

# HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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### Teacher nominees are sought

Dimmitt's 2001 *Teacher of the Year* will be honored at the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 19, 2002, and nominations for the award are being sought now.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt and should be completed and returned to the Chamber by Jan. 3, 2002, for consideration.

Nominations may be made by letter, if one wishes, but should address the selection criteria specified on the nomination form.

Nominations are held three years for consideration, if a nominee is not selected.

The selection committee will consider four general areas in choosing the teacher to be honored: teaching awareness (involvement and performance), professional recognition (endeavors and/or growth), community pride (civic and church involvement) and ways in which the teacher makes a difference in students' lives.

"The nomination can be made rather easily, but it does take a few minutes," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Sava suggested that nominations be made by any adults or students and their parents.

"It's an excellent way to say thanks to a teacher who has done those extra things that we associate with an extraordinary educator," Sava said.



Paul Mason of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union presents Josh Arguijo with \$100 winning ticket pulled at the Hereford Texas Dimmitt Dollars. Josh won the Dimmitt Dollars Federal Credit Union.

### Nominations open for citizen honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is searching for the right individuals to be honored at the 2002 Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 19, 2002, and nominations for *Citizen of the Year* and *Citizen Through the Years* are currently being accepted.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 115 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 3, 2002.

According to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava, the nomination form should be used to assure the basic areas of consideration are covered.

"Nominations may be made in

letter form if the nominator prefers," Sava added.

The nomination form asks for "contributions to the community worthy of recognition, 'professional awards or achievements' and attributes which qualify the nominee as an outstanding citizen."

Sava said the same form may be used to nominate citizens for either award; however, the *Citizen of the Year* selection will emphasize recent contributions and accomplishments rather than lifetime achievements.

"We know a lot of people who are deserving of these awards, but we need for them to be nominated—and I cannot do it," Sava said.

For more information, call Sava at 647-2524.

### No farm bill this year

With dashed hopes of a new farm policy this year, farmers now go into the next crop year with the lowest safety net in decades, Texas Farmer's Union (TFU) said.

"Farmers and Ranchers and their lenders had united in asking the Senate to move forward with a farm bill so they might have certainty as they planned for their next round of crops," said TFU President Wes Sims. "Unfortunately, a minority of senators turned a deaf ear to the pleas from the countryside and voted against enacting a farm bill this year."

Falling six votes short of the necessary count, the bill is left vulnerable to filibuster and unre-

lated amendments meant to obstruct the bill until the following year.

Immediate Senate action on the bill would have meant a \$775 million increase in much needed assistance for Texas agricultural producers each of the next five years.

"We commend Senators Daschle and Harkin as well as Representatives Combest and Stenholm for their steadfast efforts to restore a safety net to rural America," Sims said. "We are extremely disappointed that a minority of senators did not share their same sense of urgency to restore the rural economy which has been in a depressed state for five years."

Sims said the Farmer's Union will continue to push forward for farm bill consideration early next year. In the meantime, he said farmers and ranchers should share their concerns with legislators during the recess—especially those senators who chose to block this important legislation.

### DISD seeks substitute teachers

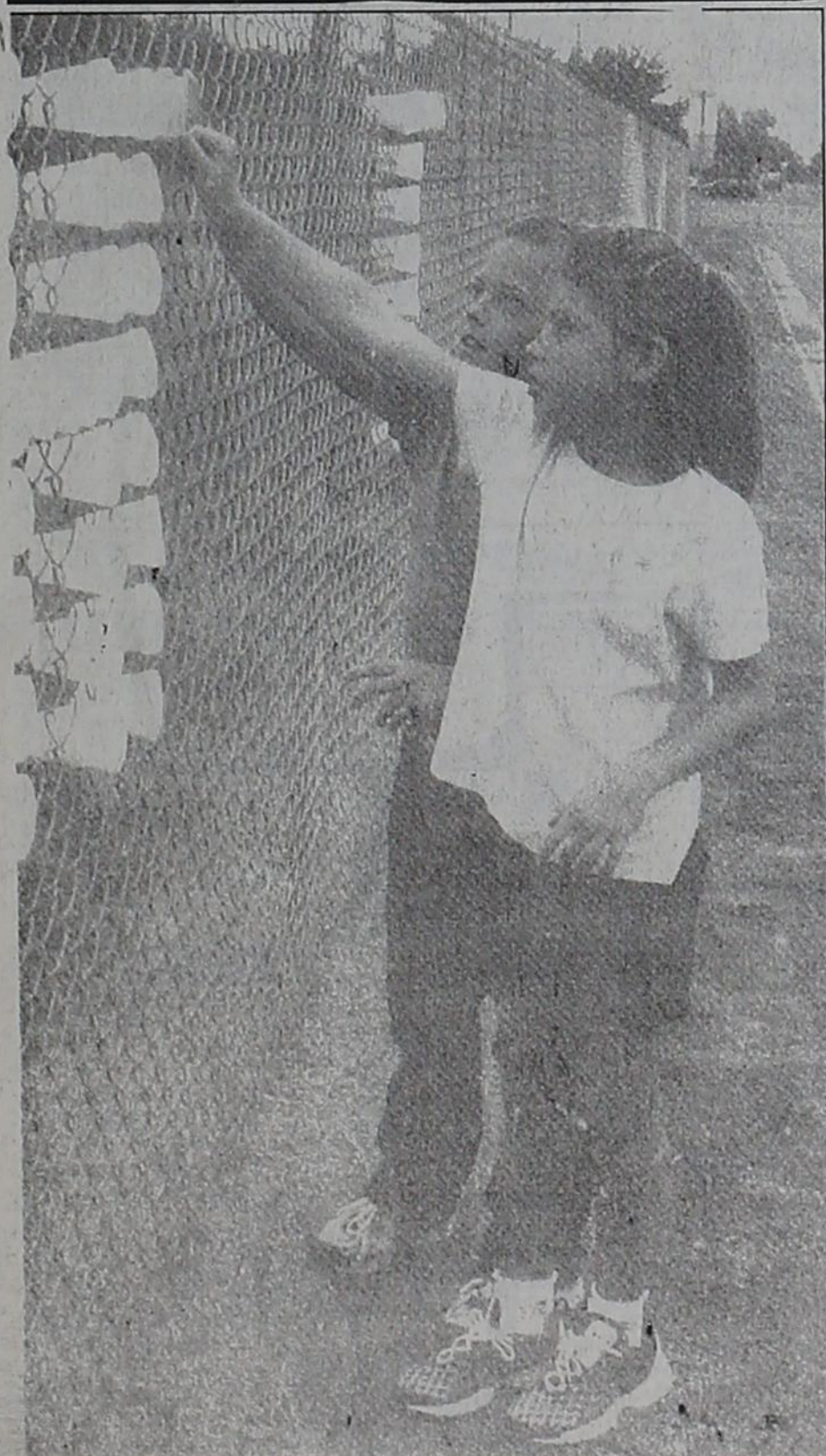
The Dimmitt Independent School District will be adding names to their substitute teacher list for 2001-2002.

If you are not currently on the list, you may attend a substitute teacher in-service day beginning

at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002 at the administration office at 608 West Halsell in Dimmitt.

Those attending should bring driver's license and social security card.

### '01 Flashback



UNITED WE STAND—Richardson Elementary students Cillie and Wendy Bradford place cups in the fence to form the slogan, "United We Stand!". This was another display of patriotism by Castro County to show support for the victims of the September 11 terrorist attack. Photo by Anne Acker

### Chamber Banquet slated for Jan. 19

Dimmitt will honor its *Citizen of the Year*, *Citizen Through the Years*, *Chamber Member of the Year* and *Teacher of the Year* on Jan. 19, 2002, during the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The 54<sup>th</sup> annual banquet, which will feature the theme, *A Red, White and Blue Community*, will be held Jan. 19 at the Castro County Expo Building, beginning at 7 p.m.

This year's banquet will feature guest speaker Jon Randles, remembered by many who attended his August 2000 revival at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church. He also visited with students in the Dimmitt schools during that time.

Randles is an instructor at Wayland Baptist University and is a member of the board of trustees at Hardin-Simmons University. He is known nationally as an evangelist and motivational speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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### Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	54	17	
Friday	70	26	
Saturday	64	30	
Sunday	51	22	
Monday	43	19	
Tuesday	60	24	
Wednesday	65	20	

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

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

### '01 Flashback



SAYING GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS—One of the major news stories of 2001 was the retiring of several Dimmitt business people who had become fixtures in Dimmitt and Castro County. A reception honoring these leaders was sponsored by First United Bank of Dimmitt.

From left, Don and Verbie Nelson of *The Castro County News*, Mary Lockhart and Sandy Parsons of Lockhart Pharmacy, Garland and Susan Coleman of Coleman Pharmacy and Virginia and Walt Hansen of Dimmitt Thriftway and Dimmitt Market.

