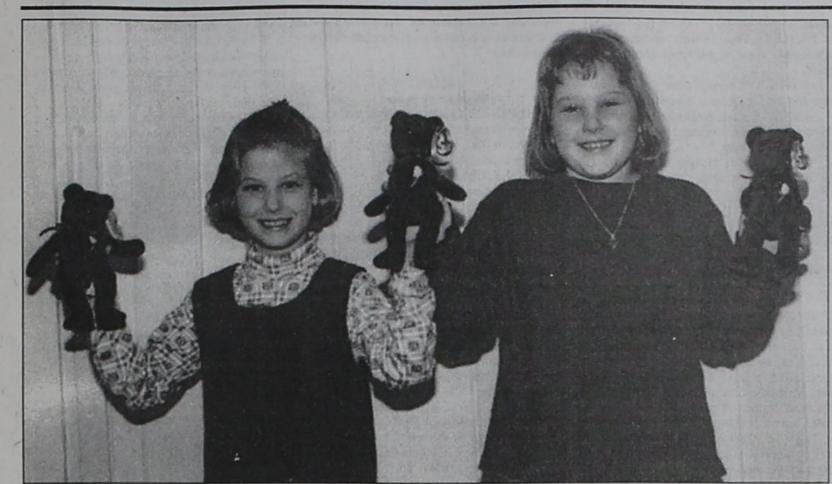
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A RARE FIND-Leah Setliff, 8, daughter of Doug and Tonya Setliff; and Joslyn Harmonson, 8, daughter of Tommy and Jennifer Harmonson, show off the three Princess Beanie Babies which will be raffled off during the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Jan. 31. These three Beanies were donated by Tots and Teens, and tickets are \$1 each. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Catlin and

Cassidy Watts Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, Hereford Federal Credit Union, Coleman Pharmacy, First United Bank, Tots and Teens, First Bank and Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply. The hard-tofind collector Beanie was named after Princess Diana and proceeds from the sale of this Beanie will benefit Princess Diana's charities. Photo by Don Nelson

County elects to stay with its 'cafeteria plan' provider

Commissioners elected to stick date to Feb. 1 because of the error.

DISD Miller's contract renewed

contract of DISD Supt. Les Miller minimum bid set. through June of 2001, with a 3-1/2% raise.

executive session to discuss Miller's contract. Voting against the renewal were board members Earl Behrends and Avery Thrasher. Those in favor were Debbie Annen, Steve Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbrera, and John Nino.

Miller reported that no reasons were given for why the two negative votes were cast.

Contacted after the meeting, Behrends said, "The reason I voted the way I did was because of a difference of opinion on the salary. However, the board as a whole is in full support of Les as a superintendent."

Thrasher had no comment.

In other business, the board gave approval for the sale of two 1986 Dodge vans that have been replaced

In a 5-2 vote Monday night, the by two new vans. The old vans will those who had completed the re-Dimmitt school board renewed the be offered for sale at auction, with a

In another matter, the board approved the addition of 20 names to The board took the vote after an the substitute teacher roster from



1998 Moisture

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

quired in-service training.

Miller submitted a letter to the board from Pete Laney, commending the board for being one of only 107 school districts out of 1,048 in the state that completed the required leadership team training for the 1996-97 school year.

"I appreciate your efforts to not only become familiar with the state laws governing public education, but to work together as a team," Laney said in the letter. "These efforts can help improve the educational programs and services the district provides its students, and I thank you for taking these responsibilities very seriously."

Miller announced that all board members had completed their continuing education requirements for the year. He also recognized the board for "the service and dedication you've given to DISD," in honor of January being School Board Member Recognition Month.



with Capital American Enterprises as the county's agent for the cafeteria plan, even though it had problems with the company during the renewal period.

County Judge Irene Miller said she sent a letter to the company, saying she didn't feel like it had lived up to its promises about keeping up the county's policy.

"They didn't check back and set up a time to visit with employees about the different insurance options available," said Miller.

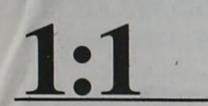
And Miller added that the effective date of the policy was Jan. 1, 1998, and no action was taken toward renewal before the deadline.

Steve Messer, an agent for the company, spoke to commissioners Monday and told them that the reports telling agents where and when to contact group policyholders weren't sent to agents because of computer malfunctions and other gliches.

But he promised the problem was being corrected and assured commissioners that the insurance was still in effect.

The county elected to stay with the company, but said they would prefer checking with the Internal Revenue Service or State Insurance Board to find out how it will handle renewal of the contract since the effective date was missed.

Castro County Treasurer Janice Shelton said the county would probably just have to change the effective



By Don Nelson

The week has been an emotional roller-coaster for our family.

Last Thursday, Danielle Therese Nelson, our fourth granddaughter (and fourth grandchild) was born in Madison, Wis. We had color pictures of her via e-mail the same day.

She's perfect, and she and her mother, dad and big sister are doing great.

Then late Monday afternoon, my dad suffered a stroke at Plains Memorial Hospital, where he has been living for the last six months.

The stroke has caused a

County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld told commissioners that the City of Dimmitt had asked that the old DARE car be returned to the city since the county is no longer using it. Fitzgearld said the city plans to paint the car so it will blend in with tion other traffic, and plans to use it around town for stake-outs.

"Three years ago when the DARE program started, the city donated an old patrol car to be used as the DARE car. We have since replaced that car with a pickup, and have retired that car. It's still in running condition."

The city used the car's donation as part of its required match to obtain a grant for the DARE program.

The only problem commissioners had with returning the car to the city

was if it would affect the grant. Action on the matter was tabled pending investigation into how giving the car back would affect the grant.

Commissioners adopted holidays for 1998. They are Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King Day, Feb. 16 for Presidents' Day, April 10 for Good Friday, May 25 for Memorial Day, July 3 for Independence Day (since July 4 is on Saturday), Sept. 7 for Labor Day, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day,

Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving, Dec 24-25 for Christmas and Jan. 1, 1999, for New Year's Day.

Commissioners discussed a \$135 invoice from the Texas Dept. Of Licensing and Regulation, but tabled the matter, pending further investiga-

The charge from the agency was for a license fee for office space on Bedford that served as the Child Protective and Regulatory Services office.

Miller told commissioners she understood that in the contract between the county and the building's owner, Jerry Stump, that the office space would be used and the county would pay just \$1 a year for rent. She said she understood all other expenses would be taken care of.

Miller said she would study the original contract and bring the matter up again at the county's next meeting.

In other action, commissioners granted approval to name Dallas Brewer to represent the county on the Regional Water Planning Board; adopted an interlocal participation agreement with Texas Association of Counties for worker's compensation self-insurance fund; and discussed the salary grievance committee.

Hernandez announces for JP on Demo ticket

Gloria G. Hernandez of Dimmitt is seeking the office of Justice of the Peace of Castro County, subject to the Democratic Primary on March

A 22-year resident of Castro County, Hernandez graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1968, and married Carlos Hernandez in 1969. They moved to Houston, later returning to Dimmitt to raise a family of two daughters and a son. Both daughters graduated from DHS, and the son is a freshman there. Hernandez also has three grandchildren.

She has worked for the Dimmitt Independent School District for 23 years, working as a teacher's aide, Parent Liaison, and currently as Migrant Clerk. She has served on the



THIS 1973 PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON was one of the props used Friday afternoon by a London film crew who filmed a scene in their video at the old

Castro Oil and Gas station in Dimmitt. The Dimmitt spot was one of many in the United States being used in the production. Photo by Anne Acker

Vacant service station serves as piece of \$150,000 puzzle

A vacant service station in \$150,000 prize in a London contest. how many stops are included in the puzzle.

A film crew from the United Kingdom stopped in Dimmitt Friday afternoon and filmed a segment of their production at the old Castro Oil and Gas station on Bedford Street.

"This is a great example of Americana," said Sean Kimmont, creative director for the program.

The group, which features about 25 people making up the film crew and assistants, has been on a trip across America, filming various sites.

The finished product will be part of a competition in London. Videos will be made available to the general public sometime in the next few months. Those watching the video will be asked to identify the various sites in the picture. The first person to correctly identify all sites in the film will win the \$150,000 prize.

"This resembles a treasure hunt," said Kimmont. "People will get their clues (as to where the scenes are being filmed) from the video."

Before beginning filming, the company sent a scouting crew to pick various sites. Then the film crew was sent out. They started in Arizona and are working their way east across the country.

The film does have a theme-in the scene filmed in Dimmitt, two

Crew members would not reveal video because they "do not want to Dimmitt could be the key to a the title of the film, and wouldn't say reveal any possible clues" to the



hemorrhage in the left-center of his brain.

At first, the prognosis was that he might live only a matter of days. But by Wednesday morning, his temperature and blood pressure were going down, indicating that the bleeding was subsiding.

At this point, no one knows what's likely to happen.

The column I intended to write for this week will keep. It will have to. I know you'll understand.

Dimmitt City Council for three years.

Hernandez is a member of the Castro County Child Protective Services Board, and of the Drug Free Committee. For seven years she has served as president of the Dimmitt chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). She is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, where she serves as vice-president of the Parish Council.

"If elected, I pledge to do my best to run the JP's office in a fair and

Gloria Hernandez

impartial manner," Hernandez said. "To quote Thomas Jefferson, 'The task is above my talents . . . and . . . I approach it with . . . anxious and awful presentments."

"However, I will work hard and Los Angeles, Calif. dedicate myself to learn the duties of the office for the betterment of our county.

"I would appreciate your vote and Station Wagon. support for the betterment of the county," Hernandez said. "Your vote is your voice. Su voto es su voz."

bandits are pursuing a disgruntled hotel clerk who stole their car. Inside the car is stolen merchandise. The bandits are chasing the hotel clerk across the country, according to members of the crew.

Actors used in the film are from

Among the props used in the picture are two old automobiles-a red 1965 Mustang and a 1973 Plymouth

The film company arrived in Dimmitt around 4 p.m. Friday and had wrapped up shooting by about 6.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! These members of a film crew from the United Kingdom shoot a scene for a film at the old Castro Oil and Gas station on West Bedford in Dimmitt Friday. The crew is traveling across the United States, filming scenes in various spots. The completed video will be offered in London as a contest. Those competing must identify the location scenes in the film for a \$150,000 prize. Crew members pictured are (from left) Giles Dunning, Andrew Osborne and Renee Hedstrom. Photo by Anne Acker





Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 15-23.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk

MONDAY: Chicken fillet strips, country rice dressing, applesauce, white rolls and milk. TUESDAY: Chili Fritos with picante sauce,

Mexipinto beans, orange wedges, Arroz Mexicano and milk. WEDNESDAY: Hoagie submarine sand-

wich, Frito corn chips, tossed salad with dressing and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, honeydew melon, hot wheat rolls and milk.

potatoes, macaroni salad, cornbread and milk. milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz peaches, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk. Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; combread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, peanut butter and jelly sandwich or chicken taco with hot sauce; hash brown potatoes, country rice dressing or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or jellied applesauce; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, tuna and noodles or beef and bean burrito with chili; French fries, apple slices with cinnamon or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup, beef stir fry or green enchilada casserole; scalloped corn, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment

What's Cooking In the Dimmitt,

Hart and Nazareth Schools

cano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked cajun fish, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or tomato slices; combread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART **Elementary School**

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito with sliced cheese or sloppy Joe on a bun, French fries, lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog, potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: Choie of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; sliced pickles, broccoli and FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, French fried cheese, salad, cake with cherry topping and

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, picante sauce, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza,

spaghetti and meat sauce, toast salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie sandwich, corn, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun, sliced cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, pears and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog, potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

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

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

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

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie submarine sandwich; potato chips, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, salad, rice, fruit, dessert and milk or juice. FRIDAY: * Nachos and roll or corn dog,

salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice. MONDAY: * Burritos or baked potato, salad, Spanish rice, peaches, apple crisp and

milk or juice. TUESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or corn

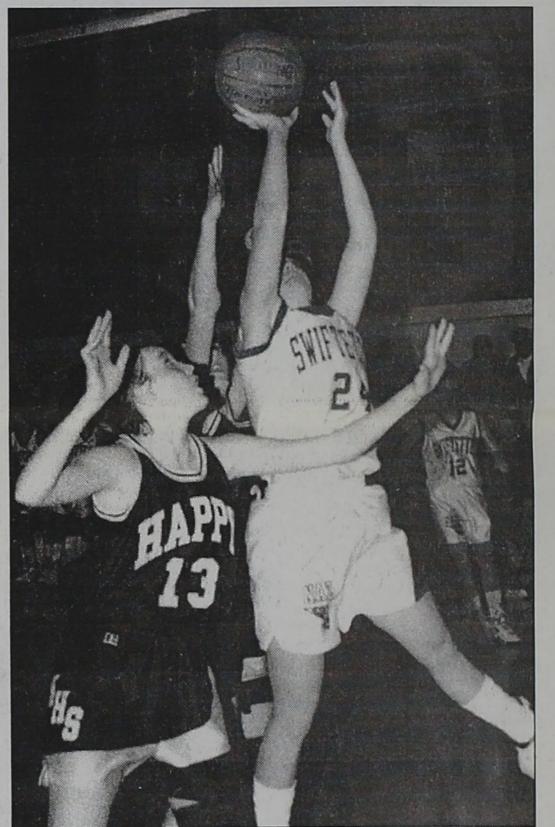
dog, salad, corn, pears, pudding and milk or iuice. WEDNESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken

sandwich, lettuce, green beans, apples, peanut butter bar and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Beef stew with combread or pizza, carrot sticks, corn, applesauce, apple cobbler and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Tacos or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, brownies and milk or juice.

