interested. He said he enjoyed talking with Alex, because he is a professor of English literature, and the acquaintance developed into friendship. Mead said he took the family on some tours around the countryside and London. The Linskyi family returned the favor last year by inviting Mead to visit them in Ukraine, where he spent three weeks, and also visited Kiev.

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Aggie Moms prepare student 'survival' bags

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms Club gathered Monday evening to assemble "survival packages," which will be sent to area Texas A&M students during final exam week. Each member furnished "goodies" for 40 students.

At a recent meeting, the group signed a birthday card for Leslie Nelson, a student at A&M.

The group discussed the Federation Meeting, which will be in January. That month also will mark the 25th anniversary of the Aggie Moms Club.

The Federation Meeting and a birthday celebration will be held Jan. 25 at the E.B. Black House in Hereford. Each Aggie Mom is asked to bring a salad.

Rita McDaniel's motion to have door prizes for the special event was approved. McDaniel read a letter of appreciation from the Connie Nelson family, thanking the club for honoring Connie's memory by naming the Aggie Moms' scholarship after her. The family also gave a donation to

Computer classes set to begin soon

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

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

Dec. 9, 10 and 12 the class subject will be Introduction to Computers. Beginning Windows will be the subject Dec. 16, 17 and 19. Introduction to the Internet will be

held Jan. 6, 7 and 9. Jan. 13, 14 and 16 will cover Ba-

sic Word Processing. Using Spreadsheets will be intro-

duced Jan. 20, 21 and 23. Feb. 3, 4 and 6 will cover Beginning Database. the club for the scholarship. After the "Aggie Brags," the meeting adjourned.

Members attending were Susan Sublet, Eileen Alley, Denise Teel, Joanne Bone, Beverly Davis, Diane Townsend, Rita McDaniel, Jolene Gleghorn, Evelyn Lyles, Suanne Bagley, Jan Metcalf and Terri Johnson.

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Another difference Mead noticed about life in America is everyone's dependence on cars for transportation.

"Everyone here seems lost without a car. People look at you funny when you walk places," Mead said. "We do a lot of walking in England, most people do, anyway. Of course, you have such open spaces here."

He said the "long" houses here are different from the two-to-three story residences of many of the English. Also, he noted that the English are much more reserved and speak only when they're spoken to.

"Everybody is very courteous here in a very natural way. They go "It gives an insight into how the land was started by ordinary people and how it's grown," Mead said. He has a continuing interest in history, since he used to do historical research before he became a lawyer, and later went into farming.

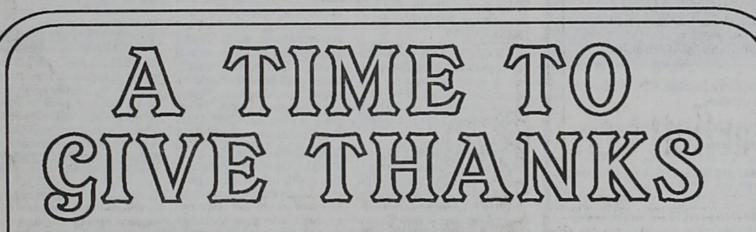
He is a graduate of Charter House, a private school, which claims religious leader John Wesley as an alumnus, along with other famous Englishmen. While in Dimmitt, Mead visited Richardson Elementary and Dimmitt Middle School and spoke briefly with students in a couple of classrooms. In visiting with a second grade music class, he joined in the singing of *Are You Sleeping?* and showed the students how it sounds in French.

An aspect of American culture that remains a mystery to Mead is American football. He attended the Dimmitt Bobcats' game against Perryton. He said he enjoyed the spectacle, but wasn't very sure of what was going on.

He laughed at himself for being puzzled during the playing of the National Anthem. He said it took him several seconds to realize that everyone was looking another direction from the way he was facing, and

Mead was scheduled to return to England Nov. 19.

