



Happy New Year

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Winter storm hampers travel across area



IT'S TOUGH BIKING IN THE SNOW, BUT STILL FUN
... From left: Austin Heard, Daniel Coleman and Toby Ward

Ice and snow coated the Texas Panhandle and South Plains over the Christmas holidays, halting travel, mail service and more.

The winter wonderland began on Christmas Eve (Sunday) as heavy fog turned into freezing drizzle, forming a thick layer of ice on tree branches, power lines and roads. The storm worsened Monday night through Wednesday morning as a heavy snowfall blanketed the area.

KDHN Radio, the National Weather Service Observer for

Dimmitt, officially recorded five inches of snow and .40 of an inch of moisture from the storm. Up to a foot of snow was recorded in some parts of the county.

Luckily, the storm didn't cause any major power outages in Castro County, but other areas weren't as lucky.

"We were very fortunate this time," said Jerry Koenig with Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. "The conditions were there and we could have had problems if the wind had

gotten up, but Mother Nature was nice to us.

"We had a few outages here and there, but nothing major. We did have a switch burn out in a substation north of Dimmitt and that caused a brief outage. We also had to repair five crossarms that were broken in Castro County. It just took a little time to get those fixed."

Traveling on roads in the area became treacherous as Monday's layer of ice was topped by up to 12 inches of snow that fell Tuesday.

Many families from out of town who were spending the holidays with relatives in this area were stranded until Wednesday or Thursday. Airports in Lubbock and Amarillo were closed and flight delays remained

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County included in disaster declaration

Castro County farmers are eligible for US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) emergency farm loans because of losses caused by drought, excessive heat and other disasters that occurred during 2000.

US Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declared the entire state of Texas as an agriculture disaster area on Dec. 19.

"The excessive heat and drought have made it a devastating year for farmers in Texas and all over the south," Glickman said. "USDA is working to help farmers in Texas and other states during these difficult times."

Since 1995, Texas farmers and ranchers have lost more than \$5.5 billion to natural disasters such as drought.

"Considering that agriculture contributes about \$80 billion to the state's economy annually, and is the second-largest industry behind oil and gas, this loss is devastating," said State Sen. Tom Haywood. "But Sec. Glickman's declaration will help reverse those losses."

Also eligible, because they are contiguous, are counties in adjacent states.

Curry, Eddy, Otero, Roosevelt, Dona Ana, Lea and Quay counties in New Mexico are eligible due to drought and excessive heat that occurred from Jan. 1 to the present.

Beauregard, Calcasieu, Sabine and Vernon Parishes in Louisiana are eligible due to drought and heat from Jan. 1 to the present, and due to fire that occurred from Sept. 1-7.

All other contiguous counties already have been designated or named for the same disasters.

This designation makes all qualified family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of this declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into

account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other eligibility requirements.

"Texas farmers and ranchers have suffered through drought conditions for four out of the last five years," said Haywood. "We've known for a long while now that our agriculture industry was hanging in the balance. Drought relief has been something we knew had to come. I'm pleased that it finally has."

The disaster designation also enables farmers and ranchers to apply for the federal livestock assistance program and the "linked-deposit" loans program offered by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA). The federal livestock assistance program offers cost-sharing to cover feed expenses whereas the TDA "linked-deposit" loan program allows commercial lenders to make low-interest loans.

Weather

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Friday	41	10	
Saturday	56	20	
Sunday	53	20	
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Tuesday	23	15	.29
..... 3 inches of snow			
Wednesday ..	25	16	.11
..... 2 inches of snow			
Thursday ...	30	19	

December Moisture 0.43
2000 Moisture 14.60

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

Jail bond, hospital, and gunman rank among top stories for 2000

The jail bond issue, improvements for the hospital district, and the gunman seen near Dimmitt Middle School were among the top news stories from the *Castro County News* for the year 2000.

The top news story of the year, as selected by News staff members, was the jail bond issue, which was in the news throughout 2000. The commissioners called for proposals for a financial advisor and a bond counsel at their Feb. 14 meeting.

In April, the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel of Austin was selected as the county's legal counsel in the bond issue process; and First Southwest Co. of Lubbock was selected as the financial advisor.

In July, Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects was selected as the architectural firm for the jail project, and in September A&S Steel Construction of Amarillo was chosen to be the construction manager "at risk."

Three public hearings were scheduled in October to inform the public about the need for a new jail, and a series of question-and-answer format articles about the jail was run in October and November.

The issue was placed on the ballot with the Nov. 7 general election and failed by only 28 votes, 952 in favor to 980 against.

The Castro County Hospital District also was in the news throughout the year, with a four-fold increase in service revenue and continued expansion of services, facilities, and personnel.

In March, it was reported that the hospital had added 10 "acute care" beds, and a social worker was hired for the Welch Home Place. A "master plan" was revealed the last of March that called for future purchase of a CT scan machine and the addition of a therapy department in the same building as the Medical Center.

In April, the hospital announced that it would receive an estimated \$111,000 in funds from the settlement of the state's suit against tobacco companies.

Revenues and collections for the hospital both were showing an increase, as reported in July, but the hospital had to come up with a \$300,000 refund to Medicare.

In August, CCHD announced the completion of the CT scanner, purchase of an ambulance, and installation of an X-ray machine at the Medical Center, along with the addition of a speech therapy program in the rehabilitation department.

A series of town hall meetings was set in November to inform people about the hospital district and its plans for the future.

A report of a gunman sighted near Dimmitt Middle School on Nov.

10 captured the attention of the entire town, as well as the surrounding area. The school nurse and another teacher both described a male suspect wearing a dark jacket and red cap, carrying a long-barreled firearm. The suspect did not point the firearm in the direction of the school. There

has still been no identification of a suspect in the incident, despite a \$500 reward offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

The middle school was locked down according to the school district's security plan, and the other campuses quickly followed suit. Parents were allowed to come pick up their children, even though classes were not dismissed. Only two or three vehicles were allowed in front of the school at one time and those picking up children had to show identification.

4 Agriculture always plays a big part in our area's economy, and stories about crops, weather and farm aid have a lot to say about our county.

Last year's bleak cotton harvest was wrapping up in January, and this year's cotton harvest got an early start, with the first bale recorded the last part of September.

Drought conditions continued to be a big factor in the ag economy, with the third drought in four years bringing losses state-wide estimated at \$96 million for the first part of 2000. Cotton losses due to drought were pegged at \$285 million state-wide. The picture for the corn harvest in September also was dimmed by drought.

Insects and disease also were big factors that affected the wheat harvest in June, with some yields down as much as 50%. Insects also affected the cotton crops in August.

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS look into the window of a house that was damaged by fire Friday night in Dimmitt. No one was injured in the fire, which was at the home of the Johnny Lugo family on South Broadway. The fire started in the back bedroom and several flaming mattresses were thrown out this window during the effort to extinguish the fire.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Fire damages Dimmitt home

The two-story home of the Johnny Lugo family on South Broadway in Dimmitt was damaged by fire at about 7 Friday night.

Apparently the fire started in a back bedroom of the home and several mattresses stored in the unused room were in flames at the time they were thrown out the window by firefighters, according to witnesses.

The home had heavy smoke damage in two or three rooms and other smoke damage throughout the house.

No one was injured, although a bystander said at least one person was treated for smoke inhalation.

Dimmitt volunteer fireman Francis Acker said about 17-18 firefighters reported to the scene, along with two fire trucks, the suburban and the rescue unit.

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By Don Nelson

I can't even remember the last time the *News* was a day late going to press.

I've always been a real bear about getting the paper to our people on time. But sooner or later, inevitably, there comes a time when we simply can't.

Our press plant is in Canyon, and Highway 60 from Hereford to Canyon was closed when decision time came Wednesday morning.

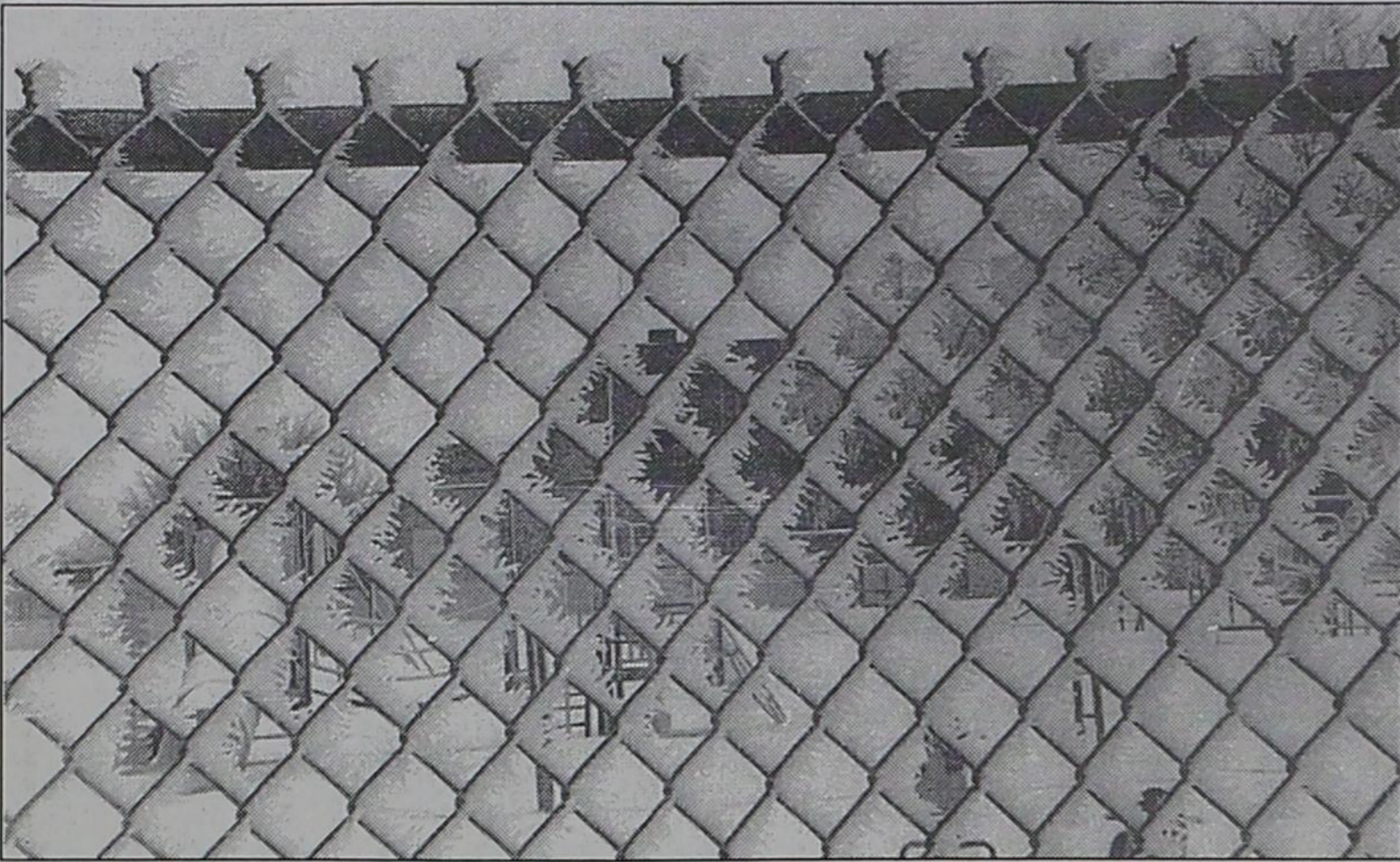
Even if we could have made it to the press plant, there might have been only a couple of guys there to do the work of five, because the Amarillo-Canyon area was paralyzed by the second biggest snowfall on record there, and for some of our

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STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE

... Crows roosting in icy elm trees on West Bedford Street Tuesday



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND GETS A HOLIDAY BREAK
... As seen through delicate ice-crystal patterns on the playground's chain-link fence

More about

Top stories of 2000 . . .

