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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR JIM WRIGHT**  
... is presented with a plaque by Rusty Dickerson (right).



**CITIZEN THROUGH THE YEARS CAROLE DYER (RIGHT)**  
... presented by Geneva Schaeffer (left).



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR KATHY LUST (LEFT)**  
... announced by Sara Hill (right).

## Wright, Dyer, Lust, and Cerestar honored

Jim Wright was named Citizen of the Year, Carole Dyer was honored as Citizen Through the Years, Kathy Lust was selected as Teacher of the Year, and Cerestar was named Chamber Member of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Dimmitt Saturday night.

A crowd of over 300 came out to the Expo building to hear speaker Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler and enjoy a steak dinner prepared by the Methodist Men.

Awards also were given for table decorations. First United Bank won the award for Most Original, Mr. Burger took Best Theme Interpretation, and Clip & Curl was Judges' Choice.

The winner of the Southwest Airlines tickets was Tisha Gerber. Afghans were won by Geneva Schaeffer and Wayne Proffitt. A jacket donated by Insurance Solutions was won by Vincent Gerber.

Chamber Board members were recognized and plaques were given to outgoing board members Ray Bain and Cheryle Pybus.

Pybus also acted as emcee for the evening. She appeared in costume as Baby New Year 2000.

First United Methodist Church Pastor Rusty Dickerson presented the award for Citizen of the Year to Wright, a farmer.

He said that Wright has been involved in many organizations and has always lent his time and support to 4-H and FFA kids in their animal

projects and to technology education students with their projects, including helping them transport their projects to area and state competitions.

"Many times I would hear that Jim was helping with one project and then I would drive past the school and see his vehicle there, and I would wonder how he could be in two places at once," Dickerson said.

Dickerson told how Wright helped organize the Aaron Wilcox Lamb Show to raise scholarship money, with \$1,500 brought in this year alone.

He is a member of the Methodist Men and helps with their projects, including cooking the steaks for the annual Chamber banquet.

Dickerson also told that Wright has played Santa Claus, not only for functions in Dimmitt, but at hospitals and hospice units in Amarillo. He brought special delight to deaf children by providing them with a Santa who not only could understand them, but could talk back to them in sign language.

Wright and his wife, Danice, have two children, Cliff and Jinna.

Dyer was introduced by her long-time friend Geneva Schaeffer, who said that Dyer's life has spanned from a career in education to a time of devotion to her family, church and community.

Dyer has served on the Chamber Board of Directors, served as a member of the City Council, and has

served as County Democratic Chairman.

She has taught Sunday School and sings in the choir at First United Methodist Church. She was a public school teacher for 17 years, and has worked at Plains Memorial Hospital as the dietician, but is now retired.

Dyer was a member of the Dimmitt Garden Club and the Dimmitt Book Club.

In her presentation speech, Schaeffer said of Dyer, "She encompasses a true pioneer spirit, she reveres her heritage and tries to live each day in such a way that her light shines as an example to those around her."

Dyer has five children and all of her four daughters have followed her example in entering the teaching profession. Her children are Dick Dyer, Ruth Bennett, Diane Sanders, Cindy Ford and Lori Wilhite.

Lust was introduced by Sara Hill. She teaches eighth grade earth science at Dimmitt Middle School.

"Kathy does not limit her instruction to the four walls of her classroom," Hill said. "She is a well-prepared teacher who does not have to teach only from the text. She has broad knowledge and skills she uses to enhance her classroom instruction."

She plans field trips and education projects in which students actu-

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**  
... Johnny Hill (left) presents plaque to Cerestar, represented by David Bone, plant manager.

## 12 are indicted

The 64th District Court Grand Jury met last Thursday and issued 13 indictments against 12 people.

Erica Leigh Evans, 21, of Nazareth, was indicted on two separate charges of burglary of a habitation. Her bond was set at \$50,000 on each charge. She is accused of entering

the habitation of Johnny Brent Lilley of Nazareth on two occasions without his consent and committing theft of property.

One charge states that on Dec. 23 she took two handguns. The other charge said that on Dec. 20 she took a bank bag and various documents, including vehicle titles, passports and social security cards.

Also indicted in connection with the Dec. 23 theft of the handguns was Earnesten Tina Jordan, 46, of Nazareth. She was charged with burglary of a habitation and her bond was set at \$50,000.

Mario Alberto Corral, 35, of Dimmitt, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family member. The charge stated that on Jan. 7 he struck Veronica Corral on the head with a walking crutch, a deadly weapon. His bond was set at \$20,000.

A \$20,000 bond was set for Manuel Munoz, 37, of Hart, after he was indicted for unauthorized absence from correctional center. The charge stated that he failed to report to the Castro County Jail as he had been ordered by the 242nd Judicial Court on Nov. 16 after he had been sentenced as a condition of correctional programming.

Robert Lopez Jr., 20, of Dimmitt was indicted for burglary of a building, and bond was set at \$10,000. The charge stated that on Oct. 12, he entered a building owned by Pedro Fuentes and took liquor and tobacco products without the consent of the owner.

A bond of \$5,000 was set for Billy Joe Farris, 54, of Hart, who was indicted for DWI, third or more offense. The charge stated that he was arrested for DWI on Dec. 12, after having prior convictions in January 1999 and May of 1988.

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

I'm trying to grow old without becoming a boring old geezer.

We've all known a few older people—perhaps a very few—who are just fun to be around, whose conversation stays young, who have the unique ability to connect with people of all ages.

Goose Ramey comes to mind. And my Dad.

That's the kind of old guy I want to be someday. Not yet, mind you, but someday.

I seem to be getting closer to that appointed day.

I can sense it because sometimes it isn't easy to keep my mind in the present. I look at something that is, and can see what was.

Just being in a certain place, or seeing a certain house or building around town, can sometimes set me off remembering The Old Days.

Not the Good Old Days. Just the Old Days. (There are no days better than Nowadays.)

Rick Wilcox opened his PDQ Oil Change & Car Wash this week at the corner of West Bedford and Northwest Third.

That's where Castro Oil & Gas used to be, with automatic pumps.

And before that, Floy Driver's Mobil Station, with full service.

And many years before that, Choc Lay's Conoco Station, with full service plus kerosene for cookstoves and block ice for your icebox.

Choc's station—originally a Mag-

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**FATAL CRASH**—Emergency personnel examine the crash scene of this 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe that had been driven by Joy Flowers Buckner, 58, of Amarillo.

Buckner had not been wearing her seat belt and was ejected when the vehicle rolled once. She later died of her injuries.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Crash kills Amarillo woman

Joy Flowers Buckner, 58, of Amarillo, died as the result of a crash Thursday afternoon in Castro County.

DPS reports stated that the woman had been driving a 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe north on US 385 about 2.1 miles north of Dimmitt at about 12:55 p.m.

It was reported that the woman lost control of the vehicle, which skidded out of control into the southbound lane, then back into the northbound lane, through the right shoulder

of the road and into the east bar ditch.

The vehicle struck the east ridge of the bar ditch and became airborne. It continued traveling east and landed in a field, rolling once.

Buckner was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. The report stated that the vehicle rolled over her.

She was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, and transferred to a Lubbock hospital.

Officers at the scene of the crash conducted a search of the area, be-

cause it was first believed that someone had been in the vehicle with her. However, she was able to tell officers that she had been traveling alone.

Damage to the vehicle was rated heavy.

Funeral services for Buckner were held Sunday afternoon in Dalhart, where she had lived before moving to Amarillo in 1997.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, her father, a brother and two grandchildren.

## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	76	20	
Friday	52	20	
Saturday	71	29	
Sunday	71	20	
Monday	59	20	
Tuesday	57	27	
Wednesday	39	26	

January Moisture ..... 0.00  
2000 Moisture ..... 0.00

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

## Grandparents, It's time to brag!

It's time for grandparents to pull out those cute pictures of their grandchildren and show them off on the News' Valentine Brag Page, which will be printed on Feb. 10.

Just bring us a photo of your grandchild to our office at 108 W. Bedford in Dimmitt and we will place it in a special display frame with your grandchild's name and yours for a \$10 fee. Pictures must be received by Feb. 4 to be included on the Brag Page.

For more information, call the News office at 647-3123.



# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Karen Carter has a birthday and that gives her family and friends a reason to party. Kennen and Jennifer and Paige Howell had a surprise birthday party for Karen.

After the food and chatter, Paige and Kennen went to the farm and left the "all hens" to their party.

They played Bunco. Those playing were Cindy Adams of Amarillo, Cathy Shields, Linda Cheshier, Charla Cheshier, Sue Howell, Kay Kellar, Syd Lynn, Pam Norman, Linda Brown and Jeanette Jefferies.

The Republican Organization for Women (ROW) met for its January meeting to install the officers for the year 2000.

The Castro County ROW founder, Deanne Clark, who now resides in Lubbock, installed the following officers: Kaye Stevens, president; Avis Smith, vice president; Carolyn Jones, recording secretary; Gwen Bryant, corresponding secretary; and Frances Duke, treasurer.

Kaye reported that they had received a thank you note for their gifts to inmates at a nearby prison at Christmas time. They also received a certificate award for "Outstanding Achievement for Hours Volunteered" from the state Women's Republican Organization.

Others present at the meeting were Martha Dannevik, Betty Freeman, Karen Smith, Waurayne Hughes, Doris Flynt, Helene McFarland, Marie Sloan, Chunky Wilhelm, Emma Jean King, Robin Gonzales, Kathy Hill, Dorothy Hopson, Mary Jo Birdwell, Carolyn Sides, Marguerite Cole, Patsy Franks and Marguerite McLain.

Patsy Roger of Austin was recently a guest in the home of her sister, Carolyn Jones. They spent time with

Carolyn's son, Robert and his wife, Becky, in Friona.

Betty and Ed Freeman stopped by yesterday for a visit. They are such thoughtful people.

The Dimmitt Rotary Club hosted Father Salik of Hereford as its guest speaker last week. He is the priest at the Episcopal Churches in Hereford and Plainview.

Father Salik was born in Pakistan and has lived in the US for 17 years.

The Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met in the Senior Citizens Center with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting and Edith Graef serving as hostess. There were 14 members present and they discussed plans for the coming year.

As some of you know, Marilyn Neal fell and injured her knee. She has to be off of her knee for awhile. This time of the year is very busy for the 4-H Clubs, especially with the livestock shows just around the corner. If you can see your way to help, call the Extension Office.

Ed and Betty Freeman's nephew, Dr. Robert Wilson of Minneapolis, Minn., introduced the Freemans to e-mail recently. They have had a good time with it. Dr. Robert even had the opportunity to tell the Freemans about his new granddaughter and their new great-granddaughter, Aleksandra.

Mary Wilson, Dr. Robert Wilson's sister, visited in Dimmitt over Thanksgiving. Mary is from Yakima, Wash.

Carol Lantz hosted a bridge game on Thursday. There were enough

players present to have four tables. Guests were Doris Lust, Ben Hill, Peggy Broadstreet and Martha Dannevik. Susie Reeves won high score and Loranel Hamilton was second.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet was Saturday night.