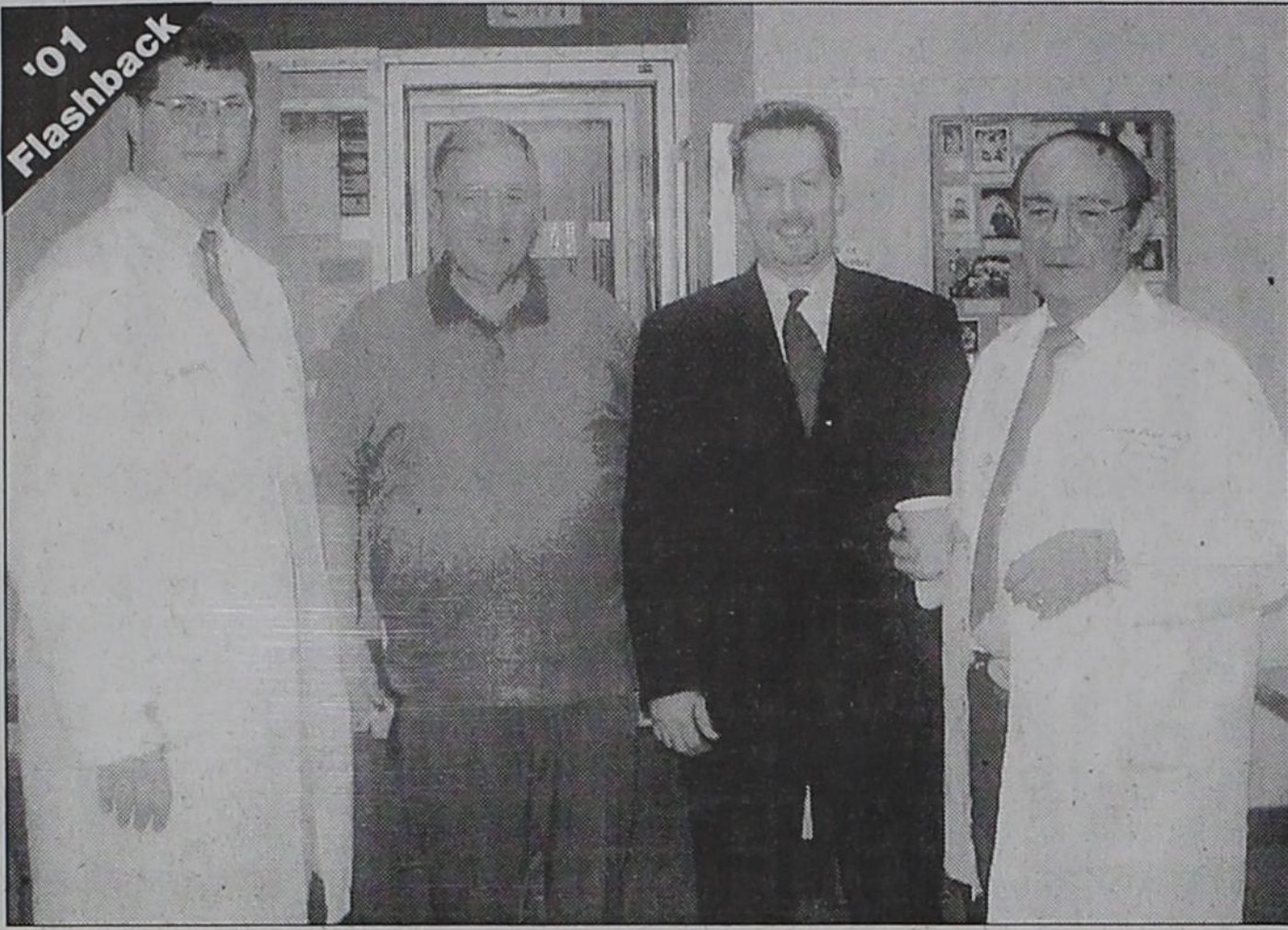
Photo by Joyce Nelson



AND HELLO TO NEW FRIENDS—There were several new faces to the business community in Castro County for 2001. First United Bank of Dimmitt sponsored a reception for the new folks. The newcomers include (from left), Chris and Joye Bradford of *The Castro County News*,

Niki and Jon Riddle of Dimmitt Pharmacy (formerly Coleman Pharmacy), Roger Lowe, Sr. and Ronnie Rogers of Lowe's Pay and Save, (formerly Dimmitt Thriftway and Dimmitt Market), and Mark, Sheila and Aaron Lee, the new John Deere dealer in Dimmitt.

Photo by Joyce Nelson



**WELCOME TO CASTRO COUNTY**-Doctor Skyley Bizzell (left) and Doctor Greg Matos (right) are welcomed to Castro County and Plains Memorial Hospital at a 2001 reception in their honor. Between the two doctors is Joe Sloan, Hospital Administrator and Jim Smith (right) Clinic Supervisor. Castro County residents as well as out of town family members dropped by to meet the 2001 additions to the Plains Memorial Hospital staff.

# Steps may help protect against winter illnesses

For the past few weeks the national news has been full of stories about anthrax, the frightening disease associated mostly with livestock and wildlife, that someone has been attempting to spread to the human population through the mail.

"Everybody is concerned because we heard so much information about anthrax," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist. "But what needs to be considered more is flu and other illnesses common in winter. We're going into flu season now."

She pointed out that while the number of people infected with anthrax is small, thousands come down with colds, sniffles and flu every year, and while colds and sniffles are usually minor, flu can be deadly.

"We really need to be

concerned about flu at this time of year,—we should protect ourselves from illness during the holiday season," Rice said.

When families and friends travel for long distances to be together during the holiday season, they bring their germs with them, and if they share those germs with others who are in close proximity, "then everybody gets sick," she said.

Don't think staying home alone and refusing to socialize is the only protection against germs this holiday season. Rice suggested some less drastic steps that can be taken to protect against germs and communicable diseases, including colds, flu and other common seasonal ailments.

First and foremost, she advises people to "wash your hands. That's a key thing because it will keep you from sharing germs."

In fact, for prevention of all kinds of infectious diseases, "hand-washing is the No. 1 issue," she said.

Washing hands will drastically reduce the number of germs shared by individuals.

Make sure and have a ready supply of paper tissues to catch those sneezes and coughs, and then be thrown away. Rice said cloth handkerchiefs do not provide the same safety that paper tissues do because handkerchiefs are kept close at hand after being used—which can spread germs and illness too.

Besides, a ready supply of paper tissues can help prevent children from wiping their noses on their sleeves, which is another way germs get passed around.

Children often have germs to pass around. Rice quoted a pediatrician who once told her: "The only people who get sick more often than toddlers are their mothers."

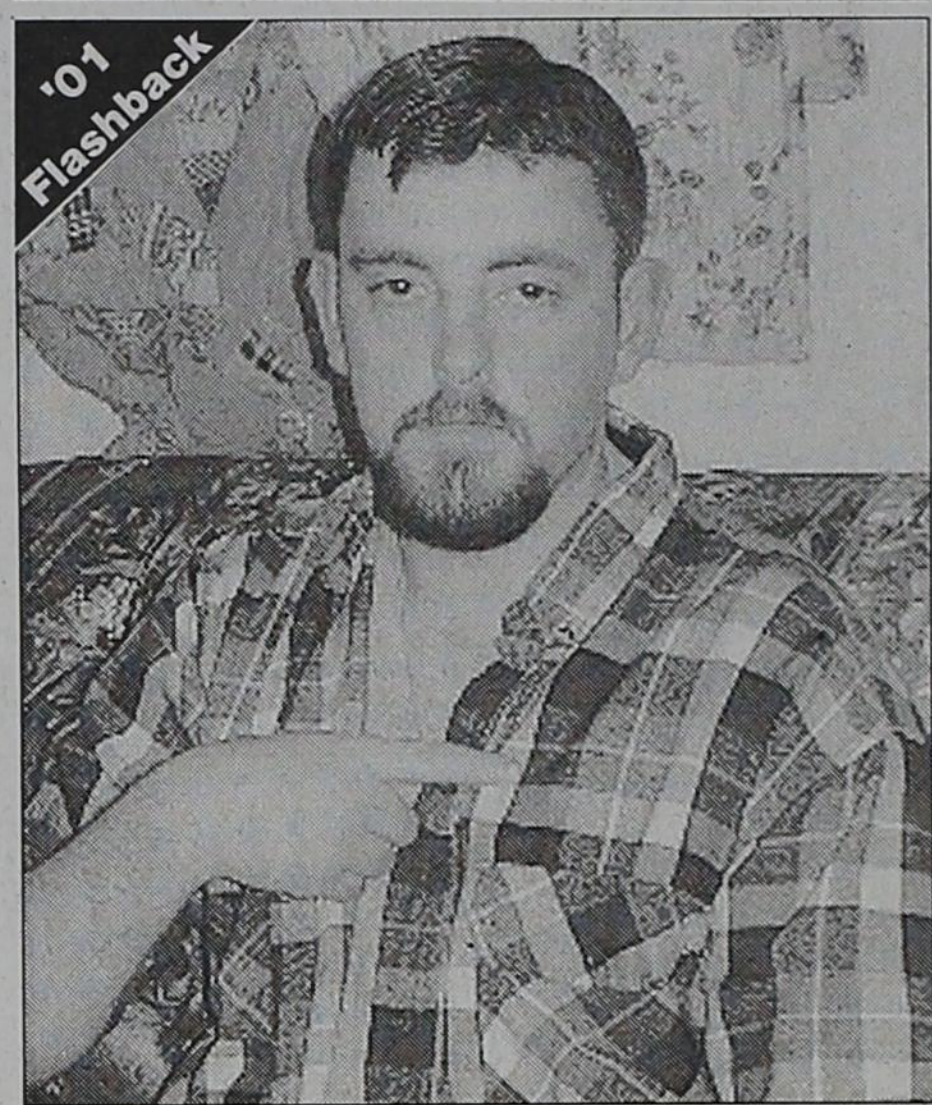
That's why teachers, day care workers and others who spend large amounts of time with small children are among those recommended to get flu shots first. Flu shots can help anyone stay healthy, but they are especially recommended for those older than 65, people with conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or other chronic illnesses.