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A \$15 billion farm aid package announced in June helped brighten the picture a little bit for farmers, and an extra \$3.5 billion for disaster aid was approved in October.

5 The Hart community observed its Centennial this year, with a bigger than usual celebration for Hart Days, and the dedication of the Hart Centennial Pavilion, which cost an estimated \$125,000. The pavilion, designed for community gatherings, was built with grant funds and individual contributions.

6 In April, Cerestar USA, Dimmitt, announced that it would be making \$622,000 in improvements to its facilities. The project included replacement of local pneumatic control

systems with a single plant-wide computer-controlled system and enclosed overhead walkways to connect work areas. The switch in controls allowed the plant to go with one central control room, rather than the previous five control rooms.

"Cerestar is still investing in the company," said local plant manager David Bone about the local operations.

7 The flap in Hart over ag teacher Jim Tucker's racist remarks brought Hart into the news spotlight across the state, with the president of the League of United Latin American Citizens filing protests with the US Dept. of Justice and the US Dept. of Education. An investigation by the Office for Civil Rights of the US Dept. of Education categorized the Hart Independent School District's response to the incident as "reasonable, timely and effective."

8 Spiraling natural gas prices are a continuing concern for consumers dreading higher bills in the face of colder winter weather. Agricultural producers also are concerned, and many are inquiring about switching gas-fired irrigation engines to electrical power. Residents had a chance for help from Panhandle Community Services, but only if applied for by Dec. 28, due to funding considerations.

9 Grant money has brought a lot of help to Castro County during the past year.

Hart received a \$20,000 grant from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation and the Amarillo Area Foundation to help with construction of its Centennial Pavilion and another \$20,000 came from Cargill, Inc.

Dimmitt and Nazareth both received \$10,000 grants from the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation's Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project, in conjunction with the Amarillo Globe-News. Dimmitt's grant was applied to the outdoor environmental classroom at DMS and the purchase of trees for South Lake Park. Nazareth's grant was spent on establishing a city park.

The Dimmitt schools also received \$1,200 in grants from SPS; \$100,000 from the Texas Legislature for the Basic Skills Program for High School Students for establishing the

Ninth Grade Initiative; two Michael Jordan Foundation/Nike grants of \$2,500 each; two Service Learning grants from the Region 16 Service Center, one for \$3,000 and one for \$2,000; a \$3,412 RIF grant for Richardson Elementary School; and a Texas Reading Academies grant of at least \$50,000, and possibly ranging as high as \$200,000.

The City of Dimmitt also received a \$24,000 grant from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for the purchase of a wood chipper machine.

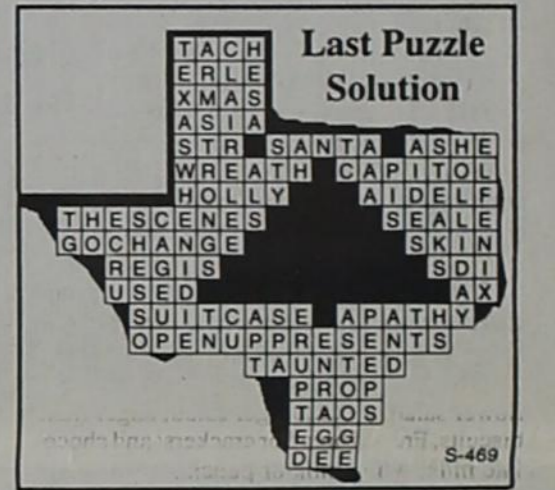
Rhoads Memorial Library was awarded a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Funds allowed for the purchase of two computers with Internet connections and one laser printer.

10 A race horse co-owned by Bud Hill, "Eyesa Special," hit the winner's circle in two major races and was named the nation's No. 1-ranked 2-year-old quarterhorse. The horse won \$1 million by topping the field of nine in the All-American Futurity race Sept. 4 in Ruidoso Downs, N.M.; and then took a purse of \$364,524 for first place at the Texas Classic Futurity in Grand Prairie on Nov. 25, beating out nine other contenders.

Other top stories for the year included the opening of a Sonic Drive-In in Dimmitt and the hiring of Rick Auckerman as the new County Extension Agent for agriculture.

The Sonic on North Broadway opened for business the first week of August, and features a "futuristic look" in its decor.

Auckerman started serving in Castro County on Oct. 18. He had been a strong 4-H leader in Deaf Smith County, where he had worked several years in the seed industry. He also has a strong background in entomology.



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Letter

Inmate extends holiday wishes

Dear Editor:

I want to wish everyone in Dimmitt a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I also would like to wish the best for Bobcat basketball, girls and boys.

I moved to Dimmitt from Beaumont in 1997. Right now, I'm serving a parole violation for not reporting. I have been here [in prison in Rosharon, Tx.] since Dec. 8, 1998.

My original sentence started May 5, 1980, in which I was given 20 years for theft by check. May 5, 2000, was supposed to be the end of my sentence. I got revoked after I had 18 years and four months, with only one year and eight months before I finished.

Well, they changed my date from May 5, 2000 to 2013. The 13 years I was out they added on to my final sentence, which is 20 from 1980 to 2000. I have been studying my Bible and my faith has kept me going. The world is a cruel and harsh place.

I'm not saying I didn't do anything wrong. I did, 20 years ago, but for them to revoke me on a technical violation is unreal. The general public is not being told the truth.

For one, they said I didn't report on March 19, 1998. I reported on March 9, 1998, because I and my common-law wife drove from Dimmitt to Beaumont. Before then, I was catching the bus from Plainview to Beaumont just to report. That trip cost \$200 round trip. In the car it cost \$40 round trip. But taking off from work regularly is something I couldn't afford. Enough about me.

I want to once again give my best wishes to the people of Dimmitt. There are some great people in Dimmitt. I have become attached to Dimmitt. I consider Dimmitt as my home. I want to say hello in the *Castro County News* to Oliver Brown and her son. Merry Christmas to them and the members of Emanuel Baptist Church.

I was working for Mendoza Trucking in Dimmitt when I was incarcerated. I would like to wish a merry Christmas to Nacho Mendoza, Joe Garcia and family, and Mrs. Beatrice Ewing and family.

I also want to apologize to the citizens of Dimmitt for being in a position to get revoked. Once again I would appreciate a community message in your paper wishing everyone, "Merry Christmas and happy New Year," from me, and may God continue to bless you all.

LENTON EDWIN JENKINS

4-H forming judging teams

The Castro County 4-H is organizing teams for various judging and quiz competitions and those interested should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

"4-H has lots of judging opportunities to fit all interests," said County Extension Agent Rick Auckerman. "The teams we will have this year will depend on the people who want to participate as well as the adult leaders we can get to help."

Some of the teams which could be formed are livestock judging, dairy judging, horse judging, nutrition quiz bowl, range judging, soil judging, consumer judging, entomology judging and horse quiz bowl.

Those interested should contact Auckerman or Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

The car known as a jeep was originally so-named from the initials for general purpose vehicle.

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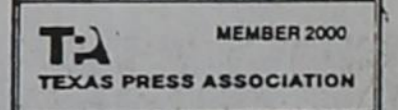
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- Gov. Ann T-shirt: "A woman's place ___"
- TXism: "___ a mummy's tomb"
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- in McLennan Co. on Hwy. 84
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

As I write this to meet an early deadline, Christmas hasn't happened yet. My Christmas list consists of a continuation of Christmas traditions in Dimmitt.

You've heard about these, read about them in the *Castro County News* and personally participated in some of them as they happened. Even so, let us reiterate how Dimmitt celebrates Christmas.

I quote an article from the *Amarillo Daily News* about sacred and silly traditions around the world.

"In the Canadian Maritime provinces, mummers still go door-to-door dressed in masks and outlandish costumes, drinks at the ready. In Quebec, people visit neighbors to collect money and food for charity. At each door they menacingly pronounce, 'La Guignolse,' which suggests they are ready to roast the feet of the eldest daughter unless they get a donation."

Dimmitt holds to many traditions, but there are no threats, only generous responses from warm hearts.

Dimmitt's formal Christmas season begins when the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has its annual "Holiday Celebration."

Angel trees are placed in the lobbies at First United Bank, First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch and at Hereford Credit Union in Dimmitt.

This year, 117 children in our county will receive Christmas presents because of the generous response of our residents. The gifts will be distributed by Panhandle Most of the town's merchants spruce up and lavishly decorate their places of business. There are delicious goodies served at every store and we get to register for those coveted Dimmitt Dollars.

As the parents shop and visit and eat, the children are wide-eyed and eagerly anticipating a visit from Santa Claus. While they await his coming and upon his arrival to take the kids' requests, this year the Dimmitt Middle School band and choir entertained with Christmas carols.

If some child has missed out visiting with Santa during the Christmas celebration, the *Castro County News* gives each one a second opportunity for contacting Santa by letter in time for him to make his rounds on Christmas Eve.

Community Services.

Two local churches donate money to the Colson Prison Ministry for shopping for children of inmates who are from Dimmitt. This year, 28 children from 11 families received gifts from requests by an incarcerated parent. Most of the parents send a personal greeting to the children and the ones responsible for delivering the gifts relate the messages.

Included with the gifts are coloring books and activity books for the children. These are about the birth of Jesus and the meaning of Christmas.

Other books included in the gift packs are *For Families Under Stress* and *Be All That You Can Be*. The last book is to help each child reach his or her potential through God's Word.

Margaret Parsons and Pam Joplin have helped organize, shop and deliver these gifts this year.

It was heartwarming to read that the children in Dimmitt were not just asking for things, but were actively involved in helping others to have a Merry Christmas this year.

The Gifted and Talented class netted at least 2,267 cans of food and other food items for the less fortunate. A high school group raised \$1,500 for the Ronald McDonald House. That's the home-away-from-home for the parents of children who are patients in a nearby hospital. This benefits many people in this area.

Each church has celebrated Christmas in its own way. I know about some of these celebrations.

We saw the beautiful colored pictures of the Abundant Life Church's live manger scene portrayed by the young children of the church under the leadership of Connie Gamez. We learned from Norma Conard that a larger group of the children dramatized the Christmas story in a Sunday night church service. Each child memorized all of his or her lines for the dramatization.

The First United Methodist Church Choir presented its annual Christmas music. This year it was the cantata, *Noel Celebration*, performed under the direction of Charles Axtell. Terri Louder was the soloist, Charles Wales was Voice #1 and Karen Robertson was Voice #2. Harold Hinsley was the narrator and Daniel Coleman was the candle lighter.

The Methodists extend the Christmas spirit throughout the year, everyday at 12 noon and 5 p.m. when we hear the sweet music drifting across the village from their carillon.

The First Baptist Church had

God is with me and I am with God. God's blessing of life, light and love flow through me. I have a special place in God's world.

"Celebration Christmas" for three Sunday nights. The first Sunday night, Howard Rhodes, in costume, did a monologue on the experiences of Joseph. He related the terrible dilemma of Joseph as he struggled with Mary's condition. He loved her, but what should he do?

The second celebration was a musical presentation, "A Great Joy," presented by the FBC Adult Choir under the direction of Wayland Hazel. The children's choir, under the direction of Debra Ball, presented "Go Tell It On a Mountain" and "Joy to the World."

A youth quartet featuring Shae Odom, Rae Odom, Morgan Hazel and Stephanie Hazel sang *Oh Holy Night* and *Oh Come all Ye Faithful*.

Paul Wayland narrated the adult choir's rendition of "Bethlehem." The Ladies' Ensemble, Ladies' Quartet, and the Hazel family completed the program. Ruth Wayland and Walter Maynard accompanied several of the choirs on the organ and piano.

If plans go right, Tex and Norma Conard will join the Sunnyside Sadler families for Christmas dinner at Sunnyside. They are expecting to join a group of 50 others to celebrate this very special day.

