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By Don Nelson

Our pheasants are back. After several lean years, it's great to hear of so many hunters getting their limits on opening weekend, or at least seeing plenty of birds. The word about this year's big pheasant population got around beforehand, too. The organized hunts conducted by the Hart, Nazareth and Easter Lions Clubs were all booked to the limit well in advance. The Dimmitt Kiwanians served more hunters at their opening-day breakfast than they had in years. Most of the motels were full-up. And did you try to find a table or booth at a local restaurant over the weekend? As long as hunters are allowed to shoot only cocks, they're not hurting the pheasant population. One cock pheasant will take care of a square mile or so of breeding territory. That's nature's plan, and that's why cock pheasants come equipped with fighting spurs. It's weather and predators, not hunters, that are the pheasant's worst enemies. Let's hope for another good hatch next spring, and continued good hunting.

One of the main public concerns about the Internet is that it allows unrestricted access to pornography and scams.

Yes, I guess it does. But it also allows access to stories such as this: Ruth went to her mailbox and there was only one letter. When she picked it up to open it, she noticed that there was no stamp, no postmark, only her name on the envelope.

She read the letter:
Dear Ruth,
I'm going to be in your

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Shelton seeks Demo nod in county treasurer's race

Castro County Treasurer Janice Shelton will run for re-election to her post on the Democratic ticket in the March 1998 primary election. Shelton was appointed to the treasurer's office in March 1995 to serve out the unexpired term of the late Oleta Raper. Shelton was elected as county treasurer in 1996. She has completed 40 hours of continuing education and is a certified county treasurer. She also has additional certification credit from the Federal Wage and Labor Law Institute. She has 50 hours of education toward certification of county investment officer training, which is required by law under the Public Funds Investment Act, Government Code, Chapter 2256. She is an active member of the Panhandle County Treasurers Association. "I enjoy my work very much. I feel I have accomplished a lot in the past year, however, with the changing laws of county government, there



Janice Shelton

will be much more to accomplish," said Shelton. "I wish to continue to serve all of the people of Castro County and appreciate your vote in the 1998 election."



BOUNTIFUL FEAST—Members of the Castro County Ministerial Alliance sort through canned foods donated to the Food Pantry and box items for delivery to needy families this week. Among those helping Monday were Larry Gilliam with the First

Assembly of God Church (right), Jerry Pena with Panhandle Community Services. Others helping were Rusty Dickerson with the First United Methodist Church, and Stella Devers with PCS.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

Monday is last day to turn in 'Angel Tree' gifts

Monday is the deadline for turning in the gifts that have been bought for "Project Angel Tree," so that the children will receive the gifts in time for Christmas.

All of the "Angels" were picked up by individuals wanting to give a needy child a Merry Christmas by fulfilling the gift wishes that were listed on the "Angels."

Over 100 children will benefit from the annual project, sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial

Alliance and Panhandle Community Services.

Gifts that are purchased should be wrapped and labeled with the tag that was attached to the angel. The gifts and angel figures should be returned to the PCS office at 108 SW Second in Dimmitt, or to the Hart City Hall, for those in Hart.

The "Angel Trees" were displayed in each of the banks in the county: First United Bank, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, and Hale County State Bank-Hart Banking Center.

Parents of children selected for participation will be able to pick up the gifts on Dec. 23 at the PCS office or the Hart First Baptist Church, for those in Hart.

"We ask that those who selected an angel, please return the gift in time so that the child may receive it in time," a spokesperson said.

Laney announces re-election bid

State Rep. Pete Laney, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, recently announced that he has filed for re-election to continue representing the people who live in the 12 counties that make up House District 85.

Laney, a Hale Center farmer, said his top priorities are to continue creating more job opportunities in the South Plains region, reducing the tax burden on property owners and fighting for the interests of rural areas and agriculture in a legislature of mostly urban members.

"My family has lived here for four generations so I understand and appreciate the unique character of our region, our people, our traditions and our values," Laney said. "As Speaker of the House of Representatives, I'm in a position to make sure our interests are well represented when decisions are made in Austin that affect the lives of our families."

The other members of the House

of Representatives unanimously elected Laney as Speaker, the presiding officer of the House, in the last three legislative sessions.

Under Laney's leadership, the legislature not only adopted three consecutive balanced budgets without a tax increase, but also passed the largest tax cut in the state's history. As Speaker, he has been widely credited with transforming the Texas Legislature to reflect his no-nonsense, hardworking West Texas style.

He earned a degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University, where he met Nelda McQuien, to whom he has been married for 34 years. They have three grown children, KaLyn, Jamey and J. Pete.

Laney has represented the South Plains district in the House of Representatives since 1973. House District 85 includes the counties of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher.

Miller to seek re-election as 64th District Court judge

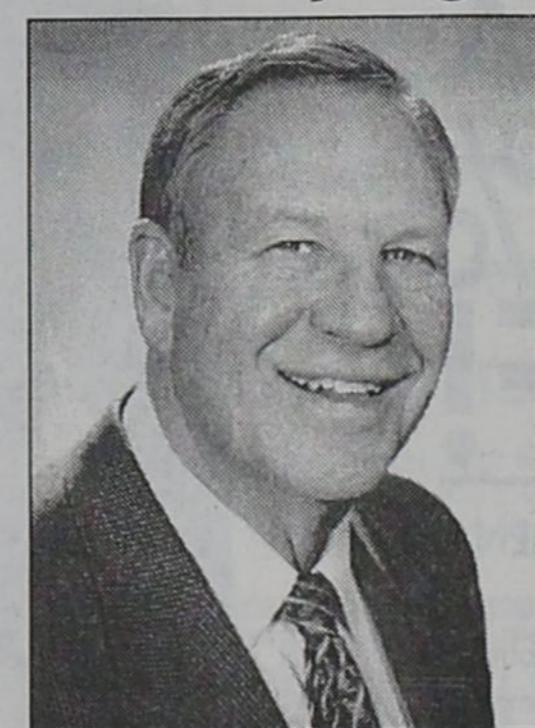
Jack R. Miller, 64th District Court Judge for Castro, Hale and Swisher Counties, has announced that he will seek re-election subject to the March 10, 1998, Democratic primary election.

Miller was appointed as district judge in September 1981 by Gov. Bill Clements for the vacancy created when Judge John T. Boyd was appointed to the Seventh Court of Appeals. Miller has been re-elected in 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994.

In announcing his re-election bid, Miller expressed his appreciation to the citizens of Castro, Hale and Swisher Counties "for their continuing generous support and dedication to an efficient and effective court system."

Miller said he has tried to operate his court in a courteous, competent and conscientious manner and pledges continued faithful and impartial performance of the duties of his office.

Miller is a lifelong resident of this district, presently living in Plainview. He served four years as Castro County attorney, and 19 years in



Jack R. Miller

general law practice prior to his 16-plus years of service as district judge. He currently serves as an elder for the Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ in Plainview, is active in civic and community affairs and is a member of the State Bar College. Miller and his wife, Murna, have four married children and nine grandchildren.

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL Student Council members gather up a load of coats donated for the needy. The local office of Panhandle Community Services agreed to distribute the coats. Over 150 coats of all sizes were donated and are available at the PCS of-

ice at 108 SW Second. Those needing a coat may contact the office for more information. Helping with the project are (from left) Michael Bell, Heidi Weaver, Jacy Buckley, Travis Crow, Andy Hill, Serge Linskyi, Jill Davis, and Amber Matthews.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



Man found dead in truck Tuesday

A San Antonio man was found dead in a truck at Red X Travel Center in Dimmitt at about 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Martin Wayne Orsak, 41, of San Antonio, was pronounced dead at the scene by Hart Municipal Judge Jerry Miller, who has ordered an autopsy.

"We'll have to wait on the results of the autopsy to learn the cause of death," Police Chief Ray Aleman said. He added that there appeared to be no signs of foul play.

Police were notified that the truck had been parked behind Red X on South Broadway for about 12 hours.

After knocking on the driver's door and getting no answer, officers opened the door and located a body in the sleeper compartment, and called an ambulance.

The truck, which has a tanker trailer on it, is owned by Reynolds Transportation, a company based in Central Texas. The man was identified as Orsak, and the body was taken to Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

"The family has been notified in San Antonio by this department," Aleman said.

Primary candidate filing ends Jan. 2

Applications for a place on the political party primary ballots may be received through Jan. 2.

The applications for a place on the Democratic Primary ballot may be filed with Don Newman, continuing through Jan. 2.

Applications for a place on the Republican Primary ballot may be filed with Deanne Clark through Jan. 2. Clark said that during the Christmas holidays another individual may be designated to receive the applications. Applicants may check at the courthouse for notification.

An individual who signs a petition for a party candidate may only vote in the party primary of that candidate. Also, signees may only sign a petition for a single individual in any particular race.

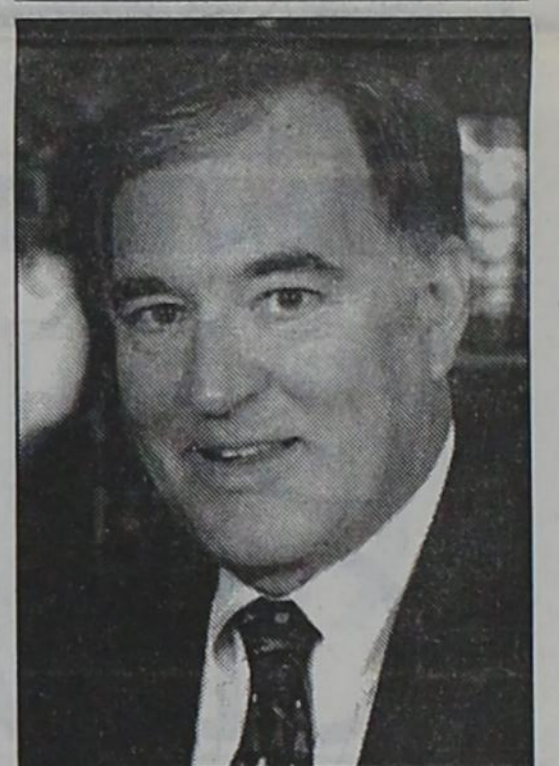
For example, if a person signs a candidate filing petition for a Demo-

cratic candidate running for county judge, then that person would be obligated to vote in the Democratic primary and could not sign the petition for any other candidate running for county judge.

Mauro to visit here

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, Democratic candidate for governor, will be in Dimmitt today (Thursday) at 12:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford.

The public is invited to come out and meet with him. The meeting is expected to last about an hour, according to local Democratic Chairman Don Newman.



Bill LaFont

LaFont enters 242nd District judge's race

Bill LaFont of Plainview has announced his candidacy for the 242nd District Court judge's post.

LaFont is a board-certified attorney and he has 33 years of courtroom experience as a civil and criminal attorney.

"If elected, I would do everything in my power to serve Swisher, Castro and Hale Counties," said LaFont.

"We need to address problems involving juvenile laws and changes desperately need to be made in the time required to try capital cases."

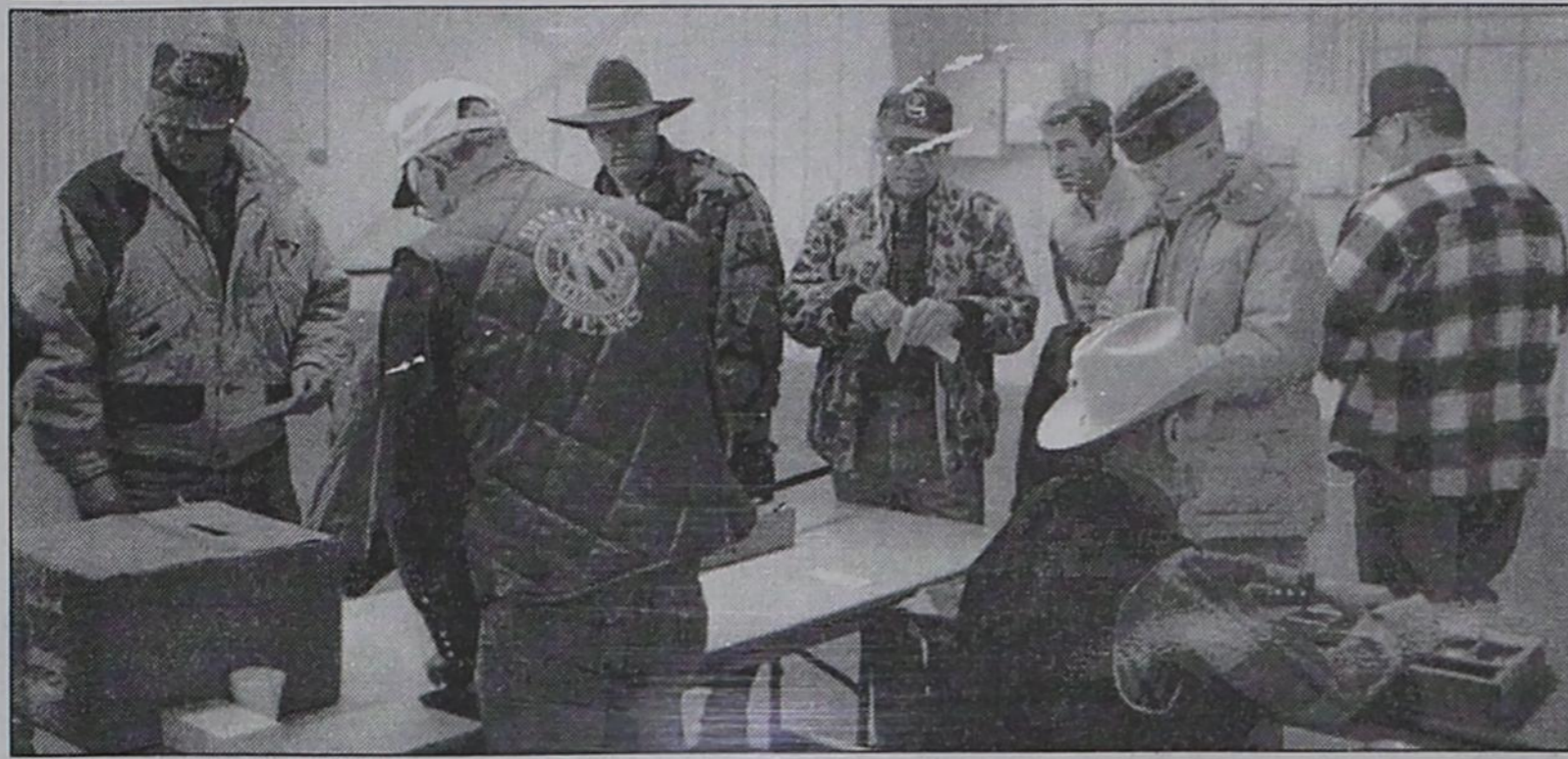
Early deadlines set for holidays

The News has established early deadlines for its Dec. 25 Christmas issue.