Another way to protect against disease is to keep the immune system functioning at its best, Rice said. "Remember, our bodies have very powerful immune systems to protect us from infections; unfortunately, we do many things to keep that system from working to its greatest level of effectiveness."

To stay as healthy as possible, Rice advised:

- ◆ Don't smoke or use other tobacco products.
- ◆ If you must smoke, don't do it around others—especially children.
- ◆ Exercise for at least 30 minutes, five times a week.
- ◆ Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day.
- ◆ Get a full eight hours of sleep each night.
- ◆ Don't drink more than two alcoholic drinks per day.
- ◆ Control stress.
- ◆ Stay current on immunizations.

"You are far more likely to catch the flu than anthrax," Rice said.

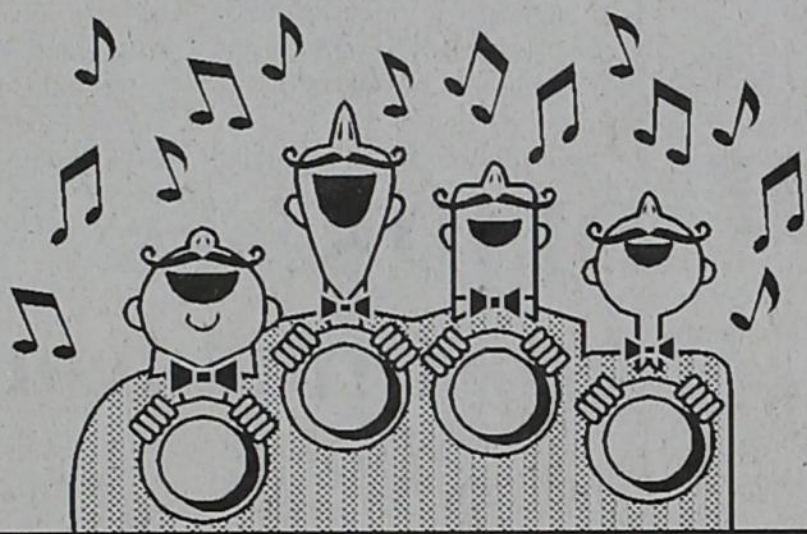


**IT WENT IN RIGHT THERE**-Dale West, 20, of Dimmitt, points to the location of the wound he received in a 2001 accidental shooting while he was participating in SWAT drills with local law enforcement officers. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Have A NOTEWORTHY Year

Hope it resounds with happiness and harmony. Thanks.

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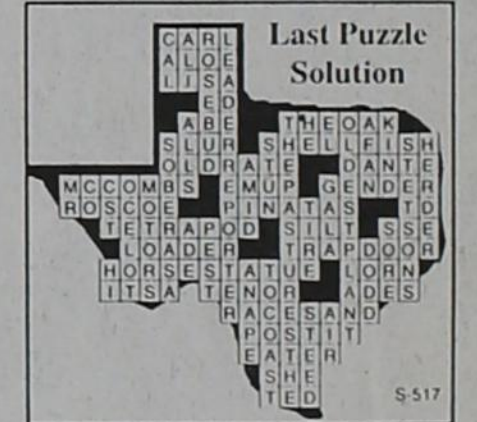
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39 detection device  
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41 \_\_\_ burg, TX  
42 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in a wheel"  
43 Boerpe landmark: "Kendall Inn"  
44 TXism for soft drink  
45 TXism: "\_\_\_boose"  
46 (jail)  
47 Denton High class

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Leigh Elaine Strother (DHS Class 1972) is visiting her dad Raleigh and sister Phoebe Strother. Leigh lives in North Hollywood, Calif., close to the Universal Studios. She edits materials for a noted writer and together they have been quite successful.

The writer is Francis Hamit. Francis copes with dyslexia and Leigh corrects and edits her manuscripts. He has had one book published on virtual reality, written hundreds of articles for the *Trade Magazine Communications*. He wrote 93 articles for the 1985 revised *Britannica Encyclopedia*. Francis was selected for *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World* in 1999. His best know article is *The Year of the Science*. The subject matter of this article is privacy during the electronic age.

Leigh spent four years in the United States army in 1980-1984. She was honorably discharged as a Private First Class.

Randy and Tami Griffitt have been busy entertaining friends and relatives through the holidays. They were hosts for the Dimmitt Rotary Club members Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed dinner and a white elephant gag gift exchange on Thursday. Special guests were Betty Freeman and her son, Paul, who lives in Oregon.

Friday the Griffitts son, Tanner, came home from Tulsa, Okla. where he's a student at Spartan Aeronautics. Several of his Dimmitt school mates (DHS Class of 2001) came by to visit.

Sunday Tami's family came for an early Christmas dinner. Those present were Tammy's mother, Elois McMasters; Tami's sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Jerry McDonald, their son, Jerry and his girlfriend, Misty of Lubbock; and the McDonald son and daughter-in-law, Cody and Mercy of Hobbs, N.M.

Also present were Tami's sister and brother-in-law, Donna

Danny Cade of Lubbock and their son, Brad from Amarillo.

John and Carol Lantz celebrated Christmas with the arrival of their daughter, Teresa Lantz, her husband, Rick Hopping and their daughters, Kallie, 12, and Becca, 7. The Hoppings live in Scotts Bluff, Neb. where Rick is manager of Western Sugar Growers.

Teresa, Rick and girls also visited Rick's parents in Littlefield. They returned here for Christmas day.

Bruce, Judy and Billy Dollar were in Dimmitt Sunday on their way to Judy's parents home in Wellington. Bruce the Dimmitt High School head football coach before accepting the head coaching position in Tularosa, N.M. in the year of 2000. His team, the Tularosa Wildcats won the New Mexico state championship on Nov. 17.

Billy is quarterback for the seventh and eighth grade team, and a very active student.

Steve and Karon Smith were hosts to their families for a lovely Christmas dinner. Their son, Taran, a senior petroleum engineer major at Texas Tech, was home for the holidays. Arnold and Sharron Flynt Acker (DHS Classes of 1965 and 1969) and their son, Andrew of Lake Krowa near Gainesville, and daughter, Ashley Blakeslee of Dallas, were guests.

Ashley has recently run in a benefit 26 mile marathon in Dallas. She qualified there for the Boston Marathon and plans to compete. Ashley and Andrew are grandchildren of Rose Acker.

Other guests were Jack and Elaine Flynt of Lubbock and their daughter, who is a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Laura's fiancé is First Lieutenant Jason Brown.

Dr. Rob and Evelyn Lindsey of Plainview and their children, Mark and Katy of Cleburne,

along with Kim and Bill Holland of Rockwall, Jeff and Susan Lindsey of Dallas and children of Doris Flynt were there.

Avis and Ralph Smith and Doris Flynt completed the guest list.

CD and Linda Fitzgerald and Jack and Charlene Howell have had the pleasure of their children, Gaines and Crystal Howell and grandchildren from Blanchard, Okla. here for the holidays.

Bud Hill was shopping for grandson, Jackson Hill, who is the son of Kelly and Kiane Love Hill of Grapevine. What was he shopping for? Toy horses and cattle for a little boy's make believe cattle ranch, of course.

Bud was planning for his other children: Jan, Lisa, Beverly and their families for a Christmas time with him.