Later on in the week, Tex and Norma, along with Larry and Sharon Sadler, Jim and Stacy Norman and children, Jeremy and Joshua, and Laura Sadler, Matthew and Kristen will be at Lake Hubbard to meet Juanelle Winsor and her children, Cory and Kasey of Fort Worth. This is to celebrate Juanelle's birthday and a belated Christmas.

Bessie Strickland was planning to spend Christmas in Bryan with her son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Pam Strickland and family. Butch and Pam are taking a leave of absence as missionaries in Venezuela. They have served there for many years, but returned to the states for more education and to be close to their college-age children.

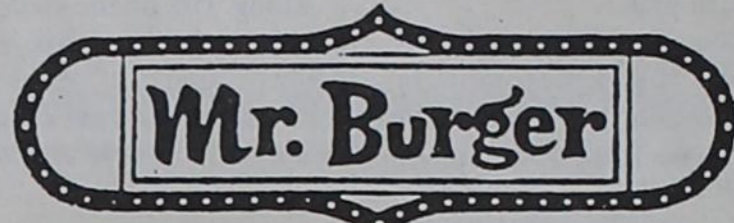
It is time to make one New Year's resolution: If we would all remember the words of our Lord and Savior, there really wouldn't be any need for many resolutions:

Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. —Matthew 22:37-39

Have a happy new year!

A Chorus Of New Year's Wishes

We join together to wish you and yours the happiest of new years and many joyful days to come. Thanks for your loyal patronage.



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A new year is reason for celebration, and we have so much to celebrate, like your kind patronage. Happy New Year!

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Jan. 3-5. Hart returns to school on Jan. 3 after the holiday break while Dimmitt and Nazareth return on Jan. 4.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, hamburger salad and milk.

FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

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

HART Breakfast

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins, applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, corn, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.

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Computer Concepts	170029	COSC 1301 829	5:30 - 8:15	Instructor: Staff W
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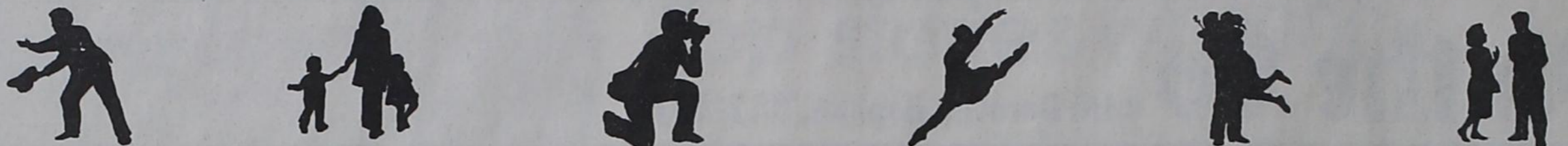
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Christmas singing party set Friday in Nazareth

If all those office parties and family gatherings the last few weeks have left you with the urge to sing, then you are in luck.

On Friday, the fifth night of Christmas, the Home Mercantile in Nazareth will be hosting an old-fashioned "Christmas Singing Party."

The public is invited to this one last chance to sing the whole gamut of great Christmas music before the New Year arrives.

Special guests for the party will be singer-songwriter Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, who will be bringing along selections from his newly released Christmas CD. Also along for the evening will be the String Technicians, ready to perform *Christmas in the Trenches*, *Merry Texas Christ-*

mas, and *Christmas Prayer*, a musical adaptation of a Kenneth Wyatt poem.

Along with all the swinging music and singing, there will be complimentary food and refreshments for good holiday cheer. Donations for the Home Mercantile renovation will be accepted.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Valerie Everett of Dimmitt. Her daughter, Elizabeth Jovannie, was born at 12:53 a.m. on Dec. 13 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Noe and Fidela Everett of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Victor and Imelda Saenz.



NAZARETH JUNIOR HIGH will be well represented at the all-region band concert on Jan. 13 with 13 students qualifying for the honor band. Honorees include (back row, standing from left) Orin Schulte, third chair snare drum; Jeremy Acker, ninth chair trumpet; Garrett Kleman, second chair baritone saxophone; Jamie Black, sixth chair French horn; and Keli Schulte, fourth chair bass clarinet;

(middle row, seated from left) Jake Hoelting, 10th chair trumpet; Nathan Huseman, fifth chair tuba; Dustin Schulte, third chair French horn; Matthew Birkenfeld, second chair mallets; and Adam Thiel, first alternate tympani; and (front row, seated from left) Candace Birkenfeld, fourth chair trumpet; and Lacey Acker, first chair trombone.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

'Three Hits and a Miss' to perform

Backed by an excellent combo of piano, percussion and bass, the group Three Hits and a Miss bring to mind the original Pied Pipers, Andrews Sisters and Merry Macs, and this group will be presented in concert on Jan. 20 in Plainview.

Sponsored by the Plainview Community Concert Association, Three Hits and a Miss will perform on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Haral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Admission is by membership in the Community Concerts Association.

For more information or to purchase season passes, call 296-2580, 296-5728 or 296-2113.

Jaimye Bingham is inducted into nursing society

Jaimye Bingham of Nazareth was among the students inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing, at West Texas A&M University.

The induction ceremony was held Dec. 15 at Mary Moody Northern Hall on the WTAMU campus.

The inductees, all senior nursing majors at WTAMU, were recognized for the fall 2000 semester.

Others joining Bingham in the ceremony were Peter N. Jones of Childress, Connie Gonzales of Lubbock, Kathleen Carmody of Midland, Rebecca D. Ericson of Seminole, Sahala Gaillard of Spearman and Jennifer Black, Melissa Garrett, Melinda Hedrick, Krista Kern, Casey McCann, Amy Schniederjan and Constance Williams, all of Amarillo.

DISD sets substitute in-service

Those wanting to serve as substitute teachers for the Dimmitt Independent School District must attend a special in-service workshop.

A session will be held next Thursday (Jan. 4) at 10 a.m. at the DISD Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license when reporting for the workshop.

Those who signed up as substitutes for the fall semester are not required to attend again.

Chamber seeks honor nominees

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the honors that are bestowed each year at the annual Chamber Banquet, set for Jan. 20.

A selection committee will choose the Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Teacher of the Year, and Chamber Member of the Year.

Nomination forms are available at

the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford and must be returned to the office by next Thursday (Jan. 4).

"We'd like to see a lot of nomination forms turned in, because we know a lot of people are deserving of recognition," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

If someone cannot stop by to pick up a nomination form, they may call the chamber at 647-2524 and request

that a form be mailed. Forms also have been mailed with Chamber dues notices and with newsletters.

Nominations also may be submitted in letter form, but are generally more complete and effective if a regular nomination form is used, Sava said.

The theme for the Chamber Banquet this year is "Castro County: Cattle, Cotton, Corn and Cowboys."

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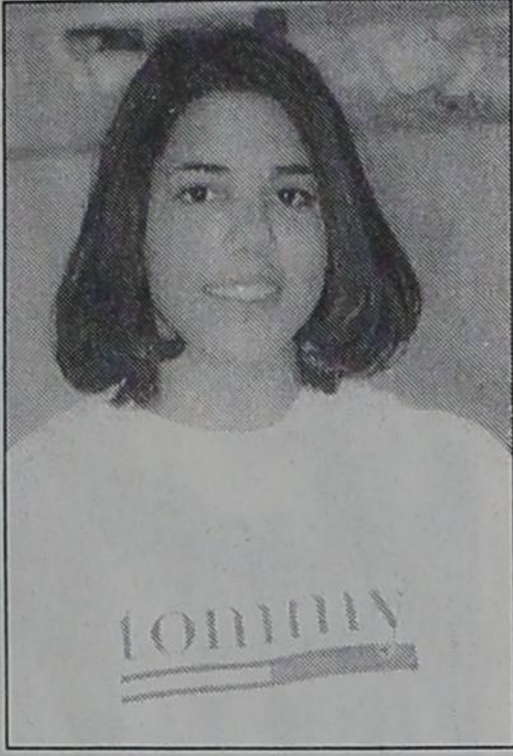
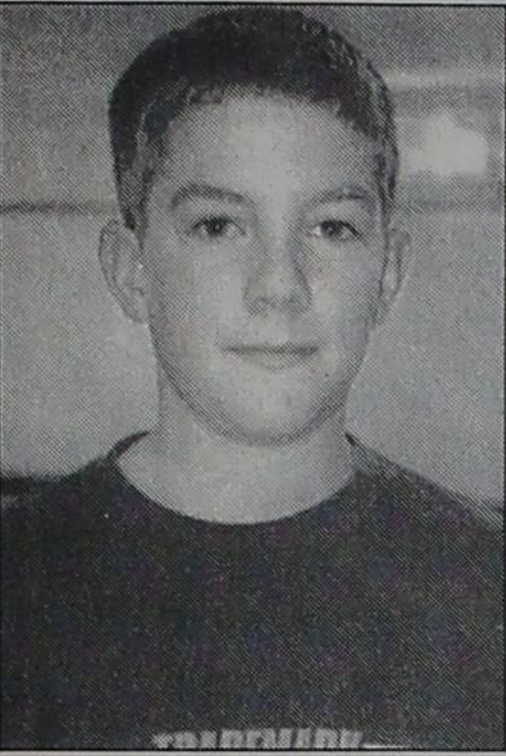
However, Crime Line also may pay rewards to informants for information about crimes that may not

have been featured in a Crime Line campaign.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgeard said that anyone with information about any crimes that may have been committed in the county are urged to call the Crime Line number at 647-4711. Law enforcement personnel will consider paying rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator.

Informants may remain anonymous, and rewards are paid through

a drop system. 3311, or the Crime Line number, Call the Sheriff's Office at 647-647-4711.



All-Region

Several Nazareth High School students will represent their school in the Class A all-region band. They include (top photo, from left) Mark Birkenfeld and Jason Birkenfeld; (bottom photos, from left) Brett Hoelting and Rebecca Olvera; and (right photo) Craig Birkenfeld. Craig, Mark and Jason Birkenfeld, along with Quentin Jones, who is not pictured, are members of the all-region symphonic band. Hoelting and Olvera were selected as members of the concert band. The three Birkenfelds also are area qualifiers. Photo by Brenda Schulte

Lee Street plans holiday services

On Sunday, Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will hold Sunday school and the morning worship at their regular times and the public is invited to attend.

A fifth Sunday sing is set for 6 p.m., followed by a New Year's Eve party lasting until midnight, with games and finger foods planned. Everyone is invited.

