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**RESCUE WORKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT officers render aid to victims of a crash Tuesday evening at the "Y" on the south edge of Dimmitt.**

**Enrique Jimenez, 15, and Lizabeth Hernandez, 13, were ejected from a 1994 Ford Explorer, and are in the ICU at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.**

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Four people hospitalized after separate accidents

A rash of accidents happened in Castro County Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, with four Dimmitt people transferred to area hospitals.

Enrique Jimenez, 15, is in critical condition with reported head injuries, and Lizabeth Hernandez, 13, is in serious condition with possible head injuries, both in the ICU at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Solomon Torres, 18, is in stable condition and had complained of neck pain, and Nora Quiroz, 30, is in satisfactory condition, both at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

At about 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jimenez and Hernandez were both

passengers in a 1994 Ford Explorer driven by Jonathan Jimenez, 16, of Dimmitt. The injured youths were ejected from the vehicle after it was struck by a 1993 Freightliner tractor-trailer rig driven by Francisco Serna, 43, of Littlefield.

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## Two sentenced in district court

Two men were sentenced in recent district court action.

In 64th District Court, Judge Jack Miller revoked the probation of Adolfo Romero after he failed to meet the requirements of probation.

The judgment stated that Romero failed to report to the community supervision officer or keep the officer informed of his address and place of employment, failed to pay restitution, and failed to perform the required hours of community service.

After he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance on Feb. 3, 1992, Romero had been sentenced to eight years of community supervision.

After revocation, his sentence has been changed to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, reduced to five

years. He also was assessed a fine of \$2,500.

In 242nd District Court, Judge Ed Self accepted a guilty plea from Patrick Scott Pruitt to charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, on Aug. 31, 1998.

Pruitt was sentenced to five years confinement in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, a \$1,000 fine, \$266.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, and a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line. He also faces 300 hours of community service, a one-year suspension of his driver's license, and treatment in a felony substance abuse facility plus treatment in a state substance abuse treatment facility for not more than one year nor less than six months. The confinement was suspended in favor of five years of community supervision.

## Ag producers asked to give input at meeting

A grassroots emergency meeting of area agricultural producers will be held in Amarillo Friday at the Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. "This meeting is for agricultural producers and others who realize the economic importance of a strong agriculture to our local economy," said Don Kimbrell of Happy, one of the main organizers of the meeting.

Kimbrell is a member of the Texas and American Corn Growers Associations and was an active member of the American Agricultural Movement.

"Low prices for almost all commodities are beginning to erode our entire area economy," Kimbrell said. "Farm policy and trade policy will see major changes over this year and next. Discussions are already taking place and hearings will soon begin that greatly affect you personally and the entire area."

"Changes that affect you will take place with or without your input. We will either help write these new policies or they will be influenced by others who do not necessarily have our best interest at heart," Kimbrell said.

"This meeting is designed for you to have personal input. We will be

pulling together organizations and individuals so that we can agree and work together to strengthen our position in this process. The collective thoughts of agricultural products are powerful. Together we can make a difference. Make your voice heard," Kimbrell said.

For more information, call (806) 948-1106.

## DISD renews Miller's contract

After an executive session, the Dimmitt school board voted unanimously Monday night to renew the contract of DISD Supt. Les Miller through June 30, 2003.

In addition, the board voted to accept two resignations and approved hiring two new teachers.

Melanie (Nelson) Burney, Dimmitt High School special education teacher, resigned effective immediately. Her husband was transferred to Junction in his job. Teresa Lindsey was hired to finish the semester in Burney's stead.

Glenda Sims, sixth grade English teacher, retired effective Dec. 31. Her job will be filled by Emily Betzen of Hereford for the second semester.

In their regular session, the board voted to adopt two new classes for DHS and signed a district-wide agreement with the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative.

DHS teacher Jackie Odom and counselor Sue Summers requested that the board add a Tech Prep-Career Management Course and an Early Childhood Profession program.

They requested that the Tech Prep-Career Management course be made mandatory for all seniors, unless they are granted an exemption.

Summers said that the 20% of seniors who are following the distinguished graduation program probably will not be able to fit the course into their schedule.

Odom said the one-semester course is designed to increase students' interest in extending their education beyond high school, whether for college or technical school. She said it will improve their communication skills, give them a chance to develop good work ethics and increase their confidence and positive expectations during a job interview.

The Early Childhood Profession program would be a two-part course that would allow students to earn up to 15 hours of post secondary credit. Odom said if a student completes both parts it would be equivalent to

child care training and six months of training.

"They could get into an entry level job in child care with this course," Odom said.

Odom said that both the new courses could be handled by the Home Economics Dept. by adding one new teacher. She said classroom use could be accommodated with the current facilities. In addition, she noted that grant funds are available to help with both courses.

Marilyn Leisure spoke to the board about the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative, a program that emphasizes improving student comprehension and performance in math and science at all grade levels.

She said that the program provides teachers with materials and strategies to enhance their teaching at a minimal cost to the district.

The district must sign an agreement to pursue the goal of excellence in math and science, using the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the TRSI Attributes as guides for the changes required to make progress toward the goal.

A community forum will be held at a later date to inform administrators, counselors, teachers, parents and community members about the program.

The district also will establish a TRSI leadership team to guide the district's efforts by participating in TRSI activities and attending the TRSI leadership institute in the summer, with TRSI paying the expenses.

Teachers participating also will be expected to spend two days per month during the academic year to implement new strategies and share them with other teachers.

Teachers will receive training that focuses on leadership and mentoring skills, inquiry learning, implementation of TEKS, and technology.

The TRSI program is only available to school districts in counties classified as rural, having less than 20,000 population, with at least 30% of school age children in the district

living in poverty.