Tommy and Paula Portwood were host for their family Christmas get-together Saturday. Those present were their daughter's family, Rochelle, Brent, Shelby and Logan of Abilene; their sons, Brent and Bryan Portwood of Amarillo; Bryan's girlfriend, Jade Vick; Paula's mother, Pauline Hoyler; Tommy's mother, Lillian Portwood; Paula's brother, Stanley Harris of Lubbock; Stanley's girlfriend, Donna Wellman, and Paula's nieces, Deidrea and Amber Harris of Pearland.

What is your most memorable Christmas?

Mary Mays recalled one Christmas when she and her family spent the holidays at the Vaden Kirby mountain cabin in New Mexico. They made tree decorations from cranberries, popped corn, paper plates and sheer ingenuity. Then it came time to go scout for the perfect tree. The hitch came when her dad, Vaden, couldn't stand for anyone to cut down a pretty tree. He gave his consent to cut the ugliest tree she ever saw. That

was their year of the ugly Christmas tree.

Hermenia Salinas told about the year her girls were really testing Santa Claus. They fought, were slow to mind her or Pete, were just being like all kids get around Christmas time when everyone has crammed shopping, parties and too many cookies in. Hermenia kept warning, "Santa Claus will NOT come to our house if you don't behave!" You know the old song that no kids really believe, "You better be good, you better watch out, Santa Claus is coming to town!"

But sure enough, on Christmas morning there were no presents under the tree from Santa!

The girls immediately became unconsolable and they were thrust into mourning and despair.

They went to their grandparent's house for Christmas dinner and even grandmother joined them in their grief. She cried and tried to console the three little girls. I believe perhaps she even reminded Hermenia that as a child Hermenia hadn't always been perfect, but Santa didn't resort to those measures.

Upon returning home (after a lot of attitude change and repenting) Santa had returned to the Salinas' home and left gaily wrapped packages for three little girls under the tree!

The fall of 1982 found Howard and Belinda Rhodes just bidding time, awaiting to go to Africa where they'd become full fledged missionaries to the Malawian people. Their belongings had been shipped over and there was really not much for them to do state side. Howard convinced his wife, Belinda, daughter, Amy, and sons, Jeff and Greg, that the group should just go ahead and go!

On Dec. 8, 1982 the Howard Rhodes family flew from Lubbock to New York City, London, England and Landed much later in Blantyre, Malawi.

There were NO Christmas

parties, NO decorations, NO carolers, NO Christmas trees and NO grandmas' and grandpas. Howard began to wonder what he'd done to his family, bringing them half way around the world to this!

Trying to make the best of a bad situation, he and Belinda cut a lonely branch from a tree, made paper decorations—no lights nor tinsel and tried their best to be cheerful.

They learned about a country club type place with swimming, etc. The temperature was very warm, so on Christmas Eve 1982 the Howard Rhodes family went swimming.

This became a family Christmas tradition for the twelve years they lived in Africa.

We hope you had a merry one and have a very Happy New Year!

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# People



**'01 Flashback**  
Citizens of Castro County gather at the courthouse in Dimmitt just after the September 11 attacks to pray for the thousands of victims in New York City and Washington, D.C. Four commercial airliners were used by the terrorists as instruments

of destructions. One was flown into the Pentagon, two others into the World Trade Center and another crashed in a rural area near Pittsburgh, PA.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

## Music event set Friday

An authentic Christmas tradition will unfold again this year on the "Fourth Day of Christmas," which is Friday, when Home Mercantile in Nazareth hosts its West Texas Christmas program.

Bright colors, candlelight and holiday decor will provide the

backdrop for a family party to which everyone is invited.

A potluck meal will kick off the evening at 6 p.m., and special refreshments will be provided.

Music will be provided by The String Technicians, featuring guitarist Joe Gillis, fiddle Jean Warren and upright bass player Chet Calcote.

The trio will perform a unique collection of Christmas songs including some classics and rarely heard songs like *Christmas in the Trenches*, *West Texas Christmas* and Andy Wilkinson's *Tumbleweed Christmas Tree*.

After the show, local musicians will be invited to take the stage and lead a sing-along of holiday music and other favorites.

There is no admission charge, but those attending the meal are asked to bring a covered dish.

Donations will be accepted to meet building expenses and fund future programs.



### Who's New

#### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Gerardo and Sandra Castillo of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Jose Gerardo Castillo, who was born at 8:11 a.m. on December 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 5 lbs and 7.4 ounces and was 18 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Jose and Cruz Castillo of Chihuahua, Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Jose and Maria Luisa Flores also of Chihuahua, Mexico.

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**Church of Christ**

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Thanks For Your Time!

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Celebrate a new beginning

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Happy New Year!

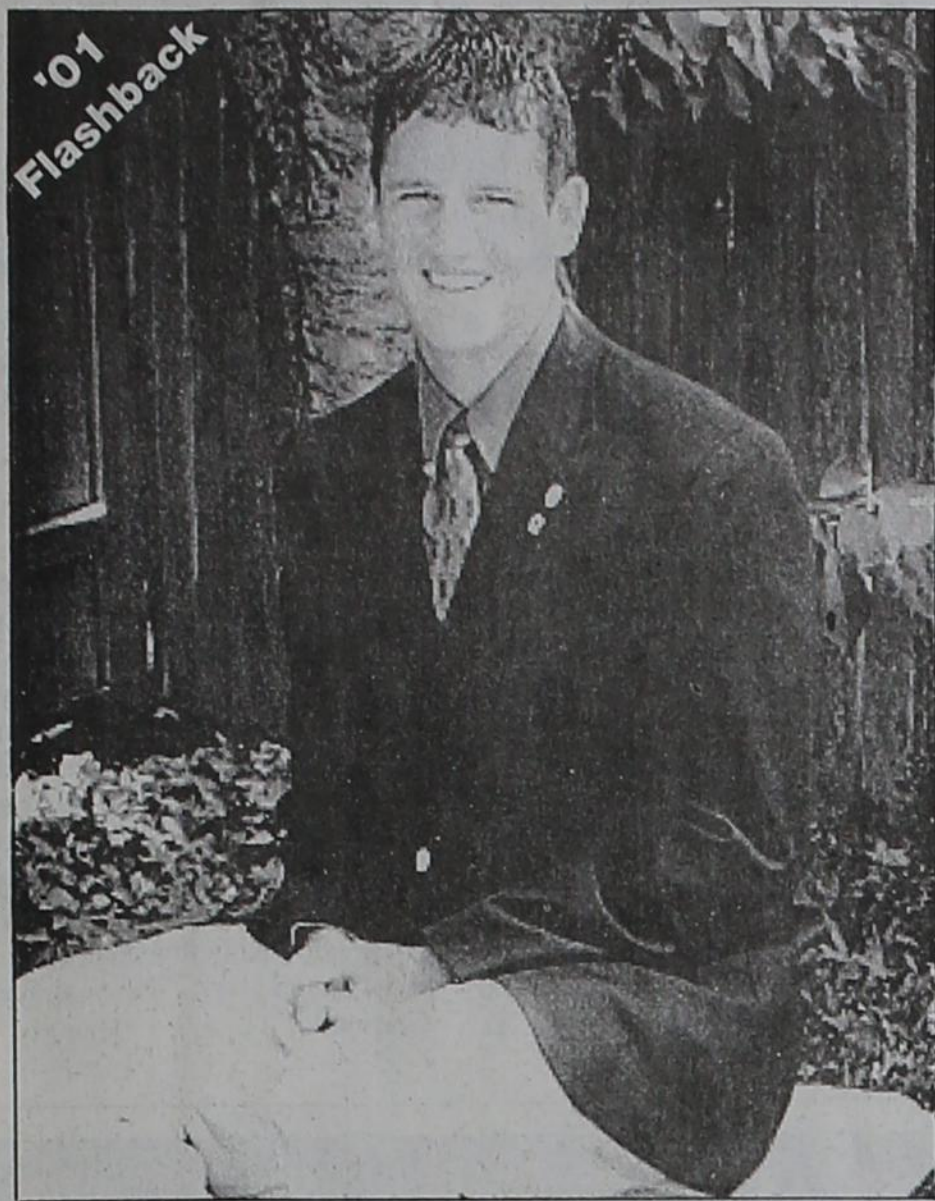
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Jeremy Bishop, of Dimmitt is the Texas 4-H President for 2001.