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



CASEY SMITH (12) scores the first basket of the third quarter to extend the Bobcats' lead to 34-13 over the Dalhart Golden Wolves in Friday night's District 1-AAA game at Dalhart. Dalhart's Tate Roye

Sales tax rebates, reports received from the state

conference mark to 2-0.

The monthly sales tax rebates to cities and counties showed an increase in the State of Texas for the month of January. In Castro County, Dimmitt and Hart showed a decline while Nazareth registered a healthy increase.

Also, in state sales and use tax quarterly reports, Castro County showed a decline in all industries and in the retail trade division in comparing the second quarter of 1997 with the second quarter of 1996.

The payments for January include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November, at the start of the traditional holiday shopping season, and reported to the Texas economy." Comptroller in December.

State-wide, monthly sales tax payments to cities and counties were 12% higher in January 1998 than

Employers reminded to send employee W-2's

With the 1998 tax season just beginning, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds Texas employers that Forms W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," needs to be made available to their employees by the end of January. Additionally, Form 1099, "Statement for Miscellaneous Income," also needs to be available to 2 form. employees by the Jan. 31 deadline.

Most employees need this income information so they can file their tax forms early to receive their tax refund. According to the IRS North Texas District, seven out of 10 North Texans receive tax refunds. Last year, the average tax refund was \$1,309.37.

Texans who received a special TeleFile tax package and plan to file by telephone also need their W-2 statements. That's because TeleFilers will need to enter interest income unemployment compensation wages, tax withheld and employer identification number directly from each W-

Employees are encouraged to ask their employer for their W-2 if they do not receive it by Feb. 2. If employees do not receive their W-2 or 1099 forms by Feb. 15, the IRS can help by requesting the form from the employer.

Employers are reminded to keep any undeliverable employee copies of Form W-2 for at least four years.

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1997. "We're beginning another promising year," said State Comptroller

(32) tries to block Smith's shot while Dimmitt's

Charley Sanders (31) positions himself for a rebound.

The Bobcats won the game easily, 56-40, to hike their

John Sharp. "Consumers continue to show increased confidence in the

Dimmitt, with a sales tax rate of 1.5%, received a rebate of \$16,606.77 for January 1998, compared with \$18,573.69 for January 1997-a little over a 10% decrease. Hart (sales tax rate of 1%) also showed a little over a 10% decrease, with a rebate of \$843.69 received for January 1998 and \$937.80 in January of 1997.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Nazareth (with a sales tax rate of 1.5%) posted a whopping 160% increase, having received \$1,112.84

Cancer screening clinics set Jan. 22

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Medical Center of Dimmitt on Jan. 22.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. Total cost for the screening is \$75, and funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Exams are performed by appointment only and those interested should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

A minimum of 15 women must register in order for the mobile mammography unit to visit area towns. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against breast cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

salad, raw spinach salad or cucumber and tomato salad; combread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with cheese, macaroni, cheese and ham casserole or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexi-

those reported by the first month of this January, compared with only \$426.58 for January 1997.

> The county received \$6,781.20 for January 1998, compared with \$7,654.53 for January 1997, showing a decrease of over 11%.

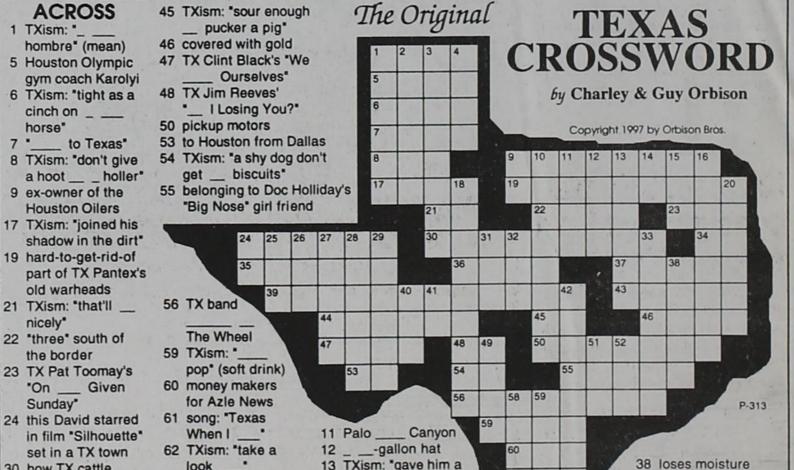
The second quarter includes the months of April, May and June.

The state sales and use tax analysis for all industries for the second quarter of 1997, shows that Castro County had 150 outlets reporting in 1997, while there were 160 reporting for the same period in 1996.

Those outlets reported \$23,459,562 in gross sales in 1997, down less than 1% from the \$23,640,787 reported in 1996.

In the retail trade division, 88 reporting outlets in the second quarter of 1997 reported gross sales of \$9,264,672, down almost 30% from the \$13,210,150 turned in by the 96 reporting outlets in the second quarter of 1996.

K'LYNN GERBER (24) of Nazareth gets in good position and makes a strong inside move on Happy's Evan Lair (13) Friday in a District 3-A opener at Nazareth. The Swiftettes had to erase a Happy lead in the final four minutes of the game, but they did so with a 15-2 run and posted a 37-30 victory. Gerber led Nazareth with 12 points. Photo by Dwayne Acker



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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Florene Leinen had a wonderful Christmas with her daughter and family, Shirley and Darrell Pope, in Tampa, Fla. Chad came in from St. Louis, Mo., and Melanie came in from Huntsville, where she is a student at Sam Houston College. While in Florida, they toured the Botanical Gardens and went to St. Petersburg,

hunting for prehistoric sharks' teeth. They went through the Busch Gardens and saw all the beautiful parrots and cockatoos. They celebrated Christmas early (Dec. 22), since Darrell had to leave on Dec. 23 to fly for Airborne Express.

Melanie and Florene had an heirloom Christmas. While in Florida, Florene enjoyed picking oranges and tangerines in the back yard of Darrell and Shirley's home. Darrell retired from the Air Force as a colonel .

The Town & Country Extension On Christmas Day, Shirley, Chad, Club met on Friday morning with



The Nazareth Senior Citizens enand dessert dinner Sunday evening at the Senior Citizens Center. Richard Hochstein of Crofton, Neb., was the noes. It was a fun evening. only guest.

4-H'ers show barrows in Valley jackpot

Seven county 4-H'ers exhibited barrows at the Valley Swine Jackpot held in Quitaque over the weekend.

Leon Birkenfeld drove his heavyweight Hampshire to a thirdplace finish and was the top county finisher in the jackpot. Garrett Kleman's heavyweight Hamp was fifth.

In the heavyweight Duroc competition, Macee Schulte exhibited the fourth-place barrow while Adam Schulte's entry finished sixth. Keli Schulte showed a sixth-place heavyweight Cross.

Other county 4-H'ers competing were Stacey Schulte and Ross Schulte.

Also present were Fritz and Julene joyed a very good stew, cornbread Gerber, making a total of 38 members. After the meal, most enjoyed playing solo and chicken foot domi-

> Prayers are asked for Kirkland Sperry, who has been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo since Jan. 1. He is the grandson of Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth.

Gene and Susie Gerber of Odessa and their foreign exchange student spent the weekend in Nazareth. The student is 17-year-old Yanos Varadi of Ludwigshafen, Germany, a very friendly junior attending Permian High School.

The Southern Plains Conference at the Radisson Inn in Amarillo was kicked off last weekend with an excellent concert, "Hands in the Fields, Songs in Our Hearts" on Friday evening. The Amarillo Opera Outreach opened the event with students doing inspiring selections from gospel hymns.

Sister Anita de Luna of San Antonio and Raul Guerrero of Hereford drew upon hispanic songs that were very entertaining and full of soul. Ann Zimmerman of Manhattan, Kan., brought a variety of music that made those present laugh, engage their own singing abilities at times Approximately 180 pigs from and made them marvel at the beauty around them.

The theme was "Embodying Husbandry-Family Responsibilities in a Sustainable Agriculture." There were many workshops for tackling various related subjects and bringing back new understandings and possibilities to the whole group.

Everyone enjoyed a banquet at noon and visited booths during breaks.

Next year the convention will ex-

plore the theme "Agriculture and Environmentalism: Do We have the Same Goal?"

There is a study club that meets five times during the year to explore writings on the subject. Consider participating next year and engaging yourself and others in a topic that is often in the news, and about which we want to explore deeper ways than can usually be done in the mass media.

For more information, contact the Promised Land Network office at (806) 364-4445.

Father John Hickey baptized Aubrie Nikkole Durbin on Saturday evening during mass.

Aubrie's parents are Curtis and Leigh Durbin. Godparents were Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Marlin Durbin and Robert Wilhite.

Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting. Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll. Ann led in the club prayer and creed. Plans were made for the 1998 season.

Oneida Hutto served grapes and baby carrots, fresh apple cake and pound cake. Members attending were Claudine Langford, Mattie Seale, Ann, Betty, Irene Blanton, Edith Graef, Ferne Jones, Patsy Entrekin, and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Edith Graef and her family had a traditional Christmas dinner with the Mark Welch family. Then on Christmas night they all came to Edith's home for more food and fun. They had four gallons of all kinds of soup, from potato soup to French soup, served with cornbread and delicious desserts. They enjoyed a talent show with Brent Graef as the emcee.

They sang Christmas carols, crazy songs and old camp songs. Some imitated animals, and one ate a big mouthful of peanutbutter and tried to talk! They sang several of their favorite songs. Brent sang an Ode to Grandpap, the song that his grandfather, Charley Graef, had taught him.

Those attending were Rhonda Neighbours of Des Moines, Iowa; Sharon Welch, Zoe and Hannah of Columbus, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hoover and family of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Booker and son of Blue Springs, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Al Barr of Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Welch, Lindsey and Kelsey of Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Brent Graef of Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armstrong of Hale Center; Lisa Graef and son, Anton Bublis, of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Phillips and Callie of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Phillips, Julie and Bradley of Amarillo; Aural Davis of Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Phillips, Chelsea and Josh of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Derek Phillips and pretty snow at Wolf Creek Pass. Since there was no television, they played games and visited. They cut their own Christmas tree and decorated it with home-made ornaments, cranberries and popcorn.

One evening they ate at the Old Miners Steakhouse. Since there were 22 of them, they put them upstairs by themselves, where they really enjoyed visiting. Those enjoying all the fun included Tommie Sue, Dan Petty and his family, Arlie Petty and his family, Sherlon Dyer and her family, and Jeanne White and her family.

Jewell Connell has been travelling to several places since she retired. She went to Bogata, near Paris, Texas; another trip to Dallas to visit a brother-in-law; to Odessa to see her daughter; and to Houston to visit a grandson. For Christmas, she flew to Denver, where her son, Richard Connell, picked her up and took her to his home in Grand Junction, Colo. Jewell went with Richard to Salt lake City to take his daughter-in-law to catch a plane to Alaska, where her family lives. Jewell enjoyed seeing all the pretty snow everywhere she went.

Our sympathy to the families of Carlos Calvert, Irvin Ott, Aaron Ewing, Louise Sone, and Martha Trevino.

Neva Hickey was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a delicious devil's food cake, and the members brought a sack lunch. Susie Reeves won high score, with Dude McLaurin second. Others playing were Opha Burks, Helen Braafladt, Bernice Hill, Elizabeth Huckabay, Cleo Forson, Emily Clingingsmith, Louise Mears, Edith Graef, and Ina

Rae Cates.

Danny and Brenda Bruton welcomed the guests at the Dimmitt First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Debra Ball conducted the children's message on "Age." some of the children thought that 32 was "old"! Tami Griffitt sang the song, Grace. Howard Rhodes's message was "Lost, but Loved."

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It was good to see Carol Petty who was with her grandmother Tommie Sue Nisbett. Carol is living in Dimmitt now and she is a speech therapist and works at hospitals at Hereford, Friona, and Dimmitt.

I also visited with Acie and Margo Boyd on Sunday. They are living in Lubbock now.

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Other youth from Castro County competing in the show were Jeremy Simpson and Dennis and David Underwood.

around the state competed in the show. Judge Eddie Smallwood of O'Donnell selected Kristin Knight's Hampshire gilt as the grand champion.

The conference on the next day brought people from all walks of life to consider how families in rural areas could be strengthened to carry on a high quality of life in the country

Aubrie was born Dec. 5, 1997, at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Her maternal grandparents are Harold Hyman and Martha Jo Hyman, both of Dimmitt. Her paternal grandparents are Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Roy and Anita Baccus of Seminole and Loretta Durbin of San Marcos, Calif.

A suppor was served to all the family members and Father John at ,the Paul Huseman home.

Madison of Clovis, N.M.; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Phillips of Clovis; and Jeffery Phillips and Jason Davis of Lazbuddie.

Tommie Sue Nisbett and her family had a fun Christmas when they went to Pagosa Springs, Colo., for a week. They skied and enjoyed the

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Joe and Laurie Hill of Virginia Beach, Va., are the parents of a baby boy, Turner McCreight Hill, who was born Dec. 18. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. He has a big sister, Sara. Paternal grandparents are Mac and Ruth Ann Hill of Cleburne. Maternal grandparents are George and Carolyn Sides of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lena Benton of Lubbock.