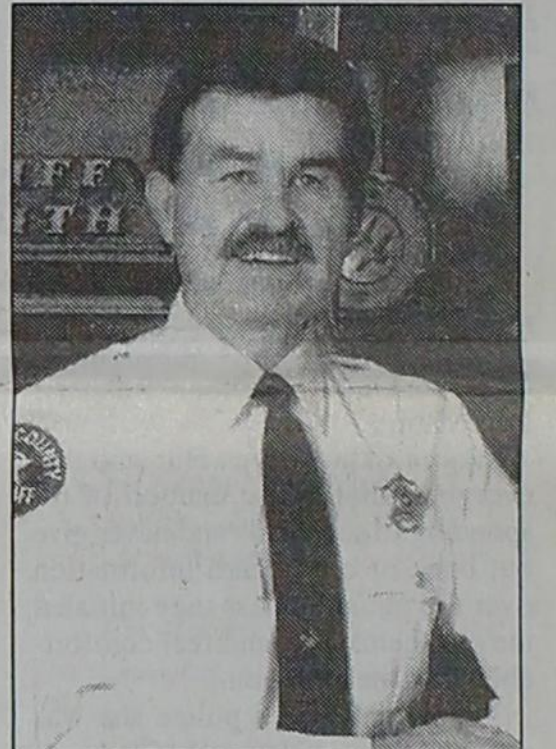
In other business, the board: —Voted to accept a bid on a vacant lot being sold for tax delinquency. The offered price is \$1,600 for the lot at 409 NE Fifth. The school district would receive \$356.84 of that.

—Approved a 20% matching fund for one-time E-Rate purchases. Curriculum director Doricell Davis asked the board to allow any savings realized through the E-Rate to be put back into the budget for spending on E-Rate items, such as technology and communications services.

—Declared Rick Wright elected to office for Trustee Place 2, and declared that the election will not be held, since Wright was the only candidate. He will be sworn in Monday, after the date that the election would have been held (Saturday).

—Heard a comment from Bill Sanders that he would like to see the district look into implementing girls' volleyball for the next school year. Miller suggested that Athletic Director Alan Steinle look into the possibilities and report to the board at a later date.

—Heard a presentation from Kathy Lust's eighth grade science students concerning their project of turning the middle school patio area into an environmental learning center.



**TYLER SHERIFF J.B. SMITH ... To be CofC banquet speaker**

Courtesy Photo

## Tyler sheriff will speak at CofC banquet

Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler will be the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, slated for Jan. 22 in Dimmitt.

This year's banquet will start at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and Cheryl Pybus will serve as emcee.

Guests will be served a filet mignon dinner with all the trimmings. The meal will be catered by the Methodist Men.

The 1999 Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Chamber Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year will be recognized at the banquet.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

Those holding tickets will be able to register to win two Southwest Airlines tickets to any of the carrier's US destinations.

Smith has served his county as sheriff since 1976 and is currently in his sixth term. During his tenure, he has compiled a series of stories telling of his weaknesses and experiences as a Texas lawman.

The subject of his talk will be "laugh at yourself, or you're in a heap of trouble."

He travels nationwide and averages over 100 lectures and entertainment speeches each year.

Smith heads an organization that has several specialized units that have received national recognition, most notably a riot control unit that kept the peace during the hate crime trials in Jasper.

For more information about the banquet or to purchase tickets, contact Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.

## Tijerina sentenced in federal court

Raul Tijerina, 35, of Dimmitt, was given the minimum sentence of eight months in prison by Amarillo's Federal District Court Judge Mary Lou Robinson on charges of intending to sell a Jeep with an altered Vehicle Identification Number.

His sentence also includes a \$2,000 fine and three years of supervised release after his prison sentence, according to a report in the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

Although the federal charges are settled, with Tijerina ordered to report to prison by Jan. 24, he still faces state charges of possessing more than 460 grams (almost \$500,000-worth) of methamphetamines with intent to distribute it.

According to the *Globe-News*, Robinson told Tijerina she set the sentence so low on the theft of the jeep because he seemed "like a hard-working man."

In October, Tijerina had entered a guilty plea to the federal charge of possessing the jeep, knowing that it was stolen and intending to sell it with knowledge of the altered VIN number, according to the *Globe-News*. It was reported that federal prosecutors dropped similar federal felony charges.

The Jeep was discovered along with other vehicles with altered or missing VIN plates and tools for making VIN plates during a raid by the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force, working with members of the Castro County Sheriff's Office on June 17. The raid also turned up the methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia.

Tijerina has been free on a \$25,000 federal bond, and also a \$200,000 bond on the drug charges.

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	60	21	
Friday	47	12	
Saturday	48	14	
Sunday	58	25	
Monday	54	34	
Tuesday	66	20	
Wednesday	72	25	

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

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



**ANOTHER CRASH—Officials investigate the crash of this 1993 Mazda Protegé, which struck a tractor trailer rig on US 385 near the intersection with**

**Halsel Street at about 7 p.m. Tuesday night. The driver of the car, Solomon Torres, 18, is in stable condition in University Medical Center in Lubbock.**

Photo by Linda Maxwell



# Swifts sting Hornets

The Nazareth Swifts had Sudan on the ropes in the third quarter Tuesday night, but the Hornets were able to get back into the game in the fourth quarter and Nazareth had to fight tooth and nail to pull out a 67-57 District 8-A win at home.

After Sudan cut the Swifts' 14-point lead to nine by the end of the third quarter, momentum changed hands quickly.

The Hornets came within six of Nazareth with two minutes left in the game, but the Swifts were able to count several free throws down the stretch and held on for the win.

Nazareth made 16-of-21 free throws in the game, and was perfect from the foul line in the fourth quarter. Overall, Nazareth hit 23 of its 47 attempts from the field and five of those made shots were from three-point range.

Nazareth's fourth-quarter free throw success, coupled with a few key baskets late in the game, aided the Swifts and kept Sudan off-guard.

In the critical fourth quarter after Sudan made its first run, Nazareth got back-to-back shots from Cameron McLain to put the Swifts back in control, 54-41.