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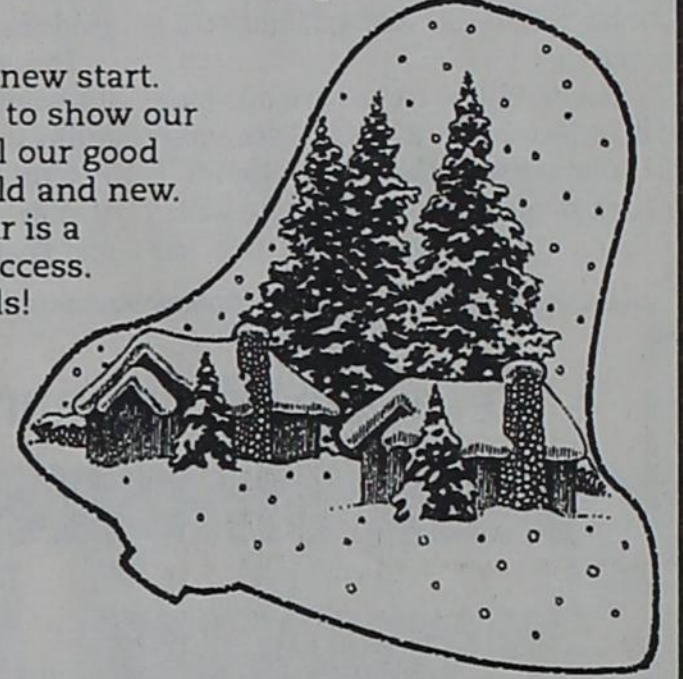
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Breast cancer screening will be held Tuesday

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Tuesday and appointments are still available.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

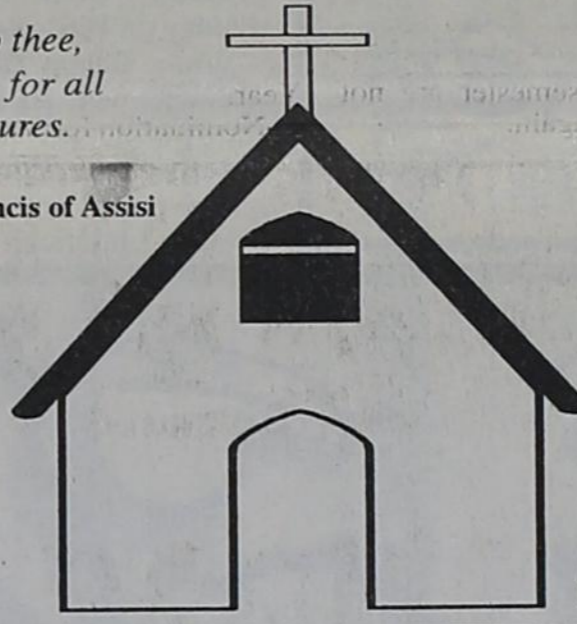
Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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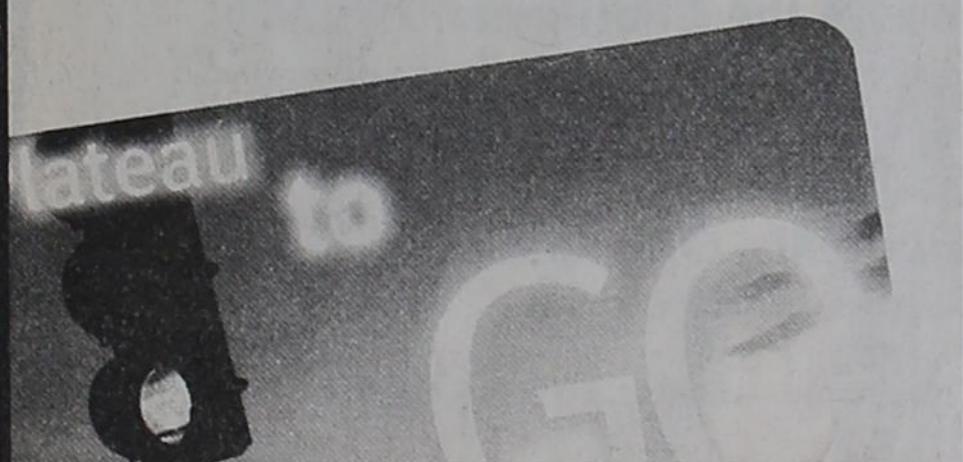
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Sports



Bobbies fall, 81-43

Sandies edge Cats, 79-73

The Bobcats' pressure defense and rebounding drove Amarillo's Sandies crazy during a see-saw thriller last Thursday night in the AHS Activities Center.

But the Cats couldn't stop 5-9 senior guard Ezra Beattie from popping nine three-pointers en route to a 32-point game, and his hot hand was all the difference in a 79-73 Amarillo win.

"Ezra hasn't hit nine threes all year until tonight," said Sandies Coach John Smith, a former Dimmitt all-star.

Beattie's nine treys were one more than was racked up by the entire Dimmitt team, which is known for its long bombs. Austin Sherman nailed four treys, Daniel Proffitt two and

Brent Josselet and Marcus Larra one apiece.

Beattie's first two treys, coupled with an 18-ft. jumper, helped the Sandies to a 12-4 lead in the first quarter, and he added another basket on a layup after a steal to make it 14-8 before Matthew Sandoval tipped in a basket and Josselet swished a trey to close Amarillo's lead to 14-13 at the end of the first.

From then on neither team could gain much of an advantage as the lead see-sawed back and forth.

The second quarter ended with a 14-point flurry in the final 1:58. Amarillo's Bryce Ray drained a trey, Proffitt sank a pair of free throws, Beattie swished back-to-back treys and Proffitt ended the quarter with a

trey with three seconds left to dead-lock the score at 37-37 at halftime.

Dimmitt had well-balanced scoring in the second quarter with Proffitt netting eight, Sherman six, Sandoval and Dee Norman four each and Larra two.

In the third, it was Norman's and Sherman's turn to carry the Dimmitt offense, with each scoring eight points while Larra added three and Sandoval two. The Bobcats built a 54-50 lead on a trey by Sherman at 2:25 and maintained their four-point advantage until Beattie launched his seventh three-pointer of the night to close it to 56-55 before Sandoval sneaked under for a basket with 48 seconds remaining in the quarter to give the Bobcats a 58-55 edge.

Amarillo's Dustin Tommerup, Matt Sherman and—yes—Beattie combined for nine points in the first four minutes of the final frame while the Bobcats could manage only three on a trey by Sherman, giving the Sandies a 66-61 lead which they hung onto during the free-throw contest down the stretch.

Sherman scored on a driving layup with 3:50 left and Norman followed with a pair of free throws to pull the Bobcats within a point at 65-66 at the 3:32 mark. But Beattie uncorked another trey from the corner and

Andrew Patterson scored after rebounding a missed free throw to build Amarillo's lead back to six, 72-66.

All the points scored in the final 1:24 were on free throws, with Amarillo hitting six of nine and Dimmitt connecting on five of six.

The game left Amarillo High with a 13-5 record and Dimmitt with a 10-4 mark.

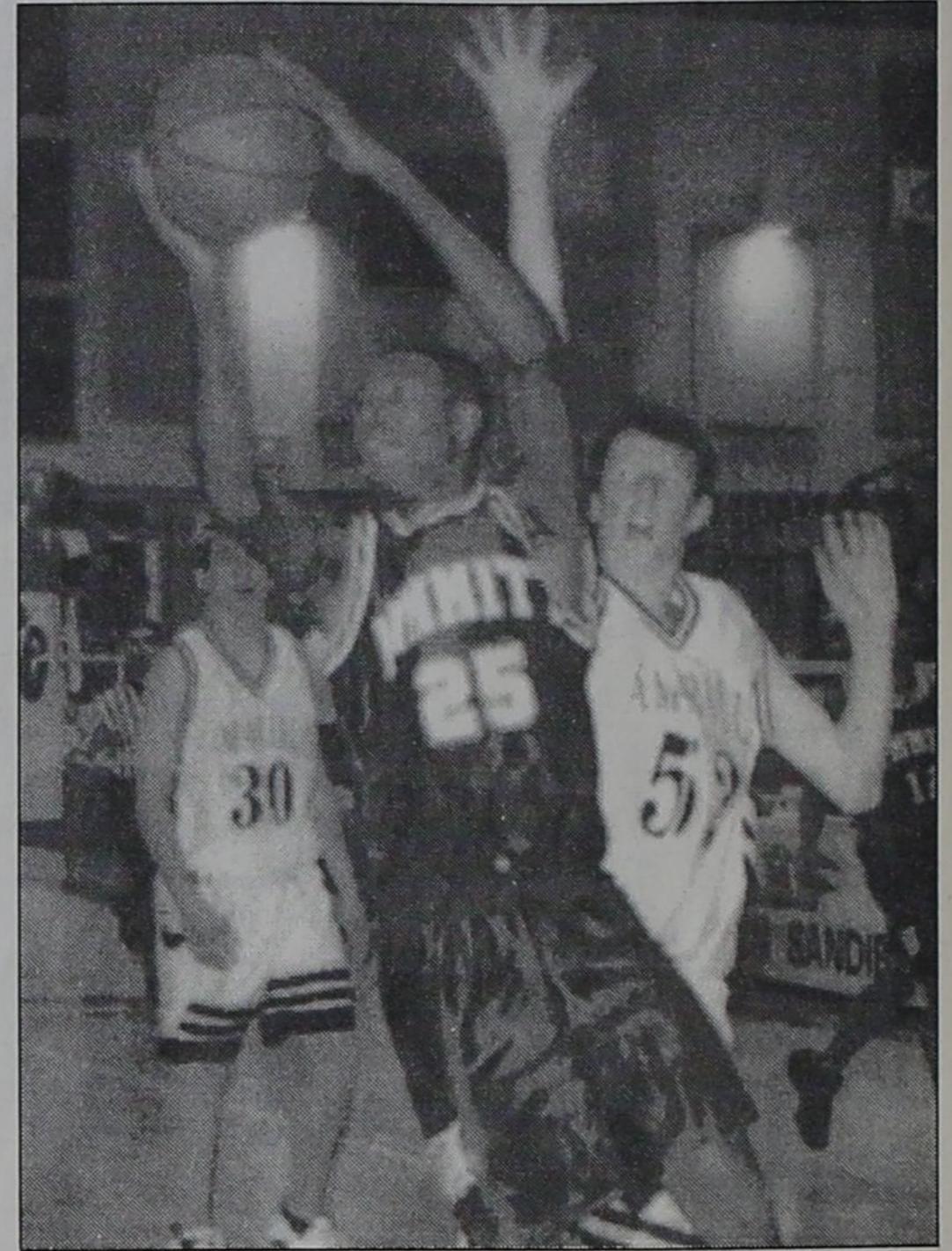
After the game, the Sandies coach who once wore purple commented on this year's Bobcats: "I like 'em. They're quick, they play good defense and they shoot the ball really well. They're a typical Dimmitt team but seem to be quicker than any of late."

In the girls' varsity game, the state-ranked Lady Sandies used their overwhelming height and speed to fashion an 81-43 win over the Bobbies.

The silky-smooth Lady Sandies rushed to a 28-12 lead in the first period and held a 53-29 advantage at halftime. By the end of the third it was 72-33.

Top scorer for Dimmitt was Heather Black with 19. For Amarillo, Katy Sterna scored 20, Melissa DeGrate 16 and Jamie Morgan 15.

The Lady Sandies hiked their season record to 17-1 with the win while the Bobbies dropped to 4-10.



DIMMITT'S DEE NORMAN (25) slips under for a pretty side-arm layup past Amarillo's J. C. Meredith (52) in the second quarter of last Thursday night's varsity boys' game in the Amarillo High School Activities Center. In background is Amarillo's Andrew Patterson (30). Norman was Dimmitt's high scorer with 21 points. Amarillo won the game, 79-73. Photo by Carter Townsend



DIMMITT'S LORI SCHULTE (32) drives the ball across the time line while being pressed by Amarillo's Ana Marisa Perez last Thursday night in the Amarillo High School Activities Center. The Lady Sandies won the game, 81-43. Photo by Carter Townsend

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even after the airports re-opened.

Travel was discouraged across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains and many roads were closed by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety (TxDOT) from Tuesday through midday on Wednesday.

While Castro County roads remained open Tuesday, they were snowpacked and described as "extremely slick and hazardous."

At 2 p.m. Tuesday, US 385 south toward Littlefield was open, but

travel was being discouraged. Vehicles which did attempt to negotiate the perilous road only averaged 20 miles per hour, according to officials with the Dept. of Public Safety.

US 60 from Hereford to Canyon was closed Wednesday, forcing the News to delay printing of its Dec. 28 issue by a day.

The road closures in surrounding counties also halted mail service.

Dimmitt Postmaster Karen Martin said carriers managed to deliver about 80% of the mail Tuesday before conditions worsened.

"We had no delivery from Amarillo on Wednesday," said Martin. "Nothing came in (to the post office) and nothing went out on Wednesday. We did have a truck from Amarillo this morning (Thursday), though."