Jim Wright was Citizen of the Year. Kathy Lust was Teacher of the Year and Carole Dyer was Citizen Through the Years. Chamber Member of the year was Cerestar. Tisha Gerber won two Southwest Airlines tickets and Geneva Schaeffer won two afghans which were given away. The Methodist Men did an excellent job of cooking the food again.

Jean Morris, Leigh Durbin, Jo Settle and Martha Jo Hyman had lunch Saturday afternoon at Lockhart Pharmacy. It is always a treat for the girls to have lunch at the Drugstore. It reminds them of when they were younger.

Lucille Dollar spent Christmas with her daughter, Brenda and Bill Allen and their family in Alaska.

On her way to Alaska, Lucille got to visit with her son, Monty Dollar, and his daughter, Jenny and her two children. He also drove her to a different airport, and with cooperation from her loving family, she had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Then she traveled to Bellingham, Wash., and visited with her daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Kevin Burk.

In Renton, Wash., she visited with a sister-in-law and her sons. She flew back to Phoenix, Ariz., and saw her grandson, Josh Dollar, who transferred her to a flight on Southwest Airlines.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were honored recently at Dimmitt Middle School. They are (front, from left) Cynthia Gomez, Robert Lopez, and Eric Odom; (middle, from left) Dana Sandoval, Micaela Salinas, Julia Falcon, and Brandy Smith; and (back, from left) Jesse Arguijo, Oneida Ortega, Darcey Fisher, Tyler Waggoner, and Jesse Lara. Not shown are Anna Brockman and Ashley Fleeks.

## Ogallala Quilt Festival set in Dimmitt April 6-8

Quilt entries are invited for the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 6-8.

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards also will be given.

"We want to encourage everyone to enter," said Ogallala Quilters

member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362, or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

The entry fee is \$5 per quilt and the deadline is March 18. Completed forms should be mailed to Ann Powell, Quilt Show Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 222, Canyon 79015, along with a picture of the quilt. The quilts must

be delivered to Davis at 1601 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 5 at 9 a.m.

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 4. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop of Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, The Needle Nook in Midland, The Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., or Susie Edwards, 1936 N. Zimmers in Pampa.

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A group from Nazareth attended the Amarillo Right to Live Prayer Service, Walk and Rally Saturday at Paramount Terrace Elementary School in Amarillo.

After a very impressive prayer service for life with four worship leaders, almost 200 people, many of them grade school and high school students carrying signs, a police escort led the group to the Bonham Middle School where the rally was held.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier and Linda Kendrick of Dallas drove to Corpus Christi to visit Harold Pohlmeier and his family. Harold has been a patient in a hospital for some time and they didn't find him doing very well.

From Corpus Christi, they drove to Onalaska, a suburb of Houston, to visit Chet and Carolyn (Stork) Weber. They were happy to find

them both doing very well and they enjoyed a great visit with them.

The American Legion Boys State Pool Tournament was very entertaining this weekend. The singles tournament was won by Cory Hoelting, Mike Gesling was second, Bob Schulte was third and Leroy Schulte was fourth.

The doubles tournament was won by Dan Gerber and Joe Hochstein, with Cory Hoelting and Greg Schulte taking second, and Julius Birkenfeld and Calvin Schulte finishing third.

Our sympathy to the family of Phyllis Podzemny of Amarillo. She was born and raised in Nazareth, one of the Clem Rickwartz family, of which there are still two brothers, Conrad of Las Vegas and Joe of Canyon; and a sister, Irene Kleman of Burnett.

A birthday party was enjoyed Saturday afternoon for Jaxton Hoelting at the home of his parents, Cory and Kimberly Hoelting in Tulia.

Congratulations to Cassie Birkenfeld, a senior at Nazareth High School, who recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Wayland Baptist University in Plainview next year. The Flying Queens' coach, Johnna Pointer, was here for the signing. Cassie's mom, Peggy, brought a cake to celebrate and share with Cassie's basketball team.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Gene Schacher, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman, Paul Venhaus, Dianne Huseman and Margaret Brockman.

## Carrasco makes president's list

Normalicia Carrasco of Hart has been named to the President's List at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester, while handling a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

A junior at Wayland, Carrasco is the daughter of Guadalupe and Juanita Velasquez of Hart.

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## Cline is named Student of Week

Michael Cline was named Student of the Week out of the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring at Dimmitt Middle School.

Cline is the son of Adam and Kara Cline. He said a person he admires is his dad, and when he grows up he wants to be a policeman.

One of Cline's favorite things about DMS is the teachers. He plays baseball well and wishes he were better at math.

His favorites include the book *Hank the Cowdog*, pizza, and cobras. He was born June 18, 1990 in Dimmitt.

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# People



## Deadline nears for grade school grant program

The deadline to submit grant application materials for Catholic Life Insurance's Grade School Grant Program is approaching on Feb. 15, 2000. Any Catholic elementary school in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico is eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000.

The program, announced in December 1999, will provide supplemental funding to seven Catholic elementary schools. Grant awards may be used for tuition aid, building renovations, teaching materials, computers or any other need/project the school has. Priority will be given to schools whose need is most crucial.

All elementary schools in need are encouraged to apply for a grant. To receive an application, schools should contact Sadie D. Wilks in the Communications Department at (210) 828-9921 ext. 135.

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Justin Newman and Jennifer Lowrie

## July wedding planned

Brenda Lowrie of Levelland and Ted Lowrie of Charlotte, N.C. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lowrie, to Justin Newman, son of Max and Karen Newman of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. on July 15 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Levelland High School. She is majoring in education at South Plains College in Levelland. She currently works for United Supermarkets.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996. He is a junior at Texas Tech University, majoring in history. He is working for United Supermarkets.

After their wedding, the couple is planning to live in Lubbock.

## Carlile Theater will offer art, theater classes

Creative classes for children ages 5 through 16 will be offered at the Carlile Theater beginning Feb. 8.

The two-hour classes will start at 4 p.m. each Tuesday, and will include all the creative arts, such as drawing, painting, singing, dancing and acting. The tuition fee is \$25 per month, per child.

The program, called Creative Kids, will be tailored for each individual, depending on the age and interests of the student. The main goal of the program is to develop skills to bring out the student's creativity and help build self-esteem and confidence, and to let them have fun in a productive and rewarding way. All students will have the opportunity to participate in either a talent show or musical production in the spring.

Application forms may be picked up at the Carlile Theater on Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings.

For more information, call toll-free, 1-877-522-6302.



Eric Soldevilla

## Soldevilla completes basic training

Private First Class Eric Soldevilla has completed 13 weeks of challenging recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Soldevilla, a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School, will serve four years in the Marine Corps as an engineer and equipment mechanic. He is the son of Isabel Alvarez of Dimmitt.

## Housing needed for quilters again

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 6-8 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," a festival organizer said. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid and the Chamber of Commerce will handle arrangements."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524 or from Joyce Davis at 647-5262.

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt show.

The Ogallala Quilter's Society is an organization with over 200 members from the tri-state area.



## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a boy for Belinda Martinez and John-John Falcon of Dimmitt. Their son, Benjamin Esai Falcon, was born at 9:36 a.m. on Jan. 17 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 1.6 oz. and was 19 inches long. He has two older siblings, 5-year-old Juan Scott Falcon and 10-month-old Adrian Rafael Falcon. Paternal grandparents are Juan Falcon of Dimmitt and Ramona Dones of Georgetown. Maternal grandparents are Beatrice Aguro of Dimmitt and Luis Martinez of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Pedro and Julia Martinez of Dimmitt and Maria Dones of Florence.

Maria and Florentino Medrano of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Maria Guadalupe Medrano, who was born at 7:05 p.m. on Jan. 8 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 12.4 ozs., and was 21 inches long. She has two big brothers, Jose Alfredo, 17, and Victor, 13.

Carlos Escamilla and Sue Ellen Dones of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Luis Anthony Escamilla, who was born Jan. 8 at 8:10 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital. Luis has a big brother, Brandon Dones, who is 2. Maternal grandparents are Irene Villegas of Dimmitt and Renee Villegas of Dimmitt. Great-grandparent is Lupe Ramiey of Dimmitt.

### OUT-OF-TOWN

Justin and Tami Nelson are the parents of a new baby boy, Jake Michael Nelson, who was born Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20-3/4 inches long. He has a big brother, Tyler Woodrow Nelson, who is 3. Grandparents are Michael Fleet of Westminster, Calif., Jan Fleet of Santa Fe, N.M., and Donny and Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Don Goodwin of Huntington Beach, Calif., Virginia Hoover of El Monte, Calif., Alma Nelson of Dimmitt, and John and Nell Hrabal of Clarksville.

It's a boy for Christina Garcia. Her son, Benjamin Lionel, was born Jan. 7 at 8:48 p.m. at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 6 lbs., 4-1/2 ozs., and was 18 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Trino and Angie Paiz of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Trinidad and Concepcion Paiz of George West and Teodoro and Ermilia Tijerina of Dimmitt.

## Vendors needed for quilt festival

Food vendors are needed for the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, to be held in Dimmitt on April 6-8.

However, vendor booths will only be available on April 7 and 8.

Organizations, groups or individuals interested in providing a food booth at the festival should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Ogallala members Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637 for forms or more information.

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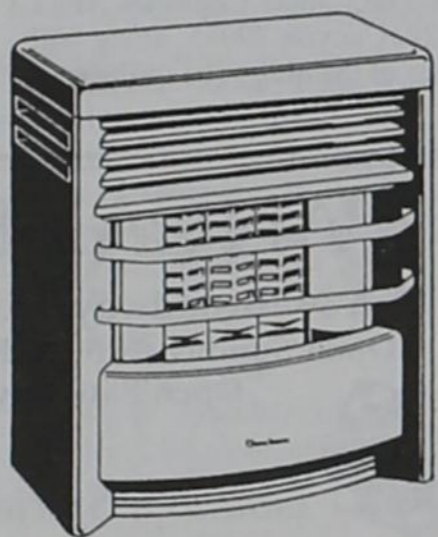
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## Razor named student of week

Michael Razor, son of George and Linda Razor of Dimmitt, was recently honored as a Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Razor was born May 24, 1989, in Dimmitt.

His favorite food is lasagna and his favorite book is *Raw Courage*. His favorite animal is the bobcat. Razor

enjoys playing football and says he does well at the sport. He wants to be a better English student. He likes his friends at Dimmitt Middle School. When he grows up, Razor would like to be a principal. He admires his father.

## Welps named to honor list

John Welps of Hart was among the 197 students named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla.

Those on the honor list have earned between a 3.30 and a 3.99 grade point average, carrying at least 12 credit hours, with no failing grades or incompletes.

Welps is majoring in agriculture education.

## Handweavers' guild to meet

The Palo Duro Handweavers' Guild will hold its monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Paul M. Brown at 355-6220.