THE TEXAS RED RIVER Boundary Commission has designated the vegetation line on the south bank of the Red River as the official and permanent boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.



We've got a lot to be thankful for, including great neighbors like you.

Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord for the many blessings we share this Thanksgiving boliday.

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

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



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Our local Home Health Agency provides you with the convenience of skilled nursing care in your home and saves you the expense you would incur if you had to go into a hospital or nursing home for these vital services.

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(If you would like specific information concerning your own personal needs, visit the Home Health Agency office at 213 W. Etter St., Dimmitt, or call them at 647-2848.)

Sixteen of our 27 Home Health Care staffers are pictured here. In front row are Patty Summers, L.V.N. (quality assurance and education director) and Santos Mireles, N.A. In second row, from left, are Mary Lou Lopez, N.A., Faye Killough, R.N., Sylvia Nino, L.V.N., Bonnie Cobb, L.V.N., Rosa Bidwell, R.N. (care manager), Shelly Rice, R.N., and Joyce Adrian, L.V.N. In back row, from left, are Michelle Jackson, N.A., Mary Braddock, clerk, Susie Fernandez, N.A., Sabrina Hiett; office manager, Amanda Gamboa, R.N. (case manager), Vicki Buckley, R.N. (director), and Doreen Morton, N.A.

Other team members, not pictured, are receptionist Lisa Mixson, scheduler and staff coordinator Anessa Scott, clerk Bobby George, Doris Swinburn, R.N., Peggy Birkenfeld, R.N., Cindy Rohrbach, R.N., Kathy Spears, L.V.N., Tina Gonzales, N.A., Gracie Enriquez, N.A., Yolanda Moran, N.A., and Nellie Wilhelm, N.A.

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Dimmitt, Texas, to receive input concerning the adoption of an ordinance to nominate an area of the city as a state designated enterprise zone and to designate a reinvestment zone. The proposed zone area, located in Castro County, which includes the east part of the City of Dimmitt, Texas is described as follows: **BEGINNING** at the Southwest corner of Section Forty-Three (43), Block K-13, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas

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TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for 200.461 km of seal coat at various locations on SH 86, US 62, SH 349, SH 83, US 84, SH 214, FM 1072 and FM 3269 covered by CPM 302-3-29, CPM 453-1-14, CPM 380-6-8, CPM 583-1-15, CPM 380-1-66, CPM 53-18-29, CPM 53-1-92, CPM 380-2-19, CPM 131-3-25, CPM 461-3-10, CPM 461-4-19, CPM 53-4-40, CPM 1252-3-3, CPM 461-6-18, CPM 2444-4-3 and CPM 131-4-31 in Castro, Floyd, Dawson, Yoakum, Lubbock, Hockley, Crosby, Cochran, Lamb, Parmer and Bailey County, will be received at the Texas Dept. of Transportation, Austin, Texas until 1 p.m. Dec. 6, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by law, are available for inspection at the office of James M. Combes, Area Engineer, Brownfield, Texas, and at the Texas Dept. Of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Dept. of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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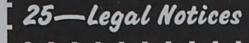
LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2241 THE ESTATE OF