Social news and advertising, including weddings, engagements, showers, etc., and news from community correspondents, will be due in the office by 12 noon on Friday. All other news and advertising will be due Monday at 12 noon.

The News will go to press with its Dec. 25 edition at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and it will be available on newsstands that afternoon. Subscriber copies will be mailed on Tuesday afternoon.

The News office will be closed Dec. 24 through 26 for the Christmas holidays.



PHEASANT HUNTERS stream into the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club's annual Hunters' Breakfast at the Expo Building Saturday morning. Don Sheffy (seated) sells breakfast tickets while Jerry Kittrell (left foreground) sells chances on a shotgun which

was raffled away during the breakfast. The Kiwanians served sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy to an estimated 250 hunters at the opening-day event. Jerry Durham of Dimmitt won the shotgun.

Photo by Don Nelson

Lane, Schulte, Nelson exhibit Champs at 4-H Livestock Show

The 1997 Castro County 4-H Livestock Show was held Dec. 6 in Dimmitt. The Grand Champion Lamb was exhibited by Holly Lane of Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H, the Grand Champion Steer was shown by Shawn Nelson of Flagg 4-H, and the Grand Champion Swine was shown by Keli Schulte of Nazareth 4-H.

Reserve Grand Champions were shown by Macee Schulte in the Swine division, Raynee Bradley in the Lamb division, and Meggie Lemons in the Steer division.

In the junior showmanship competition, Jennifer Wilhelm was named top sheep showman, Garrett Kleman was tops in swine, and Meggie Lemons in the steer show.

For the senior showmanship, Matthew Kern was top swine showman, Bryce Pohlmeier in the lambs, and Shawn Nelson in steers.

A complete list of the results follows:

SWINE

Duroc

1. Macee Schulte, 2. Ross Schulte, 3. Bridget Hochstein, 4. Jessica Kern, 5. Meggie Lemons

Hampshire

Light: 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Kyle Whitley, 3. Aaron Kern, 4. Jody Stovall.

Medium: 1. Macee Schulte, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Brandy Smith, 4. Kyle Whitley, 5. Kristi Edwards.

Heavy: 1. Garrett Kleman, 2. Corey Lane, 3. Chase Foster, 4. China Foster, 5. Jessica Kern

Breed Champion: Macee Schulte
Reserve Breed Champion: Garrett Kleman

Black OPB

Light: 1. Garrett Kleman, 2. Corey Lane, 3. Evan Huseman.

Heavy: 1. Kendra Huseman, 2. Kelsey Hochstein, 3. Jared Griffith, 4. Jody Stovall.

Breed Champ: Garrett Kleman
Reserve Breed Champ: Corey Lane

White OPB

Light: 1. Jeff Stovall, 2. Matthew Kern, 3. Kendra Huseman

Heavy: 1. Jeff Stovall
Breed Champ: Matthew Kern

Yorkshire

1. Kelsey Hochstein, 2. Ross Schulte, 3. Jeff Stovall, 4. Jared Griffith, 5. Holly Lane

Breed Champ: Kelsey Hochstein
Reserve Breed Champ: Ross Schulte

Cross

Light: 1. Keli Schulte, 2. Holly Lane, 3. Corey Lane, 4. Brandi Smith, 5. Susan Kern

Medium: 1. Evan Huseman, 2. Bridget Hochstein, 3. Kristi Edwards, 4. Jody Stovall

Heavy: 1. Chase Foster, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. China Foster, 4. Tanner Griffith

Breed Champ: Keli Schulte
Reserve Breed Champ: Evan Huseman
GRAND CHAMPION: Keli

Schulte RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: Macee Schulte
SWINE SHOWMANSHIP: Senior-Matthew Kern; Junior-Garrett Kleman

LAMBS

Finewool

1. Brandon Wilhelm, 2. Ryan Hunter, 3. Ross Hunter

Breed Champ: Brandon Wilhelm
Reserve Breed Champ: Ryan Hunter

Finewool Cross

1. Bryce Pohlmeier, 2. Holly Lane, 3. Jennifer Wilhelm, 4. Meggie Lemons, 5. Ryan Hunter

Breed Champ: Bryce Pohlmeier
Reserve Breed Champ: Holly Lane

Medium Wool

Light: 1. Sage Annen, 2. Corey Lane, 3. Ryan Hunter, 4. Raynee Bradley, 5. Ross Hunter

Medium: 1. Charley Nutt, 2. Thomas Brockman, 3. Sage Annen, 4. Jared Griffith, 5. Raynee Bradley

Light-heavy: 1. Cody Brockman, 2. Cody Brockman, 3. Ross Hunter, 4. Tanner Griffith, 5. Holly Lane

Heavy: 1. Corey Lane, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Jennifer Wilhelm, 4. Michael Horn, 5. Ryan Hunter

Junbo: 1. Charley Nutt, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Bryce Pohlmeier, 4. Meggie Lemons, 5. Michael Horn

Breed Champ: Corey Lane
Reserve Breed Champ: Raynee Bradley

GRAND CHAMPION: Corey Lane
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: Raynee Bradley

LAMB SHOWMANSHIP: Senior-Bryce Pohlmeier; Junior-Jennifer Wilhelm

STEERS

Shawn Nelson, Meggie Lemons
Breed Champ/GRAND CHAMPION: Shawn Nelson

Reserve Breed Champ/RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: Meggie Lemons

STEER SHOWMANSHIP: Senior-Shawn Nelson; Junior-Meggie Lemons.

Police Calls

A Dimmitt man, 24, was arrested for assault/family violence Friday night. A 26-year-old woman told police he pushed her against a wall.

Gloria Hernandez of Dimmitt reported an attempted burglary early Sunday at her home in the 100 block of Northwest 12th Street.

A 30-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on charges of DWI, second offense, after he was stopped at 11:25 p.m. Monday in the 300 block

of East Belsher. Taken into evidence were several bottles of beer.

A 27-year-old Hart man was jailed early Monday in connection with his indictment for delivery of a controlled substance.

A Hereford woman, 40, was jailed Dec. 10 for bond surrender on theft by check charges.

Jailed Monday on warrants were: A Dimmitt man, 22, for theft by check.

A 40-year-old Dimmitt man on a Deaf Smith warrant for theft by check.

A Dimmitt woman, 22, on a local warrant for theft by check and on a warrant from Randall Co.

Kuldeep Thaker, 38, of Hereford was ticketed for unsafe speed after an accident last Thursday at 3:20 a.m. Thaker was driving a Dodge Caravan north on US 385 and lost control on the curve near La Posta, north of Dimmitt. Road conditions were slick, and the vehicle went into the east ditch and rolled onto its left side. Thaker was reported to have possible injuries but was not treated. Damage was rated moderate.

DISD sets substitute in-service

The Dimmitt Independent School District has set an in-service training session for those who wish to be substitute teachers and who have not already completed a session for this school year.

The session will be held Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at the School Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.

You are invited to a
Christmas Open House
at
Plainview Production Credit Association
112 East Jones, Dimmitt
Friday, Dec. 19
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 18-19.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: Fishburger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, escalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or pears; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, fish burger or fajitas with sauted onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot-raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, parmesan cheese and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of ham sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

Junior High and High School

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

FRIDAY: Choice of hoagie sandwich, chicken quesadillas or tuna salad sandwich, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Enchilada with roll, hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, appleauce, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: * Sandwiches or corn dogs, lettuce, tater tots, fruit, dessert and milk.

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

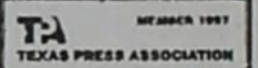
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "runs off at the mouth"
- 5 TXism: "you can bet the farm"
- 6 TXism: "fits like ___ on an ape"
- 7 rod and ___
- 8 TXism: "let ___ lie" (ignore it)
- 17 term of endearment
- 18 warning sign: "enter ___ risk"
- 20 Clara Driscoll, the "Savior ___ the Alamo"
- 21 Houston FM station
- 22 "Lone Star ___"
- 23 UT grad Robert Benton directed film "Kramer vs. ___"
- 28 Civil War general: Robert ___
- 29 TXism: "I'm working ___" (trying)
- 30 state of the Redskins (abbr.)
- 32 TXism: "it ain't a true, there ain't a ___"
- 34 Fiesta ___ y Seis
- 35 Dublin's pro golfer Hogan
- 36 state's 1st airline: ___ Transport
- 37 TXism: "big frog in the ___"
- 38 beer ingredient
- 39 gives off
- 40 Judd Mortimer Lewis was 1st ___ Laureate of Texas
- 41 Cotulla is the seat of La ___ Co.
- 42 ___ of iniquity"
- 43 horse fly swatters
- 45 TXism: "mighty ___ of" (like)
- 46 San Antonio-based motel chain: ___ Quinta
- 47 Texans do it on water
- 48 metal mixture
- 49 TXism: "this is a fine ___ fish" (mess)
- 51 wild goat raised in TX
- 52 TX Jaworski replaced Archibald ___ as Watergate prosecutor
- 53 bird at Bentsen park: groove-billed ___
- 54 TX Gary Morris starred in "___ Miserables" on Broadway

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "don't get ___ knot" (calm down)
- 2 TX wrestler Sheldon: "___ Death"
- 3 city near Fort Hood
- 4 gov.'s mansion ___ is Greek Revival
- 9 trims or reduces
- 10 TXism: "let ___ (leave it alone)"
- 11 noted TX poet: Naomi Shihab ___
- 12 TXism: "Sunday ___ to meetin' clothes"
- 13 done to crops or furniture
- 14 U.S. Rep. from TX: Solomon P. ___
- 15 Dr. Brinkley did "___ gland" operations in Del Rio in 30s
- 16 Gov. ___ Lanham (1902 - 1906)
- 19 former Mavericks asst. coach Tom
- 21 Laredo AM station
- 23 famous frontier scout Kit (init.)
- 24 TXism: "___ gut whiskey"
- 25 wonder or respect
- 26 Comanche chief Quanah Parker had ___ blood
- 27 TXism: "___ driller" (dentist)
- 28 alive
- 29 TXism: "___ got a prayer" (hopeless)
- 31 poker stake
- 33 TXism: "table graze"
- 34 TXism: "___ a bull give milk?" (no)
- 35 in Jeff Davis Co.: Mount ___
- 37 TX H.L. Hunt aired his ___ views on "Life Line"
- 38 TX Ginger Rogers' 1st film: "Young ___ Manhattan"
- 40 northern fish
- 41 TX Roy Orbison was a ___ act
- 44 inquire
- 45 Cowboys once used the ___ defense
- 48 this Smith was in film "San Antonio" steak type
- 50

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Dimmitt Book Club met on a cold Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10, at Rhoads Memorial Library with Ina Cleavinger presiding over the business meeting. Doris Flynt read the minutes and called the roll.

Carole Schroeder was in charge of the program, which was about the Accelerated Reader Program. Carol invited several teachers to discuss their success stories about their students: Donna Kerr of Amarillo and Cynthia Byers of Lubbock, who both teach in Dimmitt, Rhenea Webb and Darlene Collins of Dimmitt, and Lisa Reeves of Tulia. The students learn to read for enjoyment.

Doris Flynt and Darlene Collins were the hostesses for the social hour. They served Christmas cookies, nuts, and hot apple cider. The table was beautiful with a huge silver and white flower arrangement with silver and white miniature Christmas trees at the base.

Members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met on Wednesday morning, Dec. 10, for their monthly meeting, with Mattie Seale presiding over the business meeting. Florene Leinen read the minutes and Barbara Sava gave the treasurer's report. Mitzie Brockman gave an interesting program.

Mattie served meat balls and dip to Irene Carpenter, Gertie Waggoner, Florene, Lucille Drerup, Barbara, Lequetta West, Claudene Langford, Irene Blanton, and Mary Edna Hendrix. The members brought cookies to sell.

Loranell Hamilton was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the senior Citizens Center. Mary Cluck catered the luncheon of chicken casserole, salad and dessert to Ben Hill (who won high score), Charlie Wohlgenuth (who won second), Bernice Hill, Susie Reeves, Martha Dannevik, Dude McLaurin, Edith Graef, Neva Hickey, Martha Jo Hyman, Louise Mears, Carol Lantz, Dorothy Hopson, Reta Cluck, Opha Burks, Elizabeth Huckabay, Cleo Forson, Ina Rae Cates, Emily Clingingsmith, Helen Braafladt, and Johnnie Boothe. This was the club's Christmas party luncheon, and they invited the persons who had substituted during the year, as well.

Alyson Smith, daughter of Doug and Debbie Smith of Amarillo, participated in the Preparatory Dance Recital at the Concert Hall Theater at the Amarillo College Theater and Dance. The theme was "'Tis the Season to Dance," and Alyson did a ballet to the tune of *I have a Heart*, and she did a tap to the tune of *We Need a Little Christmas*. The grand parents, Bobby and Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt, attended the recital.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Urban and Rosetta Bellinghausen of Munday.

The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club held their annual pheasant hunters' breakfast on Saturday morning. They served sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee to over 300 hunters. Jerry Durham won the 12-gauge shotgun that was raffled off for those who had bought tickets.