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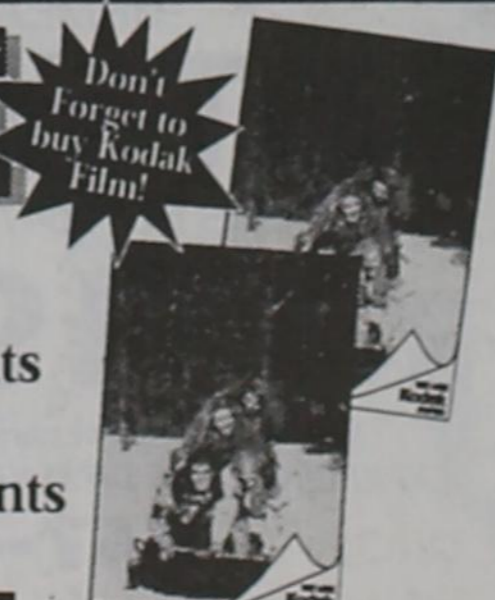
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**PROCLAMATION SIGNING**—Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (seated) declares Feb. 2 as "Groundhog Job Shadow Day" in Dimmitt. Encouraging the mayor are (standing, from left) Sue Howell, Dimmitt Middle School counselor; Jackie Odom,

Dimmitt High School home economics teacher; Sue Summers, DHS counselor; and George Raso, DMS principal. The special day will be observed by local businesses allowing students to "shadow" an employee for part of the day to learn about job skills.

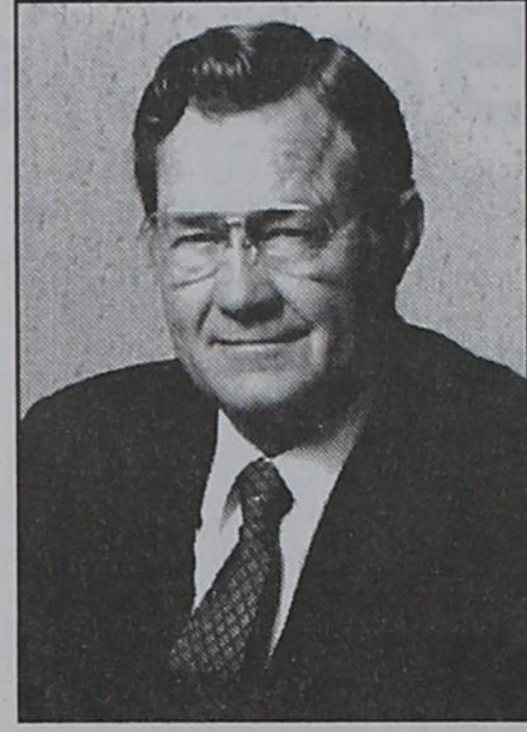
# Gerald McCathern will be honored at a reception Feb. 6 in Nazareth

*The Many Lives of Gerald McCathern* will be highlighted during a special evening reception honoring Hereford author, Gerald McCathern, on Feb. 6 at Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

The reception will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature a potluck meal in addition to the program. McCathern will read selected essays from his book, *To Kill the Goose*. He also will be signing copies of the book for those interested. The event is being sponsored by The Promised Land Network.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the potluck meal. McCathern was born in 1926 and he is a native of the Texas Panhandle. He spent his youth searching the countryside of Roberts and Wheeler Counties for Indian artifacts and he developed a keen sense for local history. On the strength of these interests, McCathern has recently published two historical fiction novels on the setting of the Llano Estacado, Horns and Stampede.

After military service in World War II and graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in petroleum geology, McCathern worked on wild oat wells in the Permian Basin for a short time before he moved to Hereford to begin a 44-year career in farming and ranching. During those years he wrote and



Gerald McCathern

published his own nationally circulate newsletter, "The Agriculture Watchdog," plus four books, *From the White House to the Hoosgow*, *Gentle Rebels*, *To Kill the Goose*, and *Line of Succession*.

One of the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C. features

McCathern's tractor, an exhibit from the "Tractorcade to Washington" in the late 1970s.

From his diverse backgrounds, McCathern offers a wealth of knowledge and stories concerning major events that shaped life on the High Plains over the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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## Hereford Community Concert Association to host the Cassidys

The Hereford Community Concert Association will host the Cassidys in concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School auditorium.

Publicized as one of Ireland's finest traditional bands, the Cassidys are five brothers who have been performing together since their childhood days.

Each of the brothers studied several instruments and developed fine vocal harmonies. As a family group, the resonance of their voices and close knit harmonies create a distinctive sound which characterizes their concerts to this day, according to information from the group.

"Between wild, joyful dance mu-

sic and reflective airs, the group performs beautiful, harmonic vocal music, sung primarily in the evocative Gaelic language," according to the news release. "They have a contemporary approach to traditional Irish music, blending a wide range of instruments in their own arrangements. The songs they sing, both Gaelic and English, honor the heritage that fostered their music, while giving it a bountiful dosage of their own style."

The Cassidys bring a unique combination of humor, musicianship and intelligence that has won respect and standing ovations from audiences around the world.

They have appeared in New York's Radio City Music Hall, Car-

negie Hall, and Citicorp Center. They were chosen to perform for President Clinton and an audience of 80,000 during his visit to Ireland.

Those attending Tuesday's concert are reminded to park on the west side of the auditorium.

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## WITH seeking recipes for book

The WITH Association of Hart is compiling a Centennial Cookbook to commemorate Hart's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, and organizers are asking that recipes be submitted by Feb. 1 for inclusion in the book.

The cookbooks should be ready in time for the Hart Days celebration this summer.

Those submitting recipes are asked to type or print them on an 8-1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper. Organizers ask that the following abbreviations be used on all recipes:

- c.—cup
- pt.—pint
- tsp.—teaspoon
- T.—tablespoon
- lb.—pound
- doz.—dozen
- pkg.—package
- oz.—ounce
- gal.—gallon
- qt.—quart
- lg.—large
- sm.—small.

Recipes should be submitted to Michelle Cleavinger at PO Box 135, Hart, Texas 79043. Recipes also may be left at the Hart City Hall or *The Hart Beat*.

The completed cookbooks will sell for \$10 each and orders are being accepted now. To order a book, contact Cleavinger at 938-2517.



**WITTY REMARKS** highlighted the speech given by Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held in Dimmitt Saturday night. A crowd estimated at over 300 attended to see the winners of civic awards. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Ty Cobb had a higher lifetime batting average than any other player in the history of baseball.

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# Sports



## Cats, Bobbies run into Hornets' nest

The Bobbies and Bobcats expected a tough time at Tulia Tuesday night. But they didn't expect it to be the ugliest night of the year.

That's how it turned out as both of Dimmitt's varsity teams got stung big-time by the revenge-minded Hornets, who had lost earlier in Dimmitt.

### Bobbies 49, Tulia 62

The Bobbies dominated their game early, moving to a 13-3 lead in the first 5½ minutes as Tamara Robertson scored the team's first eight points from all distances.

But in the final 2:00 of the first quarter, Tulia's Andreia Vaughn led the Lady Hornets on a 9-0 run to close Dimmitt's lead to 13-12.

Then the two teams toe-to-toed it during the second quarter, and at halftime it was tied, 24-24.

In the third, the Lady Hornets applied the fatal sting, outscoring the Bobbies 20-4 to build up a commanding 44-28 lead.

The Lady Hornets connected on

eight of 12 field-goal attempts and three of four free throws during their third-quarter run, while the Bobbies put up off-balance shots and watched them rim out and into the hands of the taller Tulia rebounders.

The Bobbies rallied in the fourth. Robertson and Larissa Fuentes opened the final period with a pair of 18-footers, Heather Black made a pair of free throws and Kelsey Welch sank a jumper, but Tulia's Britney Howard—a 6-ft. senior who had not been a factor in the first game—responded with four straight baskets.

Black scored a quick five points and Fuentes sank a three-pointer to cut Tulia's lead to six, 53-47 with 2:47 left to play.

But the Lady Hornets played the possession and free-throw game the rest of the way and sank nine of 15 to put the game away.

The 13-point victory margin represented a 25-point turnaround for the Lady Hornets, who had lost by 12 in the two teams' first meeting in Dimmitt.

"They just absolutely outplayed us—that's all it comes down to," Bobbies coach Tim Gilliland said. "They stepped it up and we backed off."

"We still had a chance to there at the end, but we had so many mental errors we couldn't overcome them."

"Give all the credit to Tulia—they outplayed us all the way."

Despite the loss, the Bobbies remained in second place in the 1-AAA race with a 4-2 mark, while the Lady Hornets moved up to third with a 3-3 mark.

### Bobcats 33, Tulia 61

Although the Bobcats had stunned the potent Hornets 56-51 in their first meeting in Dimmitt, they were never really in the game at Tulia Tuesday night.

Using a fierce 1-2-2 match-up zone defense and a patient, controlled offense, the Hornets made a powerful statement in a 61-33 runaway.

Tulia all-stater Mikey Marshall orchestrated the rout as he ran the Hornets' open offense while netting

19 points himself, missing only one field-goal attempt all night.

The Tulia superstar staged the game's two scoring highlights with an alley-oop slam dunk off of an over-the-rim feed in the second quarter and a reverse dunk midway in the third. Later in the third, he also fed teammate David Hulse a no-look over-the-shoulder pass for a basket that gave the Hornets a 40-27 lead.

Trailing by 28-14 at halftime, the

Bobcats brought out their long artillery in the third.

Sammy Prieto opened the second half with a 24-ft. trey, then Kevin Sanders and Daniel Proffitt followed with two more—Sanders from the corner and Proffitt from 23 feet out.

A rebound and put-up by Sanders closed Tulia's lead to 25-30, and the Bobcats appeared to be ready to make a game of it.

But that's when Marshall hit his

reverse dunk to start a 15-4 run that put the Bobcats back into a 29-45 hole by the end of the third.

With Tulia owning a 20-point lead, both coaches substituted freely during the final 2½ minutes.

While the Hornets took over first place in the district with a 4-1 mark, the loss dropped the Bobcats into a second-place tie with Perryton at 3-2.

## Water conservation equipment loans are still available from HPUWCD

With the 1999 crop harvested, many agricultural producers are now considering upgrading their irrigation systems to improve efficiency which saves ground water stored in the Ogallala Aquifer.

Qualified producers living within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1's service area can borrow funds at a reduced interest rate to purchase agricultural water conservation equipment. Water District officials say about \$1.2 million is still available for lending at an interest rate of 6.29%.

Participating underground water conservation districts borrow the loan funds from the Texas Water Development Board in Austin and pay them back at the end of a specified contract period.

"The High Plains Water District has been involved with the agricultural water conservation equipment loan program since the start of the pilot ag loan program in November 1985," said Becca Williams, Water District director of administration. "It has been a very successful program since the equipment purchased has been used to eliminate water losses associated with open unlined ditches, evaporation, deep percolation and irrigation tailwater escaping from fields. It is estimated that more than 43,880 acre-feet of water was saved from 1985 to 1990 as a result of the ag loan program," said Williams.

Loans may be made for up to 75% of the cost of the equipment, plus installation, excluding any portion of the cost of the equipment, cost-shared under a federal program.

Loans are secured by a first lien on the equipment. Additional security equal to the loan amount must also be provided by a Deed of Trust giving the district a lien on land, an irrevocable Letter of Credit from a bank or assignment of a Certificate of Deposit or other liquid assets.