In Europe it was once believed that the first man an unmarried woman saw from her window on Valentine's Day (or perhaps someone who looks like him) will be her husband within a year.

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Caprock Holiday Tourney begins today for Naz girls, Dimmitt teams

The biggest basketball tournament in the Texas Panhandle is slated for today (Thursday) through Saturday, and three county teams will be among the 64 squads competing for the championship.

The Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats and the Nazareth Swiftettes will open tournament play today (Thursday) with the Bobcats meeting Lubbock Estacado, the Bobbies playing Amarillo Caprock and the Swiftettes facing Goldthwaite.

The Bobcats' game with Estacado is scheduled for 9 a.m. on today (Thursday) at Lubbock Monterey, and if they win, they'll play El Paso Montwood at 7:30 p.m. that night at Lubbock Coronado. If the Bobcats lose to Estacado, they'll face the loser between Levelland and Lubbock Christian on Dec. 29 at 10:30 a.m.

The Bobbies' first game with Caprock will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock Estacado. Should the Bobbies win, they'll meet either Lubbock Coronado or Odessa Permian today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey. Losers in the two games will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado.

The Swiftettes will play Goldthwaite at 4:30 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado today (Thursday). If they win, they'll meet either El Paso Franklin or Dalhart on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Lubbock Monterey. If they lose, the Swiftettes will play at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Lubbock High

School. On Saturday, the girls' consolation finals in the loser's bracket will be played at 3 p.m., one at Frenship and the other at Lubbock High School. The consolation games from the championship side of the bracket

will start at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Estacado. The third-place game will be at 4:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado. The championship will start at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado. For the boys, the final day's sched-

ule includes the loser's bracket consolation games at 3 p.m. at Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Estacado; the

winner's consolation matchups at 1:30 p.m. at Frenship and Lubbock Coronado; the third-place game at 6

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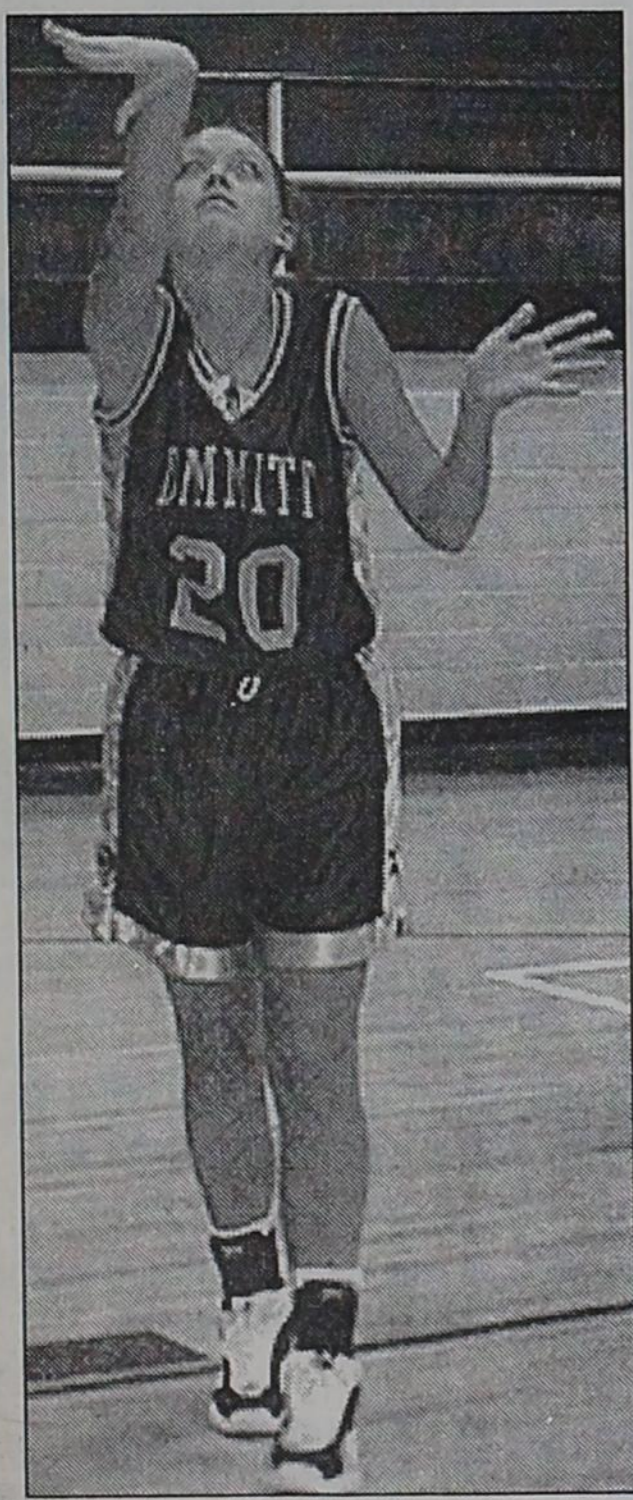
BOBCATS FIRST GAME: Bobcats vs. Estacado, Thursday, 9 a.m. at Monterey
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Schedule and Scores

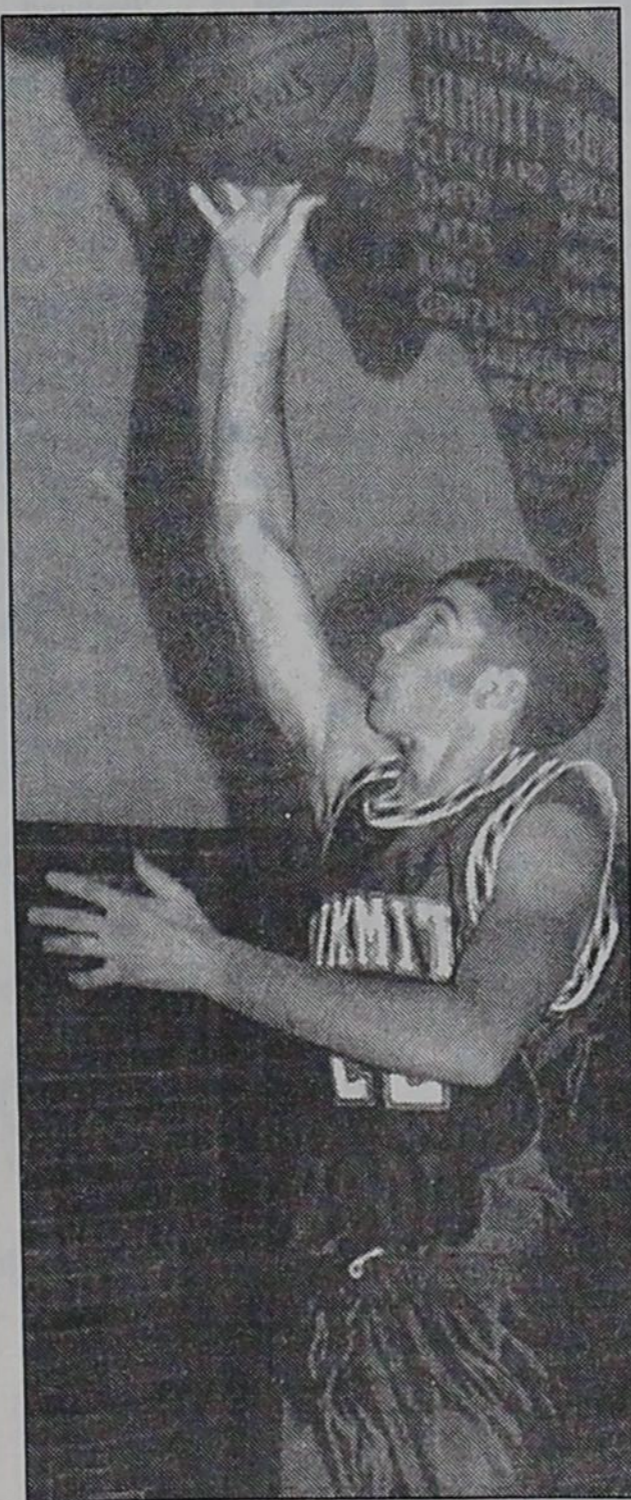
Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock

Jan. 5—*Littlefield (Girls), Here
Jan. 5—Tulia (Boys), Here
Jan. 9—*Roosevelt (Girls), Here
Jan. 9—Amarillo (Boys), Here
Jan. 12—*Shallowater, There
Jan. 16—*Muleshoe, Here
Jan. 19—*Cooper, There
Jan. 23—*Littlefield, There
Jan. 26—*Roosevelt, There
Jan. 30—*Shallowater, Here
Feb. 2—*Muleshoe, There
Feb. 6—*Cooper, Here
Feb. 9—*Littlefield (Boys), Here
Feb. 12—*Roosevelt (Boys), Here

Bobbies	Bobcats
42, Randall 54	49, Randall 68
39, Levelland 58	60, Levelland 67
44, Borger 62	69, Borger 62
Queen's Classic	43, Hereford 52
41, Randall 55	Plainview Tourney
57, Muleshoe 44	63, Plainview 53
68, Vega 70 (OT)	56 Paducah 40
59 Hereford 55	70, Hale Center 40
Canyon Classic	75, Tulia 55
36, Tascosa 71	Big Spring Tournament
51, Panhandle 63	81, Sweetwater 65
65, Godley 35	66, Clyde 48
41, Tulia 44	54, Merkel 41
57, Abernathy 52	70, Abernathy 61
49, River Road 65	71, River Road 39
43, Amarillo High 81	73, Amarillo High 79
Season Record: 4-10	Season Record: 10-4



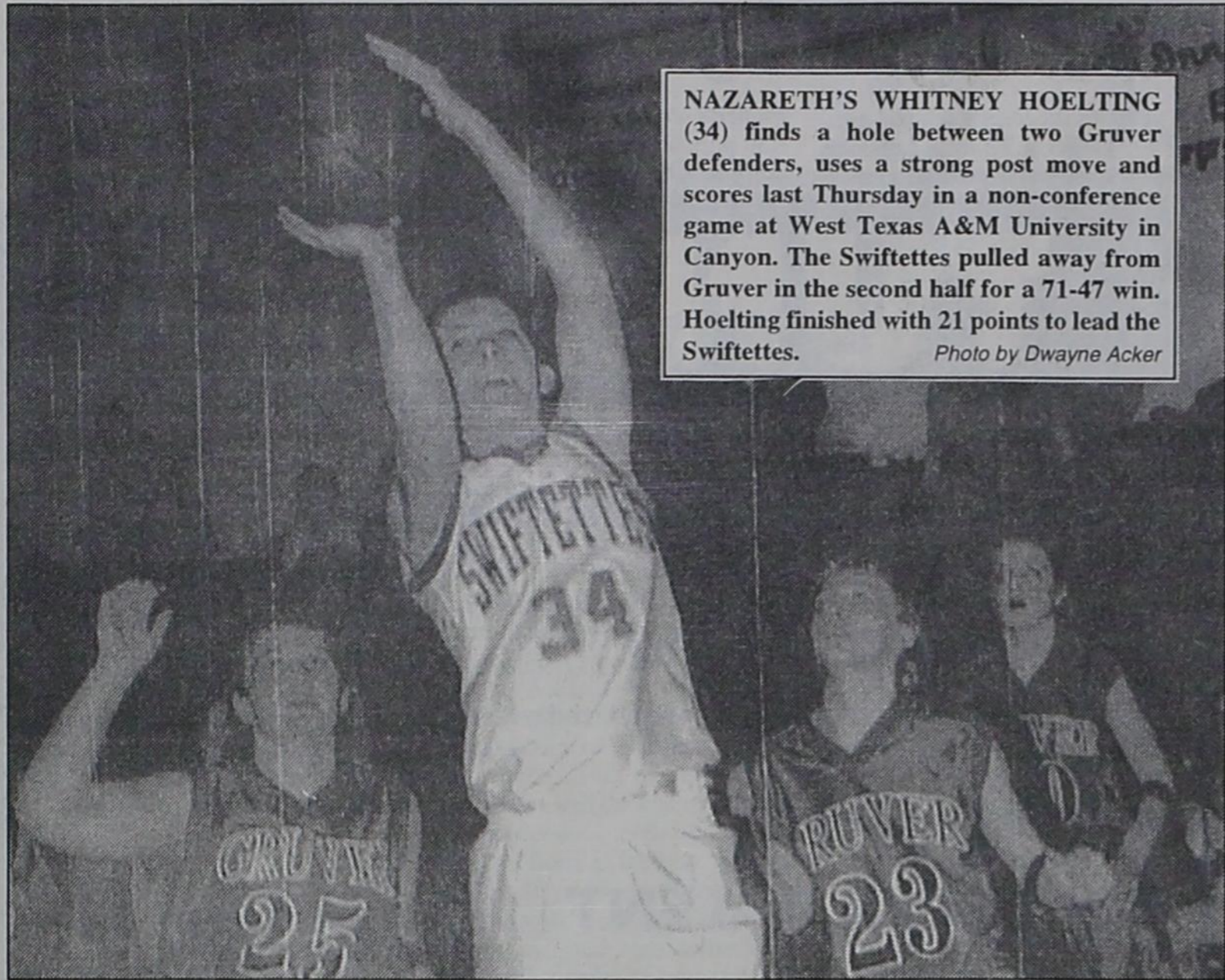
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NAZARETH'S WHITNEY HOELTING (34) finds a hole between two Gruver defenders, uses a strong post move and scores last Thursday in a non-conference game at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The Swiftettes pulled away from Gruver in the second half for a 71-47 win. Hoelting finished with 21 points to lead the Swiftettes.
Photo by Dwayne Acker