The Mike Odom Family, Mike, Cindy, Rae and Shae, welcomed the guests at First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. They lit the third advent Candle of Joy. Kalan Steinle prepared our hearts for worship by singing *Away in a Manger*, and Tami Griffith and Debra Ball sang *Mary, Did You Know?* Bro. Howard Rhodes's message was "The Gift of Joy—The True Spirit of Christmas."

Howard and Belinda Rhodes held Christmas Open House in their home on Sunday afternoon. Some of the deacons' wives assisted with the hostess duties. The serving table was filled with all kinds of pick-up foods, dips and chips, stuffed peppers, cookies, candy and punch. The centerpiece was an arrangement of miniature poinsettias and gold pine cones. A large crowd attended on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

The Brass Menagerie presented an evening of festive seasonal music for the services at First Baptist Church on Sunday evening. The musicians are students at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The spokesman said "menagerie" meant wild animals, and his group was really wild! There were five in the group playing different instruments and they played several numbers, including *Amazing Grace*, *Just A Closer Walk*, *Joy to the World*, *Deck the Halls*, *The First Noel*, and many more Christmas carols.

Dr. Keitha Scott of California changed her vocation for eight days when her mother, Aural Davis of Dimmitt, visited during the Thanksgiving holidays. She became a nurse!

Her mother has been convalescing from a broken leg and required quite a bit of care. Keitha and her husband, Bill Thiederman, took over the job and, according to Aural, did a great job. They had a wheel chair and walker available and squired her around all over Los Angeles and Hollywood and performed all their duties successfully.

Keitha took Aural to see Ragtime, an excellent musical about the history of ragtime, as well as the story of immigrants, plus the problems of the people of color and racism—all was intertwined with the story of the wealthy people of the 1920s, also. It was very interesting.

Keitha took Aural to "High Tea" at the famous Bel Air Hotel, which was quite a treat.

On Thanksgiving, Keitha and Bill prepared a feast for 38 people. More were invited but were detained by the heavy rains around Santa Rosa, Calif., and were unable to drive through.

Aural was taken out to dinner several times and got to ride around and see all the Christmas lights on Rodeo Drive, but she did no shopping this year. It was too inconvenient.

She was driven to the plane at Lubbock by Suzie Bradford, and on her return, she was met by her brother, Rodrick Shaw and his wife, Bobbye, and their son, Larkin, and a friend. Their son, Larkin, and friend, drove her back to Dimmitt.

Aural said she didn't see a movie star while she was in Hollywood, but Ali McGraw rode across the aisle from her on the way home. Ali has a home in Santa Fe. Aural got to visit with her grandson, Keir Scott, too, during her trip.

George Sides was surprised by 40 members of his family and friends Sunday at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The group honored his 67th birthday with singing, cards, catalogues and chocolate—some of his favorite things. Mary and Tammy Cluck catered the

brisket luncheon. Carolyn is in Virginia Beach, Va., awaiting the birth of Laurie and Joe Hill's second child.

Kim Holland of Fort Worth, daughter of Doris Flynt, and her husband, Bill, were in Dimmitt for the pheasant hunt, along with their friends, Gordon Van Amburn and Roger Thorne of Rockwell, with Kent and Robbie Lindsey. Also, Martie Benton had her son, Ben, and his friends for several days' hunting.

Several Methodists and Baptists made their way to Levelland Sunday for the singing of "Tree of Light," a Christmas cantata. Also going from Dimmitt were Paul Wayland, Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, Emily Ramey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuntz, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke.

Cory Joiner has moved back to Dimmitt from Amarillo to work for Doug Proffitt.

Robin and Kim Stevens had a party to celebrate Kim's graduation from Eastern New Mexico University.

Shirley Wise enjoyed *The Nutcracker Suite* in Midland with Kyle

Dimmitt Dollar winners named

Winners in the Week 3 drawing for Dimmitt Dollars included Sherri Kenworthy (who registered at Dimmitt Office Supply) for the \$100 prize, and Josh Arguijo, Lupe Rodriguez and Jane Behrends, who won \$10 prizes by registering at Lockhart Pharmacy and ALCO.

The final drawing for this holiday season will be held today (Thursday) at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 9 p.m. Again, three \$10 winners will be named, along with a \$100 winner.

Entry forms are available from Dimmitt Merchants displaying the "Santa's Open House" posters.

and Robin's children. Deanne Clark took her grands to *The Nutcracker* in Lubbock. Lois Wales's grandchildren enjoyed *The Nutcracker* in Amarillo. Donna Underwood and Kaye Stevens went Friday night before Donna left Lubbock for New Orleans for a school conference.

Sunday morning, Lee Street Baptist Church had their "Hanging of the Green" ceremony, which was put together by Bessie Strickland. Special music was given by pastor Kevin Wood, who sang; Mindy Maxwell, who played her clarinet; Kathy Webb, who sang; and Justin and Josh Roberts, who played their guitars and sang.

Other participants included Bessie Strickland, Opal Thomas, Louella

Isham, and Barbara Hudson, who did the hanging of the green; the Troy Smallwood and Harold Casas families, who presented the Christmas wreaths; the Jackie Roberts and Prentiss Thomas families, who presented the poinsettias; and the Bill Briscoe family, who presented the Christmas candle.

Lee Street had their children's Christmas program Sunday night, directed by Beth Roberts, with Lynette Rials at the piano.

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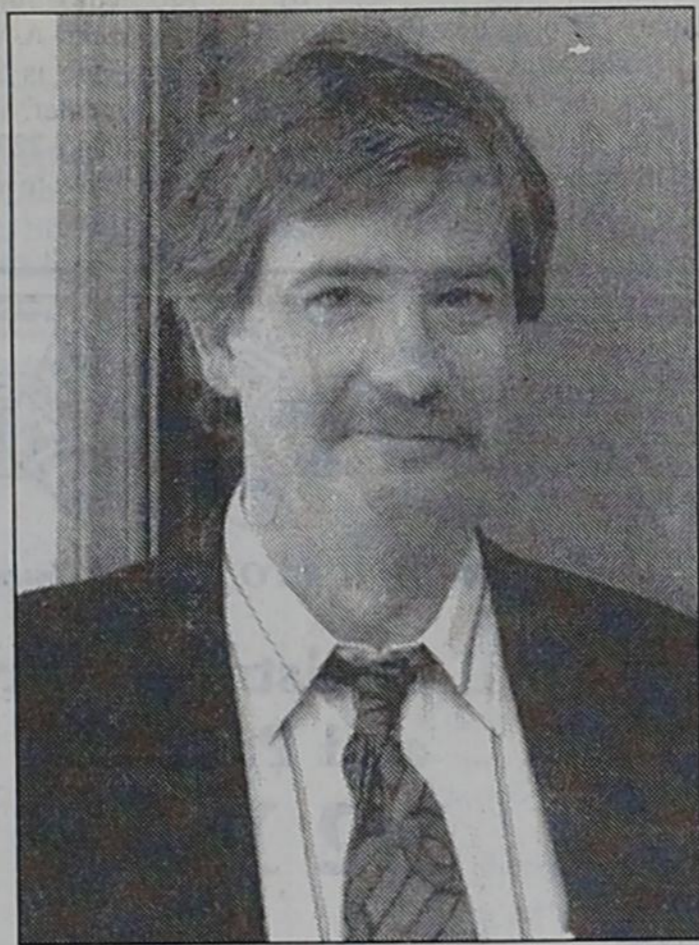


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Dr. McGrorey joins Drs. Gary R. Hardee, Leon Joplin, Bill D. Murphy and Dhiraj Patel on the staff of the clinic and hospital.

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

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

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

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

It was at Niagara Falls that he met his wife, Michelle, who is a Registered Nurse (BSN). They have three children.

For the last two years, Dr. McGrorey has served at the Nye Regional Medical Center at Tonopah, Nev., most recently as medical director and acting chief of staff.

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SELECTED FOR AAA ALL-REGION BAND from Dimmitt High School are Rosendo Amador (left), who was named fourth chair trombone for the symphonic band and also qualified to try out for All-Area; and Rachal Harman, who was named second chair clarinet for the concert band. The All-Region Concert will be held in January at West Texas A&M University. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nominations sought for chamber honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for individuals to be recognized as Dimmitt's Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year for 1997. The awards will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet that will be held in January.

Honorees will be selected from all nominees, based on community involvement, including commitment to church, civic organizations, charitable institutions or other activities or

services which benefit the community.

According to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava, the Citizen of the Year award is intended to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the community during the 1997 calendar year, while the Citizen Through the Years award will be presented to a person based on lifetime achievements. The "Teacher" award will cite career accomplishments.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford, or they will be mailed to anyone requesting one in writing or by phone at 806-647-2524.

Nominations may be made by individuals or organizations; however, the signature of the person completing the form will be required. The forms must be received in the Chamber office no later than Jan. 5.

Denese Skinner receives December President's Community Service Award

Denese Skinner, former teacher and coach with the Nazareth Independent School District, has been selected as the December recipient of the President's Community Service Award at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Skinner currently serves as director of the Office of Career Services at WTAMU.

In addition to 40-hour work weeks coordinating the WTAMU office that helps students secure pre- and post-graduate employment, Skinner sits on the local advisory committee for the Texas Employment Commission and chairs the WTAMU committee responsible for coordinating the highly successful Homecoming Golf Classic.

Previous community involvement efforts include membership on the Leadership Amarillo Board of Directors from 1992-96, where she held offices as vice chair and chair in 1994-95 and 1995-96, respectively. She is a former member of the Panhandle Human Resources Association, served as 1996 campaign coordinator for the United Way Regional Advisory Committee and was the chair and loan executive for the University's State Employee Charitable Contribution Committee from 1993-96.

Skinner, a 1977 graduate of Amarillo High School, received her undergraduate degree in education from Texas Tech University in 1982 and a master's degree in school counseling from WTAMU in 1992. She earned certification as a school counselor from the University of

North Texas in 1992, and licensure as a professional counselor from the Texas State Board of Professional Counselors in 1996.

A former teacher and coach at Highland Park, Nazareth and Canyon, Skinner joined the WTAMU staff as director of the Office of Career Services in July 1993. She was named senior director of enrollment management in May 1995 and will continue to serve in this dual capacity through January 1998 when she will return to career services full time.

The President's Community Service Award was established by WTAMU President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered organizations.

For more information or to request a nomination form, call (806) 656-2121.

Lopez finishes basic training

Marine Pfc. Vincent J. Lopez, son of Pete Reyna of Hart, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., and he was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

Lopez successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Lopez and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Lopez spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Lopez and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

They ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as Marines for the first time since boot camp began.

Lopez joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1994 graduate of Hart High School.

Shower honors Maxwell infant

Ethan Chandler Maxwell, infant son of David and Melissa Maxwell of Dimmitt, was honored with a baby shower Saturday afternoon at Lee Street Baptist Church.

The hostesses presented Ethan and Melissa with a basket full of baby care items, a holiday outfit, and a Mickey Mouse-theme photo album.

Orange sherbet punch was served, along with sugar cookies, nuts and mints.

Special guests included grandmothers Kathy Lowrey of Hart and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt; great-grandmother Mrs. Bob Lowrey Jr. of Lubbock; and aunts, Rebecca Lowrey of Lubbock and Mindy Maxwell of Dimmitt. Another out-of-town guest was Lauren Price of Lubbock, Melissa's cousin.

Local church choirs to present Christmas musical on Sunday

Tree of Light, a Christmas musical with choir, narration, drama and banners, will be presented Sunday at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and the public is invited to attend.

The program will be presented by the combined choirs of First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt and First United Methodist Church of Levelland.

It will be directed by Ruby Moultrie, former Dimmitt grade school music teacher and member of First United Methodist Church.

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CASTRO COUNTY 4-H GOLD STAR WINNERS
... Rusty McDaniel and Susan Book

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County Gold Star winners honored at district banquet

Castro County 4-H'ers Rusty McDaniel and Susan Book were among those from across the South Plains honored at the 40th annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor which can be earned by a 4-H member at the county level. The district banquet is sponsored each year by 11 area electric cooperatives including Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Lamb County, Dickens, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.

Over the past 40 years, 1,560 winners have been honored with the Gold Star Award in the presence of more than 14,300 guests.

Joining the youths at the event at the Koko Palace in Lubbock were parents, government officials, Extension Service faculty, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and other community leaders.

In a special presentation, the Texas 4-H Foundation presented its Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H to Texas Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney and his wife, Nelda, of Hale Center, for their many years as 4-H volunteer leaders and supporters. Presenting the award was Dr. Chester Fehlis, executive associate director of the Extension Service, and David Hicks, executive director of the foundation.

Dr. Marvin Cepica, executive associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University, urged youths to consider things which filled their lives to make them complete. Using a clear cylinder, he inserted rocks to symbolize various elements in a "full life."

When the cylinder appeared full with such components as leadership, support of family and 4-H leaders, teamwork and community involvement, Cepica poured in sand to fill the gaps around the rocks. That, he said, represented hobbies, sleeping, eating and social time.

"What would have happened if we'd put the sand in first?" he asked. "Always make room for the rocks in your life first," he said.

This year's audience was welcomed by Jim Roberts of South Plains Electric Cooperative. Carolyn Muller of Lamb County, South Plains District 4-H Council member, gave the response. Sara Martin of Floyd County, district council president, was mistress of ceremonies.

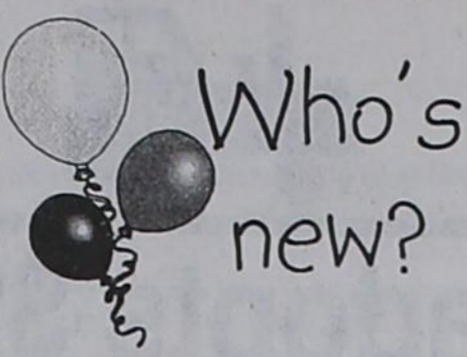
Book gave the invocation. Jill Gladden, a Bailey County delegate, introduced special guests. Music was provided by Carey and Casey Major of Hockley County.