Irrigation water delivery equipment eligible for loans under the program includes underground pipeline, above-ground transport pipeline, gated pipe, and in-line flow meters or other devices to measure well production.

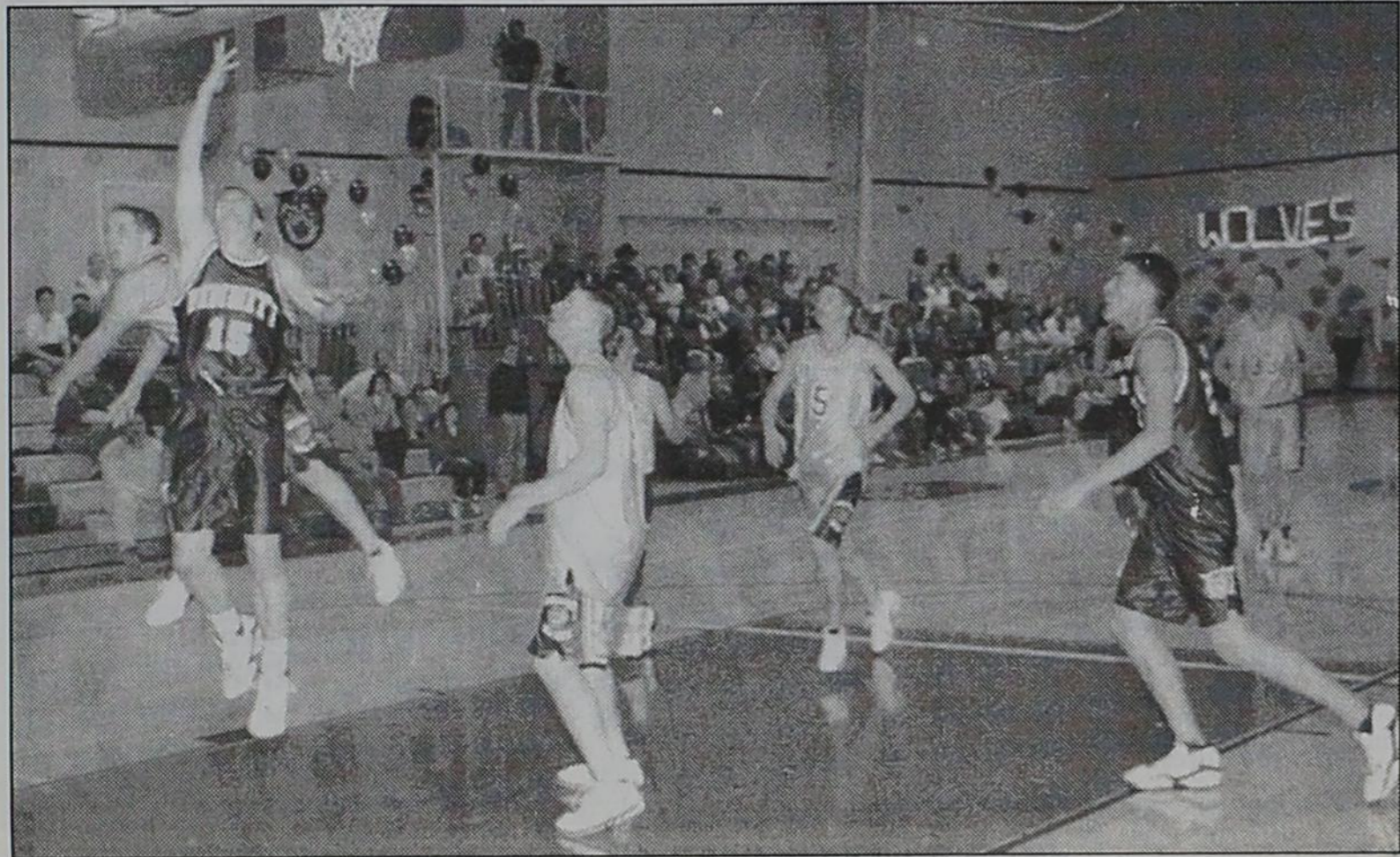
The irrigation application systems approved for loans under the program include Low Energy Precision application (LEPA) center pivot sprinkler systems, low pressure center pivot sprinklers with drop lines no

more than four feet above the soil surface, low pressure drip irrigation systems, surge valves, soil moisture monitoring devices and/or computer software used to help schedule irrigation, and equipment to create furrow dikes to hold water in place until it can soak into the soil.

Contractor services or use of hired farm labor or purchase of imple-

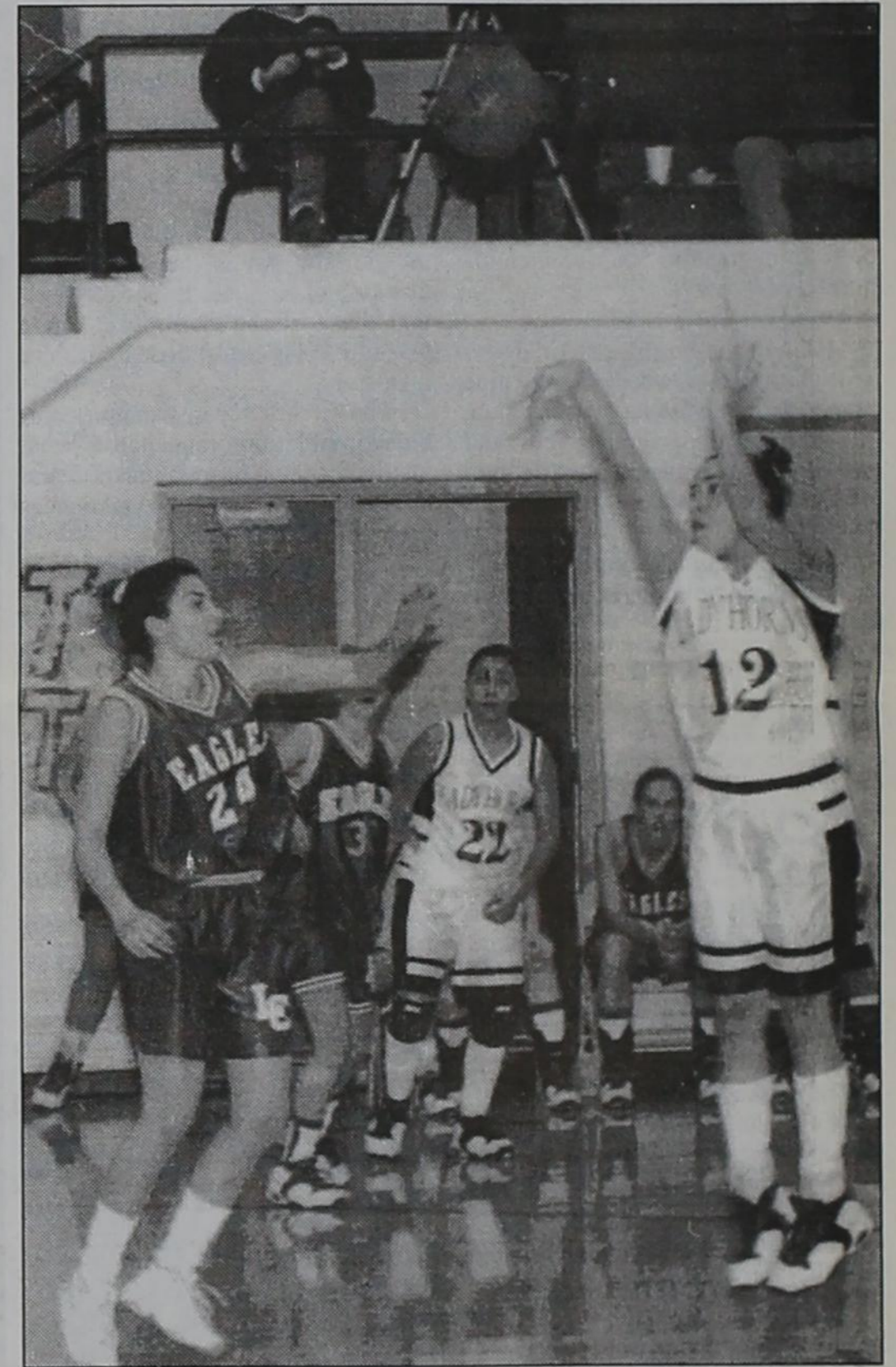
ments (excluding tractors and other power units) for land leveling or shaping of land slope or topography to improve irrigation application efficiencies are also included in the ag loan program.

Applicants must submit a \$250 non-refundable loan initiation fee at the time the loan application is filed at the district's Lubbock office.



KEEVIN SANDERS (15) sinks a third-quarter layup to hike the Bobcats' lead to a commanding 42-18 over Dalhart's Golden Wolves Friday night at Dalhart.

Following his shot at right is Matthew Sandoval. Sanders notched 14 points as Dimmitt won, 65-45, to stay in the district title chase. Photo by Carter Townsend



ANGELICA PERALES (12) launches a shot as a Lubbock Christian defender rushes to get a hand in her face Friday in a non-conference game at Hart. The Lady Horns erased a first-half deficit in the third quarter, using a stingy defense to limit the Lady Eagles to six points. Hart's offense came to life in the quarter, reeling off 25 points to take the lead, then the Lady Horns breezed through the fourth quarter for the 68-54 win.

Photo by Neoma Williams

## Good Luck, Ladyhorns and Longhorns!

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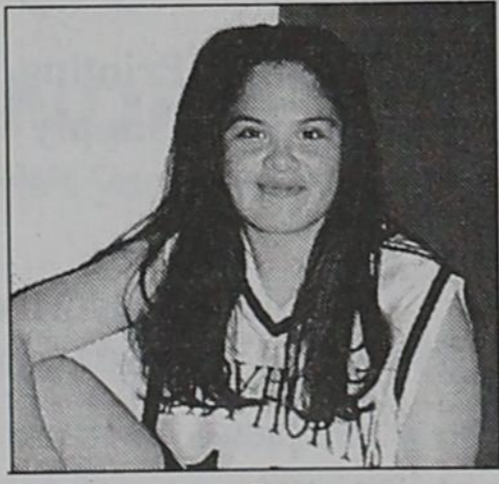
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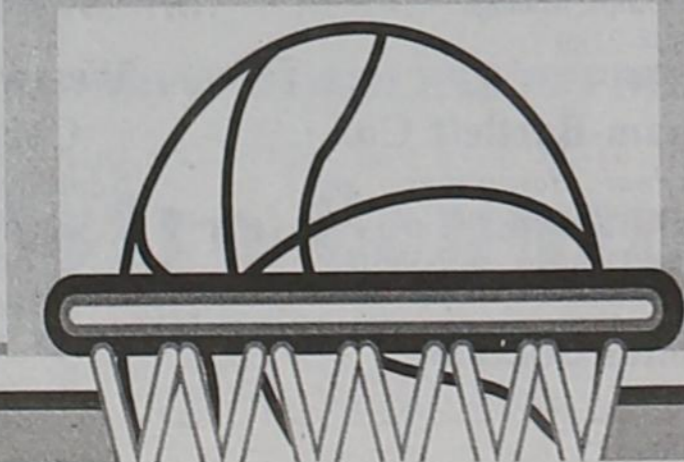
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| 7:00 p.m. | Bobcats vs. Perryton |

#### Tuesday:

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| 6:30 p.m. | Bobbies vs. Sanford-Fritch |
| 8:00 p.m. | Bobcats vs. Sanford-Fritch |



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**CAROL SUMMERS** scores despite being fouled as she drives under for a baseline shot in the third quarter of the Bobbies' game at Dalhart Friday night. Summers led Dimmitt's scorers with 18 points as the Bobbies defeated the Lady Wolves, 49-34, to strengthen their hold on second place in District 1-AAA. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

## S-E upends Hart boys; Lady Horns win girls' game

The Hart Longhorns suffered a blow to their dreams of reaching the playoffs Tuesday night when they fell to Springlake-Earth, but the dream can still become a reality with three games remaining in their loop schedule.