Wilcox explodes with 48 points as Nazareth clips Gruver, 85-75

Swishing 10 three-pointers in a game is usually considered a good outside shooting night for most teams. For an individual, it would be a spectacular effort.

Nazareth's Kade Wilcox scaled that pinnacle last Thursday, as he knocked down 10 treys in the Swifts' 85-75 win over Gruver, and he paced his team with a game-high 48 points.

Nazareth picked up the big win over the talented Greyhounds in the "Box" at West Texas A&M University last Thursday.

Gruver made a crucial tactical error in the first quarter, leaving Wilcox open for the first two minutes.

He made the Greyhounds pay by popping four straight three-pointers without a miss, giving the Swifts a 12-4 lead with 5:50 left in the period.

After a Greyhound timeout, Gruver's Anthony Villalobos returned to the court and became Wilcox's shadow, chasing him all over the court.

Villalobos also sparked a brief Greyhound comeback, hitting a three and another jumper over the next minute to narrow the Nazareth lead to three, 12-9.

But when Villalobos and the Greyhounds shifted their defensive focus to shutting down Wilcox, the Swifts attacked with other weapons.

Eric Schilling scored on an offensive put-back, then Daryl Pohlmeier added a free throw. Schilling got a steal, drove the court, stopped and popped a shot from inside the paint for a 17-9 Nazareth lead.

A fast-break layup by Trey Robb gave the Swifts their first double-digit lead with 3:17 left, 19-9.

Wilcox shook Villalobos for six more points in the final two minutes and the Swifts controlled the game, 28-17, after eight minutes.

Gruver came right back in the second quarter with some balanced scoring and long-distance shooting of its own.

Gruver outscored the Swifts 27-13 in the quarter and claimed the lead before the break.

Villalobos and Casey Harris sparked the comeback for Gruver, combining for 17 of those points. Supporting the effort were Jason Shoulders and Brady Hart, who had four points apiece during the run.

The Swifts held a 31-17 lead early after Ky Wilcox connected on a three, then Schilling scored on another put-back. But Gruver rallied

with an 11-0 run, started when Villalobos scored on a give-and-go play.

The onslaught was halted when Kade Wilcox picked up his first bucket of the quarter, but resumed with eight more points by the Greyhounds before the Swifts scored again.

Another six points by Kade Wilcox over the last minute were offset by Harris, who hit a trio of treys during the span, giving Gruver a 44-41 halftime lead.

The Greyhounds led by six early in the third quarter before Nazareth got back on track.

Back-to-back buckets by Schilling pulled Nazareth within a pair, then a Kade Wilcox three put the Swifts up

for good with 4:36 left in the quarter. Nazareth was clinging to a two-point lead with 1:26 left when another long-range barrage started.

Kade Wilcox sank a pair of threes, then Robb picked up a trey of his own for a 67-59 Nazareth lead at the end of the third period.

Gruver would pull within seven points in the final minute, but free throws kept the Swifts in control.

Kade Wilcox's 48 points was game high and he was joined in double-figure scoring by teammates Schilling, who had 12; and Robb, who finished with 10. For Gruver, Shoulders finished with 20 while Villalobos had 15, Harris had 14 and Hart added 12.

Swiftettes cage Lady Greyhounds

After shaking off an early shooting chill, the Nazareth Swiftettes exploded offensively in the second quarter and claimed a 71-47 win over the Gruver Lady Greyhounds last Thursday at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The win was Nazareth's 13th of the season, versus two losses.

Gruver took the early lead on a shot by Tessa Yanke, and the Lady Greyhounds led by one three different times in the first period. But Nazareth took the lead for good when Stephanie Thiel connected on a three-pointer with 25 seconds left, giving her team a 12-10 lead at the end of the stanza.

Yanke, who finished with a game-high 26 points, scored all but four of her team's second-half points in the game.

Nazareth's defense shut down every other Lady Greyhound as the Swiftettes dominated the second through fourth quarters.

After the Swiftettes took a 5-2 lead on a left-hand layup by Thiel early in the first quarter, Yanke hit back-to-back shots for a 6-5 Gruver advantage.

Thiel and Whitney Hoelting kept the Swiftettes in control over the final two minutes, with Thiel counting the final go-ahead bucket.

Nazareth gradually pulled away from Gruver in the second quarter, using a balanced scoring attack. Hoelting led the charge, scoring seven of her team-high 21 in the stanza.

She opened scoring in the second, then the Swiftettes got a big three from Lesley Brockman with 6:55 left for a 17-12 lead.

Gruver trimmed the lead to a point on shots by Brandi Griffin and Amy Watley, and Nazareth took a time out.

After the break, the Swiftettes outscored Gruver 11-2 for a 30-20 lead with three minutes left.

Featured during the run were three-pointers by Thiel and Mandy Hoelting, a jumper and free throw by Whitney Hoelting as she connected despite being shoved to the floor, and a baseline jumper by Wendy Black.

Tara Kleman got in on the action with 1:46 left. With a minute left, Thiel brought the ball down the court, dribbled through the entire Gruver defense and sank an easy layup, giving Nazareth its halftime lead of 34-26.

Nazareth put the game away in the third quarter, holding Gruver to six points—two jumpers by Yanke and a pair of free throws by Lindsey Messer.

Meanwhile, Whitney Hoelting added six points to her total, Brockman drained a three, Thiel picked up an offensive carom and banked the shot home, and Black added a pair of charity tosses.

As the fourth quarter started, Nazareth owned a 47-32 lead and the Swiftettes continued adding to that advantage.

The Swiftettes picked up three three-pointers, made five-of-six free throws and added another five jumpers in the quarter to pull away for the 71-47 win.

Whitney Hoelting's 21 points paced the Swiftettes, but Thiel was right behind her, finishing with 20. Black added 12.

Three Swifts honored by Globe-News

Philip Bergendahl, Matty McLain and Bryce Pohlmeier were named to the *Amarillo Globe-News*' Class A Super Team, which was announced Tuesday.

Bergendahl, a senior kicker, made three field goals and hit 41-of-49 extra points during his season.

McLain led the Swifts on defense from his linebacker position, and his work was recognized on the all-star team. The senior recorded 111 tackles this year.

Pohlmeier, a senior defensive lineman, had 66 tackles for the Swifts.

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Naz teams ranked in latest TABC poll

The Nazareth Swiftettes continue to hold onto the top ranking among Class A girls teams while the Swifts are rated No. 10 in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

In Class AAA, the Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobbies were not among the top 25 teams ranked, but several teams in this area were mentioned, including Seminole, ranked fifth

among the boys. The girls' list features several Panhandle-South Plains teams, including Shallowater at third, Perryton at sixth, Slaton at 12th and Muleshoe at 15th.

The Class A girls' poll is loaded with teams from this area, including the Swiftettes at first, Sudan at fourth, Smyer at 15th, Whitharral at 19th and Vega at 24th.

For the Class A boys, Lorenzo is

second, Fort Elliott is ninth, the Swifts are 10th, Happy is 17th, O'Donnell is 23rd and Paducah is 24th.

TABC's latest rankings reflect games played through the second week of December. New rankings will be announced in early January.

Here are the latest Class A and Class AAA rankings:

- GIRLS**
- Class A:** 1. Nazareth, 2. Brock, 3. Moulton, 4. Sudan, 5. Brookesmith, 6. Windthorst, 7. Rochelle, 8. Throckmorton, 9. Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn, 10. Merit Bland, 11. Saltillo, 12. Quinlan Boles, 13. Roby, 14. Evadale, 15. Smyer, 16. La Poyner, 17. Alvord, 18. Kennard, 19. Whitharral, 20. Huckabay, 21. Era, 22. Menard, 23. Guthrie, 24. Vega, 25. Jonesboro.
- Class AAA:** 1. Barbers Hill, 2. Winnsboro, 3. Shallowater, 4. Luling, 5. Rusk, 6. Perryton, 7. Springtown, 8. Hearne, 9. Palestine Westwood, 10. Brownsboro, 11. Abilene Wylie, 12. Slaton, 13. Crandall, 14. Jefferson, 15.

- Muleshoe, 16. Canton, 17. Quinlan-Ford, 18. Lindale, 19. Wimberley, 20. Whitney.
- BOYS**
- Class A:** 1. Goodrich, 2. Lorenzo, 3. Lipan, 4. Kennard, 5. Brock, 6. Round Top-Carmine, 6. D'Hanis, 7. Waelder, 8. Fort Elliott, 9. Gary, 10. Nazareth, 11. New Home, 12. Evadale, 13. Leggett, 14. Fannindel, 15. Calvert, 16. Huckabay, 17. Happy, 18. Laneville, 19. Poolville, 20. Munday, 21. Jayton, 22. LaPoyner, 23. O'Donnell, 24. Paducah, 25. Era.
- Class AAA:** 1. Waco La Vega, 2. Kountze, 3. Mexia, 4. Everman, 5. Seminole, 6. Dallas Pinkston, 7. Hearne, 8. Clarksville, 9. Aransas Pass, 10. Hardin-Jefferson, 11. Gonzales, 12. Mabank, 13. Redwater, 14. Hempstead, 15. Glen Rose, 16. Gainesville, 17. Wharton, 18. Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis, 19. Graham, 20. Quinlan-Ford, 21. Van, 22. Canton, 23. Caldwell, 24. Sabine, 25. Bridge City.



PENETRATION—Ky Wilcox (10) drives the baseline and puts up a shot despite the best efforts of Gruver's defense last Thursday in a game at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Wilcox's shot was off the mark, but teammate Eric Schilling was there for the put-back. Nazareth won, 85-75, and Kade Wilcox poured in 48 points to lead his team. Photo by Dwayne Acker

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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.

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Swifts, Longhorns are named 2-A all-district

Nazareth claimed 12 first-team spots on the all-district 2-A team while Hart placed one player on the roster. Each team had several players qualify for second-team honors.

The all-district squads were released Sunday after district champion, Stratford, blew away Burkeville to capture the Class A state championship.