Frank and Jamie Mendoza of Lubbock are the parents of a baby girl, Reagan Naomi, born Dec. 16 at 6:26 p.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jim and Sandy Beker, and Frank Mendoza Sr., all of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Alberta. Baker of Birmingham, Alabama.

Dave and Carol Nelson of Madison, Wis., are the parents of a 7-lb., 6 ozs., girl born Jan. 8 at Meriter Hospital in Madison. She was 19-1/2 inches long, and has been named Danielle Therese. She has a big sister, Amanda, 5. Grandparents, are Don and Verbie Nelson of Dimmitt and Harry and Doris Syvertsen of Madison. Her great-grandfather is B.M. Nelson of Dimmitt.

Nazareth KCs plan consignment farm sale on March 7

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus Council 2654 will sponsor a community consignment farm sale on March 7 at the Nazareth leg of Dimmitt Agri Industries, 1/4 mile west of Nazareth on Highway 86.

The sale will be conducted by Five Star Auctioneers and anyone interested in selling equipment or machinery on the sale should contact Brian Ramaekers at 945-2331 or 945-2409 (mobile), Lonny Huseman at 945-2458 or 647-7663 (mobile), Mike Huseman at 945-2366 or 647-5169 (work), or Alan Birkenfeld at 945-2218 or 938-2111 (work).



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Second graders receive awards

and spelling awards were presented Kasey Tijerina, Underwood and to Richardson Elementary School Villarreal. second graders recently.

The students were honored for achievements during the second nine-weeks grading period of the school year.

Those honored were:

COLLINS' ROOM Perfect Attendance: Callie Crum, and Setliff. George Dones, Anthony Enriquez, Nayeli Monsivais, Ashley Patlan, Sammy Sanchez, Leah Setliff, Curtis Villarreal and Toby Ward.

reading improvement, penmanship Monsivais, Patlan, Setliff, Thomas, Reinart, Vanessa Reyes and Max

Setliff.

Penmanship: Cornett, Crum, Enriquez, Patlan, Setliff and Gilbreath and Luis Luna. Villarreal.

Bradford, Cornett, Crum, Monsivais Makenzie Sams.

EVAN'S ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Cameron Thomas, Dennis Underwood, Valerie Cluck, Houston Sutton, Haylee Evans, Chauncey Gilbreath, Chris Top Spellers: Tyler Cornett, Gregory, Kaden Griffitt, Chris

Perfect attendance, hard work, Crum, Enriquez, Courtney Garza, Pompa, Landon Porsch, Lana Sandoval.

> Top Spellers: Cluck, Evans, Hardest Workers: Sanchez and Gilbreath, Griffitt, Pompa, Porsch, Reinart, Reyes and Gregory.

Hardest Workers: Cluck,

Penmanship: Shaira Gonzales, Reading Improvement: Molly Griffitt, Pompa, Porsch, Reinart and

> Reading Improvement: Cody Eby and Porsch.

LUNA'S ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Eva Aguero, Jose Cardona, Julian Chavez, Cynthia Gomez, Veronica Martinez, Daniela Neri, Gloriela Ontiveros, Patricia Quintana, Ildefonso Ramirez, Anna Reyes, Diocelina Rodriguez, Jose Silva, Thalia Vazquez and Thania Vazquez.

Top Spellers: Aguero, Erika Aguilar, Mariel Alanis, Yesenia Arellano, Chavez, Gomez, Martinez, Neri, Ana Olmos, Cecilia Ornelas, Cynthia Prieto, Quintana, Ramirez, Reyes, Rodriguez and Victor Silva. Hardest Workers: Neri, Olmos, Prieto and Reyes.

Penmanship: Aguilar, Alanis, Chavez, Gomez, Martinez, Neri, Olmos, Prieto, Quintana and Reyes. Reading Improvement: Ray Lopez, Jose Ortega and Thania Vazquez.

LYNCH'S ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Ashley Fleeks, David Gil, Gillian Gonzales, Gabriel Martinez, Ross Myatt and Kalan Steinle.

Top Spellers: Klay Clearman, Ryan Cordova, Grant Feaster, Sullivan.

Brenda Fernandez, Fleeks, Gil, Chris Gilliam, Martinez, Myatt, Michael Rasor, Jorge Robles and Steinle.

Hardest Worker: Gil. Penmanship: Steinle, Gilliam and Gil.

Reading Improvement: Patricia Barrera and Ally Oltivero.

MANN'S ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Nick Ellis, Robby Lopez, Dustin Thomas, Loraine Aguero, Erin Black, Amanda Castaneda, Ashley Cotter, Mackenzi Pigg and Rubie Sanchez.

Top Spellers: Thomas, Aguero, Black, Amber Jones, Pigg, Sanchez, Kamryn Steffens and Cassidy Watts. Hardest Workers: Ellis and Watts.

Penmanship: Sanchez, Joshua Gamez, Lopez and Cotter.

Reading Improvement: Matthew Almanza, Castaneda and Rocky Navarro.

THAMES' ROOM

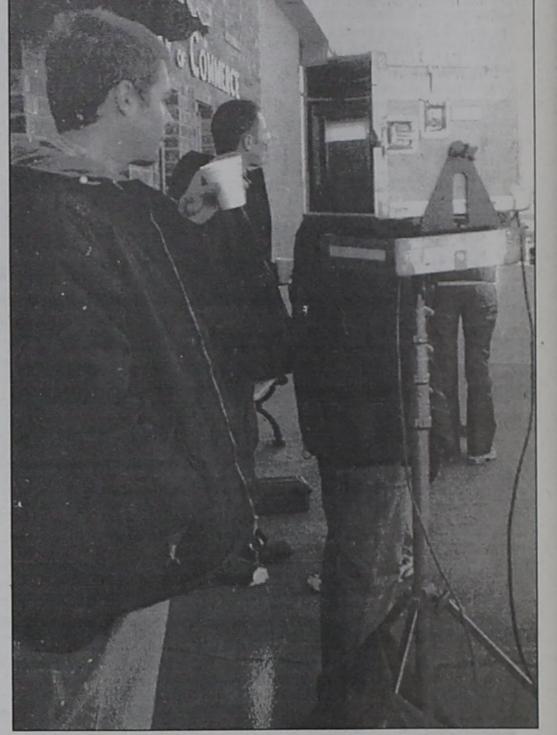
Perfect Attendance: Naoli Corral, Marcus Herrera, Jennifer Hiett, Andrew La Fuente, Ryan Mixson and Eric Odom.

Top Spellers: Michael Cline, Corral, Casey Enriquez, Herrera, Hiett, La Fuente, Fabian Lopez, Anthony Lopez, Mixson, Odom and Tifany Estraca.

Hardest Workers: La Fuente, Mixson, Jesus Ortiz and Estraca.

Penmanship: Brittany Allen, Corral, Enriquez, Hiett and Odom.

Reading Improvement: Corral, Hiett, La Fuente, Lopez, Mixson, Odom, Ortiz, Estraca and Natacia



SEAN KIMMONT (left), a creative film director with Tequila, a company from the United Kingdom, watches a scene being filmed at the old Castro Oil and Gas Station on Bedford Street in Dimmitt Friday. A film crew from London used the station as one of the sites in a film it is currently producing. Copies of the video will be made available to the public, who then must identify various locations to compete for a \$150,000 prize. Photo by Anne Acker

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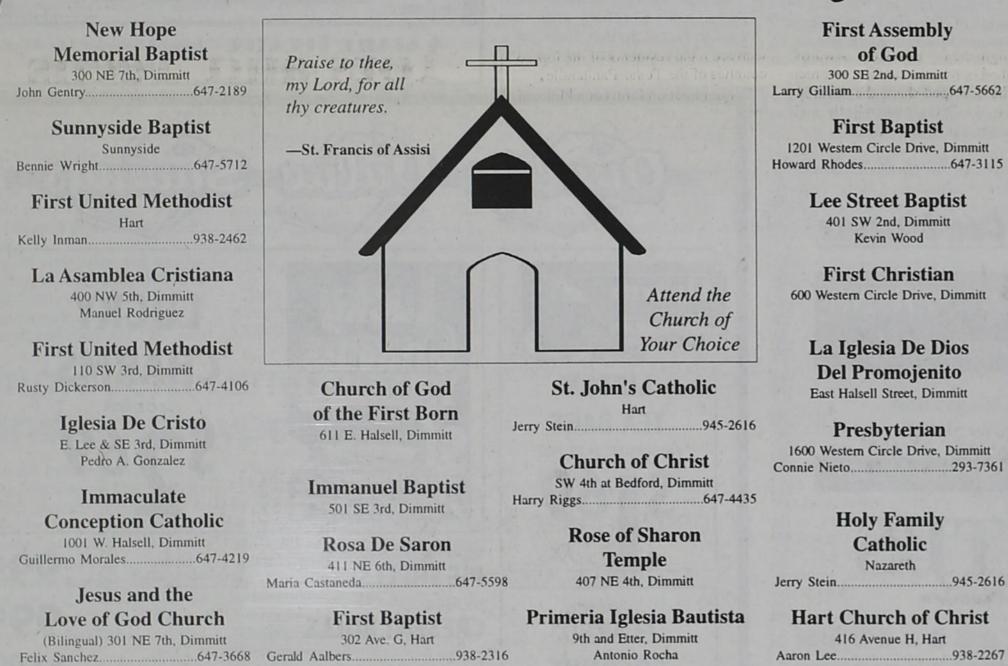
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I hird graders earn recognition Honor Roll: Roger Ramirez, Kim

Hardest Workers: Raul Casas,

MERRITT'S ROOM

Citizenship: Arica Cisneros and

Honor Roll: Jose Chavez,

Cisneros, Celena Gregory, Howell,

Hardest Worker: Tammy Flores

STANTON'S ROOM

Amarillo College and Dimmitt

Independent School District will

offer a college algebra course Mon-

day nights this spring at Dimmitt

Registration was to be Wednesday

For more information contact Sue

at 6 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School

Summers at 647-3105 for more in-

Classes will begin Monday.

Citizenship: Edgar Vasquez.

Thelma Medrano.

and Medrano.

high School.

Library.

formation.

The third grade students at Rich-Bach, Harmonson, Smith, Clarissa ardson Elementary School received awards for being good citizens and Sanchez and Zepeda. hard workers and for making the honor roll during the second nine Julia Falcon and Jayme Flores. weeks grading period.

Students honored were: **AXTELL'S ROOM**

Citizenship: Micaela Salinas, Samantha Howell. Candis Rodriguez and Jessie Lara. Honor Roll: Chelsea Buckley, Salinas, Lara, Scott Martinez and Haley Lunsford, Seth McLain and Stephen Hernandez.

Hardest Workers: Cassandra Garcia, KaShondra Sherman, Elias Caldera, Tabatha McAllister and Seth Newland.

BAIN'S ROOM Citizenship: Jessica Arguijo, Anna Brockman and Dana Sandoval. Honor Roll: Brockman, Randi Cates, Kirsti Edwards, Roxanne Martinez, Bryce Parker, Victoria Sanchez, Sandoval and Eric Saenz. Hardest Workers: Brockman, Cates and Sandoval.

KOCH'S ROOM Citizenship: Daniela Zepeda, Joslyn Harmonson and Brandy Smith.



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RES first graders are recognized

First graders at Richardson Elementary School received awards for their handwriting, homework achievement, perfect attendance and for showing improvement in their work during the second nine-weeks grading period.

Those receiving awards were: **KOCH'S ROOM**

Most Improved: Robert Sanchez and Noe Puente.

Homework: Alyssa Back, Jeremy Barrera, Andrew Larra, Yvonne Lopez, Michael Rials, Klarissa Martinez, Carlee Noland, Fabian Reyna, Megan Rohrbach and Nate Sias. Handwriting: Back, Barrera, Becky Flores, Larra, Lopez,

Kimberly Martinez, Klarissa Martinez, Noland, Puente, Laura Rodriguez, Rohrbach, Stephinie Sanchez and Sias.

Nazareth honor students named

Nazareth Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the third six weeks of school.

Students earning mention to the "A" honor roll are:

First Grade: Kyle Birkenfeld, Steven Birkenfeld, Caitlin Huseman, Matthew Ray, Kami Rundell and Lane Wood.

Second Grade: Brittany Birkenfeld, Bryan George, Brittany Hampton, Allyson Hochstein, Kyle Hoelting, Brandi Kern and Taylor Schulte.

Third Grade: Chris Acker, Jennifer Acker, Candace Birkenfeld, Matthew Birkenfeld, Bradley Gerber, Kaytlin Huseman, Chandra Jordan, Holly Kleman, Heidi Ramaekers, Dustin Schulte and Macee Schulte. Fourth Grade: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting and Kendra Huseman.

Fifth Grade: Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld.

Sixth Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting, Kyle Ray and Trey Robb.

Seventh Grade: Craig Birkenfeld. Eighth Grade: Blake Birkenfeld, Jase Merritt, Trinity Robb and Ky Wilcox.

Freshman: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey Gerber, Lindsie Gerber and Whitney Hoelting.

Third Grade: Lacey Acker, Chase Black, Eric Book, Jacob Braddock, Taylor Johnson, Keean Lilley, Troy Ramaekers, Brady Schulte and Brandon Wilhelm.

Fourth Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Dusty Braddock, Nathan Huseman, J'Lae Merritt, Kris Ross, Charlie Rundell and Kasey Wood.

Fifth Grade: Michael Acker, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Melina Braddock, Jordan Hampton, Kelsey Hochstein, Garrett Kleman, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte and Tyson Schulte.

Sixth Grade: Andrew Brockman, Sarah Ellison, Adam Hunter and Cassie Price.