Headed into Tuesday night's District 8-A game, the Longhorns and Wolverines were in a three-way tie with Sudan for second place. Sudan was off Tuesday, and the Wolverines moved into second place with a 56-47 win over the Longhorns.

Springlake-Earth jumped out to a 15-12 lead in the first quarter, then extended its advantage to 28-21 by intermission.

Hart couldn't get anything going in the first half, and although the Longhorns were able to match the Wolverines almost shot for shot over the second half, the first-half deficit proved to be the breaking point.

Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez finished with 13 points while Jacob Reyna and Keith Finch added 11 each.

The Hart girls picked up their first district win of the season in a wild, overtime thriller Tuesday, knocking off the Lady Wolverines, 39-37.

Geneva Finch led the Lady Horns with a 17-point performance as her team improved to 14-9 overall and 1-4 in district play.

Hart held a slim edge at the end of the first two quarters, then exploded for what appeared to be a solid advantage in the third quarter as the Lady Wolverines struggled to find the net. Springlake-Earth had other ideas.

Hart was up 8-7 in the first and 15-13 at halftime before turning that two-point lead into a 28-21.

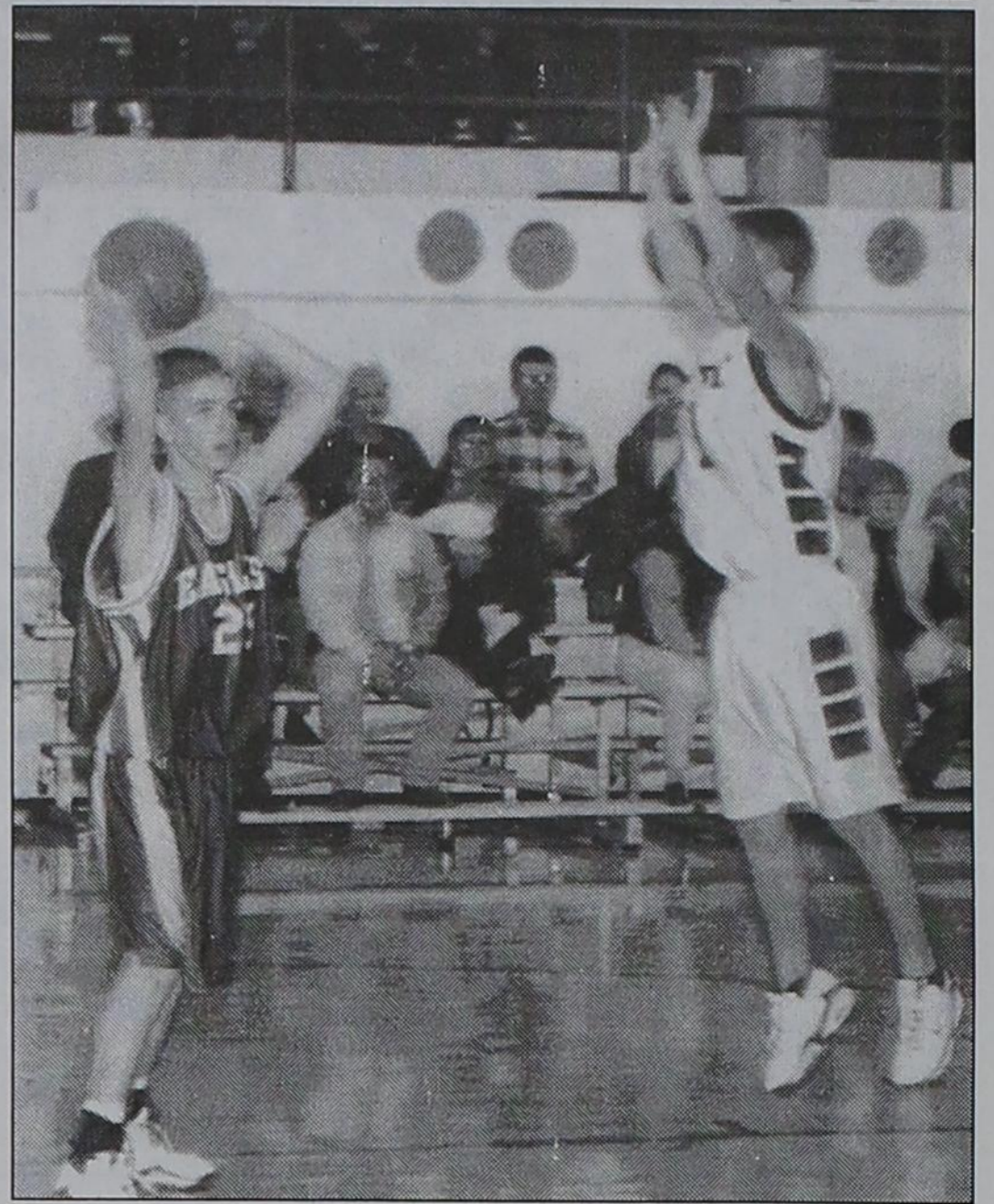
Hart shooters turned cold in the fourth quarter, though, and Springlake took control, outscoring the Lady Horns 12-5 over the final eight minutes of regulation to tie the game at 33 as the buzzer sounded.

In the bonus period, Hart managed to gain a two-point advantage over its foe for the win.

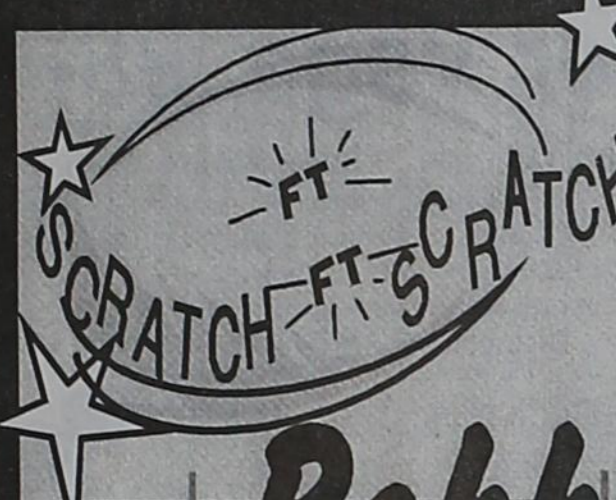
## Parents' Night is slated Feb. 4

The Dimmitt High School cheerleaders, varsity girls' basketball team, varsity boys' basketball team and parents of all these students will be recognized on Feb. 4 during a special Parents' Night promotion when Dimmitt hosts River Road.

The introductions will be made between the varsity girls' and boys' games at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt.



**HART'S JACOB REYNA** (21) forces a Lubbock Christian ball handler to pick up his dribble, then Reyna is all over him, applying pressure and forcing a turnover Friday as the Longhorns hosted the Eagles in a non-district game. Hart gave the Eagles everything they could handle in the first half, but the Longhorns had problems on the offensive end of the court in the second half and allowed Lubbock Christian to take a commanding lead in the third quarter. Hart fell to the Eagles, 57-49. *Photo by Neoma Williams*


**Good Luck,**  
**Bobbies and Bobcats!**

**FRIDAY: Bobbies & Bobcats vs. Perryton, Here**

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### Schedule and Scores

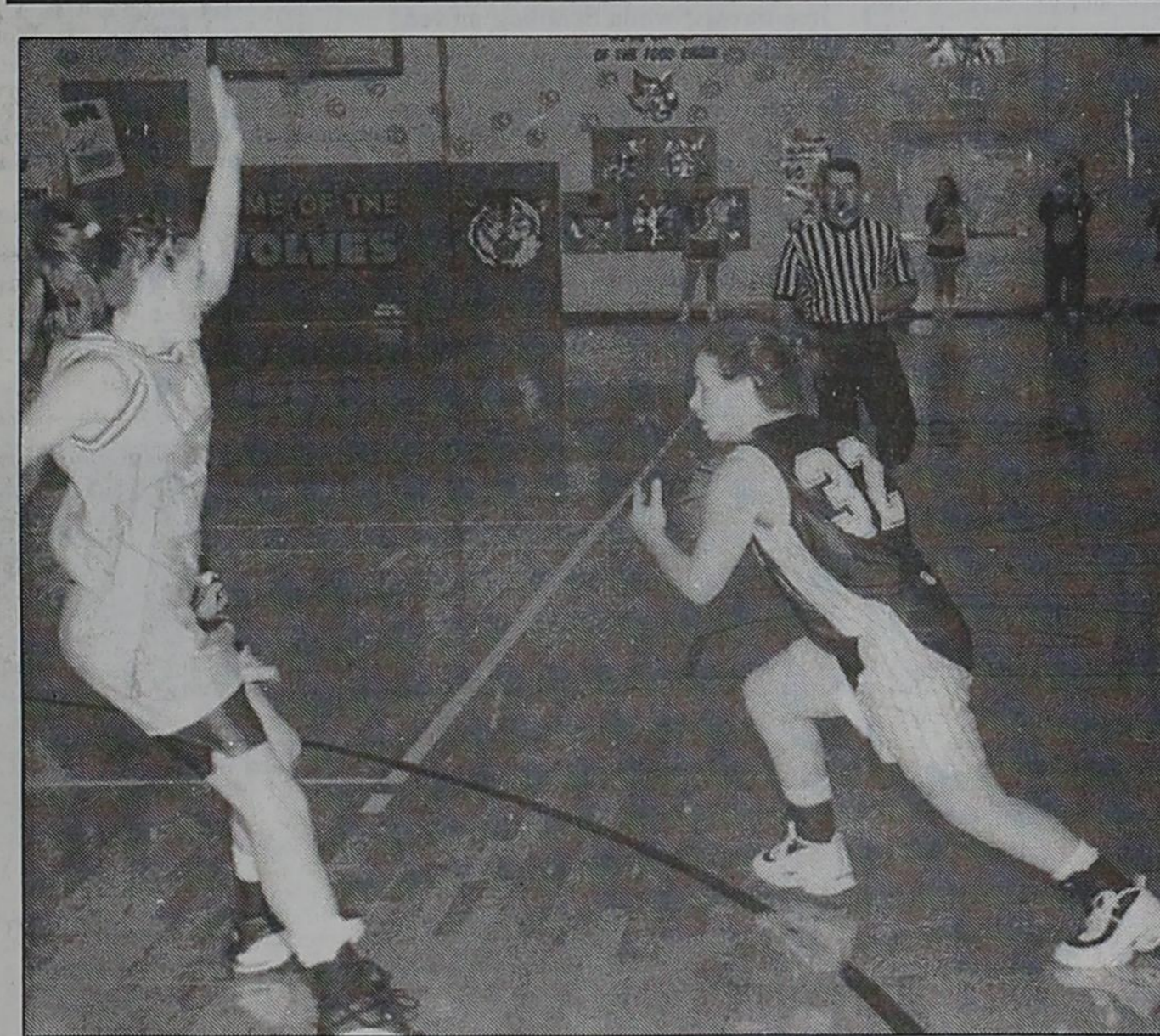
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 Feb. 8—\*Dalhart, Here  
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#### Bobbies