The awards were presented by Dr. Kathy Volanty and Jett Major, Extension Service District Directors.



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It's a boy for Suzanne Dones and Joe Herrera of Dimmitt. Their son, Nathaniel Joe Herrera, was born at 12:18 a.m. on Dec. 14 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Irene Villegas and Rene Villegas. Maternal grandparents are Isabell Perez and Robert Perez. Great-grandparents are Lupe Ramirez and Bernardina Herrera.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stokes of Albuquerque, N.M. announce the arrival of their twins, born Dec. 7. Lee, son of the late N.B. (Stacks) and Ioma Stokes, is a former Dimmitt resident. Their son, Jordan Lee weighed 1 lb., 11 oz., and was 12-1/2 inches long at birth. Twin sister Stephanie Ann weighed 1 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 14-1/2 inches long. Both babies are progressing rapidly and are in stable condition. The twins have a big sister, Apryl. Paternal aunt is Sue Hawkins of Hart. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Helen Long of Vinita, Okla., and maternal great-grandmother is Bertha Dawson of Leavenworth, Kan.

Hospice training classes offered

A series of hospice training classes offered by Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will begin in January, and there is no charge for the classes.

The series of 10 classes will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30, beginning Jan. 26 and ending Feb. 26.

The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training, or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment.

Individuals taking the class to become hospice volunteers also must attend a health and safety call on March 2. Those who wish to work with patients also must attend an additional class on March 5.

Three continuing education units will be awarded by Amarillo College. Those interested in registering for the class may call Elizabeth Miller, volunteer coordinator for Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, at 806-378-6715 to schedule an interview.

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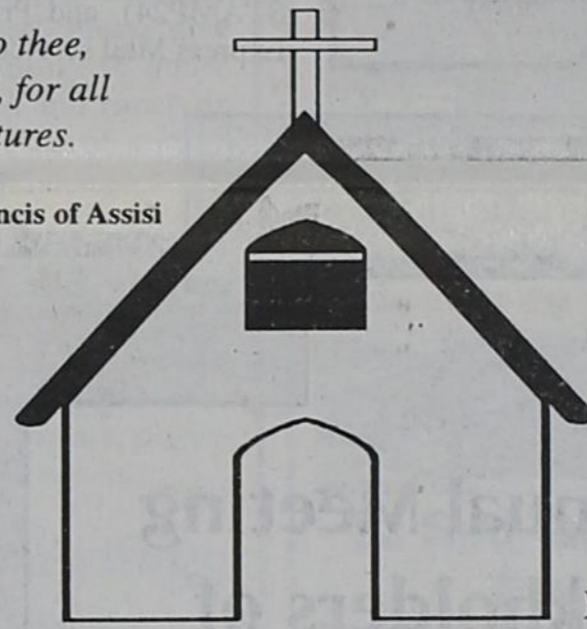
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Texas Corn Producers Board adopts \$950,000-plus budget

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) has approved a \$957,750 budget for 1997-98, and research and promotion will be the focus of this year's programs.

The funds are available from producers in the statewide half-cent per bushel corn checkoff program.

As in previous years, the bulk of the funds will be devoted to corn research and promotion programs in every corn-producing area of the state.

"From research to provide better drought-resistant hybrids in the Panhandle and aflatoxin studies downstate to becoming an even larger

player in promoting Texas and US grain worldwide, checkoff dollars are again helping Texas corn producers," said Joe Reed, Texas Corn Producers Board chairman, who farms near Kress. "We are receiving better methods of producing a more efficient crop, and we're seeing the potential for new markets that otherwise wouldn't be available for Texas corn."

Corn promotion programs will receive \$391,966 in funding for the year. Projects will include new programs and the extension of established ones which help generate better corn markets among buyers

who demand high quality corn like that produced in Texas.

It will help fund TCPB's membership in the US Feed Grains Council.

"With the greater emphasis on world markets for corn, TCPB's involvement in the US Feed Grains Council is essential in our efforts to promote our product," said Reed.

The research budget for the next year is \$383,797. More than 35 corn research projects from across the state will receive checkoff funding. Strong attention will be paid to developing better drought-tolerant hybrids,

aflatoxin resistant hybrids, and hybrids which can generate better yields and quality. Insect, weed and disease control will also receive major research emphasis.

The new corn breeder at Texas A&M University in College Station and another one to be located in the Lubbock area will be made possible by TCPB research funds.

Education, budgeted at \$134,834, will center on programs to better inform consumers on the importance of corn as a source of food and hundreds of other products, such as etha-

nol and its by-products. It will also keep producers abreast of the latest production techniques.

The administrative budget is set at \$47,153, to help cover salaries for the three-person TCPB staff and office expenses.

"All of these budget outlays tie in together," said Reed. "All budgeted

areas play a vital role in helping TCPB meet its goals of representing producers in statewide efforts to improve corn production and marketing."

For further information on the 1997-98 TCPB budget, contact the TCPB office at 1-800-647-CORN or (806) 647-4224.

Farm Bureau delegates attend state convention

The Castro County Farm Bureau sent four delegates to the state convention held recently in Arlington.

Those attending from here as voting delegates were Chris Cogburn, board president; Amy Coburn, Gaylord Coburn and Eunice Coburn, all of Happy.

Gov. George W. Bush was the keynote speaker at the convention. Candidates running for state offices were all in attendance and were campaigning hard for the backing of the Farm Bureau.

At the county convention in October, the Farm Bureau membership discussed several resolutions they wanted brought up at the state convention.

Chris Cogburn was on the resolution committee that met in Waco Nov. 2-4 and he said that two of the resolutions proposed were put on the agenda for voting. Those included raising the speed limit of trucks to the same as autos to ease congestion on the roadways and a proposal concerning textbook materials that put a bad slant on agriculture.

One of the national resolutions the local delegates proposed was the irradiation of beef as is done in pork and poultry to help reduce viruses.

Last week the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of irradiation on red meat after a study determined the process is safe for consumers, reduces disease-causing microbes and does not compromise

the nutritional quality of treated products.

"We are very pleased that people in Castro County were aware of the problem and were instrumental in part of the process of this passage," said a Castro County Farm Bureau spokesperson.

"We have a very active Farm Bureau board that is working hard for the people of Castro County. One of the main objectives for the coming year is in the involvement of the new Texas Water Development Board being set up as a result of Senate Bill 1."

County President Chris Cogburn attended a meeting of the Ogallala planning group on Dec. 11 in Plainview.

"Our concern for the county is our ability to have all the water we need," said Cogburn.

Annen competes on Clarendon team

Cody Annen, a freshman at Clarendon College, was a member of the school's novice horse judging team that competed at the American Quarter Horse Association World Show held Nov. 20 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The novice team won sixth place honors.

Annen, of Nazareth, was joined on the team by Josh Dean, Tonya Hipp and Ashley Hollar.

Higgins to be among farm leaders honored by ACGA

Doug Higgins of Hart will receive the "Heroes of American Agriculture" Award at the 6th annual convention of the American Corn Growers Association in Florida in January.

Higgins has served as a founding member of the ACGA Board of Directors, as well as being one of the original members of the Texas Corn

Producers' Board.

The convention will be held Jan. 7-10 at Clarion Hotel in Hollywood Beach, Fla.

Higgins will receive his award at the award banquet, slated for Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Convention activities will begin Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. with an ACGA Board of Directors meeting. Registration will begin at 1 p.m., with the opening reception set for 6 p.m.

On Jan. 8, sessions will include discussion of NAFTA, the sugar program, and ACGA policy and resolutions. The evening will include a dinner, with entertainment and casino.

Topics on Jan. 9 will include global warming, ozone standards, and ethanol.

A Palm Beach County Growing Tour is slated for the morning of Jan. 10, and the closing banquet is set for 7 p.m.

Speaker for the awards banquet will be Alan Guebert, farm commentator, and master of ceremonies will be Ken Root of AgriTalk.

Vernor Magnusson of Oakland, Neb., is slated to receive the "Carl L. King" award, for his service as the Senior Legislative Chairman of the National Association of Farmer-Elected Committeemen. He also is a charter member of the ACGA.

Dimmitt Post Office extends holiday hours

As a special holiday season convenience for Dimmitt postal customers, the Dimmitt Post Office will extend its business hours for Saturdays in December.

The post office will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays during December, according to Postmaster Jay Lewter.

"The holidays are here, and we're here to help," said Lewter.

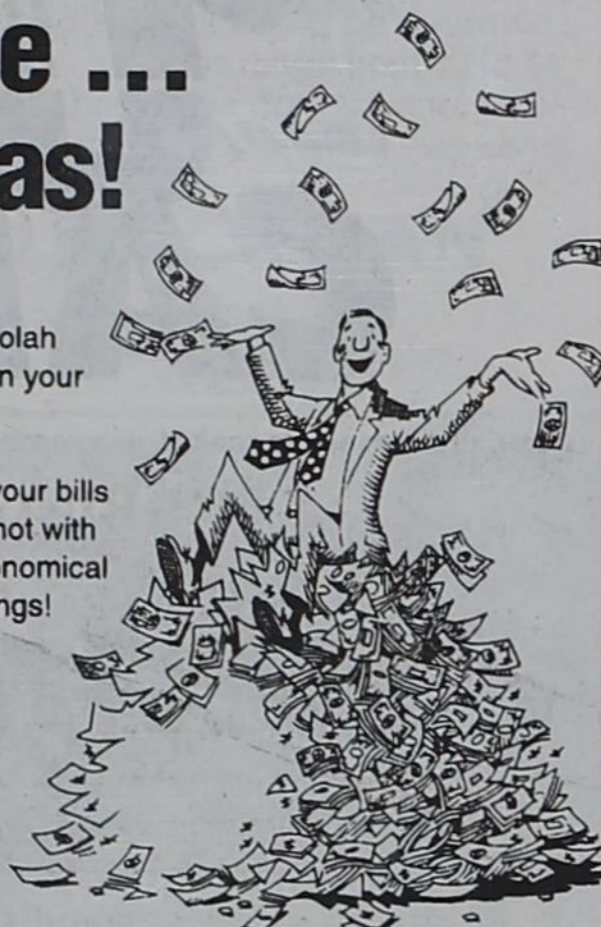
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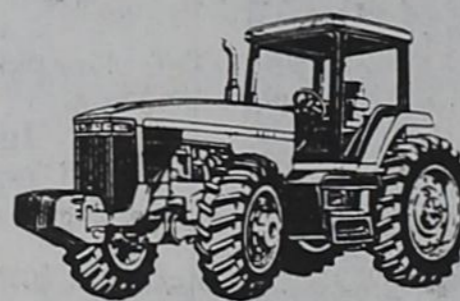
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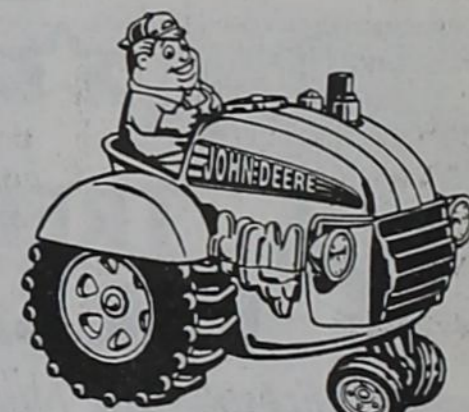
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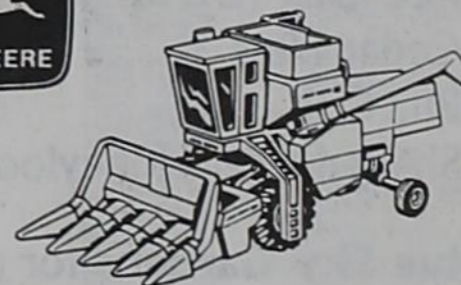
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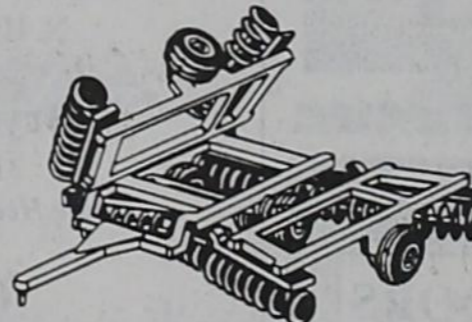
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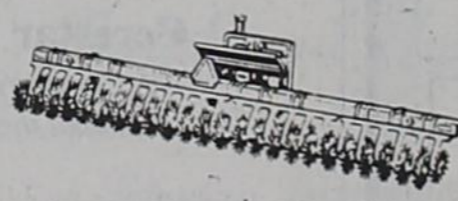
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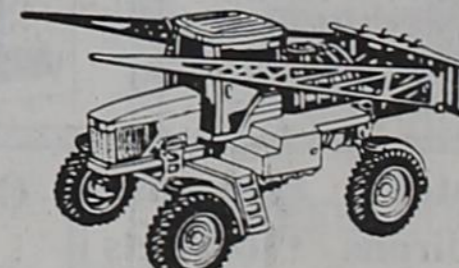
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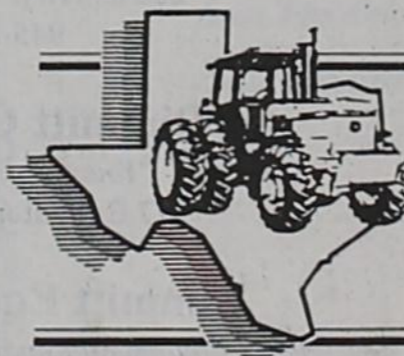
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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR
A Christmas Story



The story of "Unlucky Jimmy" is a Christmas tradition for this column. Because the true meaning of Christmas is a timeless message, I will share it again. Unlucky Jimmy is a sad little story my mother read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jimmy whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jimmy would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything he wanted a little red fire engine. Jimmy knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive. He even called himself Unlucky Jimmy.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jimmy received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from an nearby church mission promised Jimmy a special gift. Jimmy grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jimmy saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jimmy's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jimmy reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jimmy there were only enough presents for one per child.