Seventh Grade: Adam Acker, Nicole Acker, Karen Birkenfeld, Jenna Braddock, Carson Gerber, Koty Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Kristi Ramaekers, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte and Shelby Wilhelm.

Eighth Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Aaron Kern, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers and Kyla Schacher.

Freshman: Sage Annen, Jaci Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber, Jason Huseman, Erin Jones, Tara Kleman and Bryce Pohlmeier.

Attendance: Rials, Reyna, Rodriguez, Rohrbach, Sanchez and Sias. Citizenship: Back, Flores, Lopez, Kimberly Martinez, Klarissa Martinez, Noland, David Oltivero, Puente, Reyna, Rodriguez, Rohrbach, Sanchez, Mona Sifuentez and

SHANNON'S ROOM

Markous Sifuentez.

Most Improved: Javier Ibarra, Kellie Martinez, Alyssa Saenz, Agustina Farias and Casey Eby.

Homework: Isidro Rodriguez, Ray Velez, Devonee Ortiz, Danny Lopez, Eby, Tabatha Esquivel, Anthony Fuentes and John Lopez.

Handwriting: Lindsey Cates, Carlos Munoz and Martinez.

Citizenship: Martinez, Rodriguez, Saenz, Farias, Esquivel, Eby, Cates, Fuentes, Velez, Ortiz and Ibarra.

Attendance: Ortiz, Munoz, Martinez, John Lopez, Danny Lopez, Ibarra, Fuentes, Esquivel and Eby.

PADILLA'S ROOM

Most Improved: Domingo Rodriguez, Briana Lopez and Armando Salas.

Handwriting: Joshua Correa and Chance Schilling. Erica Rivera.

Homework: Oralia Rodriguez, Rivera and Correa.

Citizenship: Correa, Joel Cardona, Rodriguez, Rubi Sanchez, Salas, Rivera and Armando Prieto.

Attendance: Lopez and Rodriguez.

FEASTER'S ROOM Most Improved: Austin Heard.

Homework: Damian Gauna, Ethan Wales, Jazzalyn Sepeda and Cornelio Salinas.

Handwriting: Chase Hatla, Brooke Parker, Wales, Sepeda, Dustin Venhaus, Robert Barrios and Salinas.

Citizenship: John David Gonzales, Linda Calderon, Hatla, Parker, Tabitha Caldera, Wales, Damian Gauna, Sepeda, Erin Muniz, Stephanie Mendoza, Salinas, Jessica Dennis, Venhaus, Frankie Castro, Isabel Garcia, Vanessa Gonzales and Bar-

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Attendance: Castro, Gauna, Gonzales, Heard and Sepeda.

MATTHEWS' ROOM

Most Improved: Jake Ebeling, Robert Arguijo and Amy Saenz. Homework: Stpehanie Castro, Ebeling, Elizabeth Hill, Jonathan Lule, Viviana Quiroz, Melissa Ruiz and Keshia Smith.

Handwriting: Lule, Bailey Nutt, Quiroz, Ruiz and Smith.

Citizenship: Mayra Aguilar, Sally Arce, Fernando Fernandez, Hill, Tommy Howell, Lule, Kathleen Martinez, Nutt, Quiroz, Ruiz, Saenz and Smith.

Attendance: Aguilar, Arce, Castro, Ebeling, Fernandez, Hill, Howell, Alex Lopez, Anthony Jackson, Martinez, Quiroz, Ruiz and Arthur White.

ROBERSON'S ROOM

Most Improved: Stacey Cisneros. Homework: Paul Acker, Joshua Hill, Jessica Leivas, Stormy Nutt and Hanna Wise.

Handwriting: Hill, Leivas, Nutt, P.J. Perez, Anthony Puente and

Citizenship: Acker, Desiree Casas, Stacey Cisneros, Brittany Flores, Jordan Fuentes, Hill, Leivas, Nutt, Perez, Erik Porras, Puente, Jessica Ramirez, Isaac Sifuentez, Wise and Olivia Zambrano.

Attendance: Acker, Flores, Fuentes, Hill, Nutt, Perez, Puente and Schilling.

VILLARREAL'S ROOM

Most Improved: Rogelio Hernandez, Noe Lopez, Nick Tijerina and Angela Vasquez.

Homework: Fabiola Gomez, Lopez, Fernando Mendoza, Antonio Molina, Jesus Sanchez, Selina Sanchez and Tijerina.

Handwriting: Molina and Selina Sanchez.

Citizenship: Hernandez, Mendoza, Molina Jesus Sanchez, Selina Sanchez, Tijerina and Vasquez.

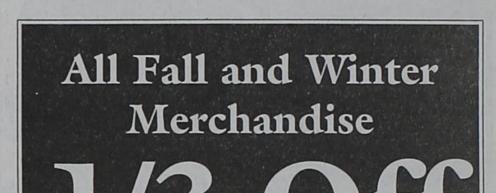
Attendance: Mendoza and Jesus Sanchez





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Sophomore: Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones, Jessica Kern, Susan Lange, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm.

Senior: Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

Students qualifying for the "B" honor roll are:

First Grade: Alec Braddock and Jennny Merritt.

Second Grade: Joshua Braddock, Tessie Huseman, Karis Kleman, Valeria Rodriguez and Darcy Schulte.

Sophomore: Melanie Book, Mindi Ethridge, Bo Hunter, Cameron Junior: Mandy Birkenfeld, Laura McLain, Dawn Ramaekers, David

Verkamp and Karen Wilhelm. Junior:Kira Ball, Mitchell Brockman, Kristin Hales, Matthew Kern, Lori Maurer, Jessica McGilvray, Heather Schilling, Jayme Schmucker, Tiffany Schmucker and Pamela Van Delden.

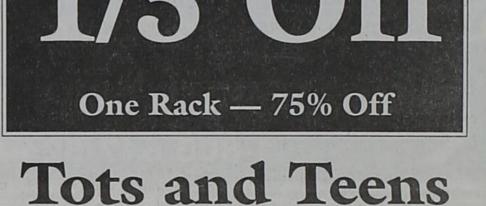
Senior: Jerad Birkenfeld, Sara Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Billy Don Cannon, Barry Hoelting, Lynsey Hoelting, Darren Huckert, Joy Long, Whitney McLain, Josh Merritt, Dustin Ramaekers, Kit Schulte and Tanya Wethington.

Nominations due Feb. 28 for women's service award

The Amarillo Women's Forum is Country Club. seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Service Awards, which honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill.

Nominations are due Feb. 28 and awards will be presented during a luncheon on April 18 at the Amarillo

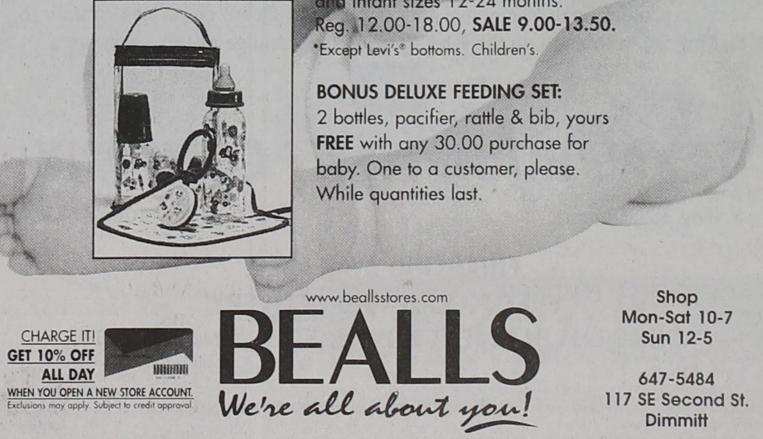
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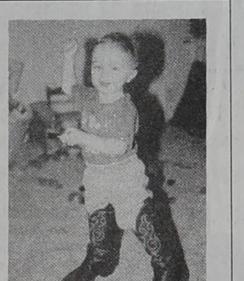


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Beet growers annual meeting and banquet slated this week

about sugar beet production and earn two continuing education units (CEUs) by attending the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association annual business meeting Friday in Hereford.

The annual meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center.

The annual banquet will be at 7

David Skelton

Lonnie Skelton

Administration Building.

Kenneth Frye of Hereford, president of the association, said sugar beet growers and those with an interest in adding the cash crop to their grain and/or cotton rotation should attend the business meeting.

Those attending will hear various reports on the future of beet production in the Panhandle, South Plains

Johnny Wall

Billy Joe Wall

Area farmers can learn the latest p.m. Saturday at the Hereford School and Eastern New Mexico area. Two CEUs will be available from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

> "With the availability of Round-Up-Ready, Liberty Link and other herbicide-resistant sugar beet varietites just over the horizon, the future looks bright," said Frye. "We are excited about the improvements we should see in beet production and quality.

"There are also more efficient irrigation techniques being perfected, along with other methods of obtaining better beet performance. These and other key issues of interest to beet producers will be discussed at the annual meeting," said Frye.

The meeting will feature research reports from Dr. Charlie Rush, Dr. Steve Winter and other crop and soil scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Amarillo and Bushland, Jim Gerik, a plant pathologist for Imperial Holly Corp., which operates the Hereford beet processing plant, will discuss rhizomania research that should help growers become more efficient beet produc-

"Growers will also want to hear a report from Imperial Holly's Kenneth Chambers, who will review the past year's crop, as well as Holly's

future plans for improving production in our area," said Tony Brorman of Vega, association vice president and its representative to the American Sugarbeet Growers Association (ASGA) executive committee in Washington, D.C.

He added that Lawrence Deal, ASGA president, will also speak on national and international matters which are impacting sugar prices and production. Deal and Brorman will also discuss ASGA's new Bill J. Cleavinger Internship Program.

Cleavinger, a longtime Hereford-Wildorado area farmer, died last summer. He was one of the nation's foremost promoters of the sugar beet industry. In his spirit, the internship is designed to give young people an insight into national sweetener policy making and promotion in Washington.

The meeting also will feature the annual Texas-New Mexico Sugar

Water District taking water measurements

Plains Underground Water Conservation District are now making annual depth-to-water measurements to determine the effect of 1997 pumpage on ground water levels of county service area.

are taken in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. The static water level is determined by spaced throughout the district at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

Staff members from the High division staff, with assistance from members of the agricultural division, make the measurements by lowering a steel tape into the well to a predetermined depth.

The last several feet of tape are the Ogallala Aquifer within its 15- coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it These water level measurements comes into contact with water. The distance from land surface to the

Beet Growers Association director election.

Directors whose positions have expired include Dave Thompson of the Friona area, Leslie Underlee of the North Plains area, Dick Fellers of the Factory North area, Coby Gilbreath of the Dimmitt area, Troy Christian of the State Line area and Billy Bob Moore of the Wildorado area.

The meeting and banquet will also feature Dennis Printz, Holly Hereford agricultural manager, who will recognize growers who had exceptional yields and quality during the

past year.

Also during the banquet, the Deaf Smith County Man of the Year in Agriculture will be named.

There will also be discussion of the regional beet industry before keynote banquet speaker, Ross Hersey, a humorist and motivational speaker, takes the podium.

"I encourage all growers to take part in these traditional, annual events," said Frye. "The beet industry remains a vital part of this region's agriculture and continues to be one of the best alternative crops for our growing conditions."

Vegetable conference is Tuesday in Hereford

Solutions to a problem which is value-added products and markets, pushing more and more Texas vegetable producers out of business and causing financial stress will be explored at the annual High Plains Vegetable Conference in Hereford on Tuesday.

Calling the problem a "disease" causing declining acreage and reduced profitability for both growers and shippers, Dr. Charles Hall, agricultural economist and horticultural crops marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at College Station, will discuss its symptoms and steps to combat the situation.

Hall will be keynote speaker for the conference, slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, water level observation wells are subtracting the amount of tape with Texas Agricultural Experiment Sta-Vegetable Development Committee, After the depth-to-water level Deaf Smith County Chamber of measurement is made, a vinyl sticker Commerce, Texas Tech University and Texas Dept. of Agriculture. It offers four continuing education measurement was made is affixed at units for pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants and the Master Gardener vegetable specialty. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch. "In the past, the early markets enjoyed by Texas producers and the resulting prices associated with these markets enabled the industry to survive," said Hall. But now, many growers and shippers have been "living off depreciation" for some time, he said. "Price levels have been at or below break-even at the variable cost level, with little revenue remaining for replacing or maintaining fixed assets," said Hall. He said the logical plan of attack on the "disease" begins with examining its circumstances. Among these are failure to aggressively explore

reliance on only a few vegetable crops instead of diversification, and reluctance to adopt new technology. Among the speakers at this year's conference will be Frances Duke of Dimmitt, who will represent the Society of St. Andrew in the Northwest Texas area. Her presentation will be given during the luncheon.

Conference participants also will hear Dr. Teddy Morelock, University of Arkansas geneticist and a leading southern pea breeder. He will explain how his fast-maturing black-eye and pink-eye southern peas, favored by processors, can be profitably grown on the High Plains.

Also on the program is Dr. Alex Pavlista from the University of Nebraska, a potato specialist who has a global understanding of potato late blight and its threat to the industry.

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The data is also used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the district are published each year in the Water District's free monthly newsletter, The Cross Section.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the depth-to-water levels at one-year, five-year and 10-year intervals are also published in the newsletter.

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VFW auction slated Friday

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold an auction Friday at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home in Dimmitt.

A free chili supper will be served to those attending the auction.