# Help available for military families

The Amarillo Area Foundation announced that emergency financial help is available for those Texas Panhandle families who have wage earners that have been deployed because of active or reservist duty. The Amarillo Executive Women civic club has made the initial gift to the community foundation to establish the Families for Freedom Fund. Other organizations and individuals

are being asked to make contributions. The Families for Freedom Fund was designed to provide small grants to support those families who might be facing unique financial emergencies or hardships while a family member has been deployed to defend our country at war. Amarillo Area Foundation will manage the Families for Freedom Fund and approve each family grant made from the

fund. Contributions made to the fund will be used exclusively to support area families. No management or administrative fees will be charged to the fund, a general policy regarding all funds of the Amarillo Area Foundation. Panhandle military family members who need help should contact the local American Red Cross office toll free at 1-866-792-9296. In Amarillo, families may call 376-6309.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the fund may do so by mailing a check to:  
**Families for Freedom Fund**  
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## Michael Bell receives degree

Michael Elizabeth Bell graduated with honors from West Texas A&M University on Friday, Dec. 14, 2001. Graduation ceremonies were held at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration/Master of Professional Accounting degrees.

Michael was a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Michael was listed on the President's and Dean's Honor List all four years at West Texas A & M. She was inducted into Alpha Chi Honor Society during her sophomore year and was elected secretary.

As a graduate student, she was an active member of the West Texas A & M Student Alumni Board. She was also a member of the Catholic Student Center and the Institute of Management Accounting.



**MICHAELE BELL**  
 Michael graduated with a 3.7 grade point average.

Miss Bell is currently employed with Johnson & Sheldon, P.C. Consultants & CPA's as an accountant in Amarillo.

She is the daughter of Paul and Michelle Torres of Dimmitt and Mike Bell of Hereford.

Michael is the granddaughter of Lonnie Bell of Lubbock and the great-granddaughter of Pauline Bell of Dimmitt.

## Police Calls

A 17-year-old Dimmitt man has been charged with arson and he was arrested Dec. 14.

On Dec. 15, a 19-year-old Olton man was arrested on charges of theft by check, driving while his license was suspended and driving under the influence.

A 19-year-old Floydada man was jailed Dec. 12 on warrants for criminal mischief.

A 48-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense, on Dec. 15.

Two other individuals were

arrested this week, one for failing to wear a safety belt and another for failure to control speed.

An unknown person took money from a Friona woman's purse without permission.

A Dimmitt resident was arrested for driving while intoxicated, public intoxication and for failing to wear a safety belt.

A 19-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

A 27-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

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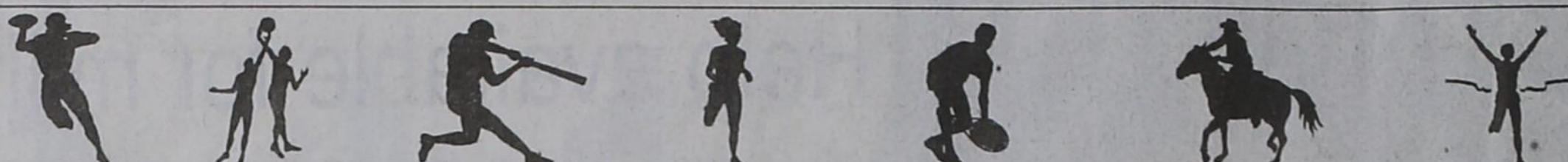
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# Sports



## Caprock Tourney begins today for Dimmitt teams

Lubbock's annual basketball marathon kicks off today (Thursday) and the Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats will part of the 64-team melee.

The Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament features 32 girls' teams and 32 boys' teams, and games will be played at seven different Lubbock gyms—Frenship, Lubbock Coronado's big gym, Lubbock Coronado's auxiliary gym, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock High, Lubbock Monterey's new gym and Lubbock Monterey's old box gym.

In first-round action today,

Dimmitt's Bobbies will play Trinity Christian at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock High.

The Bobcats' first-round game will be against Panhandle at 4:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado.

Teams competing in the girls' tournament are Lorenzo, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock High, Sudan, Lamesa, Abernathy, Midland Lee, Frenship, Dalhart, Happy, Panhandle, Lubbock Monterey, Hereford, El Paso Americas, Lubbock Coronado, Goldthwaite, El Paso Franklin, Perryton, Centennial, Spearman, Odessa Permian, Trinity Chris-

tian, Dimmitt, Brownfield, Arlington, Shallowater, Amarillo Caprock, Borger and Friona.

Boys' teams are Lubbock Monterey, Muleshoe, Happy, Lubbock Cooper, Lorenzo, Shallowater, Abernathy, Trinity Christian, Hereford, Abilene, St. Michael's, San Angelo Central, Panhandle, El Paso Bowie, Lubbock Estacado, Connally, El Paso Coronado, Caprock, Burk Burnett, Borger, Seminole, Pampa, El Paso Montwood, Palo

Duro, Frenship, Lubbock High, Arlington, Kermit, Dalhart, Levelland and Lubbock Coronado.

The Bobbies will play either Brownfield or Arlington in second-round action, with the winners squaring off today at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado. Losers in the two first-round games will play Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado.

If the Bobcats beat Panhandle, they'll face the El Paso Bowie-

Lubbock Estacado winner at 9 a.m. Friday at Frenship. The Dimmitt-Panhandle and Bowie-Estacado losers will square off at 12 noon on Friday at Frenship.

Teams could play as many as five games in the three-day tournament.

On Saturday, the boys' schedule includes two consolation games at 4 p.m., one at Frenship and the other at Estacado; and two more at 1:30 p.m., with these scheduled for Lubbock High and Lubbock Monterey. At

6 p.m. at Coronado, the third-place boys' finisher will be decided. The boys' championship game is slated for 9 p.m. on Saturday at Lubbock Coronado.

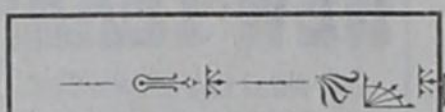
For the girls, the Saturday schedule features consolation games at Lubbock High and Monterey at 4 p.m., and at Coronado and Frenship at 1:30 p.m. The girls' third-place game will be played at 4:30 p.m. at Coronado, with the championship slated for 7:30 p.m. at Coronado.

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In 2001 state tournament action last year, Looking on and getting into the fray are Bobcats Matthew Sandoval (23) battles members of the Daniel Proffitt (11) and Matthew Wright, (14) Corpus Christi West Oso Bears for the rebound. just out of the picture to the right.

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LONGHORNS FIRST GAME: Longhorns vs. Highland Park, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.



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# Lady Horns and Longhorns in Silverton Tournament

The Lady Horns and Longhorns will take part in the annual Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament today (Thursday) in Silverton.

In first-round action today, the Hart Lady Horns will play Highland Park at 9 a.m.

The Longhorns' first-round game will also be against Highland Park at 10:30 a.m.

Teams competing in the girls' tournament are Highland Park, Amarillo Trinity, Wellington, Bovina, Pampa Ac., Kress and Silverton.

Boys' teams are Highland Park, White Deer, Wellington, Bovina, Pampa Ac., Kress and Silverton.

If the Lady Horns beat Highland Park, they will advance to the semifinals against the Amarillo Trinity-Wellington winners at 3 p.m. Friday. The Lady Horns-Highland Park and Amarillo Trinity-Wellington losers will square off at 9 a.m. Friday.

If the Longhorns beat Highland Park, they will advance to the semifinals against the White Deer-Wellington winners at 4:30

p.m. Friday. The Longhorn-Highland Park and White Deer-Wellington losers will square off at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

For the girls, the Saturday schedule features playoffs for seventh place at 9 a.m., consolation at 12 noon, third place at 3 p.m. and the championship game is slated for 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the boys' schedule features playoffs for seventh place at 10:30 a.m., consolation at 1:30 p.m., third place at 4:30 p.m. and the championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m.



TODAY AND TOMORROW-Lauren Waggoner, a member of the 2001-02 Bobbies holds friend, Zoey Ramsey who is a certain star for the 2016 Bobbies. Zoey is the daughter of Dimmitt coach Brent Ramsey.

## 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 Joyce Davis at 647-5362, or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519.



The Dimmitt High School Band recently performed a collection of Christmas Music at a Sunday afternoon concert open to the public. Refreshments were served after the concert as the band mixed with those who came to enjoy their performance.

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# Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY:

## Caprock Tournament

**BOBBIES FIRST GAME:** Bobbies vs. Trinity, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock High  
**BOBCATS FIRST GAME:** Bobcats vs. Panhandle, Thursday, 4:30 p.m. at Coronado

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**MONDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Dalhart**  
Here, Starting at 1:30 p.m.