Jimmy looked grudgingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair, just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jimmy clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jimmy began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jimmy didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jimmy sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave him the red fire engine and explained to Jimmy that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jimmy had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring the red fire engine to Jimmy.

The True Meaning

I often think of Jimmy at Christmas time and usually feel a little selfish. Shall we start a "Jimmy" tradition Christmas season? We can make the coming year a joyous occasion for all people by giving more of ourselves.

Volunteer time to your favorite church or charity. Share some of your blessings with someone less fortunate. Take time to listen to someone who needs you. Let's make this year a year of giving.

Remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas is Christ's birth. Whether or not you are a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all of us.

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

Schumacher aids SPC livestock team

Tucker Schumacher of Dimmitt helped the South Plains College livestock judging team win the reserve grand championship recently at the West Texas A&M Livestock Judging Invitational.

Cleavinger, SPC assistant professor of agriculture and livestock judging team coach.

The team plans to attend additional competitions in January, February and March.

Schumacher was fourth high-point individual in swine and 10th high individual in the horse division.

The team, competing with 150 individuals and 30 teams from 15 colleges, also captured second high-point team honors in swine and third high-point team honors in both beef and cattle and horse divisions.

Other team members are Kelly Adams, Joe David Lehmborg, and Kris Wilson.

"The contest went well; I hope this is a stepping stone for the remainder of the season," said Dave

Research provides the foundation for the future. From a research and innovation standpoint, Texas cotton producers have a very bright future because of the Texas State Support Program.

Administered through Cotton Incorporated, this program provides Texas one of the most thorough research and development programs around, according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG officials note that Cotton Incorporated has long been a leader in the development of new technology for cotton producers and the State Support Program will continue this trend.

The State Support Program returns 5% of the promotional dollars collected at the time of sale on every bale of US cotton. This goes to the states based on the percentage of total US cotton production. That's meant about \$800,000 has returned to Texas for a variety of projects with statewide and regional focuses.

In 1998, a number of projects are set to begin as a direct result of this highly successful program. The following projects, while only a partial listing of all State Support projects for 1998, are focused primarily on addressing problems on the Texas High Plains:

- ◆ Enhance cold tolerance and maximize early season stand establishment of cotton by Dr. Norman Hopper at Texas Tech University.

- ◆ Stickiness in Texas cottons and plant sources and genetic variability by Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

- ◆ Cottonseed quality improvement by Gannaway.

- ◆ Improved control of seedling disease complexes by Dr. Terry Wheeler, Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

- ◆ Development of weed management systems in cotton using transgenic herbicide-resistant varieties by Wayne Keeling with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

- ◆ Nitrogen fertilizer management for dryland production systems by Dr. Cary Green at Texas Tech University.

- ◆ Pesticide cotton production at Ag-CARES: Yield variability management by Keeling.

- ◆ Maximizing yield and water-use efficiency of dryland cotton production systems by Dr. Dan Krieg at Texas Tech University.

- ◆ Pricing analysis for HVI market reporting by Dr. Don Ethridge at

Texas Tech University.

- ◆ Impacts of aphid versus plant sugars on stickiness of cotton in textile processing by Ethridge.

- ◆ Gin lint cleaning to maximize producer net returns by Sukant Misra at Texas Tech University.

With most of the 1997 cotton crop harvested, ginned and baled, the attention of many producers across the Southern High Plains has moved back to the boll weevil.

Yield losses and increased production costs due to the insect have cost producers, mainly across the southern half of the High Plains, a whopping \$185 million, according to a recently published survey of cotton insect losses.

The survey, conducted each year for the National Cotton Council Beltwide Cotton Conference, finds that boll weevils accounted for 74% of the yield losses with over 50% occurring late in the growing season. Total yield losses are estimated to be \$120 million higher than last year.

An August referendum of cotton growers in the 19 counties that comprise the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone was unsuccessful. Further subdivision of this large zone has been proposed and two public hearings were held by

the Texas Dept. of Agriculture this week.

Growers in the proposed smaller zones expressed overwhelming support for developing organized and concerted efforts against the economically crippling boll weevil on a more local basis. A decision to confirm the zones should come from the agriculture commissioner early next month.

In the meantime, producers from Lubbock and surrounding counties

met early in the week in an effort to organize themselves to the same ends as their southern counterparts.

A newly-formed task force is headed up by Lubbock County producer Joe Alspaugh.

The group seeks to develop a third smaller zone to be known as the Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. It would include Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn, Crosby, Garza, Motley, Dickens, Kent and Cochran counties.

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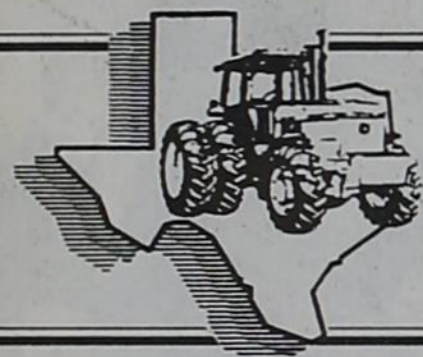
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Sports



PRESSURE—Levelland's Carrie Phelps (33) looks for someone to pass to as Dimmitt's Jacy Buckley corners her early in the varsity girls' game at Levelland Friday night. The Bobbies came back from an 11-point deficit to force the game into overtime, only to lose by four, 46-42. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Bobbies rally, but fall to Levelland in OT, 46-42

After getting themselves into a 12-1 hole at Levelland Friday night, the Bobbies fought back with three of the best quarters they've played all year.

The Bobbies forced the defending Class 4A state champs into overtime before losing a 46-42 heartbreaker.

After a 21-11 Dimmitt run that spanned two quarters, Jan Newland netted a put-back basket late in the third to tie the score at 22-22.

Then, on Dimmitt's inbound play to start the fourth quarter, Heidi Weaver nailed a turn-around jumper from the lane to give the Bobbies their first lead, 26-25.

Then they started having fun.

Building their confidence and momentum on nearly every trip down-court, the Bobbies moved out to a seven-point lead over the shaken Loboettes.

Shaundra Whitfield stepped up and saved the game for Levelland. Within 50 seconds, the senior forward sank two free throws, nailed a 16-footer and scored a layup after stealing the ball at midcourt. Her scoring flurry erased a six-point Dimmitt lead and knotted the score at 38-38 with a minute left.

Both teams had chances to put it away in the final minute, but were unable.

In the overtime, the Bobbies con-

Bobcats win consolation at Seminole Tournament

After getting fed to Class 4A powerhouse Lamesa in the opening round, the Bobcats defeated two other 4A teams, Pampa and Snyder, to win the consolation trophy in the rugged Seminole Tournament last week.

"This tournament was good experience for us," Coach Alan Steinle said after his Bobcats emerged from the tourney with a 9-3 record. "The teams we played were all bigger schools, and they all play a different style of basketball."

Dimmitt 57, Snyder 50
The consolation championship
(Continued on Page 10)

centrated on getting the ball to Amber Matthews inside, and she responded with two baskets that gave Dimmitt a two-point lead with a minute remaining.

Levelland fought back with free throws. They netted only three of six, but the Bobbies were going 0-for-4 at the same time.

After Matthews' second basket, Levelland nailed a three-pointer to go up by two, 44-42, with 19 seconds left.

After a time-out, the Bobbies fed the ball inside to Matthews again.

"Our plan was to put up a three-point shot and be ready for the rebound and follow shot," Coach Jan Newland said, "but that didn't work out."

Matthews' tying shot rimmed out with six seconds remaining, and Levelland's Marissa Hernandez—the shortest girl on the court at 5-2—snared the rebound. She was fouled immediately, and sank two free throws with three seconds left to give the Loboettes their four-point winning margin, 46-42.

"Our kids played the best team ball they've played all year," Coach Newland said, "and we had several individuals step up and really play well. Amber Matthews had one of the best games she's played all year long."

The Loboettes earlier had defeated the Bobbies by 11 points here.

Lamesa 73, Dimmitt 52

The Bobcats stayed close to the undefeated Golden Tors in the first quarter, 14-11. But in the second, the roof fell in.

Lamesa struck for 21 points in the second, 18 in the third and 20 in the fourth to win going away, 73-52.

"They've got a whale of a team," Coach Steinle commented. "They have a 6-10 boy, Sam Ellis, who has signed with Tech. We tried to force him outside, figuring he wouldn't be able to shoot as well out there, but we found out that he can hit from all distances and angles."

Ellis was the game's high scorer with 20, while his 6-7 teammate, Chris Roberts, netted 15. Four Golden Tors scored in double figures.

Casey Smith paced the scoring for Dimmitt with 15, including four baskets amid Lamesa's trees in the lane. Jerry Thomas scored 10 while Charley Sanders and Jared Townsend had 9 apiece.

Dimmitt 48, Pampa 43

After a 13-13 first quarter and a 22-22 halftime score, Pampa built a five-point lead in the third quarter, 33-28.

But Jared Townsend knocked down a pair of three-pointers and the Bobcats sank 10 of 12 free throws to overtake the Harvesters in the fourth for a hard-fought 48-43 win.

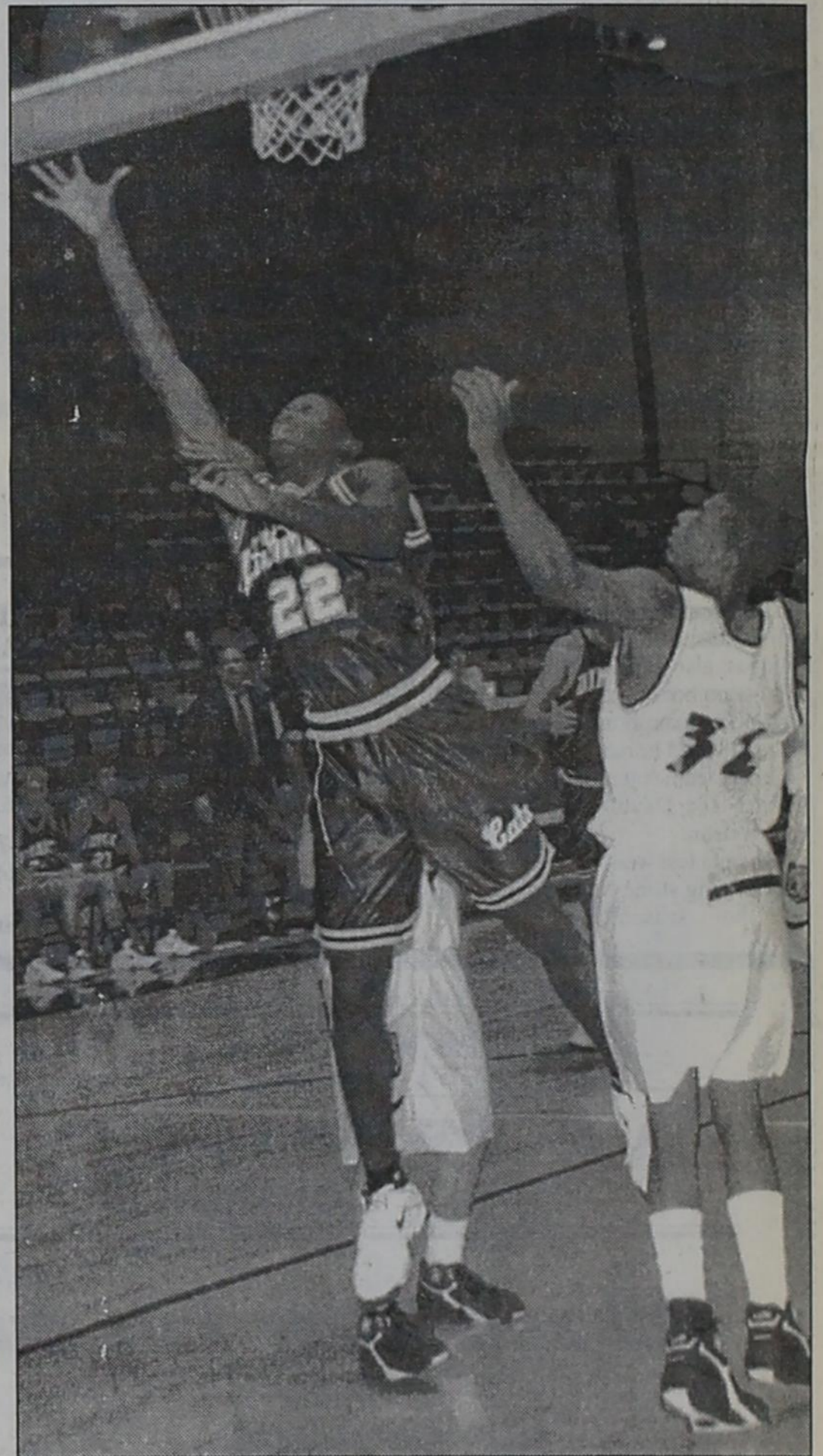
"Jared was a big spark for us," Coach Steinle said. "When we were down by five going into the fourth, he hit two 3's to get us ahead by one."

Getting a lead against the Harvesters made all the difference.

"Pampa held the ball and tried to hold the score down," Steinle explained. "They'll spread you out and make you play their game, and it's hard to get the tempo in your favor."

"They could do that as long as they were ahead."

But when the Bobcats gained control in the fourth on Townsend's two treys, the Harvesters started fouling, and Dimmitt collected 10 points or-



JERRY THOMAS sinks two of his game-high 22 points in the Bobcats' victory over Snyder in the consolation championship game of the Seminole Tournament Saturday. Thomas racked up 43 points in three games as the Bobcats won two out of three against Class 4A powers. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

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TABC lists the Bobcats as the No. 4 team in the state in the Class AAA boys' poll while the Bobbies are ranked 21st in the girls' poll. The Swiftettes hold down the No. 17 spot among Class A girls.

Here's now TABC ranks the Class A, AA and AAA top 25.