Sudan went to its outside game

after that, getting two straight three-pointers to trim the deficit to six with 4:41 left.

A bucket by Ky Wilcox on a nice inside move gave Nazareth a little breathing room, then Kade Wilcox snatched a Hornet pass out of the air and drove the length of the floor for a layup and 10-point Swift lead. Nazareth turnovers allowed Sudan to pull within six one more time. The Hornets got back-to-back turnovers and each resulted in baskets, and Sudan ate into the Nazareth lead with just over two minutes remaining.

After a time-out by Nazareth, the Swifts settled down and returned to their defensive game plan, holding the Hornets to five free throws over the final two minutes.

Kade Wilcox, who finished with a game-high 28 points, hit a big shot right after the time out, then added a back-breaking three-pointer with 42 seconds left to provide the final margin of victory.

Eric Schilling and Daryl Pohlmeier each made two free throws down the stretch between Kade Wilcox's baskets to hold the Hornets at bay.

Schilling finished with 16 points for Nazareth.



**A STORYTELLING 'RAP'**—Loralee Cooley of Pampa chants a "rap" while students clap in time to the rhythm, during one of her presentations at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt Monday

morning. Her storytelling tour was arranged and sponsored by the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center, the Amarillo Globe-News, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Dimmitt teachers get \$400 grants from SPS

Four Dimmitt teachers received \$400 each in education grant funds from Southwestern Public Service Co. for various projects. The grant funds were presented Jan. 4 by SPS representative Wes Reeves.

At Richardson Elementary School, Diane Axtell's project is titled "Germ Terminator," and emphasizes to students the importance of hand washing; Laurie Gilliland, with "Entrepreneurs R Us," dealing with private enterprise; and Linda Koch, with "Multiplication Rap," dealing with math skills. Each received a \$400 grant for their projects.

The Corrective Action Program also received a \$400 grant for its "Research, Draw and Build" projects.

The first project the CAP students chose to build was a big work table. They researched work tables, drew a plan, built a small working model and then built the table, using only hand tools under close supervision, according to CAP instructor Terry Stovall.

The CAP students also have built a bookcase and are currently working on storage shelves for the Alternative Education Placement program.

Students in Level III of the CAP program are allowed to participate in the project. They must work at least 30 days to obtain Level III status, and avoid breaking any program rules or they will be demoted back to Level II, Stovall said.

# Police issue fraud alert

A Dimmitt woman alerted police recently that she had received two phone calls from questionable sources asking for personal financial information.

Police Officer Ryan Hitt said that everyone should use caution in responding to such calls and never give out bank or credit card information over the phone, unless they initiated the call themselves and feel comfortable with the situation.

The woman told police she was contacted by "National Clearinghouse," asking for her credit card number. She said when she refused to give it, they hung up.

She also said she received a call from the "Australia Lottery," asking

for a payment of \$29.99 to activate her chances of winning \$50 million. She said they asked for her next check number, the name of her bank, and her account number. Again, she refused to give the information.

Hitt said similar types of calls are frequently made by scam artists seeking to appropriate the finances of unwitting victims.

"In some cases like this, the callers probably would attempt to clean out the victim's bank account and run up a bunch of charges on the credit card account," Hitt said. "She did the smart thing by refusing to go along and then notifying authorities so that others could be warned to look out for similar frauds."

# Hotline callers to be eligible for drawings

A toll-free HOTLINE offering information about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options will be made available Saturday and Sunday, and callers will be eligible for drawings for scholarships and savings bonds.

Students and their parents will be able to call with questions about college selection, admission, testing, and financial aid. The phones will be answered by professional college admission counselors, high school and college counselors, and financial aid personnel. Spanish-speaking counselors also will be available to

answer questions. Four scholarships in the amount of \$500 and three US savings bonds in the amount of \$100 will be awarded to winners drawn from the pool of callers to the hotline on the two designated days.

"Please take advantage of this free chance to explore higher educational opportunities," said Sue Summers, counselor at Dimmitt High School.

The hotline is being co-sponsored by the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC), the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation.

# Police Calls

A Hart woman told deputies that someone broke into her home on Dec. 23 between 7 and 9 p.m. and took a handgun valued at \$150. Investigation is continuing.

Rosalie Hawkins of HCR 6, Hereford, told deputies that on Jan. 4 someone stole a blue utility trailer valued at \$250. Investigation is continuing.

Police stopped a suspicious vehicle Monday at 10:59 p.m. on Northwest Fifth Street. An occupant of the vehicle was charged with resisting arrest and resisting a search. The search of the vehicle turned up less than 1 gram of methamphetamine.

A domestic disturbance Friday evening resulted in charges of assault/family violence/bodily injury against a 35-year-old Dimmitt man. His wife said he struck her with a crutch.

Francisco Peralta of Dimmitt told police Sunday evening that someone

shattered the back window of a pickup while it was parked in the 600 block of Northwest Sixth Street. He estimated the damage at \$200.

Jan. 4, a 20-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

Jan. 4, a Lubbock man, 31, was jailed for theft by check.

Jan. 5, a Dimmitt man, 18, was jailed for DWI.

Jailed to serve time after court: Jan. 5, a 32-year-old Levelland man, for DWI, felony.

Jan. 6, a 39-year-old Clovis, N.M., man, for DWI, second offense. Jailed on warrants:

Jan. 4, a Plainview woman, 31, for violation of probation stemming from charges of tampering with government records.

Jan. 5, a Dimmitt man, 19, for DWI, first offense, motion to revoke; a 43-year-old Dimmitt woman for Class A cruelty to animals; and a

Dimmitt man, 25, for assault/family member/bodily injury.

—Last Thursday, a 22-year-old Dimmitt man, for DWI, second offense, and bond forfeiture.

—Friday, a Dimmitt woman, 38, for disorderly conduct; and a 29-year-old Dimmitt woman on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check.