32, Randall 56  
 32, Levelland 37  
 31, Borger 66  
**Queen's Classic**  
 27, Plainview 66  
 62, Vega 69  
 55, Hale Center 40  
 35, Hereford 49  
**Levelland Invitational**  
 40, Idalou 42  
 49, Slaton 51  
 57, Muleshoe 59  
 46, Levelland 50  
 40, Friona 53  
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**Caprock Tournament**  
 50, Lamesa 32  
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 53, Slaton 50  
 61, Perryton 70  
 58, Tulia 46  
 75, River Road 70  
 62, Sanford-Fritch 41  
 49, Dalhart 34  
 49, Tulia 62  
**Season Record: 9-16**  
**District Record: 4-2**

#### Bobcats

54, Randall 61  
 69, Levelland 60  
 67, Borger 60  
 74, Farwell 57  
 60, Hereford 33  
**Pioneer Classic**  
 67, Estacado 66  
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**WAITING FOR THE REBOUND**—Eric Schilling and Daryl Pohlmeier of Nazareth battle a pair of Springlake-Earth foes for position inside as a shot goes up from the perimeter Friday in Nazareth. The

Swifts swept the first half of District 8-A play with an 86-57 win over the Wolverines Friday. Schilling led the Swifts in scoring with 21 points.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

## Gerber, Thiel douse Vega's flame in second half for 75-56 Naz win

A refueled Nazareth Swiftette squad took the floor after the halftime break Tuesday, revved the team engine in the third quarter, then sped past the sluggish Vega lady Horns for a 75-56 win in Nazareth.

The win boosted the No. 3-ranked Swiftettes to 4-1 in district play and gave them a slight edge in the race for a playoff berth from super tough District 8-A. Vega, the fifth-ranked team in the state and the defending state champions, fell to 2-3 in district. Sudan currently leads the loop race with a 4-0 mark while Nazareth is in second place.

After a see-saw first half, Vega took a 35-32 lead with 6:41 left in the third quarter behind shots from Keely Meyer and Kimberly Artho. Vega's offense sputtered, then stalled after that.

Shawna Gerber and Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth didn't have any problems locating the open lanes during the third quarter, beating their guards and getting good looks the entire eight minutes. Both were perfect from the field, with Gerber canning four-of-four in the stanza and Thiel hitting each of her two shots from three-point range. The two were on target from the charity stripe, too, with Gerber nailing her one attempt and Thiel swishing both of hers.

The bulk of Gerber's and Thiel's points came during a big 14-0 Nazareth run that spanned four minutes in the quarter. They helped the Swiftettes overcome the three-point deficit and turned it into an 11-point lead before Vega broke the drought.

Vega would pull within nine late in the quarter, but the Lady Horns never got any closer to Nazareth in the game.

Gerber, who was held to nine points in the first meeting between the two teams, exploded with 22 points to lead Nazareth Tuesday. Thiel finished with 16, Whitney Hoelting added 15 and Cassie Birkenfeld chipped in 14.

For Vega, Kelly Cleavinger finished with 14 while Kyla May and Bethany Solomon had 11 each.

Nazareth hit 27-of-58 shots from the field and made 16-of-20 free throws. Vega was accurate on 21-of-44 field goals and 9-of-12 charity tosses.

Vega had 18 turnovers, compared with Nazareth's 14. The Swiftettes won the board battle, too, 27-18.

The lead changed hands five times in the first quarter and the score was tied three times as each team worked the paint, trying to get the ball to their big post players, Hoelting and May, respectively. Both also saw success from the perimeter during the quarter.

Birkenfeld was the spark for Nazareth in the first quarter, picking up a pair of jumpers and nailing a long three to boost her team.

Vega got balanced production from its players across the whole court early in the game, and looked to 6-0 post May repeatedly. She managed to get four points in the quarter, as did Cleavinger.

Nazareth held a 9-8 lead at one point in the opening quarter, but Vega scored the next seven points to take a 15-9 lead late in the stanza. The Swiftettes would answer with six straight points, tying the game at 15 on a shot by Hoelting at the buzzer.

The see-saw battle continued in the second quarter, and when Vega adjusted its defense to stop Birkenfeld, Thiel and the rest of the team picked up the slack.

But when Nazareth found a way to blanket May inside, Solomon broke free for a pair of threes to keep fans on the edge of their seats.

Vega's Artho and Cleavinger each

picked up their third fouls midway through the quarter and saw limited action in the stanza.

Nazareth held a three-point lead midway through the second period, but two minutes later Vega was on top by a pair of points. Then fouls became a factor.

After Cleavinger and Artho went to the bench, Nazareth came back with a fastbreak layup by Thiel, and a pair of free throws by Mandy Hoelting after she got a steal and drove in for a shot to give the Swiftettes a 32-30 halftime lead.

Vega got quick baskets from Artho and Meyer early in the third quarter, but May was shut out in the quarter as she struggled with foul trouble.

The stanza belonged to Gerber and Thiel, and they were everywhere, drawing fouls, making layups and free throws and connecting from outside. Vega couldn't keep up with the quick pace and before the quarter was over, Nazareth held a 53-40 lead.

Cleavinger finally caught fire in the fourth quarter, hitting three jumpers and a free throw, but Nazareth continued to control the game.

Gerber added a trey and two more baskets to her total in the period as the Swiftettes racked up points in the fourth quarter for the 19-point win.

## Amarillo pair wins Eskimo Tourney

Phil Giglo and Steven Russell of Amarillo topped the field in the Eskimo Tournament at Country Club of Dimmitt over the weekend, firing a two-round total of 126 to win the Championship Flight.

Giglo and Russell finished with 63s in each round to claim the championship.

Second-place honors in the Championship Flight went to Richard Romero and Pat Peralez of Clovis, N.M., who posted scores of 66 in both rounds to finish with 132. Finishing third, just a stroke behind Romero and Peralez, were Randy Mahaney and Chris Watson of Tulia.

The Tulia duo posted a first-round

score of 63, but ran into problems in the second round, finishing with 70 for a total of 133.

Winners of the First Flight were Brad Schlegal and Jim O'Connor of Amarillo while Richard Trujillo and Randy Missildine of Clovis and Harvey Bozeman and Jerry Culifer of Tulia tied for top honors in the Second Flight.

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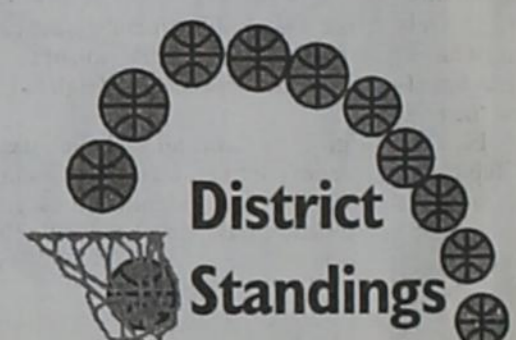
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### Eskimo Tournament

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:** 1. Phil Giglo and Steven Russell of Amarillo, 63-63—126; 2. Richard Romero and Pat Peralez of Clovis, 66-66—132; 3. Randy Mahaney and Chris Watson of Tulia, 63-70—133.

**FIRST FLIGHT:** Brad Schlegal and Jim O'Connor of Amarillo, 68-64—132; 2. Detrick Sherwood and Gerald Tucker of Amarillo, 68-65—133; 3. Greg Trujillo and Jon Leal of Clovis, 70-66—136.

**SECOND FLIGHT:** 1. (Tie) Richard Trujillo and Randy Missildine of Clovis, 72-74—146 and Harvey Bozeman and Jerry Culifer of Tulia, 72-74—146; 3. Robert Meadows and Scott Weatherly of Wheeler, 73-76—149.



Here are the district standings for District 1-AAA and District 8-A through Tuesday night's games.

#### DISTRICT 1-AAA

Girls		
District	Overall	
Perryton	6-0	18-7
Dimmitt	4-2	9-16
Tulia	3-3	11-12
Dalhart	2-4	12-12
Sanford-Fritch	2-4	7-16
River Road	1-5	6-17

#### Boys

District	Overall	
Tulia	4-1	14-9
Dimmitt	3-2	14-10
Perryton	3-2	13-10
Sanford-Fritch	2-3	14-8
Dalhart	2-3	11-11
River Road	1-4	6-17

#### DISTRICT 8-A

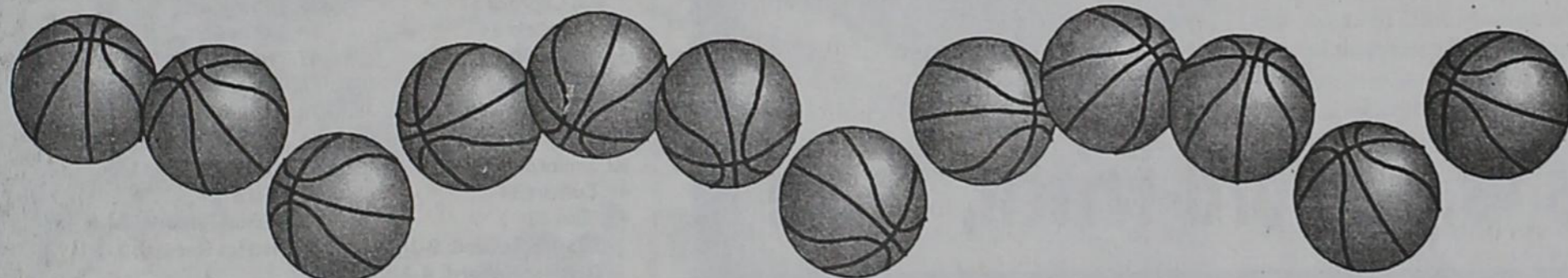
Girls		
District	Overall	
Sudan	4-0	21-1
Nazareth	4-1	23-4
Vega	2-3	11-11
Springlake-Earth	1-4	9-13
Hart	1-4	14-9

#### Boys

District	Overall	
Nazareth	5-0	12-7
Springlake-Earth	3-2	9-12
Hart	2-3	8-14
Sudan	2-2	7-12
Vega	0-5	5-17

Wait patiently and the weather will turn fine.