Class AAA Boys: 1. Gainesville, 2. Tulia, 3. Clarksville, 4. Dimmitt, 5. Kennedale, 6. Childress, 7. Muleshoe, 8. Clyde, 9. Cameron Yoe, 10. Seminole, 11. La Vernia, 12. Dallas Madison, 13. Lake Dallas, 14. Stafford, 15. Lake Worth, 16. Teague, 17. Canton, 18. Farmersville, 19. Crane, 20. Frisco.

Class AA Boys: 1. Krum, 2. Little River Academy, 3. Howe, 4. Peaster, 5. Hubbard, 6. Rivercrest, 7. Kinsville Academy, 8. Buffalo, 9. Frankston, 10. Keene, 11. Somerville, 12. East Bernard, 13. Centerville, 14. Franklin, 15. Woden, 16. San Isidro, 17. Edgewood, 18. Deweyville, 19. Comfort, 20. Leonard.

Class AA Girls: 1. Shallowater, 2. Ozona, 3. Hamilton, 4. Hawkins, 5. Poth, 6. East Chambers, 7. Gunter, 8. Van Alstyne, 9. Lovelady, 10. Honey

Grove, 11. Panhandle, 12. Spearman, 13. Salado, 14. Axtell, 15. New Waverly, 16. Valley Mills, 17. Cooper, 18. Harmony, 19. Karnes City, 20. Valley View.

Class A Boys: 1. Paducah, 2. Brock, 3. Lipan, 4. Detroit, 5. Laneville, 6. Avinger, 7. Moulton, 8. Blue Ridge, 9. Gruver, 10. Itasca, 11. Karnack, 12. Goodrich, 13. Brookeland, 14. La Poyner, 15. Ponder, 16. Lorenzo, 17. Whiteface, 18. Zavalla and Collinsville, 19. Kopperl and 20. North Hopkins and Sabinal.

Class A Girls: 1. Whiteface, 2. Farwell, 3. Happy, 4. Gruver, 5. Spur, 6. Brooksmith, 7. Karnack, 8. La Poyner, 9. Ponder, 10. Brock, 11. Borden County, 12. Windthorst, 13. Moulton, 14. Dime Box, 15. Klondike, 16. Ackerly Sands, 17. Nazareth, 18. Cross Plains, 19. Saltillo, 20. Claude, 21. Booker, 22. North Hopkins, 23. Trinidad, 24. Port Aransas, 25. Walnut Springs.

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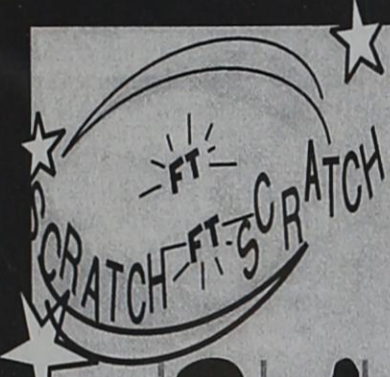
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 Jan. 6—*Tulia (Girls), Here
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Bobbies

49, Randall 78
 21, Levelland 34
 55, Borger 42

Turkey Classic

56, Odessa 42
 48, Sudan 35

Levelland Tournament

42, Hereford 60
 59, Levelland Red 22
 41, Randall 60
 57, Slaton 32
 48, Amarillo High 61
 42, Levelland 46

Season Record: 5-7

Bobcats

47, Randall 71
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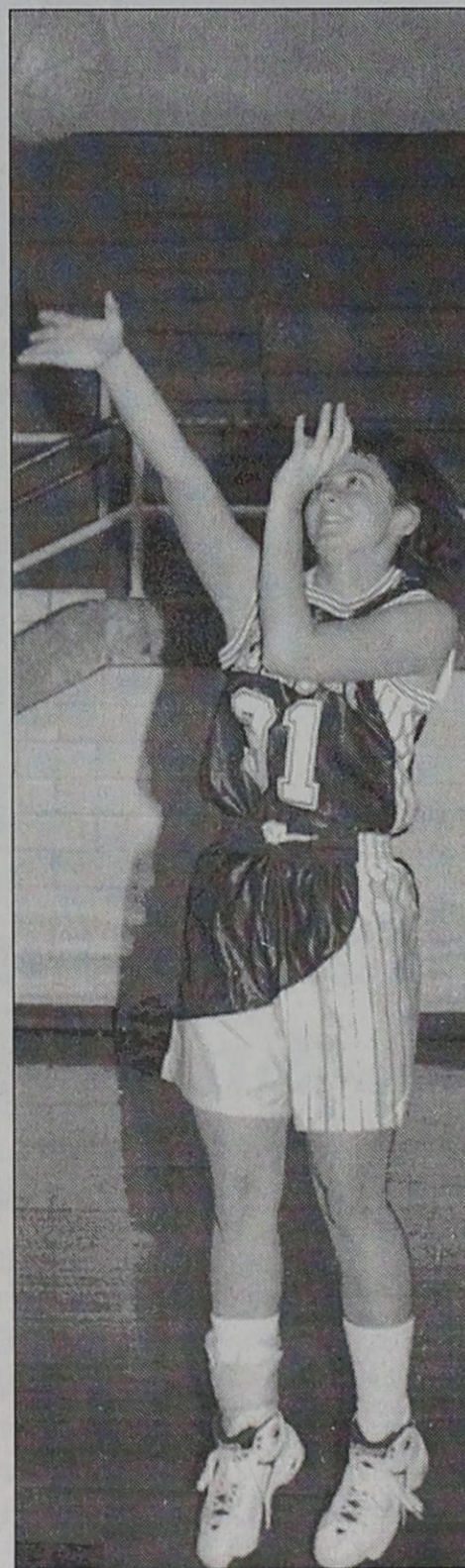
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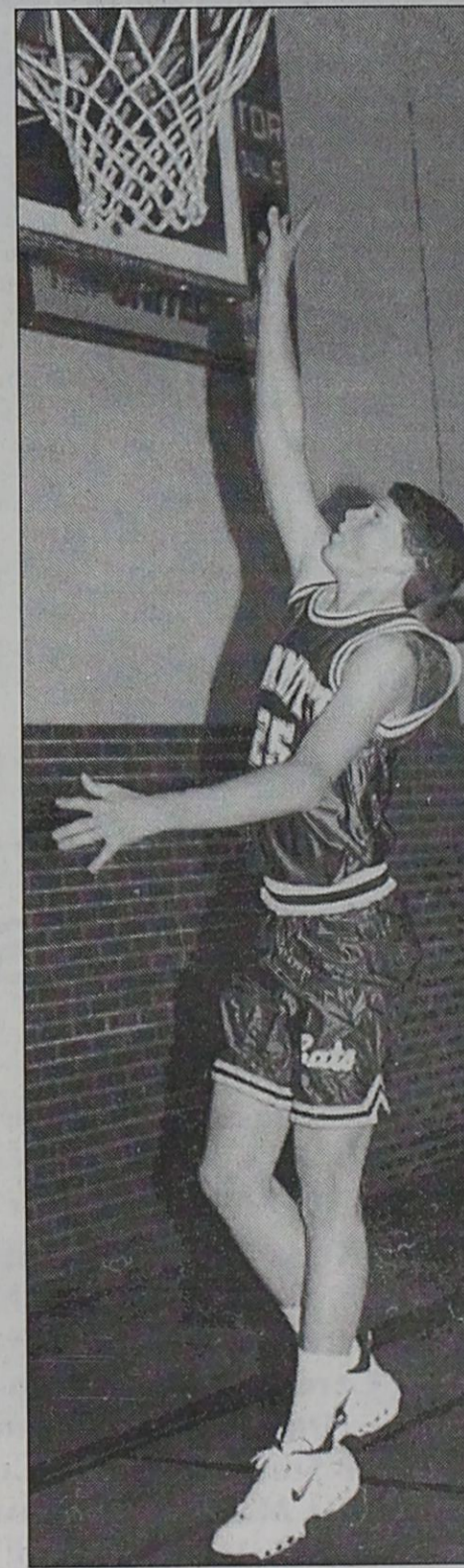
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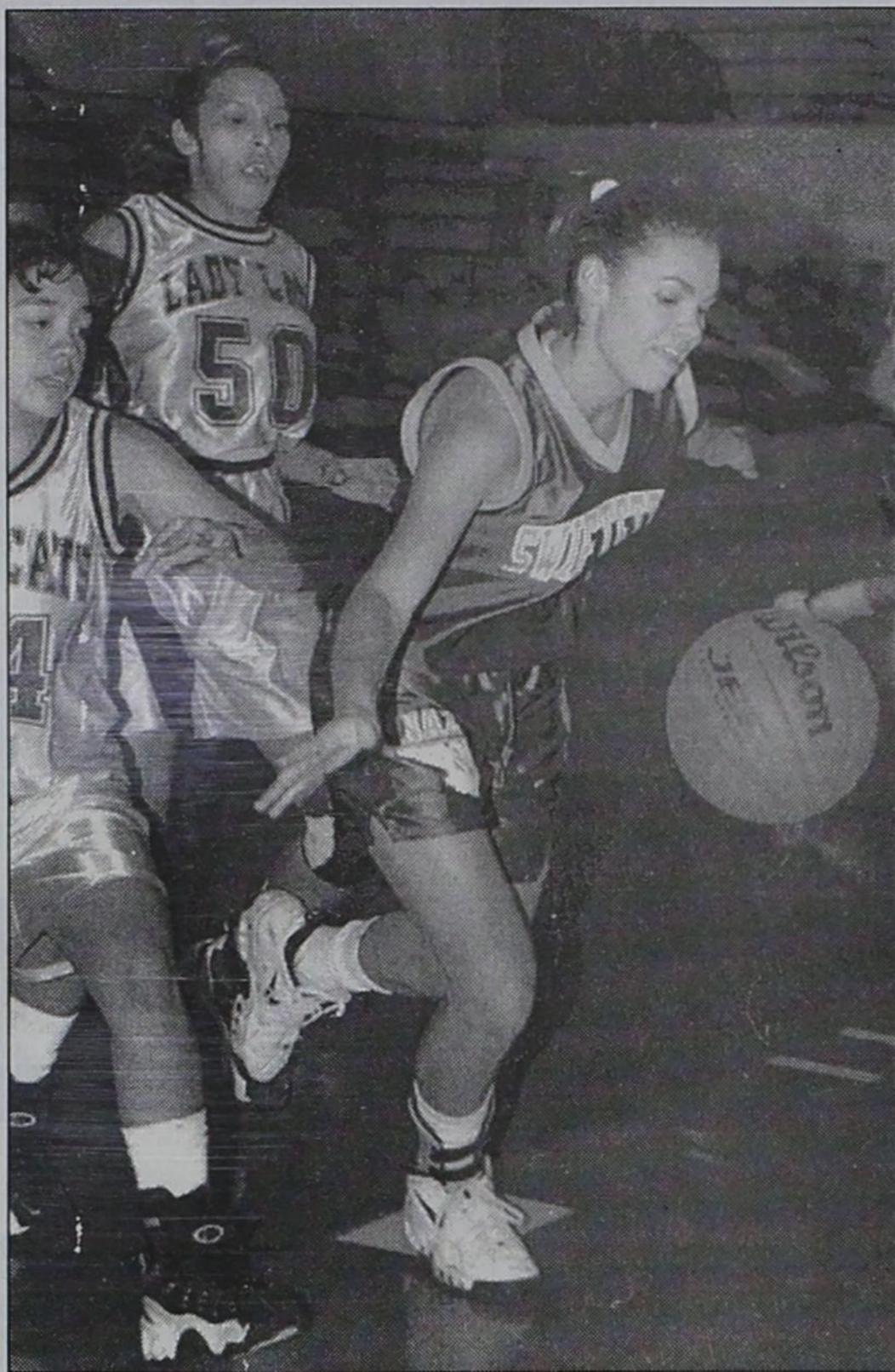
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NAZARETH'S AMY POHLMIEER (right) battles two Littlefield players for a loose ball Friday in the fifth-place semifinal game at the I-27 Invitational. The Swiftettes controlled the tempo of the game and coasted to a 66-37 win, then went on to capture fifth place in the big tournament with a 59-32 win over Happy. The Swiftettes lost just one of four games in the tournament, dropping a close 47-39 decision to Springlake-Earth in the quarterfinal round.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Swifts slaughter Colorado City Swiftettes win three out of four enroute to fifth-place in I-27 meet

The Nazareth Swiftettes enjoyed three big wins in the I-27 Invitational, but suffered a loss to Springlake-Earth in the championship quarterfinals and had to settle for fifth place in the tournament.

Nazareth waltzed by Tulia, 60-33 in the first round before losing to Springlake-Earth, 47-39. They came back with a 66-37 win over Littlefield, then destroyed Happy, 59-32, to claim fifth place.

The Swifts dropped two games in the tournament before thrashing Colorado City, 71-39, in a guarantee game on Saturday. Nazareth lost to Muleshoe, 69-52, in the first round, then were edged by Trinity Christian, 76-66, in the consolation quarterfinals.

The Swifts were on a roll in the first quarter against Muleshoe and held a 17-14 lead at the end of the stanza. But Muleshoe took control over the next three periods and came up with the win.

At halftime Muleshoe had erased the Swifts lead and was on top 30-26.

The Mules outscored Nazareth 38-26 in the second half for the 69-52 win.

Darren Huckert had 21 points to lead the Swifts while Barry Hoelting finished with 17.

In the consolation quarterfinals, Nazareth fell behind Trinity Chris-

tian early and couldn't make up the deficit, even though they owned the second half.

Trinity was up by 11, 23-12, after the first eight minutes and held a commanding 45-29 lead at the break. The Swifts outscored Trinity 37-31, but couldn't recover from the first-quarter drought.

Hoelting had a big game against Trinity, pouring in 29 points, while Huckert and Kit Schulte each contributed 12.

Huckert and Hoelting were the top Swift scorers in Saturday's game with Colorado City.

Huckert almost had as many points as Colorado City's entire team, finishing with 30 to lead Nazareth in the 71-39 win. Hoelting added 22.

Nazareth turned an 18-8 first-quarter lead into a 42-17 halftime advantage and coasted to the win from there, outscoring Colorado City, 29-22, over the second half.