First-team offensive selections from Nazareth include running back Matty McLain, tight end Daryl Pohlmeier, wide receiver Kade Wilcox, offensive linemen Bryce Pohlmeier and Adam Schulte, and kicker Philip Bergendahl.

Defensive first-team honorees are Nazareth's Bryce Pohlmeier on the offensive line, McLain at linebacker and punter, Eric Schilling at defensive end, and Daryl Pohlmeier and Wilcox at defensive backs.

Hart's Keith Finch was a first-team defensive honoree for his work in the defensive backfield.

Second-team honors were bestowed upon Nazareth's Blake Birkenfeld, quarterback; Aaron Kern, running back and linebacker; Schilling, tight end; Reece Hales, center; and Schulte, defensive lineman.

Those from Hart qualifying for second-team honors include Finch as running back, Albert Velasquez at tight end, Jeff Bennett at wide receiver and defensive back, and Dan Eric Castillo as an offensive lineman and defensive lineman.

Here's a complete list of the all-district selections:

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback: Adam Bell, junior, Stratford.
Running Backs: Justin Wolfe, Senior, Vega; Matty McLain, senior, Nazareth; Sid Resendes, senior, Stratford.
Tight Ends: Daryl Pohlmeier, junior, Nazareth; Corey Naugle, senior, Stratford.
Receivers: Kade Wilcox, junior, Nazareth; Rene Vital, senior, Stratford.
Linemen: Nick Ashley, junior,

Stratford; Wes Kimball, junior, Stratford; Gilbert Gutierrez, senior, Stratford; Bryce Pohlmeier, senior, Nazareth; Adam Schulte, senior, Nazareth.
Center: Skyler Walden, junior, Stratford.
Kicker: Philip Bergendahl, senior, Nazareth.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE
Linemen: Bryce Pohlmeier, senior, Nazareth; Wes Kimball, junior, Stratford; Nick Ashley, junior, Stratford.
Linebackers: Bob Lamb, senior, Vega; Matty McLain, senior, Nazareth; Corey Naugle, senior, Stratford; Skyler Walden, junior, Stratford.
Defensive Ends: Eric Schilling, sophomore, Nazareth; Adam Reed, junior, Stratford.
Defensive Backs: Keith Finch, junior, Hart; Adam Bell, junior, Stratford; Gabriel Vasquez, junior, Kress; Daryl Pohlmeier, junior, Nazareth; Kade Wilcox, junior, Nazareth.
Punters: Justin Noggler, junior, Vega; Matty McLain, junior, Nazareth.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback: Blake Birkenfeld, junior, Nazareth.
Running Backs: Gabriel Vasquez,

junior, Kress; Aaron Kern, junior, Nazareth; Keith Finch, junior, Hart; Justin Carver, junior, Boys Ranch.

Tight Ends: Eric Schilling, sophomore, Nazareth; Albert Velasquez, junior, Hart.
Receivers: Jeff Bennett, senior, Hart; Michael McAlister, junior, Stratford; Peter Garcia, senior, Boys Ranch.

Linemen: Dan Eric Castillo, senior, Hart; Michael Lofts, senior, Boys Ranch; Eric Longoria, sophomore, Kress; Matt Martin, senior, Vega; Brooks Hodges, senior, Vega.
Center: Steven Hinojosa, junior, Kress; Reece Hales, sophomore, Nazareth.
Kicker: Nick Ashley, junior, Stratford.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE
Linemen: Montana Murrell, junior, Kress; Dan Eric Castillo, senior, Hart; Adam Schulte, senior, Nazareth.
Linebackers: Matt Martin, senior, Vega; Aaron Kern, junior, Nazareth; Greg Trent, junior, Boys Ranch.
Defensive Ends: Julian Hinojosa, junior, Kress; Brooks Hodges, senior, Vega.
Defensive Backs: Jeff Bennett, senior, Hart; Michael McAlister, junior, Stratford; Peter Garcia, senior, Boys Ranch; Chase Street, senior, Kress.
Punters: Michael McAlister, junior, Stratford; Dusty Street, junior, Kress.

Nazareth and Hart players are HM all-state in football

Hart's Keith Finch and Nazareth's Bryce Pohlmeier and Matty McLain were among those earning honorable mention all-state honors for Class A, as released Monday by the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE).

Selections were based on regular-season performance.


Finch was honored for his work at running back while Pohlmeier was selected as a defensive lineman and McLain was honored as a linebacker.

Finch split time at running back and quarterback on offense for the Longhorns this season, but no matter where he lined up, he was a big offensive threat to run with the ball. He carried the ball 205 times for 1,325 yards and 21 touchdowns. He also completed 11-of-31 passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored five two-point conversions and kicked nine extra points.

McLain was one of the defensive leaders for the Swifts, who allowed just 6.3 points per game during the regular season. McLain recorded 110 tackles, recovered two fumbles and had two interceptions from his linebacker position. He also was one of the team's leading rushers on offense.

Pohlmeier was a two-way lineman for the Swifts, and as a defensive tackle he recorded 67 tackles and recovered a pair of fumbles during his senior season.

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Swifts will meet Birdville in Whataburger Tourney

Nazareth will travel to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex this week to compete in the Whataburger Basketball Tournament.

The Swifts will face Birdville at 9 p.m. today (Thursday) in a first-round game in the AAA-A division of the tournament. The games will be played at Haltom High School.

The 16-team tourney also features squads from Italy, Lorenzo, Bogata Rivercrest, Alvarado, Azle, Kountze, Country Day, Poolville, All Saints, Ponder, Grapeland, Kennedale, Trinity Valley and Lipan.

If the Swifts beat Birdville, they will face the winner between Trinity Valley and Lipan at 2 p.m. on Friday. Losers in the two first-round games will square off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

The tournament features a full slate of games on Saturday, including with the consolation championship at 2:30 p.m. The fifth-place game will tip off at 4 p.m., followed by the third-place showdown at 5:30 p.m. The championship will be decided in a 7 p.m. game.

Scoreboard

DEC. 19
Lady Horns 59, San Jacinto 54
 San Jacinto 13 7 12 22 —54
 Lady Horns 9 16 15 19 —59
SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 18, Brenda Diego 13, Crystal Diego 12.

Longhorns 48, San Jacinto 53
 San Jacinto 17 13 15 8 —53
 Hart 6 16 21 5 —48
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 15, Salvador Velasquez 14.

JV Longhorns 30, San Jacinto JV 34
 San Jacinto 9 7 6 12 —34
 Hart 9 11 3 7 —30
SCORING: Hart JV—Josh Finch 9.

DEC. 21
Swifts 85, Gruver 75
 Gruver 17 27 15 16 —75
 Nazareth 28 13 26 18 —85
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 48, Eric Schilling 12, Trey Robb 10.

Swiftettes 71, Gruver 47
 Gruver 10 16 6 15 —47
 Nazareth 12 22 13 24 —71

SCORING: Nazareth—Whitney Hoeltling 21, Stephanie Thiel 20, Wendy Black 12.

Bobbies 43, Amarillo High 81
 Dimmitt 12 17 4 10 —43
 Amarillo 28 25 19 9 —81
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 19, Tamara Robertson 7.

Bobcats 73, Amarillo High 79
 Dimmitt 13 24 21 15 —73
 Amarillo 14 23 18 24 —79
SCORING: Dimmitt—Dee Norman 21, Austin Sherman 20.

JV Bobcats 53, Amarillo High 58
 Dimmitt JV 17 17 13 6 —53
 Amarillo JV 18 12 8 20 —58
SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Lee Brown 21.

JV Bobbies 25, Amarillo High 33
 Dimmitt JV 5 6 8 6 —25
 Amarillo JV 6 7 7 13 —33
SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Jenna Steinle 11.



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Extension agent updates 4-H'ers on stock shows

Castro County Extension Agent Rick Auckerman has been informing 4-H'ers of rule changes in major stock shows and of other important facts they need to know as they begin their busiest time of the year.

Upcoming stock show dates are as follows:

- Jan. 30-Feb. 3—Fort Worth.
- Feb. 8-10—Castro County.
- Feb. 4-9—El Paso.
- Feb. 10-16—San Antonio.
- Feb. 21-25—Brenham hog sift for Houston Livestock Show.
- Feb. 24-25—Rosenburg lamb sift for Houston Livestock Show.
- March 3-11: San Angelo.

"Stock show schedules and rule books are available at the Extension office," Auckerman said. "Eligibility forms regarding the no-pass, no-play rule need to be picked up, completed by school administrators and returned to the Extension office no later than two weeks prior to the stock show you plan to attend."

Auckerman said county agents will not make room reservations for 4-H members and their families who are planning to attend one of the major out-of-town shows.

"You will need to contact the hotels yourself. If you have not done so, do so immediately," Auckerman said.

Lamb exhibitors

"We have a new publication that will be of interest to all lamb exhibitors. The 'Texas Club Lamb Guide' is available at the Extension office. It covers a wide variety of topics that relate to feeding and caring for your lambs," Auckerman said.

Auckerman said 96 lambs were validated across Castro County this year, and county 4-H'ers have lambs entered at all major stock shows this season.

Rule changes for the Houston Livestock Show's lamb show are:

- 1. All lambs must be shown by the exhibitor at Rosenberg during the sift and at Houston.

More about

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guys it was too big a risk to try to get to the plant.

Being weathered in was frustrating, too, for our son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Karen—at least at first.

They had booked a Tuesday afternoon return flight from Lubbock to Houston, and had tickets to the galleryfurniture.com Bowl game between Tech and East Carolina Wednesday night in the Astrodome. The Houston area's Red Raider Club even had a big tailgate party planned before the game.

But with the highways impassable, the Lubbock Airport closed and the earliest available flight not until Thursday night, they had to just cool it here, as many other Tech fans in our region had to do. It was just as well, I guess. The bowl game wasn't a good experience for Raider fans.

I can't say that I'm upset about the press-time delay this week, though. We were ready to go to press on time, but the weather wouldn't cooperate, so we were obliged to extend Christmas with our children and grandkids for another couple of (glor-

ious) 2. 4-H members who are ineligible due to lack of passing grades at school will not be allowed to have their animal exhibited by another 4-H member.

Rule changes for San Antonio Livestock Show this year are:

- 1. 4-H members who are ineligible because of failing grades won't be allowed to have their animals exhibited by another 4-H member.

4-H members who are high school seniors and plan to show lambs at the Houston Livestock Show should stop by the Extension office and pick up an application for the \$2,500 Ruth Hildebrand Lamb Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year at the Houston show and applications must be turned in prior to the Rosenburg sift.

Pig exhibitors

There were 238 hogs validated in Castro County this year.

"I want to personally thank all the parents that helped in 'wrestling' the hogs for the validation process. It made our job easier this year," Auckerman said.

Rule changes for the Houston Livestock Show include:

- 1. 4-H members that are ineligible due to lack of passing grades in school will not be allowed to have their animals exhibited by another 4-H member.

2. Spot and Poland China classes have been combined.

3. Two judges will be used.

Rule changes for the San Antonio Livestock Show include:

- 1. 4-H members who are ineligible because of failing grades will not be allowed to have their animal exhibited by another 4-H member.

The Texas Pork Producers Association (PO Box 10168, Austin 78766) may award premium money to the top placing certified Texas bred barrow in each weight division of each breed. A Certified Texas Bred Registry certificate from the breeder must be presented at the show to qualify.

For once, I was content to let the weather call the shot.

So much hoopla was made last year of the coming of Y2K, and all of its real and imagined dangers, that it's almost anticlimactic to note that there was no Year 0 in our calendar and that the Third Millennium doesn't actually begin until Monday.

So without further ado, let us begin.

Happy New Year!
Happy New Millennium!

Nazareth 4-H will meet Jan. 8

The Nazareth 4-H Club is planning a special "rock-and-roll" meeting on Jan. 8 in recognition of the late Elvis Presley's birthday.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth City Hall.