### Schedule and Scores

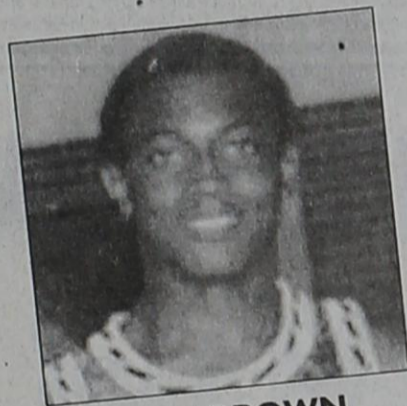
- Dec. 27-29—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
- Dec. 31—Dalhart, Here
- Jan. 4—Tulia (Boys), There
- Jan. 4—\*Littlefield (Girls), There
- Jan. 8—\*Roosevelt (Girls), There
- Jan. 8—Amarillo (Boys), There
- Jan. 11—\*Shallowater, Here
- Jan. 15—\*Muleshoe, There
- Jan. 18—\*Cooper, Here
- Jan. 22—\*Littlefield, Here
- Jan. 25—\*Roosevelt, Here
- Jan. 29—\*Shallowater, There
- Feb. 1—\*Muleshoe, Here
- Feb. 5—\*Cooper, There
- Feb. 8—\*Littlefield (Boys), There
- Feb. 12—\*Roosevelt (Boys), There

#### Bobbies

- 35, Randall 60
- 30, Levelland 44
- 29, Borger 52
- Queens Classic**
- 51, Hereford 45
- 33, Plainview 71
- 45, Levelland 67
- 56, Hereford 58
- Nazareth Tournament**
- 75, White Deer 46
- 57, Hamilton 63
- 62, Hale Center 49
- 47, Tulia 42
- 31, Sudan 44
- 37, Abernathy 50
- 49, River Road 53
- 52, Dalhart 37
- Season Record: 5-10

#### Bobcats

- 49, Randall 51
- 70, Levelland 62
- 59, Borger 65
- 74, Hereford 57
- Pioneer Classic**
- 80, Clint 65
- 68, Hereford 56
- 77, Borger 62
- 62, Plainview 63
- 79, Tulia 62
- Crossroads Classic**
- 55, Hereford 46
- 53, Clyde 42
- 77, Trinity Christian 70
- 66, Abernathy 63
- 61, Caprock 39
- 63, Dalhart 43
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Nazareth seniors Tara Kleman, Sháwna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting accept the Class A Division II state girl's basketball championship trophy last March in Austin. The Swiftettes beat Saltillo, 61-51 to win the crown.

Nazareth turned around and faced the Division I state champion, Kennard on Saturday in the inaugural Texas Cup matchup and prevailed in that game as well, 61-44.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

## Swiftettes will meet Hobbs in tourney

The Nazareth Swiftettes' will play Hobbs today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. in the West Texas Girls' Invitational Tournament in Slaton. Should the Swiftettes win, they'll meet Wall at 5:30 p.m. Friday. If the Swiftettes lose, they will play Slaton JV at 2 p.m. Saturday.

On Saturday, the girls' schedule features playoffs for consolation at 3:30 p.m., third place at 5 p.m. and the championship game will be played at 6:30 p.m.

Teams competing in the tournament are Slaton, Fabens, Muleshoe, Tahoka, Wall, Hobbs and Slaton JV.

### More on Chamber Banquet.....

The banquet opens with a steak dinner, although a few changes will be made.

"The menu for this year's banquet will change slightly," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "We're trying New York Strips this year—and homemade brownies for dessert. We think you'll enjoy it."

Tickets for the event will be mailed to Chamber members at the end of December and will be available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Office through Jan. 11, 2002.

"We've been asked to finalize our reservations by that date to give ample time to the people from the Methodist Church who will be catering the meal," Sava said.

Adult tickets are \$15.00 and student tickets are \$10.00

## Swifts in Fort Worth Tournament

The Nazareth Swifts will play Lake Worth at 9 p.m. today (Thursday) in a first-round game of the 2001 Whataburger Basketball Tournament in Fort Worth.

Nazareth will be playing in the small school (Class AAA-Class AA-Class A) division of the annual holiday tournament, and the Swifts' games will be played at Haltom High School.

If Nazareth beats Lake Worth, the Swifts will advance to the championship quarterfinals against the All Saints-Lipan winner at 2 p.m. on Friday. Losers in the two first-round matchups will square off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

Other teams competing in the small school division are Italy, Brookeland, Ponder, Country

Day, Harvest Christian, Farwell, Birdville, Alvarado, Azle, Kennard, Simms James Bowie and Trinity Valley.

On Saturday, final-round action includes the consolation championship at 3 p.m., the fifth-place game at 4:30 p.m., the third-place game at 6 p.m. and the championship at 7:30 p.m.

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**BASELINE MOVES**-Daryl Pohlmeier (32) finds an opening along the baseline and picks up an easy jumper before Goodrich's Josh Venson can stop him in a 2001 Class A Division II state championship game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. A long Nazareth scoring drought in the second and third quarters allowed Goodrich to pull ahead and the Hornets held on down the stretch for a 62-51 win and the state title. Pohlmeier finished with six points, five rebounds and a pair of steal in the game.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



# IT'S BASKETBALL TIME



**Lesley Brockman**, Senior Forward

## Good Luck, Swiftettes,

in the West Texas Tournament in Slaton

FIRST GAME: Swiftettes vs. Hobbs, Thursday, 4 p.m.



**Blake Birkenfeld**, Senior Point


## Good Luck, Swifts,


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FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Lake Worth, Thursday, 9 p.m.

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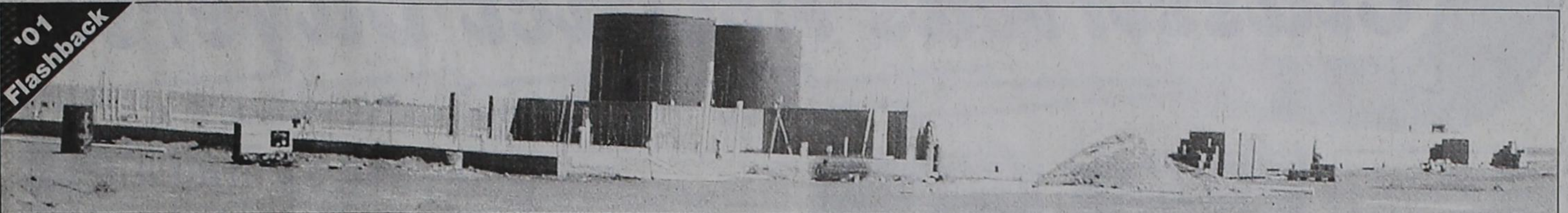
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'01 Flashback



**BUILDING ON NEW INDUSTRY IN 2001**-The milk barn is going up at the new 2,400-head dairy being constructed by SRJ Dairy Development southwest of Dimmitt. This picture shows

construction progress on the milk barns. Construction crews are wrapping up ground work, concrete work and making final preparations for the arrival of the cattle. The SRJ Dairy

Development project will add \$2.5 million to the existing tax bases of several taxing entities. Dimmitt Mayor, Wayne Collins said construction should be completed and in production by January 2002.  
*Photo by Anne Acker*

## ACGA slates convention

The American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) will hold its annual convention March 7-9, 2002, in Washington, D.C.

Theme for this year's convention is "America's Farm Families—Feeding and Fueling Our Country's Freedom." The convention will be held at the Sheraton Four-Points, located at 1201 K Street NW in Washington, D.C.

"During this nation's time of need, we want the people of the

United States to be assured that America's farm families will continue to feed, clothe, shelter and fuel all of them," said ACGA President Keith Dittrich. "Just as we have done before, our nation's farmers have stepped forward and are doing our part to insure America's freedom."

The convention is being held in Washington, D.C., to give ACGA members a chance to visit with their congressional

delegates and the members of the administration.

Issues such as farm policy, energy and other items important to rural America are expected to be the focus of the meeting and of member visits with government officials.

For more information about the convention, including registration information, visit the ACGA web site at [www.ACGA.org](http://www.ACGA.org) or contact Lisa Miles at (202) 835-0330.

## Thornberry pleased with Congress' accomplishments

Mae Thornberry (TX-13) is pleased with some of the accomplishments made by Washington this past year.

"This has been a fairly productive year in Washington," Thornberry said. "Some of the things I have been pushing for several years were passed in the House this year—things like tax relief, a comprehensive energy plan and a new farm bill."

"We've made a good start on the war against terrorism, but there is a lot of work left to do".

Congress has taken action on:

- ▶ **Protect Transportation Security** - This plan establishes strict guidelines for airport security and gives the president the flexibility to implement the plan.
- ▶ **Enhance Domestic Security** - strengthens control of our borders, improve law enforcement information gathering, enhance foreign intelligence tools, increase penalties for terrorism, broaden the definition of terrorist acts and protect against abuse of new police powers.
- ▶ **Protest Public Health Security** - Three days after the attacks, the House responded with authorization for force against those responsible. The Defense Authorization Act ensures

that the military's needs are met while providing \$45.2 million for construction at Sheppard Air Force Base and an additional \$40 million for the infrastructure improvements, stockpile stewardship and security at the Pantex Plant.