Nazareth had three girls in double figures last Thursday in a 60-33 win over Tulia.

Tanya Wethington had 15 points to lead the effort while Amy Pohlmeier had 13 and Shawna Gerber added 10. Nazareth scored 13 points in each of the first two quarters against the Lady Hornets, then enjoyed big third and fourth quarters.

The Swiftette defense held Tulia to 14 in the first half and 19 in the second.

The Swiftettes' three wins were big ones, and Coach Johnny Hampton said his team played well in those three. But Nazareth struggled against Springlake-Earth Friday, losing 47-39.

"Earth put a lot of pressure on us and we didn't handle it well. It was a close game until the end, then they hit a couple of big shots. We just turned the ball over too many times," said Hampton.

The Swiftettes led 11-7 in the first quarter before going cold and they allowed Springlake-Earth to come back in the second and the game was knotted at 17 at halftime.

The game was tight in the third quarter, but at the end of the period, the Lady Wolverines were up by two. Springlake-Earth outscored Nazareth in the fourth, 17-11, to claim the 47-39 win.

K'Lynn Gerber was high-point for Nazareth with 17 points while Shawna Gerber chipped in 9.

Later on Friday, Nazareth had better success, beating Littlefield, 66-37, in the fifth-place semifinal game.

The Swiftettes had no problems with the Lady Cats, turning a 17-7 first-quarter lead into a 43-21 advantage at half and a 52-30 lead at the end of three.

K'Lynn Gerber paced Nazareth with an 18-point performance while Birkenfeld had 14 and Wethington finished with 11.

Nazareth clinched fifth place in the tournament Saturday with a 59-32 win over Happy.

After a close first half, the Swiftettes pulled away in the second half, limiting Happy to eight points enroute to the win.

Nazareth controlled the first quarter, leading 18-12 at the end of the period. But Happy came back to top Nazareth in the second and at halftime Nazareth was up by a mere point, 25-24.

Happy couldn't hang on in the second half though. Nazareth's defense limited the Cowgirls to three points in the third quarter and that enabled Nazareth to take a 41-27 advantage headed into the final eight-minute period. Nazareth was on a roll and continued its domination in the fourth, outscoring Happy 20-5 for the big win.

Shawna Gerber poured in 20 points while Pohlmeier had 10 and K'Lynn Gerber tossed in 12.

"I think we were a little bit tired from all the games we've been playing, but we did okay. It was a team effort when we won, and it was a team effort when we lost," said Hampton. "I think we've learned some things about ourselves these past few games."

More about

Bobcats win consolation . . .

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game was nip-and-tuck all the way, too.

Snyder led 15-13 after the first quarter and 29-24 at halftime. The Bobcats struck for 21 points in the third to forge a 45-43 lead, then stretched it to seven points during the final frame.

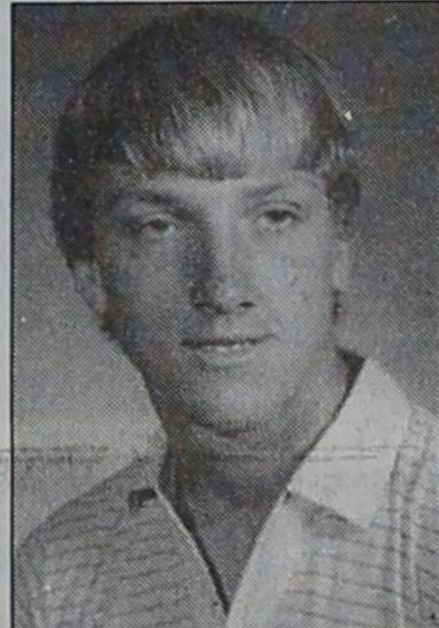
"We got some steals and baskets off of our press, and went from down by nine to up by two in the third,"

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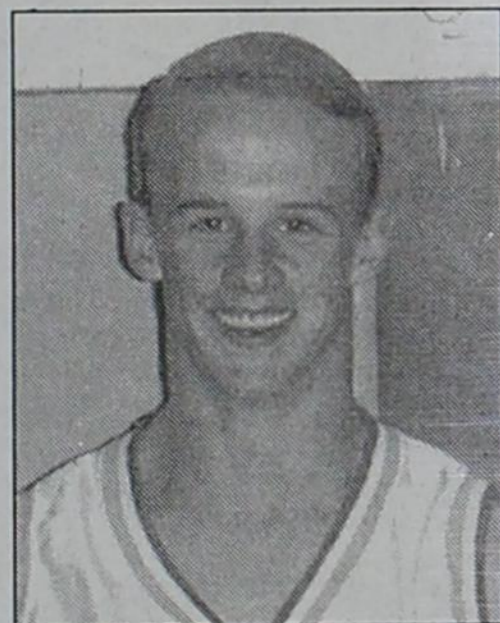
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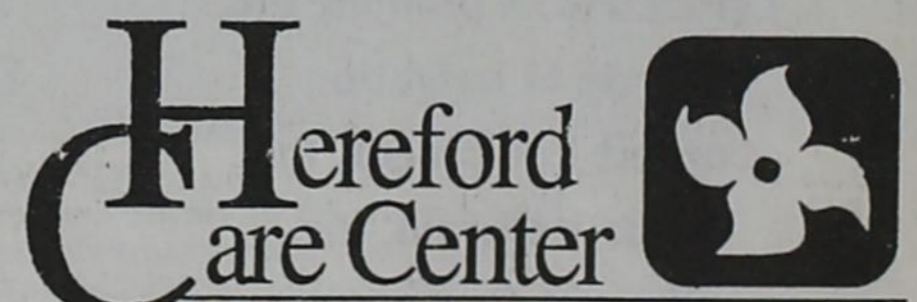
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Lady Horns capture title in Lockney Invitational

The Hart girls coasted to victories over Lubbock Roosevelt and Lorenzo, then had a big overtime period to down Lockney and claim the championship in the Lockney Invitational this weekend.

The Lady Horns were in a nip-and-tuck battle with Lockney in the title game, then had an outstanding overtime period, outscoring the host team, 8-2, for a 53-47 win and the championship trophy on Saturday night.

"We played well from the word go," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox. "We had our hands full with their post offense, but we were able to hang in there and get the win. I'm really proud of the girls. They got over a hump with this win."

The Lady Horns trailed Lockney 14-9 after the first quarter and were still down at halftime, 28-24. At the end of the third Lockney held a slim

39-34 edge, but that was erased by Hart in the fourth stanza.

"It really wasn't a come-from-behind win because it was close the whole game," said Wilcox. "We'd have a lead, then they'd have the lead. At the end of regulation they had some opportunities that they didn't take advantage of and then we were able to score in overtime."

Wilcox credited her regulars, including Charbra Lee, Ysa Rodriguez, Veronica Gonzales and Geneva Finch, with pulling the game out in overtime, and said they all played well throughout the tournament.

"Finch had 16 points as a freshman in the championship game. She really played well," said Wilcox.

Lee chipped in 15 points in the championship game.

Lee, Rodriguez and Gonzales all made the all-tournament team.

The Lady Horns didn't play one of their best games against Lubbock Roosevelt in last Thursday's first-round tournament game, but they played well enough to win, 46-32.

The Hart defense was like a blanket over Roosevelt for the first three quarters, limiting Lubbock to three in the first quarter, eight in the second and six in the third.

After the first eight minutes, the Hart ladies were in control 11-3, and held a 25-11 lead at the break. Hart exploded with a 19-point third-quarter and looked to be in complete control of the game, but then struggled in the fourth quarter.

Roosevelt attempted a comeback in the fourth, outscoring Hart 15-2, but the Lady Horns' early lead was too big and they were able to hold on for the win.

Gonzales and Lee popped 10 points apiece to lead the Lady Horns in the game.

In the championship semifinal game, Hart used its tough defense to control Lorenzo from the opening tip, coasting to a 48-24 victory.

Rodriguez scored 17 points to lead the Lady Horns while Gonzales finished with 11.

Hart took an 11-7 first-quarter lead and turned it into a 23-14 halftime advantage Friday. In the second half, Hart outscored Lorenzo 25-10 to claim the victory.

"We had a great defensive effort," said Wilcox. "Lorenzo had one really good ball player that we had to control and I felt like we did a good job on her."

Longhorns down Roosevelt to claim consolation crown

After suffering a 69-42 loss at the hands of Clarendon in first-round action of the Lockney Invitational, the Hart Longhorns bounced back to post a slim 57-55 win over Floydada, then beat Lubbock Roosevelt, 56-51, for the tournament's consolation championship.

Clarendon jumped out to a big early lead over Hart and the Horns never recovered.

The Broncos sank 22 points in the opening period while limiting Hart to three.

Hart stayed right with the Broncos over the next two quarters, but never gained any ground on the early deficit. Then Clarendon outscored the Longhorns 21-12 in the fourth quarter for the 69-42 final.

Moses Reyna was Hart's leading scorer with 10 points.

Hart used big second and third quarters to take a nine-point lead over Floydada into the final stanza, then held off a late Floydada run to claim a 57-55 win in the consolation semifinal round on Friday.

The teams battled to a 7-point draw after an eight-minute defensive battle, then the offensive assault started, with Hart coming out on top

at intermission, 30-26.

The Longhorns were able to extend their lead in the third, going up by nine, 42-23.

Floydada managed to cut that margin in the fourth, outscoring Hart 22-15 over the final eight minutes, but Hart managed to hold on in the waning seconds to squeak out the victory.

Michael Pantoja and Reyna each recorded 15 points for the Longhorns.

Hart had another tough battle on its hands in the consolation championship Saturday, but another big third quarter enabled Hart to hold on down the stretch for a 56-51 win and the consolation trophy.

Reyna's 16 points was tops for Hart while Jared Aven had 13 and Jeremiah Velasquez finished with 11.

Hart held a 9-4 lead in the first quarter, but Roosevelt trimmed that lead to four at halftime, 21-17.

Hart ran off 17 points in the third quarter and held Roosevelt to 12, and that was the difference in the game. Roosevelt outscored Hart by four in the fourth period, but that third quarter spree lifted Hart to the win.

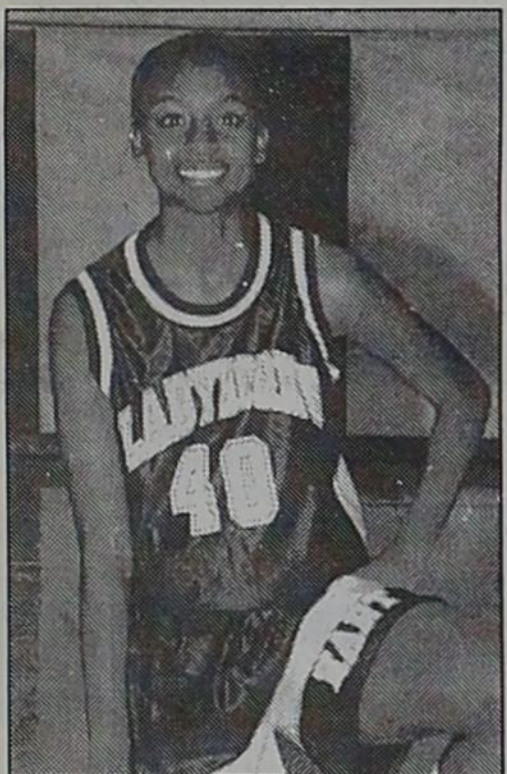
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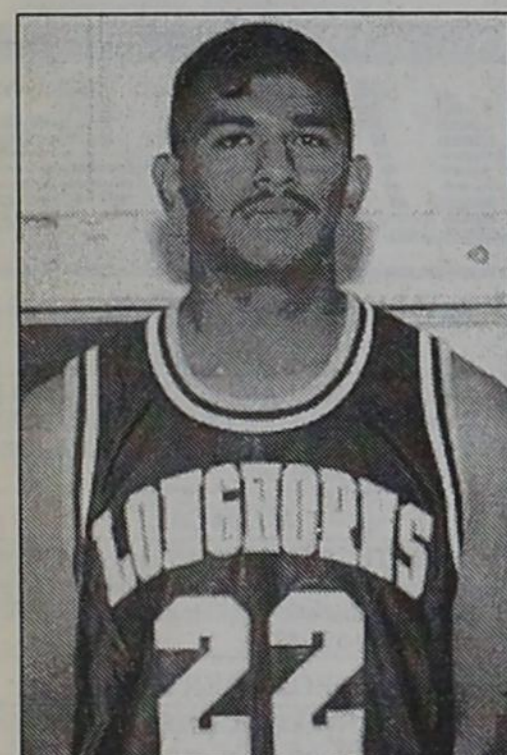
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Data Control Codes	Governmental Funds Types	Totals (Memorandum)		
		100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31 1997
REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	2,967,941	82,793	3,050,734
5800	State Program Revenues	4,813,461	113,748	4,927,209
5900	Federal Program Revenues	8,624	1,151,183	1,160,457
5020	Total Revenues	\$7,790,026	\$1,348,374	\$9,138,400
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	4,449,845	743,180	5,193,025
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	562,302	79,377	641,679
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	950,817	605,622	1,556,429
0040	Administrative Support Services	312,371	24,553	336,924
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	797,711		797,711
0060	Ancillary Services	20,250	7,003	27,253
0080	Capital Outlay	82,785		82,785
6030	Total Expenditures	\$7,176,081	\$1,459,735	\$8,635,815
1100	Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	613,946	(111,361)	502,585
7020	Other Resources	3,531	131,353	134,884
8030	Other (Uses)	(206,353)		(206,353)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	411,124	19,992	431,116
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,082,828	15,734	3,098,562
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$3,493,952	\$35,726	\$3,529,678

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20—Help Wanted

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22—Notices

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Lockney Invitational
 First Round
Longhorns 42, Clarendon 69
 Hart 3 12 15 12-42
 Clarendon 22 12 14 21-69
 SCORING: HART— Moses Reyna 10.