FRANK S. WISE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

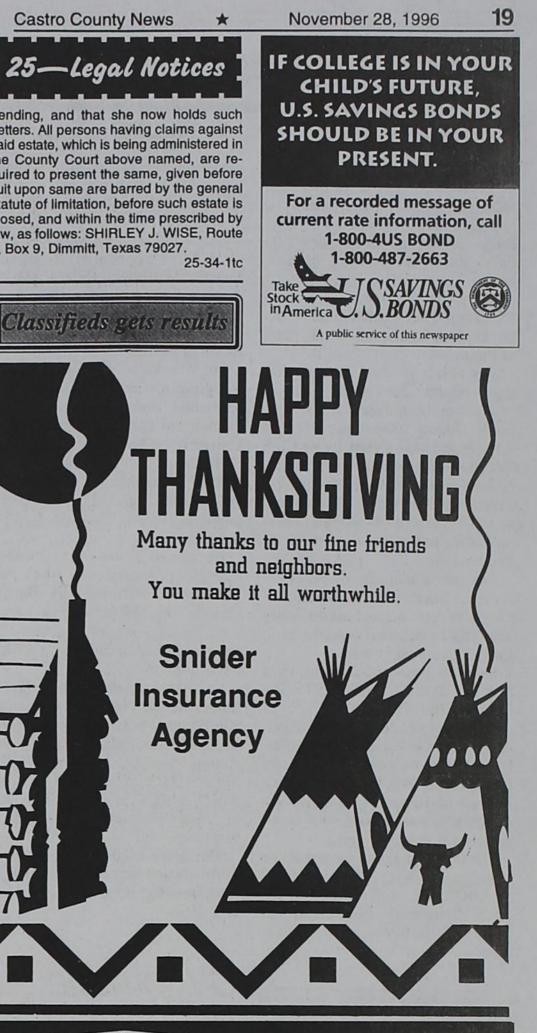
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANK S. WISE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of FRANK S. WISE, Deceased, were issued to SHIRLEY J. WISE on the 18th day of November, 1996, in the proceedings indicated below, which proceedings are still

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pending, and that she now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows: SHIRLEY J. WISE, Route 4, Box 9, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.



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TAKING APPLICATIONS for RN, LVN and CNA. Come by Hereford Care Center, 231 Kingwood, Hereford, Texas. 20-12-tfc



you for the prayers, telephone calls, cards and flowers sent to us during Andy's stay in the hospital. People like you keep our spirits up. God bless each and everyone of you.

ANDY & OLEDA SCHUMACHER 24-34-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jodie Minnick wishes to express deep gratitude for all the food, care, concern and prayers shown to us during this time of loss. Our heartfelt appreciation is given to our neighbors, friends and co-workers in Dimmitt, Canyon and Amarillo who ministered to us after Jodie's tragic accident.

We are grateful for the use of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt for the funeral. We especially want to express a big thank you to the ladies of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt for the wonderful noon meal.

All of you who have offered words of comfort and encouragement have really helped us. Thank you.

MARY MINNICK **KYLE & SHELLIE COLLINS & FAMILY** SUSAN MINNICK AND JO DAN, MACI & LINDSEY **EVERETT & GINA HURST** SARAH, PAUL & JAMES GABEL **BILL & KATY GRAHAM** 24-34-1tp

THENCE East along the North boundary line of said Section Twenty-Three (23), Block K-13, to its Northeast corner;

THENCE South along the East boundary line of said Section Twenty-Three (23), Block K-13, to its Southeast corner;

THENCE West along the South boundary line of said Section Twenty-Three (23), Block K-13, to its Southwest corner, said point also being the Northeast corner of Section Forty (40), Block K-13, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas; THENCE South along the East boundary line of Sections Forty (40), Thirty-Nine (39), and Thirty-Eight (38), all said sections located in Block K-13, E.L & R.R. Ry. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas to the Southeast corner of said Section Thirty-Eight (38)

THENCE West along the South boundary lines of Sections Thirty-Eight (38) and Forty-Three (43), Block K-13, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas to the place of beginning.