—Sunday, a 21-year-old Nazareth woman for burglary of a habitation.

On Jan. 4 at 10:40 a.m. a 1993 Ford pickup driven by Justin Paul Mullins, 25, of Hereford, was heading north on Southwest Fifth Street and failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection with West Jones Street. The pickup was struck by a 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Lillie Donita Vernon, 55, of Dimmitt. Mullins was given a ticket for disregarding the stop sign. Vernon was listed with non-incapacitating injuries. Damage to the Tahoe was rated moderate, while the pickup had light damage.

Jan. 1 at 8:03 p.m., a 1979 Chevrolet pickup driven by a 24-year-old Dimmitt man backed up in the driveway at the Corner Barn and struck a 2000 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Michael Dale Garrity, 36, of Hart. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. The driver of the Chevrolet pickup was ticketed for DWI, third offense, and no driver's license.

# Larra named to honor list

Jacob Larra of Dimmitt was among more than 350 students recently named to the honor list for the fall 1999 semester at Amarillo College.

Honorees must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of academic courses and make a grade-point average of 3.6 or above to qualify for the honors list.

Larra, a welding technology major, earned a 4.0 grade-point average.

# Paved road in Dodd area draws complaints

The condition of a paved county road in the Dodd area is a concern of many residents in that region, who say it is a danger to motorists.

The road, County Road 629, is in poor condition, with asphalt crumbling away on the edges and numerous potholes along the four-mile stretch.

Steve Meiwes and other residents from that area asked commissioners if something can be done to repair the road soon.

"We realize how limited your funds are, but I think we're going to have to spend some money to fix this road. We feel like there is probably more traffic on this road than there is on Highway 145 headed the same direction," Meiwes said.

Meiwes told commissioners that some of the residents in the area have filled the potholes themselves at times, but added that it is currently in need of major repairs.

"I talked with a guy from the Highway Department (Texas Dept. of Transportation) and he said the road needs to be oiled regularly to maintain the elasticity of the asphalt. That'll help prevent some of the crumbling."

"In some spots the dirt along the side of the road is higher than the pavement," Meiwes said. "At times, irrigation runoff water stands on the highway."

Meiwes said the ditches along the road need to be cleaned out, and commissioners agreed, adding that some of the dirt could be pulled up along the edges of the road to help alleviate some of the danger.

Meiwes said he has talked to all of the landowners along the road but one, and each is willing to have some of the dirt removed from the ditches.

The county will try and repair some of the deterioration on the road, but added that "it'll take a lot of material and work."

The county accepted a bid of \$1,600 from Juan Flores for a vacant lot at 409 Northeast Fifth Street in Dimmitt.

The Castro County Tax Appraisal District advertised the property for bids to satisfy back taxes owed.

Commissioners agreed to accept the bid "so we can get the property back on the tax rolls."

Commissioners also approved a bond for Andrea Farias and accepted the holidays for 2000.

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**ACROSS**

- Schlitter \_\_\_\_\_
- Water Park in New Braunfels
- Kick \_\_\_\_\_ Joy Juice
- newspaper; Abilene Reporter-
- TXism: "he'd \_\_\_\_\_ unarmed in a battle of wits"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ big for his britches"
- 9 in addition; besides
- TXism: "son of \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "high \_\_\_\_\_ (fled)"
- TXism: "raised on concrete"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the Baptists are sprinkling"
- claustrophobia is a \_\_\_\_\_ being enclosed
- "Bum" Phillips
- Chinese cinnamon
- this Cohen was LBJ's HEW Secretary in '69
- not faithful
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- this actor starred with William Holden in film "Texas"
- Rangerettes founder Gussie \_\_\_\_\_ Davis
- TX's 1st woman legislator was elected on this ticket in '22 (abbr.)
- TXism: "playful \_\_\_\_\_ in clover"
- Athens' "Black-eyed Pea \_\_\_\_\_"
- cold north wind
- Texans in America
- TX Blocker "Hoss" (init.)
- TXism: "high as pop \_\_\_\_\_ at a picture show"
- snakelike fishes
- seat of Hidalgo Co.
- pecan desserts
- full init. of legendary Ryan
- TXism: "couldn't find an \_\_\_\_\_ under a sitting hen"
- TXism: "hard \_\_\_\_\_ nails"
- troubles
- TXism: "checking my eye \_\_\_\_\_ for leaks" (napping)
- TXism: "rough as \_\_\_\_\_"
- work hard
- small ornaments
- 17 marching or mariachi
- "Luckenbach, Texas" singer
- TX Audie was hero of WW \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Trini (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ and no foam" (genuine)
- Lincoln & Fortas
- Oilers offense with QB Moon: "\_\_\_\_\_ Shoot"
- placid
- "Y" of Y2K
- TXism: "a right smart piece"
- cheer south of the border
- Odessa AM radio
- San Antonio pianist Samaroff
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ buster" (farmer)
- Ballinger high school classification
- Titantic's bane
- 83 runs from Valley to Panhandle



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

Bernice Hill was hostess for the Thursday Senior Bridge Club. Dude McLaurin was high scorer and Cleo Forson was second high for the week of Dec. 30.

Robert and Norma Smith had Christmas with John's family in Plainview, and then went to Austin to the home of their daughter Judith. Their daughter, Jill, of Atlanta met them at Judith's. They had Christmas in Judith's new home. They were able to see downtown Austin in its finery of lights. The Capitol Building was especially impressive, they said. Steve and Deidre Henderson, their children, Kristen and Eric, and

Deidre's mom, Genell Craig, went to the candlelight service held at the Oak Wood Baptist Church in New Braunfels. Christmas Day, Rodney and a friend, Shelly, came. They attended the A&M vs. Penn State game in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio. After the game, while strolling along the Riverwalk, they ran into Zay and Gary Gilbreath.