> in March primary Individuals who are not registered to vote may register at the County Tax Assessor/Collector's office in the courthouse through Feb. 9 and still be eligible to vote in the Primary

elections, set for March 10. Those wishing to register for the first time need to fill out a voter registration application card, provided at the office of Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman, in the courthouse.

Also, those who have not received their new voter's registration card (they are blue), should contact Hackleman's office. The phone number is 647-5336. Those who did

interest to Texas potato growers who must map a long-term strategy to prevent late blight losses," said Dr. Roland Roberts, an Extension Service vegetable specialist from Lubbock, who is coordinating the conference.

Unique opportunities for small and large growers on the High Plains to produce and market watermelons will be defined by Dr. Frank Dainello of College Station, Extension Service vegetable specialist for commercial vegetables. He is a nationally recognized authority on watermelons.

Ways to stimulate melons and other vegetables to produce marketable fruit faster will be outlined by Dr. David Bender of Lubbock, Experiment Station research horticulturist.

Opportunities for processing to add value to vegetables will be detailed by Dr. Al Wagner of College Station, an Experiment Station research horticulturist.

Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Service economist and marketing specialist at Lubbock, will advise growers about managing financial risks. Pointers on financing garden market operations will be provided by Bobby Stanaland, Extension Service specialist with Prairie View A&M University. Steve Paz, Extension Service computer specialist at Lubbock, will show ways to use computers to improve vegetable farm profitability.

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Castro County News

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Minding Your Own Business Windbreak tree orders due

By DON TAYLOR



Do you have what it takes to be a leader?

Don Taylor

leadership skills. Leadership is the ability to show the way and direct the course. Leadership is a way of thinking. It is a set of behaviors and a group of skills that cause others to want to sail on your ship.

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Talented leaders are both rare and valuable. They not only receive monetary rewards, but also respect, cooperation and a high level of self-accomplishment.

Leaders must have the courage to create change, the wisdom to discover the best paths to improvement and the tools to motivate others to become part of the mission. No one is born a great leader. You must develop and cultivate the skills and habits required.

If you wish to check your leadership skill level, take the quick quiz below. Answer each question yes or no.

The Leadership Quiz

1. Do you listen carefully to the ideas of your associates without interrupting them?

2. Do you spend most of your time away from customers and key employees?

3. Do you often request help from others just so they can gain experience? 4. Do you often find yourself immersed in details you shouldn't have to

deal with? 5. Do you read at least four different business publications each month to learn about new trends and get new ideas?

6. Have you ever taken credit for others' ideas or work?

7. Do you review and revise your mission statement and goals annually? 8. Are you the only one in your business who fully understands this operation?

9. Do you always include others in the goal setting process when it impacts their work?

10. Do you often have meetings with others where you have no written agenda?

11. Would you be completely comfortable if all of your recent business decisions were reported in your local newspaper?

12. Do you wait for problems to come to you?

13. Are you the one driving change in your business?

14. Do you often make quick judgements without all the facts?

15. Do others look to you as the team leader?

16. Are you frequently the last one to work or the first one to leave?

17. If you left your business for six months-without prior warning-would your team be able to carry on?

18. Do you talk to your co-workers and employees about your fears and failures?

19. Do you want to do business with other firms that have your company's integrity and values?

20. Do you correct inappropriate behavior right on the spot even if others are present?

Scoring the quiz

Give yourself one point for each "yes" answer on odd numbered questions. Score one point for each "no" answer on even numbered questions. Compare your total to the ranges below.

tain aesthetic quality to rural living, and reduce livestock weight loss and but the systematic planting of trees mortality. But producing a high perand shrubs in a windbreak becomes a management tool that affects every than just planting a line of trees. aspect of a farm or ranch.

Now is the time for Castro County landowners to order windbreak seedlings produced by the Texas Forest Service 's West Texas Nursery in Lubbock. Those interested in ordering trees should do so as soon as it be a homestead, livestock pen, possible, before preferred stock is field or wildlife windbreak, or a livsold out, according to Robert Fewin ing snow fence. with the Texas Forest Service.

Trees may be ordered through the Running Water Soil and Water Con- proper spacing, prevents crowding servation District in Dimmitt. For and reduces tree stress, which also more information contact the Texas decreases insect and disease suscepti-Forest Service at (806) 746-5801.

Windbreaks protect the soil, in- windbreak. Generally, trees in a row

Ag conference set today in Brownfield

to hear the latest information on new innovative management practices and will gain insight into new technology for the coming year if they attend the South Plains Water and (Thursday) in Brownfield.

The South Plains agriculture industry experiences ever-changing environmental demands and concerns that have to be addressed on a daily basis, and the conference should help farmers make an informed decision.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the National Guard Armory in Coleman Park in Brownfield. Registration is free and lunch will be provided by Monsanto Chemical Company. The event offers three continuing education units (CEUs) for private applicators and 3.5 units for certified crop advisors.

To register in advance for the conference, call Steve Bradshaw at (806) 637-4060. ; Keynote speaker will be Dr. John tive, will provide a brief update on Bradley, Monsanto conservation tillage specialist, who will address no-till farming and the environmental and cost-saving benefits of this practice. Known as "Mr. No-Till,"

Farmers will have an opportunity Bradley has developed conservation tillage through the use of precision planting equipment, weed control, insect and disease control and cover crops.

formance windbreak requires more

Fewin says it is essential to deter-

mine the area or structure in need of

protection, the tree species adaptable

to the planting region, and the plant-

ing dimensions of the break, whether

A planting dimension such as

bility, thus extending the life of the

A peanut management panel, led Soil Conservation Conference today by Dr. Ron Henning, will discuss production practices and how weather affected the 1997 crop yields.

> Lee Arrington, South Plains Underground Water Conservation District Manager, will provide the latest water level figures on the Ogallala Aquifer and regional plans to obtain efficient water usage. Phillip Kidd, Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Mangement for Terry and Yoakum Counties, will give a brief review of pest management problems for 1997 and current totals of overwintering boll weevil research.

Tricia Davis, Monsanto representa-

A tree standing alone adds a cer- crease land value and crop yields, should be planted 20 feet apart with structure, a deciduous tree row will 10- to 25-foot spacings between each tree, Fewin said.

> When designing a windbreak, Fewin also recommends planting Prior to planting a windbreak, multiple rows of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs. The purpose of the windbreak dictates the number of rows required.

windbreak serves as a backup in case one row is lost to pest damage or other conditions. Generally, insects and diseases are confined to a species. Also, within the multiple-row

provide early protection.

Deciduous trees are faster-growing than evergreens, which are the backbone of multiple-row windbreaks, Fewin said.

Species diversity in a multiple-row windbreak also enhances aesthetics with foliage that changes with the Each row within a multiple-row seasons, depending on the species.

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



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

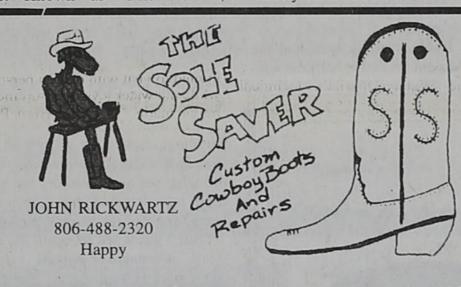
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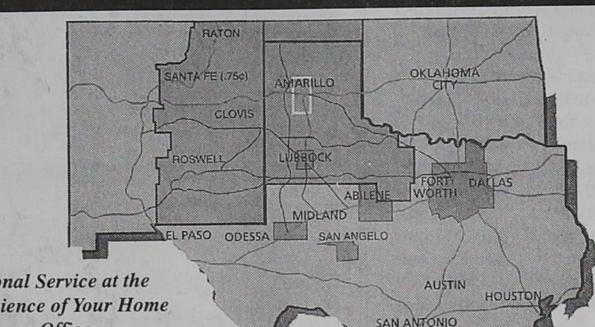
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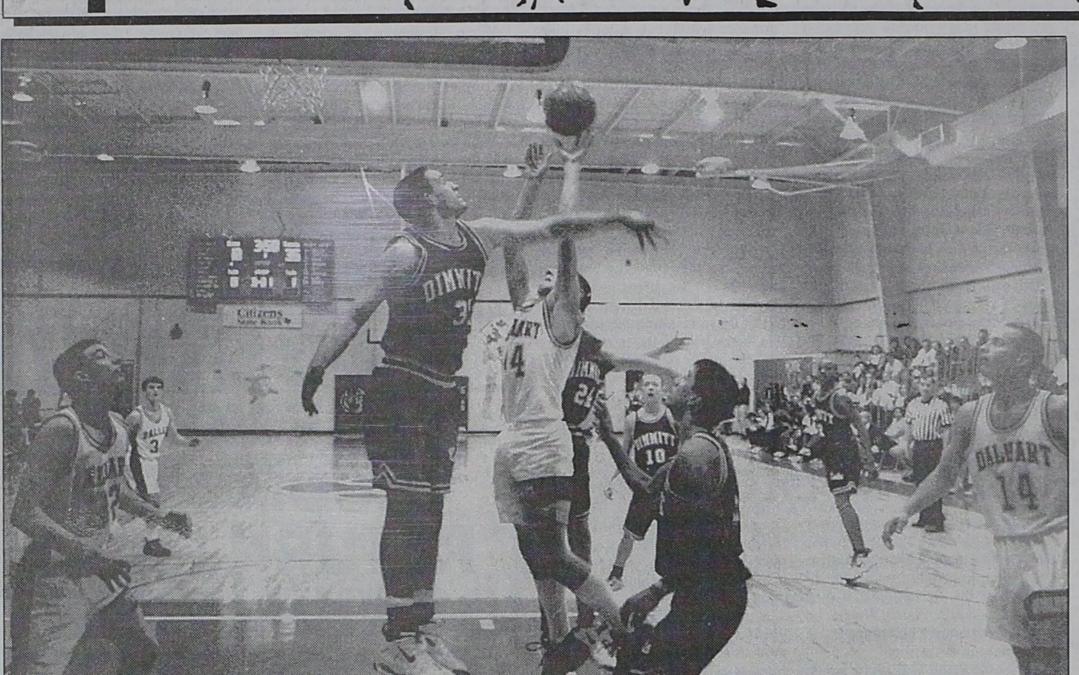
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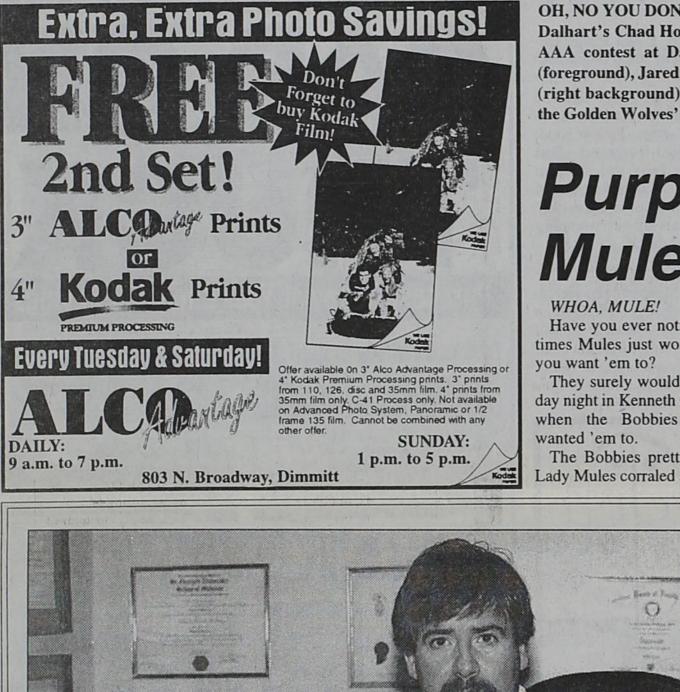
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Sports

January 15, 1998 *





OH, NO YOU DON'T!-Dimmitt's Charley Sanders (31) foils a shot by Dalhart's Chad Hodo in the third quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA contest at Dalhart. Other Bobcats in photo are Jacob Larra (foreground), Jared Townsend (24), Derek Buckley (10) and Casey Smith (right background). At left is Dalhart's Cody Roye (32) and at right is the Golden Wolves' Tate Fuller (14). The Bobcats won the game, 56-40. Photo by Carter Townsend

Purples survive Mule stampedes

Bobbies use rally to quell Dalhart

It took a 17-1 run starting late in joined the scoring to start the second, the third quarter for the Bobbies to gain control of the pesky Dalhart Lady Wolves Friday night at Dalhart. With that run, the Bobbies moved from a 39-43 deficit to a 56-44 lead, then coasted to a 64-53 victory.

It was the Bobbies' second district win against one loss.

Carol Summers got the Dimmitt rally started with back-to-back field goals late in the third quarter to bring the Bobbies into a 43-43 tie with the Lady Wolves.

Until then, the score had see-sawed back and forth the whole game.

Summers' two baskets-one from under and one from 10 feet outwere followed by a rebound and putup by Amber Matthews; a fast-break layup by Heather Wise; a pair of free throws by point guard Shawna Kenworthy as the game got rough; a fast-break basket by Tonya Robertson after a steal by Summers and a feed from Kenworthy; a free throw by Kim Newland to start the fourth quarter; another rebound and put-up by Amber Matthews; and another fast-break driving layup by Summers after a steal and feed by Amber Matthews.

During that 17-point Dimmitt run, Dalhart's only point came on a free throw by Nicole Rysavy-the final point of the third quarter.