"We will have a 50s dress-up contest," said one of the club's officers.

All members are urged to attend.



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Wilcox Jackpot slated Jan. 6-7

The annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic Jackpot Show will be held Jan. 6-7 in the quonset barns at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

This year the event will feature two lamb shows on Jan. 6, and a pig show on Jan. 7.

Lambs

Weight cards for both lamb shows will be due at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6. The first show will start at 11 a.m. Only lambs entered in the first show will be eligible for the second show.

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

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

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

The event will feature a cash pay-back, plaques and belt buckles for the winners.

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

Pigs

Weight cards on barrows will be due Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. The show will start at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Cash, plaques and belt buckles will be awarded.

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



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Texas 4-H will accept scholarship applications now

Senior 4-H'ers have until Feb. 16 to apply for the Texas 4-H Foundation scholarship and applications can be picked up at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Marilyn Neal say they will be glad to work with 4-H'ers on this or any other scholarship application.

"If you want or need help on scholarships, please contact us to make an appointment," Auckerman said.

The Extension office also has applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative scholarship.

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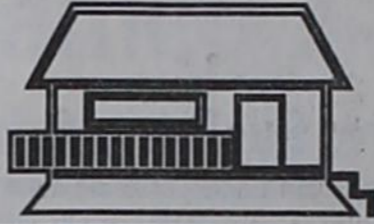
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Dear Lord, teach me to make my prayers more meaningful and sincere. So often I find myself praying mechanically and I know this is not the way to talk to you.

Knowles is recognized

Ken Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds in Plainview, which also serves clients in Castro County, has received some honors recently.

He was a guest speaker at the Newly Elected Sheriff's Seminar held Dec. 4-8 at the Dept. of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin. The seminar was sponsored by the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Knowles is the president of the Professional Bondsmen of Texas and a founding member of the Professional Bail Agents of the US.

In October of this year, Knowles was named one of the leading bail bondsmen of the 20th century by *Bail Bond Chronicles*, the national trade publication for the bail bond industry.

The publication noted that this recognition was "of men and women who have devoted a great deal of their lives to the enhancement of the bail bond professional, and who have a firm grip on the wheel in steering the profession into the 21st century." These names appeared most frequently in a national survey among bondsmen.

Their selection was based on their status in their communities, the respect of their peers and the courts, and their personal integrity, according to the publication.

"Ken Knowles changed the late show image of the store front, west pocket bondsmen in north central Texas. He is an active participant in community fundraisers and business organizations," said Kelley McClelland, editor of *Chronicles*.

He added, "How Texas goes is of much importance to our industry, and the state is in good hands with an honorable man like Ken Knowles."

Knowles, who has been in the business for 22 years, holds a Certified Bail Agent's degree, which is the highest education recognition in the industry.

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Soil temperatures may restrict options for seeding small grains

This year's weather-delayed cotton harvest on the South Plains also delayed many producers' plans to seed small grains for grain, forage or hay.

Those producers are now wondering whether it is too late to seed a small grain crop.

"Small grains such as oats and barley require a minimum average daily soil temperature of 45 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit for good germination and adequate stand establishment," said Calvin Trostle, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist at Texas A&M University's Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. "Our soil temperatures on the South Plains have been cooler than normal since about Nov. 20.

"In fact, the average daily soil temperature at a depth of four inches has been at or below 45 degrees. Producers can check average daily soil temperatures at several South Plains locations by visiting the Internet site: <http://achilleus.tamu.edu/data/data.html>."

Wheat is more cold tolerant than oats or barley, and it can produce an adequate stand if it is seeded when soil temperatures are as low as 40 degrees. Even so, late-planted wheat has less time to meet its vernalization (cold) requirement and establish a good root system, Trostle said.

"Wheat yield potential declines steadily with later plantings. You can achieve fair yields from wheat seeded as late as mid-December with favorable soil temperatures, but it has far less potential to dollar-out and produce good net economic returns," Trostle said. "Rye is more cold tolerant than wheat. The soil temperature planting guides that apply to wheat also work well for rye."

Oats will achieve adequate germination and stands when the soil temperature is 50 degrees. Lower soil temperatures hinder germination, leaving some of the seed dormant in seeded ground until the soil warms up.

"It's unlikely that our soil temperatures will warm back up to 50 degrees in December, so we are well past the optimum planting window for oats," said Trostle. "Oats seeded in cool soils also are susceptible to rot, if soil moisture is ample. Even if it does germinate, cold temperatures will likely retard its growth."

"Growers who seed wheat, oats or other small grains in cold, wet soils should consider using a seed-applied systemic treatment such as Apron or Metalaxyl to reduce the odds of seedling disease."

Producers who want to plant small grains for spring grazing or haying still have some options, Trostle said.

Oats can be planted for forage in early February as far south as Lamesa, and in mid-February in the Plainview area, once the soil temper-

atures warm back up to 50 degrees. Oats planted this late will have almost zero grain yield potential, he added.

"Another option is to seed oats in late January, within about two weeks of warmer soil temperatures," Trostle said. "If the soil isn't wet enough to induce rot, the seed will set its own time for germination. Wheat can also be planted this late, but it won't produce as much forage as oats."

"A good seeding rate for irrigated oats is about three bushels, or 90 to 100 pounds per acre. Two bushels, or 60 to 65 pounds per acre is a good dryland seeding rate."

Walken is probably the most popular variety of oats for forage production on the South Plains. It is cold tolerant and achieves a medium height, but it takes longer to reach maturity than other regionally popular varieties such as Chilocco and Troy.

Chilocco is a dual-purpose variety that produces grain and forage if planted early, while Troy is considered only a spring oat. Chilocco and Troy mature about two weeks earlier than Walken. If Walken is cut for hay past the boot stage, when the highest forage quality exists, harvest can extend into early July, Trostle said.

"Growers should check seed availability with local dealers, especially if the plan on planting in February," said Trostle. "Stocks of Walken are currently low. Prices vary, but Walken currently costs about \$10 per 50-pound bag. Chilocco is currently priced around \$9. The cost of Troy should be similar to Chilocco."

"Producers interested in planting awnless wheats for grazing or haying should consider varieties such as Lockett, Longhorn and TAM 109—an awnless variety similar to TAM 101. Russian Beardless is another option, but the generic seed currently available may, in fact, have some small awns."

Regardless of when small grains are planted for forage, producers should balance forage quality against yield when they make grazing and haying decisions.

"All forages, from winter small grains to summer sorghums and sudans, achieve maximum forage quality at the boot stage," Trostle said. "On the other hand, maximum yields are achieved as the crop heads out—through about the small dough stage. But the quality of forage harvested at this time is substantially lower than during the boot stage."

Producers who want more information about small grains and other forage crops should call Trostle at (806) 746-6101, or contact their local county Extension office. Additional information on small grains and forage is available at Texas A&M's Dept. of Soil and Crop Science website, <http://soil-testing.tamu.edu>.

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WHAT A TREAT! Aubrey Durbin enjoys a holiday cookie during a special Christmas party last week at Pybus Christian School. Santa paid a visit to the children and delivered each a special present.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Clover Kids plan meeting Wednesday

The Castro County 4-H Clover Kids will hold their first meeting of 2001 on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

Youngsters in kindergarten, first grade or second grade are invited to join the group.

At the Wednesday meeting, a program on sharing has been planned.

"We have a really neat project planned, so come and bring a friend," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

Neal also said older 4-H'ers interested in a leadership project are invited to come and help with the Clover Kids.

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4-H leaders plan meeting

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

Other 4-H spring activities will be discussed as well.

The club managers will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office while the parent-leaders will gather at 7 p.m.

For more information contact the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

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Obituaries

Amy Downing

A memorial mass for Amy Catherine Downing, 32, former resident of the Easter community, will be held today (Thursday) at the Church of the Assumption in Franklin, La., with the Rev. Danny Poche of Mathews, La., officiating.

Miss Downing died Dec. 20 in Ventura, Calif.

She was born in Hereford and attended Dimmitt schools. She graduated from Lubbock Christian High School in 1985 when her family moved to Franklin, La. She attended Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. She became a medical technician, working at Franklin Foundation Hospital and other area hospitals.

She was attending pharmacy school in Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe when she suffered a paralyzing automobile accident in 1996.

Survivors include her parents, Trent and Lana Downing of Mathews; two sisters, Laura Downing Edmonds of Fillmore, Calif., and Caroline Downing of Newburyport, Mass.; her grandmothers, Alfreda Laws of Franklin and Louise Downing of Lawton, Okla.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Gladys Everett

Services for Gladys Everett, 97, of Austin, former Hart teacher, were held Tuesday in the Davis Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home in Austin with the Rev. Ken Thompson, pastor of Walnut Creek Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Everett died Friday. She was born Jan. 5, 1903, in Sidney. She attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood and received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

She taught second grade and remedial reading in several towns in the Texas Panhandle including Hart, Muleshoe, Bovina, Lazbuddie, McAdoo, Paint Creek, Tanner Paint and Olton. She taught for a total of 35 years.

After retirement, she and her husband moved to Brownwood and lived there for 18 years before moving to Buckner Villas in Austin 12 years ago.

She was a member of Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Austin. Through the years she served several other churches as a Sunday School teacher, pianist and a member of Women's Missionary Union. She played the piano daily for residents at Buckner Villas until a year before her death.

She was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1964; and her husband of 71 years, Rufus, in April 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Everett High of Cary, N.C.

The family requests memorials be to Walnut Creek Baptist Church, 12062 No. Lamar Blvd., Austin TX 78753.



Thenia Fern Metcalf

Thenia Fern Metcalf, 59, of Odessa, former Dimmitt resident, died last Thursday, Dec. 21, at Medical Center Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Sunset Memorial Chapel with Roy Smalling of Sixth and Jackson Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Metcalf was born May 7, 1941, in Brownfield, the daughter of Luther and Lois Hardgrave. She

attended schools in Dimmitt. She married Wayne Metcalf on March 26, 1957, in Dimmitt.

She and her husband moved to Odessa in 1977 after he retired from the military. She was the owner of Barbara's Fashions and Little Duds. She was a member of the Odessa Country Club.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Nicky Metcalf of Odessa, Kevin Metcalf of Clarksville, Ark., Jeff Metcalf of Odessa and Lance Metcalf of Waco; two daughters, Lori Brown of Duncan, Okla., and Vanessa Tucker of Odessa; a sister, Bessie Merrill of Lamesa; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Bob Mooney

Bob D. Mooney, 71, who lived most of his life in Dimmitt, died Wednesday morning at his home here.

Funeral services were pending at press time, but are tentatively set for Saturday in the First Baptist Church, according to Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home, which is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mooney was born March 15, 1929, in Plainview, the son of Dora and S. J. "Shorty" Mooney and the grandson of J. E. Hyatt, who owned the Hyatt Hotel in Dimmitt.

During his boyhood he helped his father in the wheat harvest from South Texas through Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

He was an outstanding athlete in Dimmitt High School, participating in football, basketball, track, baseball, tennis and boxing. He graduated from DHS in 1948.

He married Phyllis Youts in Dimmitt in 1947.

He farmed with his father-in-law, Elmer Youts, until 1953, when he joined an auto dealership in Borger. The family returned to Dimmitt in 1962 and he resumed farming here.

He retired from farming in 1975. In recent years he was a contract dispatch driver for the US Postal Service.

He is survived by five daughters, Judy Moore, Janice Davis, Jane Ann Coffin, Susie White and Janet Wohlgenuth, and by a son, Joe.

Wilson receives masters degree from Texas Tech

Michael Sean Wilson, the son of Carolyn and Jerry Jansa of Dimmitt, has obtained his master's degree in architecture from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

A 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Wilson is employed by Bryant, Burton & Kupcunas, architects, of Dallas. He will reside in Irving.

Wilson was recognized in commencement ceremonies Dec. 16 at Tech.

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