Congress has also worked on the following national priorities:

- ▶ **Tax Relief** - The President has signed legislation that provides a permanent reduction of individual tax rates. This relief repeals the marriage and death taxes, doubles the child tax credit to \$1,000 and increases IRA contribution limits to \$5,000.
- ▶ **Provide a Balanced Energy Plan** - The House passed the SAFE Act, which decreases our dependence on foreign oil, promotes conservation and provides clean, affordable and available energy to America.
- ▶ **A New Farm Bill** - The House passed the Farm Security Act, a measure designed to strengthen the safety net for the American farmer while continuing to provide the flexibility to plant what they want.
- ▶ **Strengthen Education** - Passed the No Child Left

Behind Act, which would improve accountability, expand choices for parents, give state and local school districts less federal constraints and protect school prayer.

▶ **Secure the Economy** - The House passed an economy security bill aimed at creating jobs and keeping the recession as brief and shallow as possible by, among other things, providing health care tax credits and unemployment assistance to displaced workers and relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax.

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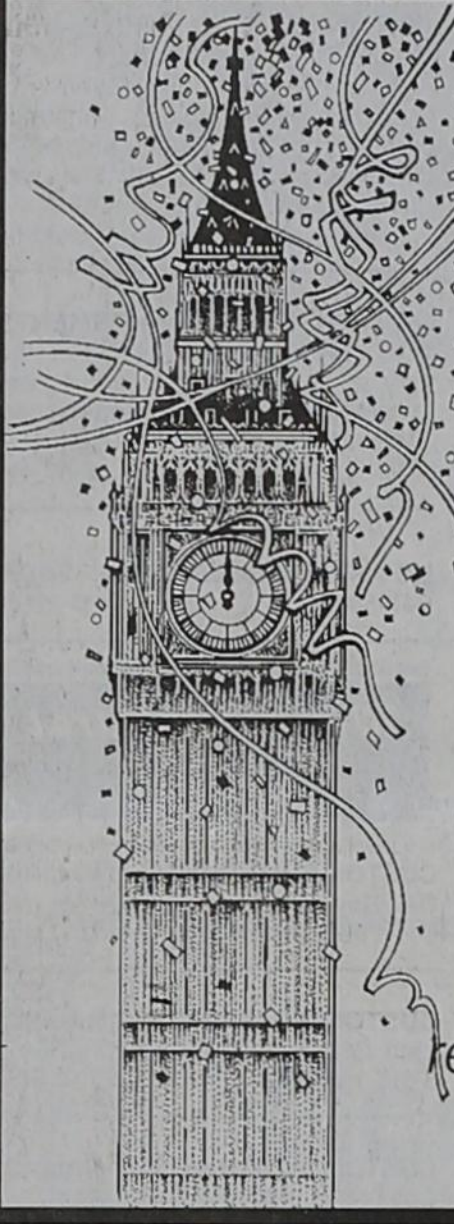
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**3—Real Estate For Rent**

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**22—Notices**

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**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 Thanks to all of you for your prayers, visits, cards and good wishes while I was in the hospital. The hospital was crowded so I had to take a room in the maternity ward. Needless to say, all my good friends and good buddies came by to see the baby. A special thanks to my dear wife and family, to Dr. Hardee and the nurses for the care they gave me. They worked hard to make me comfortable and get me well. They did a great job. Thanks and may God bless all of you.  
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**25—Legal Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for one county Extension pickup truck. Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Court-house, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge's Office by 5 p.m. on January 11, 2002. Bids will be opened on Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at 10 a.m. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.  
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**Training will begin in January**

Texas Cooperative Extension's popular Master Marketer education program will be returning to the Texas Panhandle in January.

The Amarillo session will focus on the principle commodities of the area: wheat, feed grains and cattle. Surveys of the first five classes suggests that participants use their new knowledge to increase their gross revenues from roughly 3% to 10% (or over \$30,000) on average, annually.

Statewide demand for the program continues to grow. The winter program slated for Amarillo will be held at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The first two-day session will begin on Jan. 16-17, 2002, with the following sessions slated for Jan. 30-31, Feb. 13-14 and Feb. 27-28.

Registration fee is \$250. Participants must maintain a commitment to work with their county agent to try and start or revitalize an existing marketing club.

Program costs primarily are met by grants from sponsors including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Cotton State Support Committee.

"We're looking for a few good marketers who wish to update their own skills, and individuals who will help their neighbors do the same," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension farm management economist.

Nationally recognized, the Texas marketing training is an in-depth, intensive risk management education program. Instructors teach participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk in addition to the skills and discipline necessary to execute the plan.

The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks. It is considered the most intensive marketing and risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the United States.

The instructors are top professionals from industry and universities around the country. A wide range of topics are covered to enhance marketing and risk management skills.

"We use case study examples and simulation exercises whenever possible," said Amosson.

Students gain experience using real tools that they will put into action on their own farm and ranch operations.

Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can get more information by contacting their county Extension agent. Specific questions can be addressed to Amosson or Fran Bretz at (806) 359-5401.

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# Words can hurt more than we realize

By RON TRUSLER

I have to admit this article is sort of a rerun from a couple of years ago. I am not so naive to think that everyone remembers the content of my articles. However, I do think that some things are worth emphasizing several times because of their importance.

stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me" must have lived in complete isolation from other people. Words do hurt! They can leave deep emotional scars as bad as a hit with a fist.

Most of us are disturbed when we hear of physical violence to children. However, many of us are guilty of cruelty with words

that we use when we are angry with our children. We may say things like:

- ◆ "You are pathetic. You can't do anything right."
- ◆ "You disgust me. Just shut up."
- ◆ "Hey, stupid."
- ◆ "You are more trouble than you are worth."
- ◆ "You will never amount to

anything."

Children believe what their parents tell them. Especially, if they hear things repeated over and over again. If you stop and listen to what you say to your child, especially when you are angry, you may not believe your ears. Children are easy targets when we let pressure build up in our lives.

The next time you feel so pressured that you are about to say something to a child (or an adult) that you will regret, STOP! Try some of the following alternatives:

1. Put your hands over your mouth. Count to 20. Say the alphabet out loud.
2. Stop in your tracks. Press your lips together and breathe deeply.
3. Phone a friend.
4. If someone can watch the child, go outside for a leisurely walk.
5. Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
6. Write down your thought and feelings.
7. Close your eyes and imagine your hearing what your child hears.

These simple things may help both you and your child feel better about themselves. You gain confidence in your self-control and your child does not question his or her personal worth.

If these steps do not help, it could be a sign of other stuff that you may need to seek a professional who can work with you.

Ron Trusler is Chief Executive Officer of Central Plains Center. He can be reached by phone at 806-293-2636 or by email at [ron@clplains.org](mailto:ron@clplains.org).



These early childhood students at Richardson Elementary School wave small flags prior to a special assembly just after the attacks of September 11, 2001. The students and schools remembered the victims and the heroes involved in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The ceremony included patriotic music performed by the Dimmitt High School Choir, displaying of several small flags by school children and the release of red, white and blue balloons. Photo by Anne Acker



## It's Time To Look Ahead

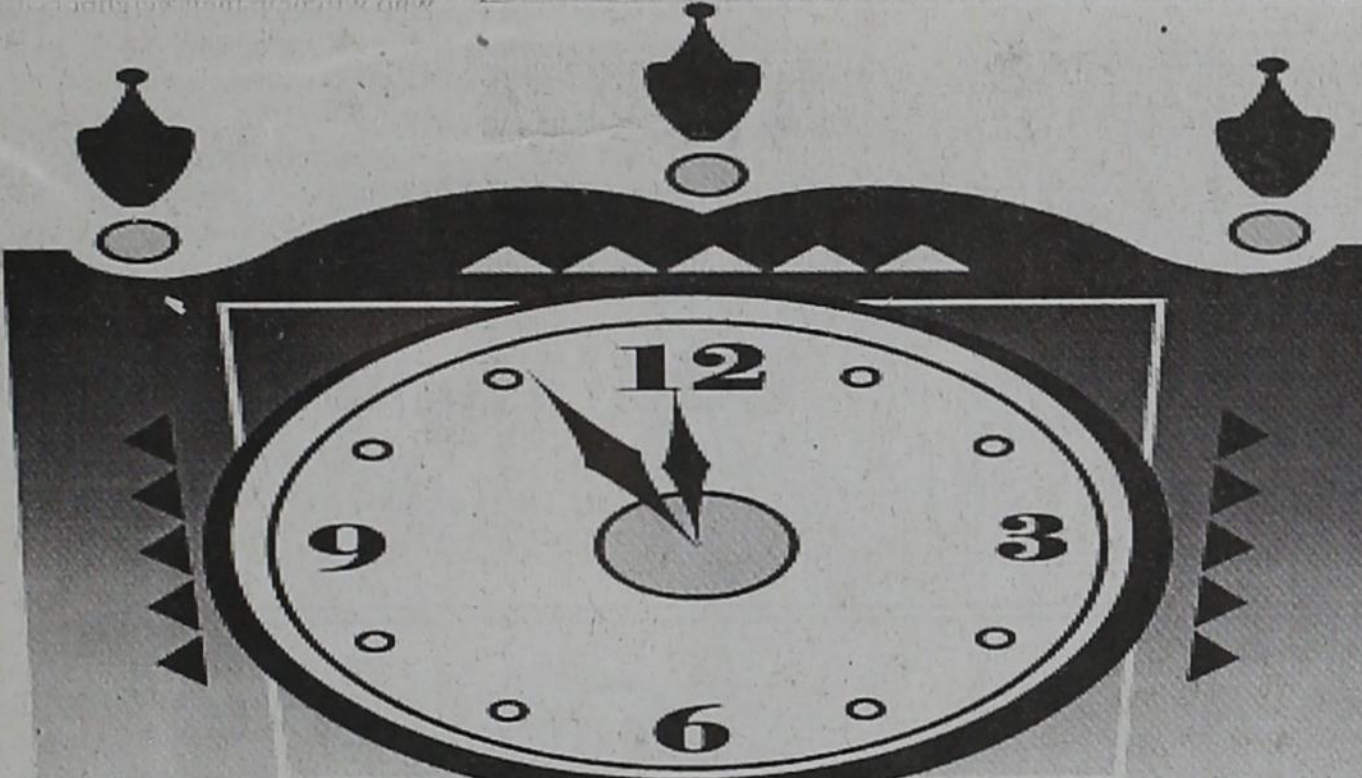
At the beginning of the new year, we would like to express our gratitude for all of your loyal support this year. We hope that your holiday season will be filled with joy, and that a feeling of goodwill lasts all year long.