But after Summers put a cap on the rally that she had started, giving the Bobbies a 12-point cushion at 56-44, the Lady Wolves staged a run of five, 58-53.

but it wasn't until Amber Matthews went on a five-point tear midway in the period that the Bobbies were able to even it up at 20-20, the first tie since 4-4.

Kenworthy notched Dimmitt's first trey to put the Bobbies ahead 23-21 with 3:00 left in the second. From then on it was nip-and-tuck until the Bobbies started their big run late in the third.

Amber Matthews scored 16 points and Kenworthy 13 while six other Bobbies contributed 5 to 7 points apiece in the win.

In the boys' game, the Bobcats staged another district blowout as they coasted to a 56-40 win over the Golden Wolves.

One of the oddities of the game was that only three of Dimmitt's first-quarter field goals were not three-pointers.

Casey Smith and Derek Buckley opened the game with a long-range display such as had not been seen so far this year.

Dimmitt's first two baskets were treys by Smith. Then Buckley signed in with a 24-footer, then Smith rang up another from 22 ft .-- his third trey in four tries-to put the stunned Wolves in a 12-4 hole.

Then, when the Wolves thought it couldn't get any worse, it got worse. Charley Sanders connected on a jumper, Smith stole the ball and

scored on a driving layup, and their own that cut Dimmitt's lead to Buckley finished out the quarter with another trey and a lay-in after a steal Sparking the Dalhart run was se- and feed by Stuart Sutton to make it

Have you ever noticed that sometimes Mules just won't whoa when

They surely wouldn't whoa Tuesday night in Kenneth Cleveland Gym when the Bobbies and Bobcats

The Bobbies pretty well had the Lady Mules corraled at halftime with

a 33-14 lead. But the Lady Mules stampeded in the second half and the Bobbies were lucky to escape with a 52-49 win.

And in the boys' game, the visiting Mules pushed the Bobcats to the limit before the Cats were finally able to eke out a 60-58 win with a late-game rally.

"We played great in the first half, but then we lost our intensity in the second half," Bobbies Coach Jan Newland said. "Our passes in the first half were sharp and crisp; we did what we needed to do; we were more intense on offense than we've been.

"But I guess we let up in the sec-(Continued on Page 11)

nior guard Danna Smallwood with a 21-6 at the first-quarter buzzer. pair of fast-break layups and a free throw

went into their slowdown game, the pair of free throws by Buckley, an-Lady Wolves fouled to get the ball, and Kenworthy and Newland collected the last six points on free the tally to 32-13 by halftime. throws to give Dimmitt an 11-point victory margin.

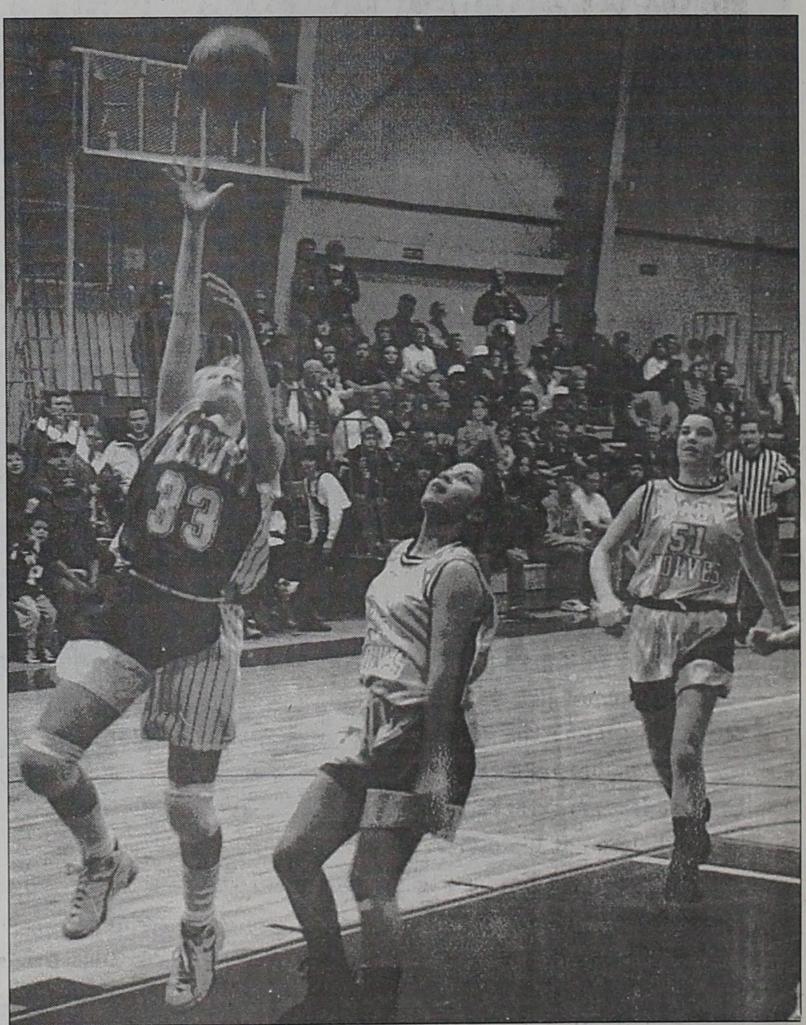
the game early, scoring Dimmitt's fore Dalhart scored the final five first five points as Dalhart built a 12lead. Newland and Wise 5 sandwiched jumpers around a basket were Smith with 20, Buckley with 17 by Dalhart's Rysavi to pull the Bobbies within 9-14 at the end the first quarter.

Kenworthy and Jacy Buckley (all treys).

After three scoreless minutes to open the second quarter, the Bobcats But in the final 1:30, the Bobbies stretched their lead even farther. A other trey by Smith and baskets by Sanders, Buckley and Sutton hiked

The Golden Wolves closed to within 10 early in the fourth but the Heidi Weaver kept the Bobbies in Bobcats stretched it back to 21 bepoints.

> Pacing Dimmitt's scoring parade and Sanders with 11. For Dalhart, Cody Roye scored 12 (all in the first three quarters) and Chad Hodo had 9



Meet Dr. Donald McGrorey

We invite you to meet Donald P. McGrorey, M.D., who is new to the staff of the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Plains Memorial Hospital.

Dr. McGrorey, 35, is primarily a family physician, concentrating on family medicine and obstetrics/gynecology. He also has had training and experience in emergency medicine, surgery, pediatrics, infectious diseases, orthopedic surgery, gastro-intestinal medicine, neurology, psychiatry and other medical disciplines.

Dr. McGrorey joins Drs. Gary R. Hardee, Leon Joplin, Bill D. Murphy and Dhiraj Patel on the staff of the clinic and hospital.

A native of Canada, he grew up at Guelph, Ontario, and attended McMaster University in Hamilton, earning a BS degree in chemistry in 1985. He attended medical school at St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies, studying basic medical sciences in the university setting and serving

"clerkships" at medical centers in the US, Canada and England, with most of his internships at Paterson, N.J.

At his graduation at the United Nations, N.Y., he was presented the John Arani Award for having the highest score on the National Boards final exam.

He served his residency at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center/University of Buffalo, the final 14 months as chief resident of family Practice.

It was at Niagara Falls that he met his wife, Michelle, who is a Registered Nurse (BSN). They have three children. For the last two years, Dr. McGrorey has served at the Nye Regional Medical Center at Tonopah, Nev., most recently as medical director and acting chief of staff.

We invite you to meet Dr. McGrorey at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, where his office hours are 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays.

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HEATHER WISE (33) scores a fast-break layup to put the Bobbies ahead of the Dalhart Lady Wolves by 47-43 in the third quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game at Dalhart. This basket was part of a 17-1 run that saw the Bobbies take control of the game, coming from a 39-43 deficit to a 56-44 lead. The Bobbies went on to win it, 64-53, with Wise Photo by Carter Townsend contributing five points.

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TABC Top 20 Rankings

Here are the latest Top 20 rankings for Class A, AA and AAA as released by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

CLASS A GIRLS

1. Farwell (16-3), 2. Spur (15-2), 3. Karnack (15-1), 4. La Poyner (15-4), 5. Ponder (12-2), 6. Brookesmith (14-6), Moulton (16-5), 8. Klondike (17-2), 9. Zephyr (14-6), 10. Cross Plains (17-1), 11. Springlake-Earth (16-3), 12. Garden City (15-2), 13. Nazareth (13-6), 14. Brock (15-4), 15. Whiteface (13-6), 16. Borden County (14-4), 17. Saltillo (16-1), 18. Windthorst (11-2), 19. Era (15-2), 20. Port Aransas (13-4).

CLASS AA GIRLS

1. Ozona (19-1), 2. Shallowater (16-5), 3. Hamilton (11-5), 4. Hughes Springs (15-0), 5. East Chambers (14-3), 6. Van Alstyne (13-1), 7. Spearman (13-2), 8. Panhandle (15-5), 9. Hawkins (16-3), 10. Alto (16-1), 11. Gunter (13-3), 12. Poth (12-5), 13. Lovelady (14-4), 14. Honey Grove (15-2), 15. New Waverly (13-2), 16. Cooper (13-4), 17. Karnes City (13-4), 18. Godley (14-2), 19. Celina (15-2), 20. Crawford (15-3).

(14-0), 19. Karnack (12-8), 20. Slidell (11-

CLASS AAA GIRLS

1. Dripping Springs (17-2), 2. Barbers Hill (17-4), 3. Lufkin Hudson (18-3), 4. Winnsboro (18-3), 5. Decatur (15-4), 6. Crockett (15-3), 7. Henrietta (16-1), 8. Comanche (14-4), 9. Bowie (15-5), 10. La Vernia (13-1), 11. Dimmitt (8-8), 12. Atlanta (13-2), 13. Hempstead (12-2), 14. Amarillo River Road (10-5), 15. Hillsboro (16-2), 16. Buna (13-3), 17. Aransas Pass (14-3), 18. Cuero (14-2), 19. Luling (15-1), 20. Princeton (13-3).

CLASS A BOYS

1. Detroit (17-1), 2. Paducah (11-3), 3. Brock (15-4), 4. Lipan (13-2), 5. Brookeland (17-1), 6. Moulton (19-1), 7. Laneville (12-4), 8. Aspermont (14-1), 9. Goodrich (15-3), 10. Avinger (12-5), 11. Itasca (10-4), 12. Lorenzo (14-3), 13. Port Aransas (12-6), 14. La Poyner (12-6), 15. Avalon (12-5), 16. Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill (13-4), 17. Ponder (12-8), 18. Sabinal

CLASS AA BOYS

1. Krum (18-1), 2. Little River Academy (17-1), 3. Peaster (12-4), 4. Hughes Springs (13-4), 5. Leonard (12-5), 6. Howe (14-3), 7. Godley (13-2), 8. Frankston (15-3), 9. Beckville (15-4), 10. Eula (15-2), 11. Stanton (4-0), 12. Rivercrest (12-7), 13. Keene (11-3), 14. Buffalo (13-3), 15. East Bernard (10-5), 16. Italy (14-2), 17. Deweyville (14-6), 18. Franklin (12-7), 19. Comfort (11-5), 20. Hubbard (10-8).

CLASS AAA BOYS

1. Tulia (18-0), 2. Clarksville (14-3), 3. Gainesville (11-5), 4. Kennedale (17-1), 5. Dimmitt (11-5), 6. Clyde (17-2), 7. Queen City (16-3), 8. La Vernia (13-1), 9. Childress (13-2), 10. Marlin (17-5), 11. Muleshoe (14-4), 12. Cameron Yoe (15-3), 13. Seminole (8-4), 14. Dallas Madison (7-10), 15. Commerce (11-4), 16. Rusk (15-1), 17. Kountze (12-5), 18. Crockett (14-3), 19. Teague (13-4), 20. Lake Worth (13-4).



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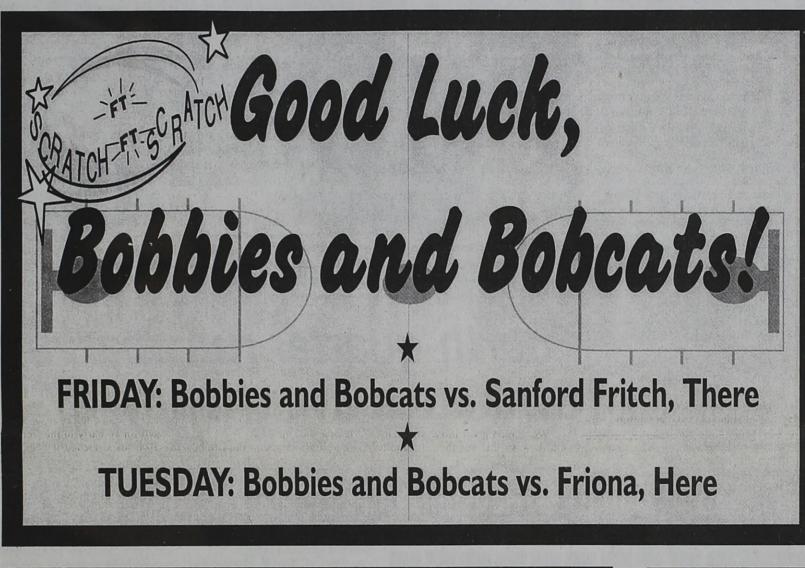
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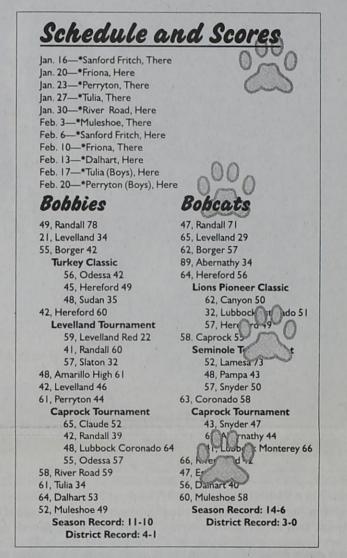
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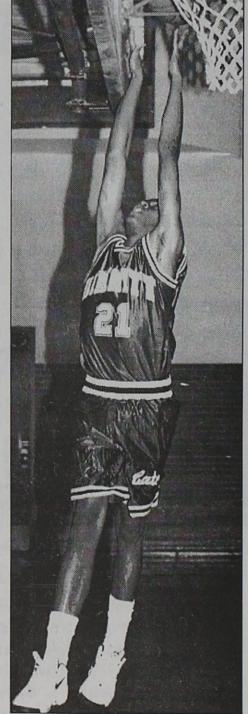


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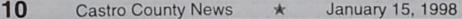
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Cowboy sharpshooters sink Swifts Friday, 74-61

It's been awhile since the Happy Cowboys have been able to keep pace with the Nazareth Swifts on the basketball court.