Ann Hays spent a week with their grandson, Hayden Hays in Fort Worth. David and Dondi flew down and joined her. They went to Turnersville to visit Penny and Tom Jarecki. Penny went to school in

Dimmitt, and past classmates keep in touch with her.

During the holidays, we saw some of the kids my girls went to school with. Lisa Widick Trevino of San Antonio came over to the house and visited with Jo and me. She has three of the cutest kids. I got to sit and hold and rock Jonathan. Lu Lynn came by and visited us for a while. She lives in Lubbock and is working and going to school. It means so much for these kids to drop by.

Don Shippley is a special guy. We have always known this and now we discover that others know it, too. Chimene Dupler, granddaughter of Mr. Shippley, worked as office manager for the Hon. Phil Gramm. Mr. Shippley and Mr. Gramm became acquainted, and Mr. Gramm authorized the US Flag to be flown over the US Capitol on Dec. 20 in honor of Donald Shippley on the occasion of his birthday.

Ramon and Maria Ozuna of Bakersfield, Calif., are here to visit her mother and brother, Julia Aguilar and Alonzo Aguilar, who have been ill lately.

Beth Joiner was hostess for bridge at the Senior Citizens' last week. High scorer was Carol Lantz.

Jean Gilbreath called in from her country home to share with us the good time she and her husband, Donald, had at Red River, N.M., welcoming in the new millennium.

The Red River ski lift was opened for the grand event before midnight. To bright lights and lots of music, Donald rode up the lift to the slope known as "The Bump" in the year 1999 and skied down in the year

2000. So far, this is the most unusual celebration of the most uncommon point in time that we've heard about.

Jean said that she didn't take a poll or anything, but she believes Donald to be the oldest participant in the New Year's ski fest. If you hear that someone actually saw "Father Time" making his exit on skis, remember you read it first in this column.

After inquiring about the Gilbreaths' daughters, I learned that Donna Verteese lives in Red River, designs and makes stained glass and is an innkeeper. Their daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Larry Pierce of Lawton, Okla., were there to join in the fun. Larry is the meat supervisor for the Sam's Clubs in that area.

Irene Carpenter has been recuperating from a broken hip, first here at the home of her daughter, Floyce George, and the past two months at the home of daughter Joyce Autry in Rocky Ford, Colo. She is doing very well and by the time you read this she will be back at her home at the Senior Citizens Apartments in Dimmitt.

Mabian Rhodes, mother of Howard Rhodes, moved to Dimmitt from Friona about three months ago. She selected an apartment in the Seniors' complex right next door to Irene. The two women were anticipating great times together, when bad luck befell them only a day or two apart. They were both admitted to an Amarillo hospital to have surgeries, therapies and recoveries with loved ones, and now are finally getting to resume normal lives. We wish them well and hope there are lots of good times ahead.

Some of the bunch who traditionally welcome the New Year at the Percy Parson lake home near Breckenridge each year made it again for 2000. Among those who were there are Vernon and Jane O'Kelly of Amarillo. Vernon is a former pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, and Jane taught English at Dimmitt High School in the 80s and 90s.

Vernon is now retired as the district superintendent for the United Methodist Conference in the Pampa area.

The O'Kellys' son, Ty, his wife Shalea, and their 2-year-old daughter live in Amarillo. Vernon is really enjoying his role as granddad, and he gets to baby-sit a lot.

Their son, Scott, and wife Gail now live in Eagle, Colo. They take advantage of the winter sports and game hunting available there. The senior O'Kellys have an abundant supply of elk burger in their deep freeze thanks to Scott's marksmanship.

CORRECTIONS: There are sev-

eral corrections we need to make concerning the Roger and Geneva Malone family gathering for the holidays. Can we blame it on Y2K?

Marine Capt. Greg and Cara Malone brought their 7-month-old son, Gunner, on his first visit to Dimmitt.

Completing the family circle were Denise Dobbs Merritt and her husband, Johnny, and children, Annie and John David of Amarillo; Debbie Dobbs Conner and her husband, Stacy, and children Charissa, Timothy and Caleb of Muleshoe; and Cindy Dobbs Lewis and her husband, D.J., and children Britany and Bethany of Borger.

Jackie McLeroy had a beautiful 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for her mother, Mary Rose Small, on Saturday at her lovely new home at 2504 140<sup>th</sup> Street in Lubbock.

Those attending from Dimmitt were Mattie Seale, Edith Graef, Irene Blanton, Aural Davis, Polly Simpson, Ricky and Donna Kuntz, Robert and Frances Duke and Ed and Betty Freeman.

## Entries are due soon for county stock show

Youngsters who plan on exhibiting animals in this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show should submit their entries to their FFA Advisor or the County Extension Office as soon as possible.

The Castro County 4-H is accepting stock show entries through Friday, and 4-H'ers are asked to stop by the Extension office and register their animals for the show.

Cost to enter is \$15 per head and exhibitors may enter two barrows, two lambs and two steers.

The annual show, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young Farmers, will be held Feb. 10-12 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Judges for this year's show are Billy Copeland for lambs; Galen McCune for swine; and Greg Jones for steers.

The annual auction sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, for those animals qualifying. Auctioneers will sell 125 barrows, 125 lambs and 40 steers, or 75% of the total number of animals weighed in, whichever is the smallest number.

Steers will be divided into classes

according to the number of entries received. There will be divisions for Exotic and English breeds. Weight limits for steers are a minimum of 900 pounds. Top pay weight is 1,350 pounds for steers.

This year's weight limits for the barrow show are 175-260 pounds and entries will be divided evenly into classes according to the number in each breed.

Lambs are required to be at least 80 pounds and there is no maximum weight. The top pay weight for the lambs is 130 pounds.

Exhibitors are asked to have their animals in the barns at the Expo Building before noon on Feb. 10. Weighing and sifting will be held before 8 p.m. that day.