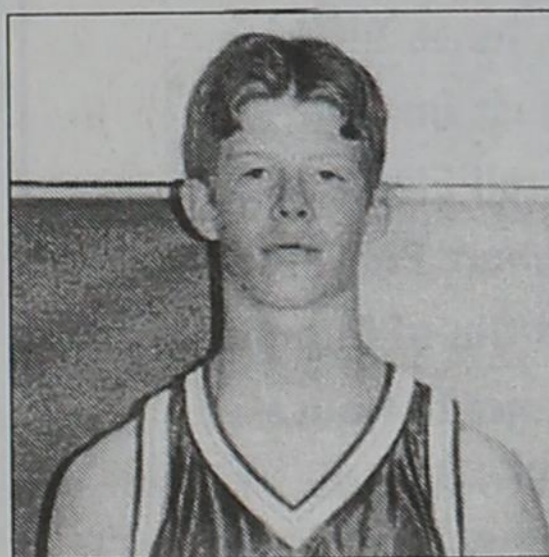
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# Good Luck, Swiftettes and Swifts!



**Mandy Hoelting**  
Sophomore Guard



**Jase Merritt**  
Sophomore Guard

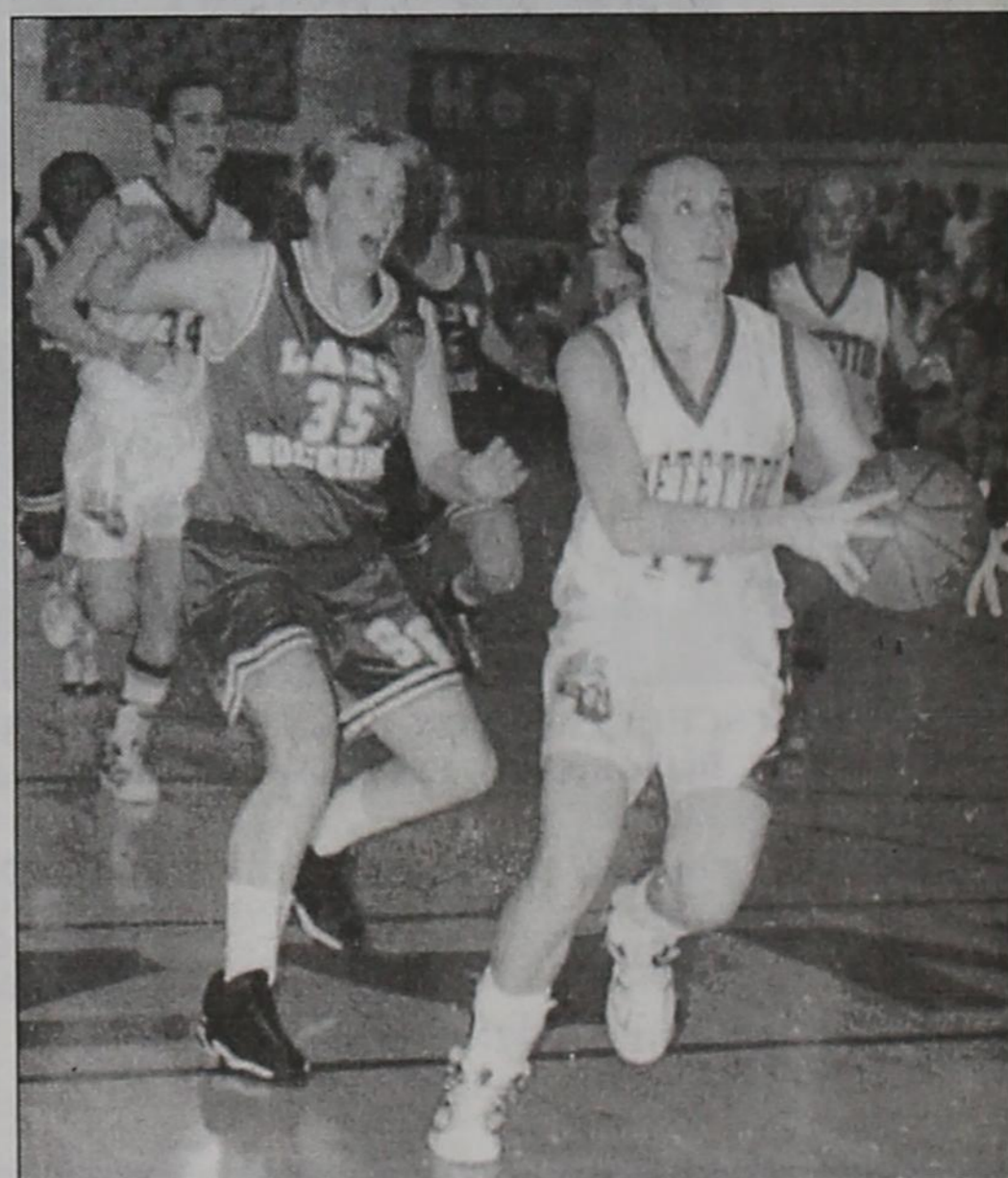
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**NAZARETH'S STEPHANIE THIEL** (14) outruns a Springlake-Earth defender down the floor and picks up an easy layup Friday night in District 8-A action at Nazareth. The Swiftettes improved their district record to 3-1 with a 67-30 rout of the Lady Wolverines and Thiel was one of four Swiftettes to reach double figures in scoring, posting 10 points in the books.

Photo by Brenda Schulte







25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2364 THE ESTATE OF ANNA IDA EVERS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ANNA IDA EVERS, Deceased, were issued on Jan. 20, 2000, in Docket No. PR 2364, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to EDDY EVERS.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Eddy Evers, Independent Executor, c/o Hester, McGlasson & Cox, 1507 Fourth Avenue, Canyon, Texas 79015.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 20th day of January, 2000. HESTER, MCGLOSSON & COX 1507 Fourth Avenue Canyon, Texas 79015 (806) 655-1016 (806) 655-3434 (FAX)

BY: CHUCK HESTER State Bar Number 09549700 ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE 25-43-1tc

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 24th day of January, 2000, and have found the same to be correct and in order, and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands, are in the sum of \$1,888,808.71.

Table with 4 columns: FIRST UNTIED BANK—DIMMITT, TEXAS, Working Fund Balance, Certificates of Deposit. Rows include General Fund, Precinct 1, 2, 3, 4.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 24th day of January, A.D., 2000. IRENE MILLER Castro County Judge

NEWLON ROWLAND Commissioner, Precinct #1

CLYDE DAMRON Commissioner, Precinct #2

BAY BALDRIDGE Commissioner, Precinct #3

DAN SCHMUCKER Commissioner, Precinct #4 25-43-1tc

If you put an old sponge under the soil of your flower pots you will ensure both good drainage and effective moisture holding.

Hoop Scores

LEVELLAND TOURNEY First Round Freshman Bobbies 57 Lubbock Cooper 34

Championship Semifinals Freshman Bobbies 31, Levelland 47 Levelland 7 8 17 15-47 Dimmitt 6 7 7 11-31

Third Place Freshman Bobbies 50, Clovis Marshall 56 Clovis 5 28 13 10-56 Dimmitt 5 16 4 25-50

JAN. 17 Freshman Bobbies 41, Tulla 30 Tulla 3 5 12 10-30 Dimmitt 8 7 16 10-41

JAN. 18 JV Bobcats 68, Sanford Fritch 44 Dimmitt 15 19 17 17-68 Sanford-Fritch 11 7 16 10-44

FRIDAY Lady Horns 68, Lubbock Christian 54 LCHS 21 12 6 15-54 Hart 18 13 25 12-68

Longhorns 49, Lubbock Christian 57 LCHS 15 14 15 13-57 Hart 11 15 8 5-49

Swiftettes 67, Springlake-Earth 30 Springlake 6 9 2 13-30 Nazareth 23 19 11 14-67

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Register to vote by Feb. 14

The last day to register to vote and still be able to vote in the March 14 primaries is Feb. 14.

Those who are not registered may fill out a voter's registration application and return it to the Voters' Registrar, either in person or by mail, and then a voter's registration card will be issued.

The application must be returned by the deadline. Those returned by mail must be postmarked on Feb. 14, and received by Feb. 15.

Applications sent by mail may be sent to: Voters' Registrar, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt 79027.



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Jan.27 through Feb. 4.

DIMMITT Breakfast THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk. MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast hash browns, pears and milk. WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh bananas and milk. FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

PRESCHOOL-FIRST GRADE LUNCH THURSDAY: Chicken fillet strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk. MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexican corn, applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto beans, watermelon and milk. WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon and milk. FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.

SECOND-12TH GRADE LUNCH THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

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

MONDAY: Choice of ground beef and macaroni, bean chalupa or beef taco; Mexican corn, southern collard greens or seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or applesauce; Fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, chili Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli and cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, southern fried chicken or Chinese chicken plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued chicken or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls,

Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch. FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast THURSDAY: French toast sticks, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk. MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal and milk.

TUESDAY: Biscuits, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk. WEDNESDAY: Pancakes with syrup, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken, breakfast stick, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk. FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

LUNCH THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of burrito or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, pinto beans, peaches, gelatin dessert, carrot sticks, and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, pork chop or macaroni and cheese; wheat rolls, carrot sticks, salad, gelatin dessert, pears, and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or enchilada; tortilla pieces, salad, corn, peaches, pineapple pudding and milk, punch or tea. WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued beef on a roll, potato puffs, peaches, pinto beans, salad, ice cream; and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or pizza, corn, green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, Long-horn cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk. MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk. WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: \* Ham sandwich, turkey sandwich, bologna sandwich or hamburger; tater tots, lettuce, peas, grapes, cookies and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Beef stew or pizza, cornbread, baby carrots, green beans, peaches, tropical apples and milk or juice.

MONDAY: \* Sloppy joe or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, pineapple, peaches and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: \* Lasagna with roll or pizza, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \* Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, Mexican salad, pinto beans, pears, brownies and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Chicken nuggets with bread or chef's salad, tossed salad, green beans, orange, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Fish or steak fingers, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, dessert and milk or juice.

\*Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

Olton CofC plans banquet

The Olton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Olton School Cafeteria.

Theme for this year's banquet is "Country Tonight."

Wynon Mayes of Canyon will do a take off on Minnie Pearl as part of the evening's entertainment.

The meal will feature steak with all the trimming. Ticket prices are \$12.50 per person.

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## Obituaries

### Lillian Hollister

Lillian Hollister, 98, of Plainview, mother of Bobby Jean George, formerly of Dimmitt, died at 7:35 p.m. on Sunday at Integrated Health Systems of Plainview.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at Trinity Methodist Church in Plainview with the Rev. Tommy Ewing, former pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Plainview, officiating. Burial followed in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hollister was born Jan. 17, 1902, in Covington. She married Robert N. Hollister in 1923 in Mangum, Okla. He died on July 27, 1952.

She was a nurse at the Plainview Hospital and at Nichols Hospital for many years. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and a charter member of St. John's Methodist Church in Plainview. She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Plainview.