Lady Horns 46, Roosevelt 32
 Hart 11 14 19 2-46
 Roosevelt 3 8 6 15-32
 SCORING: HART— Veronica Gonzales and Charbra Lee 10.

Consolation Semifinal
Longhorns 57, Floydada 55
 Hart 7 23 12 15-57
 Floydada 7 19 7 22-55
 SCORING: HART— Michael Pantoja and Moses Reyna 15.

Championship Semifinal
Lady Horns 48, Lorenzo 24
 Hart 11 12 15 10-48
 Lorenzo 7 7 6 4-24
 SCORING: HART— Ysa Rodriguez 17, Veronica Gonzales 11.

Consolation
Longhorns 56, Roosevelt 51
 Hart 9 12 17 18-56
 Roosevelt 4 13 12 22-51
 SCORING: Hart—Moses Reyna 16, Jared Aven 13, Jeremiah Velasquez 11.

Championship
Lady Horns 53, Lockney 47 (OT)
 Hart 9 15 10 11 8-53
 Lockney 14 14 11 6 2-47
 SCORING: HART— Geneva Finch 16, Charbra Lee 15.

I-27 INVITATIONAL
 First Round
Swiftettes 60, Tulla 33
 Nazareth 13 13 17 19-60
 Tulla 8 6 6 13-33
 SCORING: NAZ—Tanya Wethington 15, Amy Pohlmeier 13, Shawna Gerber 10.

Swifts 52, Muleshoe 69
 Nazareth 17 9 14 12-52
 Muleshoe 14 16 21 18-69
 SCORING: NAZ—Darren Huckert 21, Barry Hoelling 17.

Championship Quarters
Swiftettes 39, Springlake-Earth 47
 Nazareth 11 6 11 11-39
 S-E 7 10 13 17-47
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 17, Shawna Gerber 10.

Consolation Quarterfinals
Swifts 66, Trinity Christian 76
 Nazareth 12 17 23 14-66
 Trinity 23 22 19 12-76
 SCORING: NAZ—Barry Hoelling 29, Darren Huckert and Kit Schulte 12.

Fifth-Place Semifinal
Swiftettes 66, Littlefield 37
 Nazareth 17 16 9 14-66
 Littlefield 7 14 9 7-37
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 18, Cassie Birkenfeld 14, Tanya Wethington 11.

Fifth Place
Swiftettes 59, Happy 32
 Nazareth 18 7 16 20-59
 Happy 12 12 3 5-32
 SCORING: NAZ—Shawna Gerber 20, Amy Pohlmeier 10, K'Lynn Gerber 12.

Guarantee Game
Swifts 71, Colorado 39
 Nazareth 18 24 16 13-71
 Colorado 8 9 9 13-39
 SCORING: NAZ—Darren Huckert 30, Barry Hoelling 22.

Seminole Tournament
 First Round
Bobcats 52, Lamesa 73
 Dimmitt 11 10 15 16-52
 Lamesa 14 21 18 20-73
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Casey Smith 15, Jerry Thomas 10.

Consolation Semifinals
Bobcats 48, Pampa 43
 Dimmitt 13 9 6 20-48
 Pampa 13 9 11 12-43
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Derek Buckley and Jerry Thomas 11.

Consolation
Bobcats 57, Snyder 50
 Dimmitt 13 11 21 12-57
 Snyder 15 14 14 7-50
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Jerry Thomas 19, Charley Sanders 13, Derek Buckley 11.

FRIDAY
Bobbies 42, Levelland 46 (OT)
 Dimmitt 1 11 12 14 4-42
 Levelland 11 5 9 13 8-46
 SCORING: DIMMITT— Amber Matthews 12.

MONDAY
Swiftettes 62, Muleshoe 40
 Nazareth 9 13 16 24-62
 Muleshoe 15 8 9 8-40
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 15, Shawna Gerber 14, Whitney Hoelling 12, Cassie Birkenfeld 12.

Swifts 51, Muleshoe 73
 SCORING: NAZ—Darren Huckert 18, Barry Hoelling 12.

TUESDAY
Longhorns 67, New Deal 68
 Hart 14 18 14 21-67
 New Deal 15 14 21 18-68
 SCORING: HART— Jeremia Velasquez 25.

Lady Horns 39, New Deal 40
 Hart 9 9 14 7-39
 New Deal 12 13 6 9-40
 SCORING: HART— Ysa Rodriguez 12, Charbra Lee 10.



AN ACT OF SELFLESS GIVING—The members of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club voted to not have a Christmas party or exchange gifts and instead donated money for the purchase of two gifts for "Project Angel Tree," which benefits needy children in the county. The club also held a food drive and donated the food to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance food pantry, which mainly benefits elderly residents of the county. Shown are 4-h'ers (front, from left) Kaden Griffitt, Elizabeth Hill, Brandon Wilhelm, Holly Lane, Jaci Bishop, and Jody Stoval; and (back, from left) Jennifer Wilhelm, Jeff Stoval, Jeremy Furr, Jared Griffitt and Corey Lane.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

20—Help Wanted

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (Probation Officer) for Hale County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Bachelor's degree in criminology, corrections, counseling, law, social work, psychology, sociology or related field-approved by TDCJ-CJAD. Applications may be obtained from the Hale County CSCD, 519 Broadway, Plainview TX 79072. Closing date is Dec. 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. EOE. 20-37-11c

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Nazareth
 with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Many attended the Christmas concert Wednesday evening featuring the fifth- and sixth-grade bands and the Swift Band. It really helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit.

On Sunday afternoon the elementary school held its Christmas musical featuring students in kindergarten through the fourth grade.

The kindergarten and first-grade students each sang Christmas carols while the second- and third-grade students presented the musical "A Christmas at the OK Corral," which was very amusing and entertaining for the packed house to enjoy.

The fourth grade did a great job of playing several Christmas carols on their recorders.

We are very fortunate to have a talented band director this year in Fidelas Fetsch and his wife, Darlene, who put a lot of time and talent into the program.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a dinner Sunday evening at the Center. The meal was prepared by our president, Jimmie Schulte, and her daughters, Lynn Cameron and Lou Wethington. After the meal, Ed and Leola Ramaekers and Francis and Betty Wilhelm led the group in several Christmas carols, followed by Rey Rodriguez, who sang several carols in Spanish. Games of chicken foot and solo were enjoyed later.

A special "Children's Mass" was read Sunday evening at Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating. The mass was hosted by the first-grade CCD class and their teacher, Millie Birkenfeld. It was quite meaningful as Father Jerry involved the children in all parts of the mass.

The pheasant hunt this year brought many hunters in from across the surrounding area. There were plenty of birds and plenty of good food as the Legion Auxiliary ladies served them breakfast at the Nazareth Community Hall. Then at lunch the Band Mothers served a good hot meal. The Nazareth Museum Committee hosted a steak dinner Saturday evening. On Sunday morning the Foresters served breakfast to the public.

The museum also held a raffle Saturday evening with many nice items being awarded.

Prayers are asked for Meredith Braddock, who is a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

22—Notices

DISPLACED GOOSE HUNTER needs pond or field for holidays. \$\$ negotiable? Call Nick at (806) 655-1858 or (806) 655-0322 after 6 p.m. 22-37-11p

There is a kinship, a kind of free-masonry, between all persons of intelligence, however antagonistic their moral outlook.

—Norman Douglas

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Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to this "young" boy
 Who grew up near Easter without many toys.

He had to make his own fun by playing among the milk-cow stalls
 Or tearing up his five sisters' paper dolls.

Ask them here in Dimmitt why they grew up sad—
 He's the meanest brother they ever had!



Happy 70th Birthday, Dad!

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

He's coming to our Christmas Open House!

We'd like for you to join us, too, for a smorgasbord of gourmet treats, holiday sweets, hors d' oeuvres, Christmas punch and coffee all day

Monday, Dec. 22
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Santa will be here from 11 till 2!)

Our annual Christmas Open House has become our favorite way to greet friends during the holidays. We hope you'll come and enjoy, and make it a happy holiday custom of your own.

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Chamber suggests afghans for gifts

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava said that the Castro County afghans available for sale through the Chamber would make a unique, quality gift suitable for Christmas giving.

The afghans sell for \$35 each and feature artwork depicting all three communities in the county, as well as some of the major industries and landmarks.

When swallows fly high it's considered an indication of good weather. The birds feed on gnats and flies which are found farther from the ground when warm air rises.

Classifieds get results!

Obituaries

H.M. Morrison

Funeral services for H.M. "Nigg" Morrison, 76, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Ivey Chapel with Rev. Charles Jones of the Second Baptist Church of Amarillo and Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial was in West Lawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Mr. Morrison died Dec. 10 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 6, 1921, in Dimmitt, and married Ara Cantrell on Aug. 9, 1942, in Ringgold. She died in 1990. Mr. Morrison had lived in Montague before moving back to Dimmitt in 1947. He was a former fire chief for the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., and was a volunteer fireman for 32 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt and of the American Legion Post #345.

He is survived by a son, David Morrison of Deer Park; two daughters, Sharon Epperson of Chandler, Ariz., and Linda McKinney of Amarillo; two brothers, Thomas Morrison of Plainview and Paul Morrison of Mangum, Okla.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Randy Griffitt, Tommy Cleavinger, Charlie Lane, Bill Conyers, Francis Acker, and Jerry McGuire.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, c/o First United Bank, P.O. Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

Joseph Rinehart

Graveside services for Joseph F. Rinehart, 88, of Oklahoma City, Okla., the father of two Dimmitt women, were held Tuesday morning at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City under direction of Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rinehart died Dec. 14. He was born May 20, 1909, in Plano.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie L.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joy and Curtis Grand, and Glenna and Paul Fry, all of Dimmitt; and a brother-in-law, Roy Birkhead.

Amber Sanders

Funeral services were held Saturday for Amber Brown Sanders, 99, of Tulia, the mother of Pauline Hoyler of Dimmitt, at First United Methodist Church of Tulia with Rev. Jesse Hodge, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanders died Dec. 12. She was born and raised in Cottonwood in Callahan County. She moved to Whitesboro in 1913, then to Marietta, Okla., in 1928. In 1941, she moved to Wellington, and then to Swisher County in 1956. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a homemaker.

She married William Boyett Sanders in 1915 in Sadler. He died in 1977. She also was preceded in death by a son, W.C. Sanders, in 1986.

Survivors include five daughters, Muriel Fincher and Jesse Orr, both of Tulia, Billie Barfield and Jean Hedrick, both of Amarillo, and Pauline Hoyler of Dimmitt; five sons, A.T. Sancers of Martha, Okla., and J.L. Sancers of Marlow, Okla., Eddie Sanders and Eldon Sanders, both of Levelland, and James Sanders of Tulia; 35 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Tulia Cemetery Association.

Student honored

Marisa Allison, daughter of Sandie and David Allison, has been honored as the Student of the Week from the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Spring and Mrs. Damron at Dimmitt Middle School.

She was born Dec. 9, 1987, in Hereford, and when she grows up, she wants to be a nurse.

Her favorite food is chili cheese fries, *Wayside School* is her favorite book, her favorite animals are horses, and in her free time she likes to read. She is good at math, but wishes she were better at English.

What she likes most about DMS is the teachers.

When asked who she admires or respects, she said, "My mom Lory."

More about 1:1

(Continued from Page 1)
neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit.
Love Always,
Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table.

"Why would the Lord want to visit me?" she wondered. "I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer. My cabinets are empty. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner."

She reached for her purse and counted its contents. Five dollars and forty cents.

"Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least," she thought.

She threw on her coat and hurried out the door.

A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk left Ruth with a grand total of 12 cents to last her until Monday.

She headed home with her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey, lady, can you help us lady?"

Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags.

"Look, lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kinda hungry and, well, if you could help us lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and, frankly, she was sure they could get some kind of work if they really

wanted to.
"Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself," she said. "All I have is some bread and a few cold cuts, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight."
"Yeah, well, okay, lady. I understand. Thanks anyway."

The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley.

As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart.

"Sir, wait!"

The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them.

"Look, why don't you take this food," she said. "I'll figure out something else to serve my guest."

"Thank you, lady," the man said. "Thank you very much."

"Yes, thank you!" the man's wife said.

Ruth could see now that the woman was shivering.

"You know, I've got another coat at home," she told the woman. "Here, why don't you take this one?" She unbuttoned her coat and slipped it over the woman's shoulders.

Then, smiling, she turned and walked back to the street... without her coat, and with nothing to serve her guest.

"Thank you, lady! Thank you very much!" the couple called after her.

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her home, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer him.

As she fumbled through her purse for her key, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox.

"That's odd," she thought. "The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day."

She took the envelope out of the box and opened it.
Dear Ruth,
It was good to see you again.

Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat.
Love Always,
Jesus

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Brett strikes again!

Youth won out both locally and statewide in the Week 16 POWER POINTS Football Contest.

Although the Cowboys, Texas Longhorns and other major teams couldn't salvage a losing season, 11-year-old Brett Hoelting of Nazareth is still winning, and has already sealed the title of 1997 Champion of Local Football Pickers. He scored 101 of a possible 136 points to chalk up his third POWER POINTS win of the season. He also wins his third \$20 cash prize from the News.

Brett didn't think he had much of a chance this time. "It was a pretty tough week, with a lot of upsets," he said.

Brett, a sixth grader, is the son of Keith and Karlene Hoelting.

And the statewide winner was (are you ready for this?) 13-year-old Michael Newman of Mt. Pleasant, who scored 126 points to become the youngest statewide winner this year. The seventh grader gets the \$1,000 weekly grand prize from POWER POINTS.

Well, part of it, at least.

Michael's foster sister, Jerri Ann Sloan, 16, explained, "The whole family plays POWER POINTS and we have a deal: Whoever wins the money, we split it. My dad thought of it. If we don't, we're grounded."

The final POWER POINTS Football Contest of the season is on Page 8. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St., before 2 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

Note: Results from Week 17 will not be announced until the Jan. 1 edition because a Christmas Day game is on the week's ticket.

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