The livestock show will begin Friday, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m. with the lamb show. Steers will be exhibited at 11 a.m., followed by the pigs at 1 p.m.

The sale will start at 1 p.m. on Feb. 12.

## Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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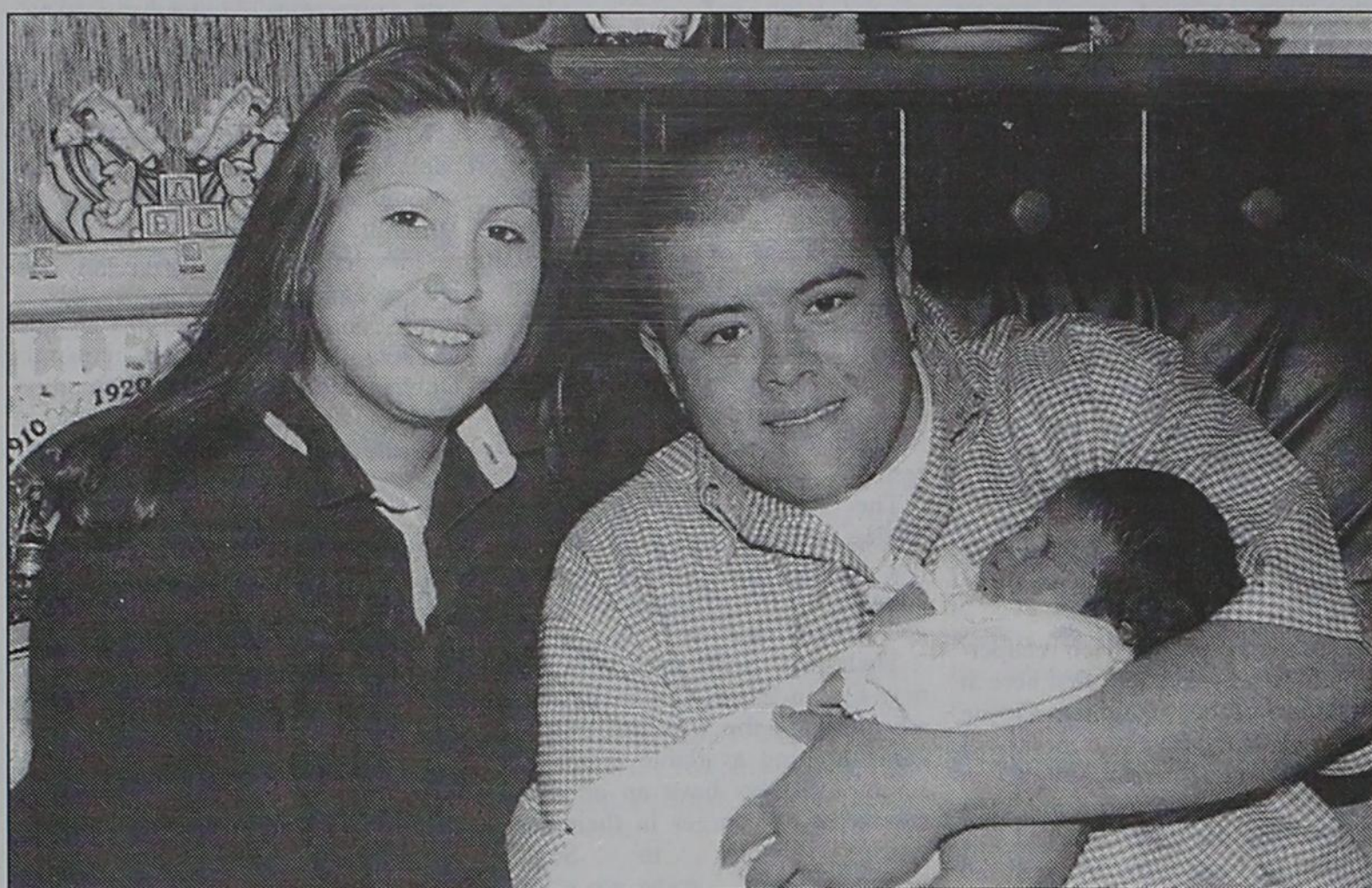
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# People



'HI, DADDY!'—The county's "Millennium Baby" finally got to meet her dad Saturday. Here, Carlos Mireles III holds his five-day-old daughter, Christina Janell, who was born Jan. 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital. "She has a lot of hair," Mireles said. "She's beautiful." The proud mother, Melissa, commented,

"She's been really good—not fussy." Mireles is a trainee at the Texas Dept. of Corrections Academy in Gatesville and could not come home until the weekend. He is scheduled to graduate from the academy Tuesday and become a guard at TDC's Formby Unit in Plainview.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Girl Scout cookies on sale through Jan. 23

Local Girl Scout troops will be selling their famous cookies through Jan. 23, and the goods should be distributed Feb. 14-March 3.

Anyone interested in ordering cookies may call local troop representatives Carla Miller at 647-2270 or Martha Hinsley at 647-5445, or contact any Girl Scout.

This year's cookies are all priced at \$3 per package and the varieties include: Thin Mint, Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut), Tag-along (layered peanut butter and chocolate), Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut butter cremes), Striped Chocolate Chip (chocolate chip and pecan with chocolate stripes and bottom coating of chocolate), Trefoil shortbread, Apple Cinnamon, and Lemon Drops

(crispy cookie with cream lemon chips).

Consumers will also notice a change in the packaging this year. After analyzing the merits of reducing the materials used to package several of the varieties, it was discovered that a slightly smaller package configuration would actually allow more cookies. Through the reduction of cardboard and plastic, more cookies will be provided to the consumer, according to information from the Girl Scout Council.

"For Girl Scouts, the program provides funds that support troop activities such as field trips, camping and service projects," said Kimberly Karl, executive director of the Caprock Girl Scout Council.



Susan Grisanti

## Classical guitarist will perform in Nazareth Sunday

Susan Grisanti will give a classical guitar concert on Sunday in Nazareth.