Survivors include a daughter, Bobby Jean George of Dimmitt; a son, Thomas Darrell Hollister of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Mary Beth Spain of Plainview and Peggy Dennis of Plainview; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.



### Kathleen J. Foster

Services for Kathleen Joyce Foster, 70, of Houston, formerly of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday in the First Baptist Church with Bro. Paul Kenley of Houston officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Arrangements in Houston were by Heights Funeral Home.

Mrs. Foster died last Thursday, Jan. 20, at Cypress Fairbanks Hospital in Houston.

She was born Feb. 24, 1929, at Decatur. She was married to her former spouse, Elwin Dowe Foster, for 15 years.

She was a longtime resident of Dimmitt before moving to Mariner Health Nursing Home in Houston in 1991.

She worked as a dietary assistant for Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the church's choir.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lemuel and Gladys Dodd Leeth.

Survivors include a son, Larry Foster of Levelland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Terry and Elvis Florence of Lubbock and Margaret and Rick Angel of Pontoon Beach, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Robert Michels of Houston; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

### Opal Glenn

Opal Glenn, 59, of Hereford, died about 4 a.m. Sunday from injuries she received when the vehicle which she was driving rolled approximately seven times as it was eastbound on US Highway 60, about five miles west of Canyon.

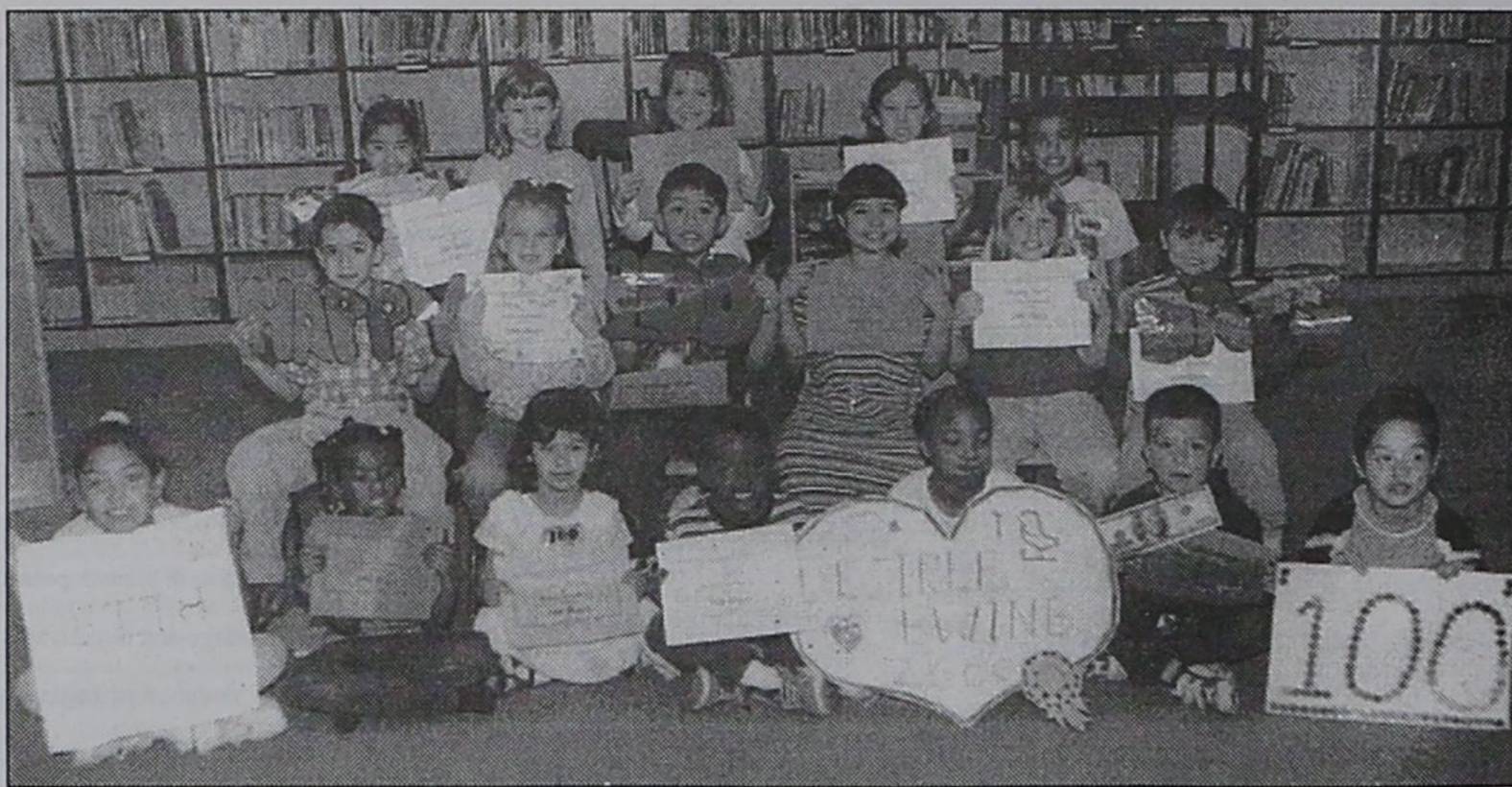
Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Central Church of Christ in Hereford with Tom Bailey officiating. Additional services were held Wednesday afternoon at Southern Oaks Church of Christ in Chickasha, Okla., with Roy Shave officiating.

Burial followed in Laverty Cemetery near Chickasha under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford.

Ms. Glenn was born April 15, 1940, in Davis, Okla. She was a nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt for several years.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Glenn of Hereford and Brent Glenn of The Colony; their father, Kenneth Glenn of Hereford; a brother, Harold Yancey of Chickasha; three sisters, Lois Edwards of Anadarko, Okla., Helen Reckegel of Marlow, Okla., and Loretha Malone of Chickasha; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be the Central Church of Christ Missionary Fund, c/o Central Church of Christ in Hereford.



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**—These first graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School attained perfect attendance for the first 100 days of school. The recognition is part of their work in learning what 100 is. Some of the students also prepared displays of 100 items. Attendance winners included (front, from left) Liset Soto, Nikki Ward, Mercedes

Villanueva, Xavier Sherman, Desiree Ewing, Albert Martinez, and Rodrigo Grado; (middle, from left) Gustavo Ruiz, Shea Myatt, Jose Agüero, Stephanie Reyes, Shyleigh Harris, and Jonathon Casas; and (back, from left) Jessica Martinez, Catlin Watts, Wendy Bradford, Charlene Calderon, and Josue Quiroz. Not shown is Bruce Aldridge.

## Commissioners put new phone system on hold

County commissioners agreed that a new phone system in the courthouse is a necessary purchase, but also agreed to postpone purchase of a new system, at least until the next budget year.

"I don't have anything against installing a new system now, I just have some budget concerns," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "Is it going to cause many problems if we wait another eight months until we can figure it in our new budget?"

There are currently two phones in the courthouse which are not working, one in the county clerk's office and one in the Extension office.

Commissioners met with Steve Douglas of Douglas Communications told commissioners Monday that it is possible to fix the problems with the current phone system—as long as parts are available.

The current phone system hasn't been manufactured for a number of years, and replacement parts are scarce. In short, the county's phone system is obsolete.

Douglas said he should be able to keep the system running for a year or so, but he doesn't recommend sticking with the current system for too long.

Commissioners discussed going ahead with the purchase of a new system now, but a budget amendment would have to be made to pay for the phones. Commissioners hesitated to do that, because they've already had one budget amendment during the current fiscal year.

"I'd like to see us get a new system, but I don't see anyway we can

afford it now, without a budget amendment. I also see the possibility of us having some heavy expenses in the coming months," said County Judge Irene Miller. "At one time last week we had 15 prisoners housed out of the county at a cost of \$35 to \$38 per day, per prisoner. That runs into a lot of money in a hurry."

Four Castro County residents were appointed by the commissioners Monday to serve on a county salary grievance committee for 2000, joining several elected county officials who are already serving on the committee. They are Sheryl Lynn Clayton, Ricky Enrique Jimenez, Darryl Gerald Ball and Richard Ramirez.

The county clerk's office will be leasing a new photocopier and will pay \$231.75 per month for 60 months under the lease agreement.

The copier currently being used in the office isn't adequate for handling the wide variety of sizes and weights of paper which is used by the office, according to County Clerk Joyce Thomas.

The new copier will actually save the clerk's office money, too. The county is paying \$252 per month for rental on its current copier, Thomas said.

Commissioners agreed in a split vote to observe Veteran's Day on Nov. 10 and add it to the county's list of holidays for 2000.

Veteran's Day falls on Nov. 11, which is a Saturday. Miller told commissioners that many other counties do not allow a day off for employees

when the holidays fall on Saturdays.

She added that she had received complaints from some people because the county had failed to include Veteran's Day among its holidays.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige voted to allow Nov. 10 as a holiday for Veteran's Day and Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker seconded the motion. Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron cast the dissenting vote.

The county agreed to transfer an old radio encoder from the sheriff's department to the fire department.

"It would be good to have it in place at the fire station if the county's system fails during a severe storm or for some other reason," said Miller.

## Consignement farm auction is set Feb. 19

Consignments of farm equipment are currently being accepted for the Nazareth Knights of Columbus's farm auction, which will be held Feb. 19 at the Nazareth leg of AgriFarm Industries, one-fourth a mile west of Nazareth on SH 86.

Consignments must be received by Tuesday to be listed on the sale sheets which will be distributed.

Those who wish to place equipment on the sale should contact Brian Ramackers at 945-2331 or 647-7307 (mobile); Mike Huseman at 945-2366 or 647-5169 (work); Lonny Huseman at 945-2458 or 647-7663 (mobile); or Alan Birkenfeld at 945-2218 or 647-6884 (mobile).



**BABY NEW YEAR 2000**—Cheryle Pybus entertains the crowd in her role as emcee for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held Saturday night in the Expo building in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Southern Plains Conference is slated Saturday

The 11th annual Southern Plains Conference will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk Street.

The theme of the conference is "We Are What We Eat . . . Building Local and Regional Food Systems."

Registration for the event is \$15 per person, which includes a lunch. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with exhibit booths and home-made refreshments. From five to eight continuing education units for professional development will be offered through Amarillo College for those attending the conference. Forms can be obtained and filled out at the registration desk.

A special slide presentation, "Food and the Sacred" will open the conference at 8:30 a.m.

Speakers will include Dr. William Heffernan, rural sociologist at the University of Missouri-Columbia, speaking on *Obstacles to Access and Ownership: An Analysis of the US Food System*; and Dr. Jill Auburn, national director of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program, speaking on *Increasing Access and Ownership for Producers and Eaters: The SARE Story*.

Workshop choices will include 1. US Food: Origins and Destinations, 2. Supporting Sustainable Agriculture: SARE Options, 3. Food and Health: Growing Your Own, and 4. Alternative Food Choices and Directing Marketing.

The luncheon will consist totally of foods grown within 100 miles of Amarillo.

The afternoon session will conclude with four local citizens speaking on *Not on Bread Alone: Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions of Food*.

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