Friday night the Cowboys not only played with the Swifts, they pulled out a victory to open District 3-A play.

Happy used a solid offensive attack paced by John Mark Moudy and Patrick McCuaig to down the Swifts, 74-61, Friday in Nazareth.

Moudy nailed three three-pointers in a pivotal fourth-quarter run that boosted the Cowboys to victory.

Happy hit 55.8% of its field goals Friday (24-of-43) and made 73% of its free throws (19-of-26). The Swifts hit 22-of-58 shots from the

field and 12-of-18 from the line. The Swifts were within a point of Happy with 1:35 left in the third quarter, but over the final 9:35 of the game, Happy outscored Nazareth 28-16.

Moudy sparked the Happy run by nailing two threes in the first minute of the fourth stanza and that gave shot in the fourth. Happy a 55-47 lead.

Nazareth got baskets from Shane

Ethridge and Barry Hoelting after each Moudy trey to keep it a sixpoint game.

The Cowboys called time out with 6:33 left in the game and after the break McCuaig nailed a shot, then Moudy drained another three-pointer and Happy was up 60-49.

The Swifts cut it to six one more time on a basket by Hoelting and a three by Billy Don Cannon, but Happy continued to hit shot after

The Cowboys hit 7-of-9 shots from the field in the fourth quarter, including three treys, and they hit eight of 10 free throws.

The Swifts, meanwhile, managed just 7-of-20 shooting in the fourth and only stepped to the line three times, counting just one of the attempts.

Nazareth scored the game's first six points on shots by Mitch Brockman, Ethridge and Hoelting.

Back-to-back buckets by McCuaig cut the Swift lead to two, then a free throw by Hip Saenz made it a onepoint affair with 4:16 left.

A three by Cannon made it 9-5, Nazareth, but that shot was the last the Swifts would get until Darren Huckert connectect in the last minute of the quarter.

McCarley hit one of his three three-pointers with 2:29 left in the period to put Happy on top for good. A pair of free throws by Cannon pulled the Swifts within three points, 16-13, at the end of the first.

Cannon cut it to a point to open the second, but McCarley picked up another three seconds later.

Most of the second quarter was a battle from the line.

Nazareth attempted 13 charity tosses in the stanza, making eight of those; while Happy hit 7-of-8.



IT'S MINE! Sara Schulte (20) of Nazareth battles a pair of Happy Cowgirls including Buffy Croy (35) for a rebound Friday during second-half action in Nazareth. Also fighting for position underneath is

Swiftette Tara Kleman (50). Nazareth pulled off a 37-30 win in a close defensive District 3-A battle at Nazareth. Photo by Dwayne Acker



OPEN FOR TWO-Nazareth's Barry Hoelting scores two of his 12 points Friday in a District 3-A game with Happy at Nazareth. The Swifts had problems handling the hot shooting Cowboys Friday, but trailed by just a point late in the third quarter. Happy had a big fourth quarter, however, and was able to pull off a 74-61 win. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Happy held onto its lead through the second period, and led by as many as 11 with 49 seconds left when McCarley sank his third and final trey of the game.

Ethridge got a three of his own 29 seconds later to make it 38-30, Happy, at halftime.

Happy continued to control the third quarter, but Nazareth went on a 7-0 run in the stanza, starting with a Hoelting hoop at the 2:51 mark. Then Kit Schulte nabbed an offensive rebound and scored, and Huckert picked up a three with 1:35 left to cut it to a point, 46-45.

Then Happy shooters got hot and put together the deciding fourthquarter run that gave them the win.

Good Luck,

Fourth-quarter run sparks Swiftettes over Happy, 37-30

with 4:32 left in the game started a 15-2 run that lifted the No. 13-ranked Nazareth Swiftettes to a come-frombehind 37-30 win over No. 21 Happy Friday in a District 3-A from the top of the key. That proopener in Nazareth.

Nazareth trailed the Cowgirls for

A three-pointer by Amy Pohlmeier most of the game Friday, but after Pohlmeier buried the three from the top of the key, teammate Cassie Birkenfeld got a steal and layup, then Shawna Gerber drained a three, again Swiftettes on the board at the 5:57 pelled the Swiftettes from a fourpoint deficit to a four-point lead in a on a trey by Birkenfeld with 2:08 matter of seconds Friday.

A pair of Karen Moudy free a three-point game with 1:35 left. throws pulled Happy within two with 3:37 left, but then Nazareth's stanza, Sara Schulte spotted an open K'Lynn Gerber, who had been struggling from the field, scored five straight points to put the Swiftettes a basket and at the end of the quarter up by seven. Another hoop by Birkenfeld put the game out of reach with 1:23 left.

going into the final stanza, but when she found her mark, Happy could do nothing to stop her. She tallied seven Pohlmeier and Jayme Schmucker, in the pivotal fourth quarter to finish with 12. Birkenfeld and Pohlmeier one-point Cowgirl lead, 12-11. added seven apiece.

The win improved the Swiftettes' record to 16-5 overall and 1-0 in district play.

game for three and a half quarters sive put-back with 6:41 left. and led most of the way, thanks to the play of Moudy and Evan Lair.

the game, including two in the third ble. quarter, and she made eight of nine free throw attempts to lead the Cowout Cowgirl scoring with six.

Turnovers marred the first half, Happy coughing it up 11 times. The Cowgirls dominated the boards in the Happy led, 21-15. first half, too, nabbing 12 to the Swiftettes' six.

Swiftettes had evened the score in to 21-18. the board battle, although Happy still held an edge, 20-18. The Cowgirls point game with 6:07 left in the also led in turnovers, however, 17- game, then Pohlmeier tied it at 21 13 15.

Neither team had an impressive residence at the free throw line. shooting percentage. Nazareth made just 14-of-35 attempts from the field at 6-of-10 shots at the line. The Cowgirls were 7-of-25 from the field and and Nazareth's comeback was under-12-of-18 from the charity stripe.

Happy scored the game's first five points on a pair of free throws by Croy and a three by Moudy.

Shawna Gerber finally put the mark.

Nazareth cut Happy's lead to two left, but a free throw by Lair made it

As time winded down in the K'Lynn Gerber under the bucket and fed her the ball. Gerber turned it into Happy held a slim 8-7 advantage.

Both teams managed just four points in the second quarter. Happy's K'Lynn Gerber had just five points came on a pair of free throws by Lair and a jumper by Moudy while the Swiftettes got baskets from and the halftime score reflected a

The defensive battle continued in the third quarter.

After Lair put Happy up by two on a free throw to open second-half scoring, K'Lynn Gerber knotted the Happy controlled the tempo of the game at 13, scoring off of an offen-

Tara Kleman gave Nazareth its first lead of the game with 5:50 left Lair nailed three three-pointers in when she nailed a shot off the drib-

Lair put the Cowgirls back on top girls with 17 points. Moudy had with a trey at the 4:31 mark, starting seven points and Buffy Croy rounded an 8-0 Cowgirl run that spanned more than three minutes in the stanza. Included in the run was a with Nazareth committing nine and jumper by Croy and a second trey by Lair and with 1:02 left in the quarter

K'Lynn Gerber hit one of two free throws, then Kleman swished a shot But by the end of the game, the at the buzzer to trim the Happy lead

K'Lynn Gerber made it a oneseconds later before Lair established

She made four straight free throws to give the Cowgirls a 25-21 edge. But then came Pohlmeier's three way.

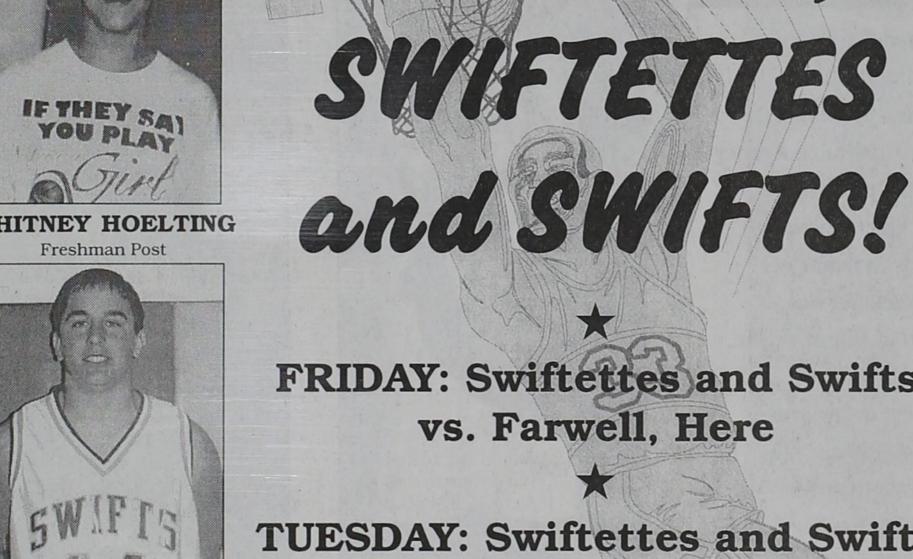
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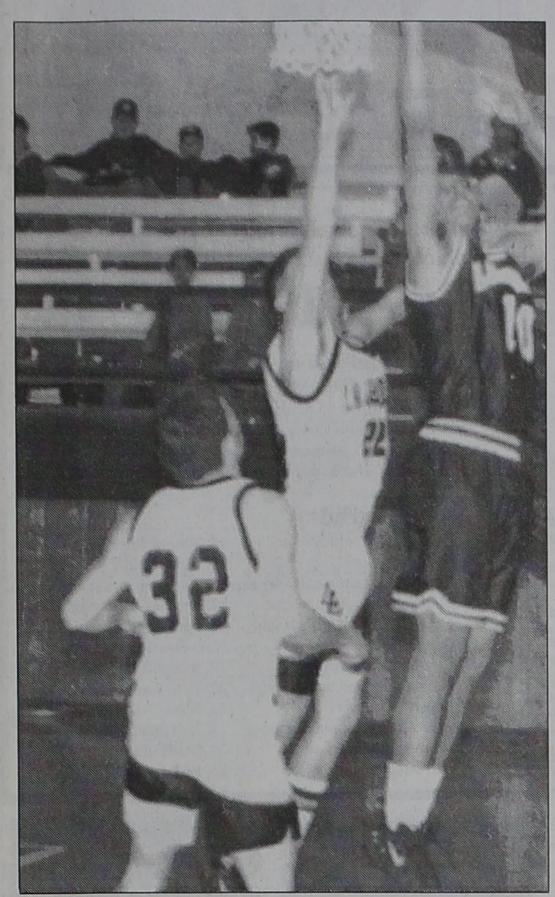
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HART'S MICHAEL PANTOJA (10) works inside against a couple of Lazbuddie defenders Friday in a non-conference tilt. Lazbuddie dominated the game, cruising to an 83-58 victory. Hart opened district play Tuesday night, but suffered a loss to Lockney in a close battle. Photo by David Knox

More about **Purples survive Mule stampedes**

Lockney takes pair from Hart in 3-AA showdown

Lockney had just a little too much Horns trailed by 10, 36-26. for the Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns Tuesday night, sweeping a District 3-A doubleheader at home.

In the boys' game, Lockney erased a 41-39 Hart lead at the end of the third quarter and pulled out a close ble, pouring in 19 points to lead the 58-54 victory.

The Lady Horns struggled in the second half against Lockney and that allowed the host team to come away with a 54-41 win.

The Hart boys dropped to 7-12 overall and 0-1 in district play while the girls fell to 12-9, 0-1.

The girls' game was a tight one in the first half. After an 8-8 stalemate in the first quarter, Lockney pulled ahead of the Lady Horns in the second period and led 18-12 at the break.

Lockney continued to roll in the second half, putting together big 18point quarters in the third and fourth to finish with 54.

Meanwhile, Hart shooters kept it close through the third quarter, but couldn't quite catch up with the Lockney girls.

Nazareth sweeps Vega

three-point first-quarter deficit into a after that they had no problems. four-point halftime lead, then held on through the second half to take a 43-38 win at Vega Tuesday while the Swifts bounced the Vega boys, 72-49.

The Swiftettes improved to 2-0 in district play and the Swifts evened up their district record at 1-1.

The Swifts had a few problems

Then Hart managed just 15 points in the final quarter, allowing

victory Charbra Lee was almost unstoppa-Lady Horns. Angelica Peralez, Selina Carrasco, Nikki Lee and Lisa Rincon all chipped in four points.