Grisanti's concert was originally scheduled for December, but it was postponed due to bad weather.

The concert was rescheduled to Sunday and it will begin at 7 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth. Admission to the show will be \$5 per person and complimentary desserts and refreshments will be served.

Grisanti's show will showcase classical guitar music from her tour of the "Strasse der Romanic" (Romanesque Road) in Germany. A narrative and slide show segment on the Romanesque Road by Dr. Wanda Merchant, a German language professor at Texas Tech University, will also be shown during the Jan. 16 concert.

Grisanti is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and she now lives in Lubbock. She has performed in numerous concerts throughout the United States since the 1970s and she is included on the US Embassy Touring Roster in Washington, D.C., and the Texas Commission on the Arts. She has been the feature artist in dozens of television, radio and news articles. Her mentors have been Pepe Romero, Alice Artzt and she did post-graduate study with Dr. James Bogle of Texas Tech University.

Grisanti's latest CD, *Great Classics, Vol. II: Music Along the Romanesque Road* will be available at the concert, and portion of the proceeds from sale of her CD will benefit The Promised Land Network, the organization sponsoring the event.

The Promised Land Network is an ecumenical non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining agriculture and rural communities on the Southern Plains through land stewardship, education and a promotion of the creative arts.

For more information about the show, contact Lydia Villanueva at The Promised Land Network at 364-4445.

## 4-H judging teams being organized now

Any 4-H'er interested in being on a judging team (horse, dairy, livestock or meat) should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

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## All-region bands set to perform

Dimmitt will have several students performing in the all-region band concert, which will be held Saturday at West Texas A&M University's Northern Hall.

Performances will begin at 1:45 p.m. with the Director's Band. At 3 p.m., the Class A Junior High Band will perform. Following will be the Class AA Junior High Band at 3:30 p.m. Class AAA Junior High Band will play at 4 p.m. The High School Concert Band will perform at 4:30 p.m. Concluding the program will be a performance by the High School Symphonic Band at 5:15 p.m.

There will be a \$2 admission charge with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Dimmitt High School students who will be performing are Rachal Harman, ninth chair clarinet (Symphonic Band); L. J. Solar, sixth chair trumpet (Symphonic Band); and Jessica Salinas, ninth chair trumpet (Concert Band).

Dimmitt Middle School will have 12 students performing, including Maribel Montiel, ninth chair clarinet; Viktorya Navarro, 16<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet; Kayla Acker, 19<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet; Deidre Perez, 21<sup>st</sup> chair clarinet; Stephanie Hazel, second chair alto clarinet; Holly Gilliam, fifth chair alto saxophone; Raul Barrios, first chair tenor saxophone; Caleb Dickerson, seventh chair trumpet; Matthew Calderon, 11<sup>th</sup> chair trumpet; Whitney Nutt, eighth chair French horn; Todd Jansa, first chair baritone; and Nathan Olvera, second alternate tuba.

The band students are directed by Harold Hinsley and Teresa Carlisle.

New York was the first state to require the licensing of motor vehicles. The law was adopted in 1901.

## Hart group selling tiles for Centennial Pavilion

Constructing a pavilion in Hart has been the dream of many of the city's residents for many years, and in the city's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday year, organizers hope to bring that dream to life.

Hart's proposed "Centennial Pavilion" will be constructed east of Hale County State Bank's Hart Banking Center on land donated to the city for the project. Estimated cost of the project is between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

The 57' x 80' pavilion will be an all metal structure with one solid wall on the north and three open sides. The pavilion will feature a stage, dressing rooms, restroom facilities and a storage area. Motion sensor lights will provide protection for the pavilion.

On the west end of the lot, organizers are planning to develop and landscape a plaza area.

"We are hoping to pay for this structure through the sale of memorial tiles, grants and private contributions," said Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain. "The tiles are 7-1/2" x 15" in dimension. Each will be made of Texas red granite and they are very pretty. The finished tiles will cover the north wall and surround the stage. They will be engraved with the names of anyone you wish to honor—parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, pioneer settlers, businesses, churches or civic organizations."

According to McLain, each tile will cost \$160, and that includes engraving costs for up to 25 characters. Extra characters will cost the buyer \$1 each. Those who wish to purchase a tile should send a check for \$150 payable to Centennial Pavilion at PO Box 174, Hart 79043.

McLain said dates are optional, but if you want to include a date, it could be the date you arrived in Hart or an anniversary date. She asks that if a date is included, that the buyer specify what date it is because anniversary dates will be designated by a wedding bell, which will be an extra character.

Those who elect to wait until May 1 to purchase a tile will have to pay \$170.

The proposed Centennial Pavilion was designed by Robbie Hawkins,

who also was in on the design and construction of the gazebo in Dimmitt. Percy Parsons arranged for the purchase and engraving of the tiles.

The 15 Hart residents who form the committee working on the project are Joe Percy Hart, Jonalyn Jones, Virginia Reed, Shirley Barnes, Danny Rodriguez, Rhonda Aven, Aurelia Perez, Toni Nelson, Pancho Diaz, Stacey Finch, Christopher George, Neoma Williams, Robbie Hawkins, Percy Parsons and McLain.

"This will be your opportunity to have your name etched in stone in the annals of Hart's history," McLain said. "We plan to dedicate the Pavilion during the Hart Days celebration the last week in July 2000. We will also be burying a time capsule at that time."



## Who's New

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a boy for Suzanne and Joe Herrera of Dimmitt. Their son, Ethan Kain Herrera, was born at 9:59 p.m. on Jan. 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Ethan Kain weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. He has a big brother, Nathaniel Joe Herrera, who is 2. Paternal grandparents are Isabell and Robert Perez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Irene and Rene Villegas of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Lupe Ramirez of Dimmitt and Bernandina Herrera of New Mexico.