Happy New Year!

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**'01 Flashback**  
**THE END OF A GRIM REMINDER**-Dimmitt City Manager, Don Sheffy watches as The Forest is burned and bulldozed under so that it is no longer an attraction to Castro County youth. The

city voted to destroy the area this fall after two Dimmitt High School students were killed in a one-vehicle accident after attending a gathering at The Forest.

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## TDH urges public to be alert for hantavirus pulmonary syndrome

The death last month of an Oklahoma girl due to hantavirus pulmonary syndrome serves as a reminder to residents of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains region to take precautions when dealing with rodent droppings and nests.

At this time of year, people may become at risk for exposure as they remove decorations from storage or when the items are returned to storage after the holidays.

Supplemental feeding of livestock during the winter may also increase the risk of exposure for livestock owners who have to load hay to feed that has been stored where rodents can have access.

Humans are usually infected when they inhale dust contaminated by saliva, urine, or feces of infected rodents. Humans may also be infected by rodent bites, and when material contaminated with rodent urine and feces is introduced into broken skin. Anytime evidence of rodent droppings is seen, or rodent nests are encountered, critical steps should be taken before any clean-up is attempted or the area is disturbed.

Self-protection is critical, so the use of rubber gloves, eye protection and a good quality mask are recommended. Prior to initiating the cleaning process,

open any windows and doors in the room to allow the air to circulate through the room.

Spray the area with a solution of one part bleach in nine parts of water, or another disinfectant that will kill viruses. If rodent carcasses or nest materials are found, spray them down with the disinfectant, too. Allow the disinfectant to remain on the surfaces for at least 30 minutes.

To keep the amount of dust at a minimum, spray the disinfectant a second time just prior to beginning the cleaning process and before removing any nesting materials or carcasses. If a person develops flu-like symptoms after cleaning a rodent-infested area, a physician should be contacted and the possibility of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome should be evaluated.

Preventing hantavirus pulmonary syndrome also involves controlling rodent activity in and outside of the home or storage buildings by implementing the following procedures:

- ◆ Keep kitchen and food preparation areas clean and store food and trash in containers with tight lids.
- ◆ Plug potential entry points in the exterior of the structure with steel wool or caulk.
- ◆ Eliminate possible nesting

areas and materials by clearing brush from around the yard and foundation.

- ◆ Keep garbage cans and wood piles off the ground and away from buildings.
- ◆ Elevate hay and feed stacks in barns.
- ◆ Store pet food in closed containers and avoid leaving pet food out overnight.

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## A welcome addition



**We're pleased to introduce Dr. Josefina Diaz-Vogt, our staff psychiatrist**

Dr. Diaz-Vogt comes to us from El Paso, where she served her four-year specialist's residency in the Dept. of Neuropsychiatry at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She was named the Resident of the Year in 1998. A native of the Republic of Panama, she is a graduate of Canal Zone College and earned her M.D. degree from the University of Panama School of Medicine in 1983. She was a general practitioner in Panama 10 years before deciding to specialize in psychiatry. She is the staff psychiatrist for the Welch Home Place; is available for private appointments at the Medical Center of Dimmitt; and serves as a consulting psychiatrist for Plains Memorial Hospital. "The people here are very, very nice," she said. "That's the first thing I noticed when I came here to interview."

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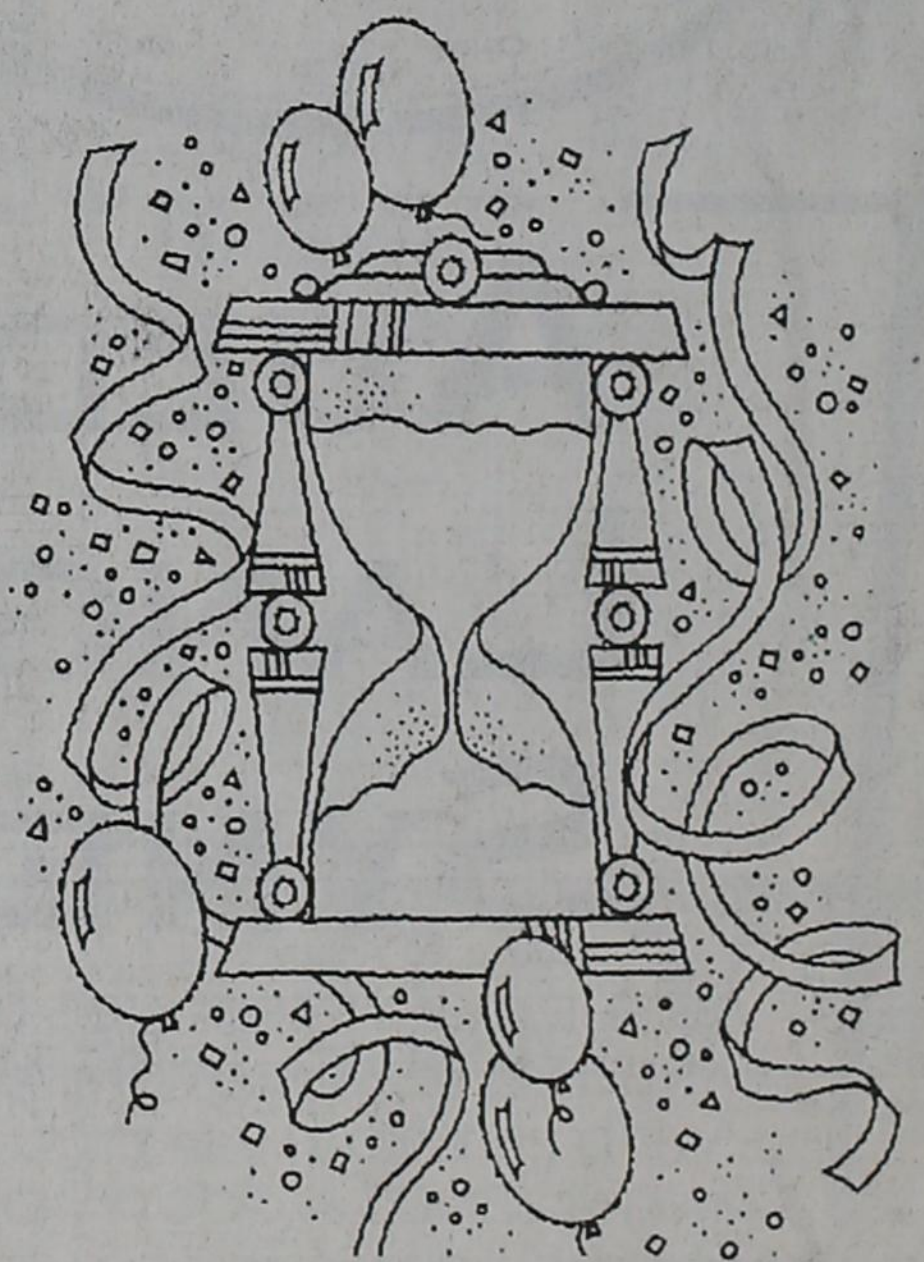
**Wishing You A Grand New Year**

We'd like to add an extra measure of thanks to all those who've helped make this past year a noteworthy one for us.

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