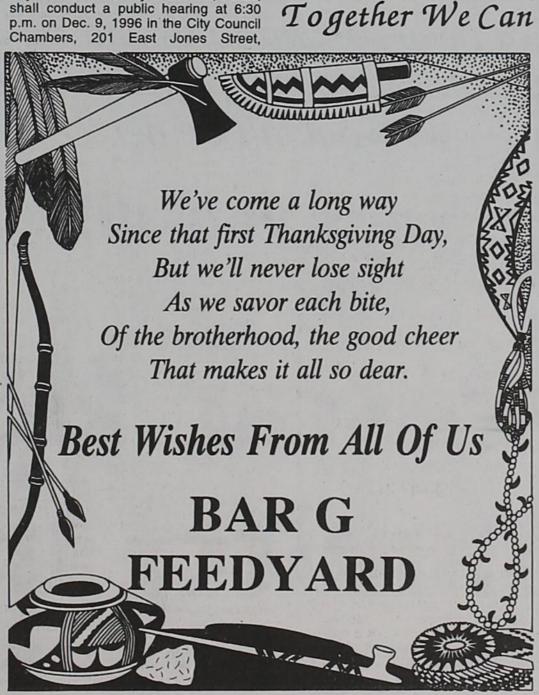
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> JOYCE M. THOMAS **County Clerk** 25-34-1tc

NOTICE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE HEARINGS

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall conduct a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, 1996 in the City Council



to the Northeast corner of said Section Eleven (11);

THENCE South along the East boundary line of said Section Eleven (11) to its Southeast corner;

THENCE West along the South boundary line of said Section Eleven (11) to its Southwest corner, and also being the Northeast corner of Section Seven (7), Block M, Castro County, Texas;

THENCE South along the East boundary lines of Sections Seven (7) and Four (4), Block M, and continuing South along the East boundary line of Section Fifteen (15) Block M-10A, to its Southeast Corner, said point also being the Northwest corner of Section Twenty-Three (23), Block K-13, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas;

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> DON SHEFFY, City Secretary 25-34-1tc

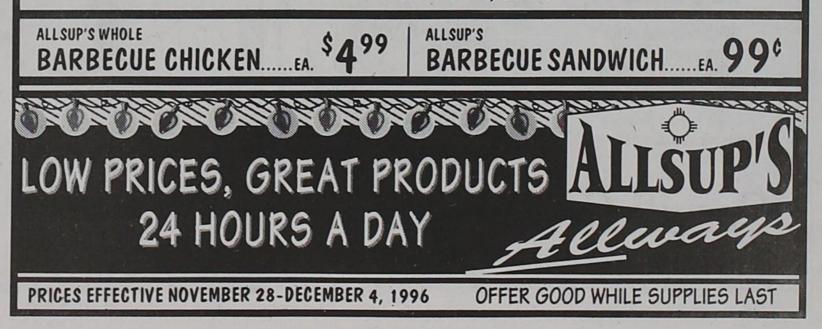


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25—Legal Notices

TO THE CITIZENS OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commissioners Court of Castro County, Texas, shall conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Dec. 9, 1996 in the County Courtroom, located in the Castro County Courthouse at 100 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas, to receive input concerning the passing of an ordinance to nominate an area of the county as a state designated enterprise zone and to designate a reinvestment zone. The proposed zone area is described as follows: **BEGINNING** at the Southwest corner of



November 28, 1996

Obituaries

Lillie Phillips

Services for Lillie "Granny" Phillips, 84, of Littlefield, former Hart resident, were held Monday at Parkview Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Phillips, pastor of New Life Fellowship of Hobbs, N.M., officiat- Thursday afternoon at Resthaven ing.

Graveside services were held Monday in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Phillips died Saturday at Lamb Health Care Center.

She was born July 22, 1912, in Erath County. She attended Hart schools and was a Hart Lions Club Sweetheart for many years. She married Monroe Ethridge Phillips on Sept. 8, 1928, in Olton. He died Jan. 4, 1987. She and her husband operated Rawlings Hotel and Cafe in Dimmitt.

She was a member of Parkview Baptist Church and she was a lifetime member of the Lamb County Sheriff's Posse. She volunteered in Littlefield nursing homes.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jane Alexander, and a son, Dean Phillips.

Kathy Levitt of Amarillo; three sons, Bill Phillips of Altus, Okla., Jerry Phillips of Hobbs, N.M., and Monte Phillips of Hart; 13 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Jeremy Ayers Memorial Fund at ABC Bank in Wolfforth, to the Hart Cemetery Association or Littlefield EMS Volunteer Association.