The Hart boys controlled their game from the opening tip through the end of the third quarter, but then Lockney took over and held on just long enough for the close 58-54 win. Hart enjoyed a big first-quarter and held a 15-12 lead at the end of the stanza.

Both teams managed to add 11 points to their total by halftime, leaving Hart with a three-point advantage.

Lockney started closing that slim gap in the third, outscoring Hart 16-15, then turned up the heat in the fourth, winning that eight-minute battle 19-13 for the win.

Michael Pantoja led Hart with 14 After three quarters, the Lady points while Moses Reyna added 12.

The Nazareth Swiftettes turned a with Vega in the first quarter, but

Trailing 15-14 after the first eight minutes, Nazareth turned up the heat

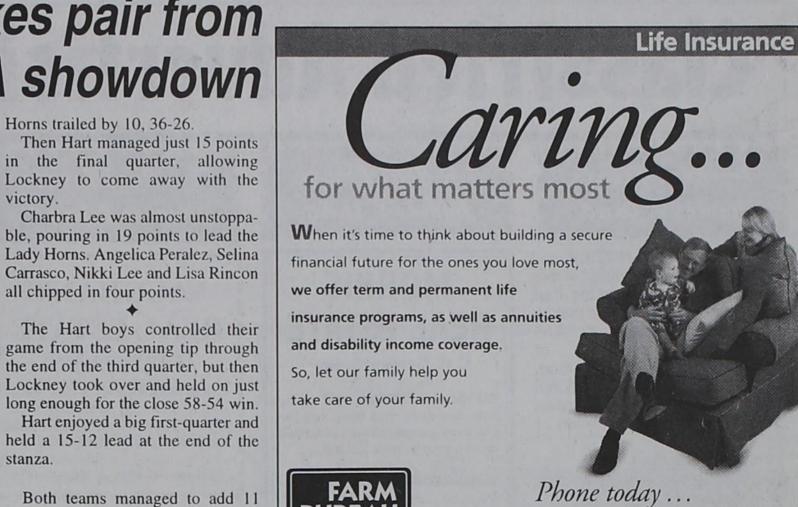
in the second, outscoring the Longhorns 24-13 to lead 38-28 at half.

The Swifts maintained that 10point advantage through the third quarter, then capped the game with a 25-point fourth quarter.

Nazareth's Shane Ethridge finished with a game-high 28 points while Barry Hoelting tossed in 13.

K'Lynn Gerber poured in 19 points to lead the Swiftettes over Vega, 43-38.

Nazareth struggled in the second



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ond half because we had such a big lead. They came out with a lot of intensity and a lot of heart in the second half, and just about took the game away from us."

After being outscored 18-5 the first quarter and 15-9 the second, the Lady Mules won the third period 11-7, then closed with a 24-12 fourth quarter, but weren't quite able to erase the lead that the Bobbies had already built up.

Carol Summers and Kim Newland fouled out, while Shawna Kenworthy

and Jacy Buckley were carrying four 42-41 going into the final frame. fouls apiece at game's end. Kenworth and Buckley paced Dimmitt's scoring with 12 apiece, while Amber Matthews netted 11. After it was over, Coach Newland commented, "A win is a win, and in the district we're in, we'll take any

In the boys' game, the visiting Mules held leads of 12-11 after the first quarter, 28-24 at halftime and

win we get, no matter how ugly or

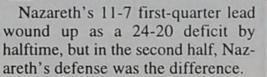
how pretty it is."

The Mules built their lead to six points late in the game before the Bobcats fought back and eked out a two-point win.

It took a 24-point effort by Charley Sanders and some timely late-game scoring by Jerry Thomas (13 points), Derek Buckley (10) and Casey Smith (10) for the Bobcats to survive the Mule attack.

It was the Mules' first district loss after two wins. The Bobcats are now 3-0 in district play.

quarter Tuesday, allowing Vega to outscore them 17-9 and overtake the lead.



The Swiftettes limited Vega to seven points in each of the next two quarters. Nazareth outscored Vega 23-14 over the second 16 minutes to claim the victory.



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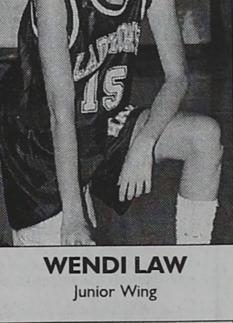
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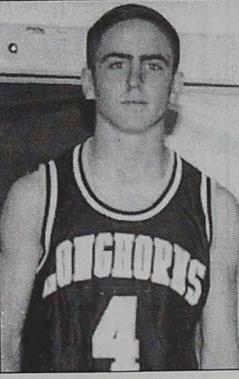
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Joyce Thomas (I)

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For Justice of the Peace: Garner Ball Paul Durbin Gloria G. Hernandez Leon B. Sandoval, Jr. Avery Thrasher Tana Young

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY For Precinct 2 Commissioner: Clyde Harold Damron

For Precinct 4 Commissioner: Dan Schmucker (I)

For County Judge: Wayne Collins

For County Treasurer: Carolyn Watts

Political advertisement paid by candidates. 25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 12th day of January, 1998, and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer,

County Farm Bureau experiences growth in '97

for Texas Farm Bureau, according to dents. Bob Stallman, president of the group. "In many ways, it rivals our best years in terms of organizational

success," said Stallman. "Because of the successes of 1997, we continue to face the future with optimism, even Cogburn. "There is also a program enthusiasm."

Castro County Farm Bureau President Chris Cogburn said that Texas Farm Bureau gained 3,963 members last year for a total of 311,523 member families. In Castro County there was a growth of 20 families for a total of 587 member families.

"We had a very good year and we are looking forward to this coming year with great expectations of things to come," said Cogburn.

New programs will be implemented in Castro County in the Program and will be more involved coming year, in addition to the citi- in agricultural programs in Castro zenship seminar held in June for high school students. Last year the county come better farmers," Cogburn

1997 was a year of mixed results Farm Bureau sponsored four stu- added.

"We hope to have the speech contest sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau for scholarships for high school students, and a queen's contest, also for scholarships," said offered by Hardin-Simmons University, sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau, for grade-school teachers interested in agriculture. They can get college credit for attending classes.

"We have "Ag in the Classroom" in Hart and hope to have it in Dimmitt soon. This program is for grade-school-age children and helps them see where their finished products begin. We will be participating in the Young Farmer and Rancher County, helping our members be-

Texas Farm Bureau achieved many of its goals during 1997.

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"For the most part, the 1997 session of the Texas Legislature was positive for Texas Farm Bureau. We were, however, stopped short of our major legislative goal of 1997. That was to achieve major property tax reform. An 11th hour compromise in the form of a billion dollar property tax cut was certainly significant, but we wanted a lot more," Stallman said.

The Farm Bureau strategy is to

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define problems and propose solutions. It has changed the system many times by working within it. Farm Bureau believes in the system and in the wisdom and common sense of the families that live on and work with the land.

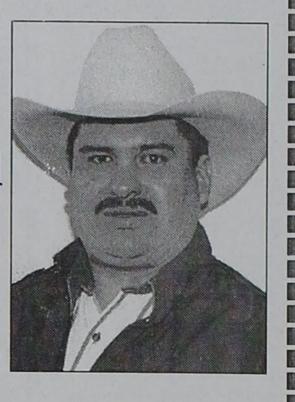
"Fresh from our state convention, we face a new year with our policies in place and our goals firmly set," said Stallman. "Once again, we will work toward our common goals with faith that our organization can and will improve Texas agriculture for the better," said Stallman.

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An 18-year-old Dimmitt man was Frazier was ticketed for failure to jailed for assault/family violence Jan.

Police Calls

Another Dimmitt man, 24, was jailed Sunday night on a Potter County warrant on charges of assault.

A Clovis, N.M. man, 38, was jailed on four DPS warrants early Friday.

Three traffic warrants were listed against a Lubbock man, 32, who was jailed Jan. 7.

Jerry Torres of Dimmitt told deputies Saturday evening that someone broke windows out of two trucks north of SH 86 on FM 2567. The vandalism/criminal mischief resulted in estimated damages of over \$2,500. Jessie Vasquez of the 100 block of Northwest 10th in Dimmitt told police Monday evening that someone used a B-B gun to chip the paint on his 1988 Chevrolet van. He estimated the damage at \$200.

comply with requirements on striking an unattended vehicle.

On Jan. 7 at 4:57 p.m., a 1969 Rambler driven by Caroline Ann Friemel, 18, of Muleshoe, was northbound in the 500 block of Southwest Third and disregarded a stop sign at the intersection with Lee Street. The Rambler struck a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Bobby Lee Kay, 67, of Dimmitt. Both drivers were reported to have possible injuries. The Rambler had light damage, while the pickup had moderate damage. Friemel was ticketed for disregarding a stop sign.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, is now accepting closed bids for the use (farming) of the city farm located in Sections 18 and 19, Block M, Castro County, Texas, and the utilization of excess water produced by the city's liquid waste disposal system. The contractual agreement begins on Jan. 1, 1999. Bid forms are available at the offices of City Hall, 201 East Jones Street, Dimmitt, Texas.

Minimum bid restrictions shall apply to this contract. The City Council will open bids at its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 19, 1998, at approximately 6:30 p.m. The City Council, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 25-40-2tc

as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$1,371,694.19.

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IRENE MILLER, County Judge NEWLON ROWLAND, Commissioner, Pct. 1 LARRY GONZALES, Commissioner, Pct. 2 BAY BALDRIDGE, Commissioner, Pct. 3 DAN SCHMUCKER, Commissioner, Pct. 4 25-41-1tc

Hart rural route mail carrier J.C. Miller told deputies Friday that five mail boxes on his route were damaged, with only one of the boxes located in Castro County. The mail box and post belonging to Shirley Nelson of Rt. 1, Hart, were missing, possibly due to damage.

On Jan. 5 at 10:10 p.m., Jeanne Garrett Frazier was driving a 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass south in the 700 block of Southwest Sixth in Dimmitt, when her vehicle struck a parked, unattended 1981 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Ronda Powers. Police said Frazier continued on to her home, a block and a half away from the accident. Evidence at the scene led officers to Frazier's vehicle Jan. 6. Damage to both vehicles was rated heavy. No injuries were reported.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Code that an Unincorporated Association of Persons has applied for a Private **Club Registration Permit doing** business as The Candlelight Club, located at 320 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas 79027-1826. The officers are as follows: Juanita Perez Ramirez, President; Fabiana Mendoza, Secretary-Treasurer. 25-41-2tc

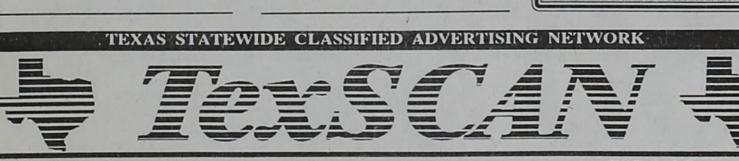
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Castro County News

January 15, 1998

Obituaries

Grace Melchor

Funeral services for Grace Elaine Melchor, 28, of Hereford, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Sunday in Rix Funeral Directors Chapel in Hereford with Andres DelToro officiating.

Graveside services were held Monday morning in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt, with Delfina Sanchez officiating.

Mrs. Melchor died Jan. 9 in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born Nov. 28, 1969, in Dimmitt, and attended Dimmitt schools. She married Bonifacio Melchor on Nov. 29, 1988, in Hereford. She was a member of Templo Hermoso Church in Hereford, and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Annyssa Monique Melchor and Samantha Nicole Melchor, both of Hereford; a son, Esiquiel Joseph of Hereford; her parents, Jose and Maria Gomez of Amarillo; three sisters, Christina Gomez, Clarrissa Gomez and Margala Gomez, all of Amarillo and her grandparents, Antonio and Naomi Sanchez of Del Rio and Bonifacio Gomez of Mexico.

The family suggests memorials to the Grace Melchor Special Account in care of Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, 330 Schley, Hereford, 79045.

Janie Walker

Funeral services for Janie Walker, 55, of Amarillo, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Walker died Jan. 9 at 8:38 p.m. in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 23, 1942, in Dimmitt, and had lived in Leedey,





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Chamber plans 50th anniversary celebration Jan. 31

When We Came to Dimmitt: Fifty Golden Years is the theme for this year's Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held Jan. 31 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The Chamber is celebrating its 50th year of existence this year and the banquet will focus around that.

Local businesses are invited to decorate a table, using the banquet theme and their imaginations, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Awards will be presented for the "Most Original Idea," "Most Pleasing Effect," and "Best Theme Interpretation," among the table decorations.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Jim Bob Solsbery, county executive director for the Regan-Upton Counties Farm Service Agency in Big Lake. He will share master of ceremony duties with Dimmitt's Cheryle Pybus.

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Okla., before moving to Amarillo in 1987. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ettie McDermitt in 1990, and Lester McDermitt in 1992.

Mrs. Walker is survived by a son, Toby Walker of Birmingham, Alabama; a daughter, Erin Mietus of Amarillo; a brother, Kenneth McDermitt of Mancos, Colo.; three sisters, Betty Lassiter of Carrollton, Doris Saul of Waco, and Audrey Shottenkirk of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jim Bob Ellis, Chad Ellis, Blake Ellis, Glen Welch Jr., Tracy Saul, Tony Fisher, and Jay Lassiter.

The family suggests memorials to the Ettie McDermitt Scholarship Fund, 727 Pine Street, Dimmitt 79027

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