Marvin Wood

Marvin Wood, 60, of Midland, father of Kevin Wood of Dimmitt, died Nov. 19 at Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Graveside services were held last Memorial Park with Dr. Gary Dyer, pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mr. Wood was born Jan. 10, 1936. He grew up in Tulsa, Okla., and graduated from Tulsa Central High School. He attended Arizona State University in Mesa, Ariz.

He moved to Midland in 1976 and worked as a building contractor until 1994 when he and his son, Kip, established Texas West Ambulance Service.

He married Vivian Moore on June 2, 1956, in Sanderson. He was a past member of Wilshire Park Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He moved his membership to First Baptist Church in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Moore Wood of Midland; three sons, Survivors include a daughter, Kip Wood of Midland, Kevin Wood of Dimmitt and Mark Wood of San Antonio; a daughter, Vanessa Wilson of Midland; a brother, Carl Wood of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Pam Doll of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren; two nieces and three nephews.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703.

Police Calls

T.D. Davila told police Friday afternoon that someone had damaged a car at his business. The back windshield, right and left back windows and the roof of the car all were vandalized. No estimate was given of the damage. Investigation is continuing.

After a call to deputies Nov. 12 by Arthur Clark of Rt. 3, Hereford, a runaway juvenile was taken into custody and evidence of burglary and some missing items were recov- arrested Sunday for public intoxicaered.

A 25-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed early Sunday on charges of assault/family violence after she was arrested by Hart Chief of Police Wayne Johnson. Johnson reported that he had been called to the scene in the 200 block of Seventh Street in Hart three times due to disturbances.

Beefco Feeders, Inc., reported to deputies Saturday that a motor vehicle had driven through an intersection and heavily damaged a gate and corner post on the business's prop-

erty. Damage was estimated at \$200. A 39-year-old Claude man was arrested Nov. 19 for DWI, second offense, and for having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in his vehicle.

A Dimmitt man, 38, was arrested on warrants from Deaf Smith and Randall counties for violation of probation, stemming from charges of theft by check.

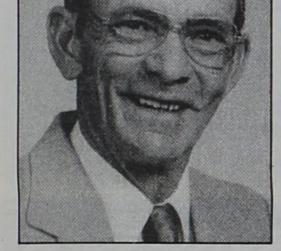
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CV to raffle off Wyatt painting Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt will raffle off a Kenneth



Leonard Schulte

Vigil service for Leonard A. Schulte, 70, of Nazareth, was held Monday evening in the CCD Building at Nazareth.

Mass of Christian burial was read Tuesday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry Stein, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral home of Dimmitt.

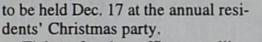
Mr. Schulte died Friday in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 13, 1926, in Nazareth. He married Jimmie Braddock on Sept. 6, 1950, in Nazareth. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church where he was a eucharistic minister. He was on the Nazareth Community Hall board.

He was named Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1974 in Castro County and he was president of the National Farmer Association for two years.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Lynette Cameron and Mary Louise Wethington, both of Tulia, Suzanne Dobmeier of Odessa and Jean Williams of Mount Juliet. Tenn.; two sons, Donald Schulte and Bruce Schulte, both of Nazareth; two sisters, Lorene Buntele of Wallingfort, Conn., and Rosemary Dietz of Brownsville; a brother, Elmer Schulte of Nazareth; and 15 grandchildren.

> **EVERYTHING'S SET...** For A Great Holiday!



Wyatt oil painting, with the drawing

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

The painting will be on display at First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, from now until Dec. 2, at Village Shop from Dec. 3-9, and at First United Bank from Dec. 10-16. Tickets for the raffle also will be

available at each place the painting is displayed.

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





Good neighbors are easy to find around here. You've been so kind to us and we'd like to thank you for your support. Without you, we wouldn't be here.

Bless you all!

With best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday from our family to yours.

It's been a pleasure serving you this past year.