### OUT-OF-TOWN

Jeff and Amy McKissick of Lubbock are the parents of a new baby boy, Ryan David McKissick, who was born Dec. 31 at 12:43 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Max and Liz (Murphy) Crittenden of Bosnia and Ted and Carol McKissick of Belton. Charlyne Murphy of Abilene and Dr. Bill and Yulia Murphy of Dimmitt are proud great-grandparents.

Adam Olivarez and Angelica Vidal are the parents of a baby boy, Nathaniel Xavier Olivarez, who was born at 6:47 a.m. on Nov. 26 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Nathaniel weighed in at 6 lbs., 3 ozs., and was 18-1/2 inches long. He has a big sister, Brie-Anna Renee Vidal, who is 3. Paternal grandparents are Elma Ochoa of Amarillo and Gilbert Olivarez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents were Juanita Vidal and Ernesto Porras, both of Dimmitt, and Abel Lopez of Lazbuddie. Great-grandparents are Angeltita Quezada of Dimmitt, Crescencio Vidal Sr. of Bakersfield, Calif., Angie Olivarez of Austin and Cecilia Moncada of Lazbuddie.

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## Businesses asked to participate in 'Groundhog Job Shadow Day'

Students from Dimmitt High School will observe Groundhog Job Shadow Day on Feb. 2, and local businesses are asked to participate by providing "shadowing" experiences for the students.

DHS teacher Jackie Odom said that local employers are asked to provide "shadowing" opportunities for students, assigning one or more employees to show a student around during the special day and explain about their job duties.

Employers who want to participate need to notify Odom at the high school by Jan. 20. They will be given materials and help with planning the day's activities for the visiting students.

Odom said that the program will

help students understand the link between academics and careers and help them answer the question, "Why do I have to learn this?"

This project can show students career possibilities in different industries and help prepare a future workforce, in addition to showing a tangible commitment to supporting and improving the community, Odom said.

"Right now, we just need to find out how many businesses would be willing to participate," Odom said. "Those who are interested or who want more information may call me at the school, 647-3105."

There also is a guide to Groundhog Job Shadow Day activities on the Internet at [www.jobshadow.org](http://www.jobshadow.org)

## McGrorey to speak to autoimmune group

Michelle McGrorey will speak to the Castro County Autoimmune Disease Association Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 115 W. Bedford.

All interested persons are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.

McGrorey will speak about diabetes, one of the 80-plus autoimmune diseases. She will speak about what treatments are available and give other information about the disease.

She also will talk about how other autoimmune diseases may lead to diabetes, particularly in those who have to take corticosteroids, and the importance of diet for those suffering from chronic diseases.

"We hope everyone who is interested in this subject will attend, including those who suffer from diabetes and their family members," said Linda Maxwell, a member of CCADA. "Information is one of the best weapons we have in maintaining our health."

## Helton will retire as CEO of New Century Energies

New Century Energies has announced that its chairman and chief executive officer Bill D. Helton will retire effective March 1.

The NCE board named Helton to the honorary position of chairman emeritus in recognition of his 36 years of service and leadership.

Vice Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer Wayne H. Brunetti has been elected to succeed Helton as chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Helton had been scheduled to step down as CEO on Feb. 1, remaining as chair until the closing of NCE's pending merger with Northern States Power of Minneapolis, expected later this year.

"I felt it made sense for me to step down now to facilitate the transition. The people in these two fine companies have significant integration

work to do, as they create the eighth largest gas and electric utility in the country," Helton said.

Brunetti will be CEO of the merged company for the first year, until Northern States Power's chairman Jim Howard steps down a year after closing. Brunetti will then assume both titles.

"We'll miss Bill and his leadership, both inside the company and in the community," said Brunetti. "I personally wish him well in his future ventures."

"I have been exhilarated by helping New Century Energies out of two great smaller companies, and I've enjoyed getting this next merger ready to go. But my role in that is essentially finished and I'd like to proceed to the next challenge," Helton said.



Rachal Harman

## Harman named to all-state band

Rachal Harman, a junior at Dimmitt High School, has qualified to perform with the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band in San Antonio Feb. 12 during the Texas Music Educators Association convention.

She won eighth place among 33 clarinets in area try-outs held Saturday at Sundown.

Harman is the daughter of Billy and Carolyn Harman of Dimmitt. She takes clarinet lessons from Luis Hernandez of Canyon, and she is a member of the Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band, directed by Harold Hinsley.

The ATSSB is comprised of bands in class A, AA, and AAA high schools in Texas.

This is Harman's first time to qualify for All-State.

Also participating in area try-outs from Dimmitt was L.J. Soler. He is a freshman and plays the trumpet. He was rated 24th at area and did not qualify to advance to state.

## 4-H club manager meeting set

There will be a 4-H club manager's meeting Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will also meet that night at 7.

This meeting will be to finalize plans for the Castro County Stock Show Concession Stand.

All 4-H parents and adult leaders are encouraged to attend.



## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Jan. 13-21.

### DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

MONDAY: Blueberry cereal bar, apple juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Canadian bacon and biscuit, applesauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, cranberry sauce, hot wheat rolls and milk.

MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk.

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

FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, cantaloup and milk.

### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions and peppers; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, chicken fried steak or enchiladas; mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; onion rings, refried beans or spinach; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; combread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, baked chicken Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, peas or Italian

vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; white hot rolls, cornmeal twist rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

### HART Breakfast

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

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs and ham, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Muffins, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Waffles, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

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

THURSDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Ham, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

### Junior High/High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, banana pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or nachos with ground beef; dill pickles, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, salad, peas, jalapeno peppers, and milk, punch or tea.

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THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger with

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FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, chicken sandwich and potato chips or barbecued sandwich and potato chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuits, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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

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

### Lunch

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FRIDAY: \* Chicken pot pie or chef's salad, tossed salad, peas and carrots, applesauce, carrot cake and milk or juice.

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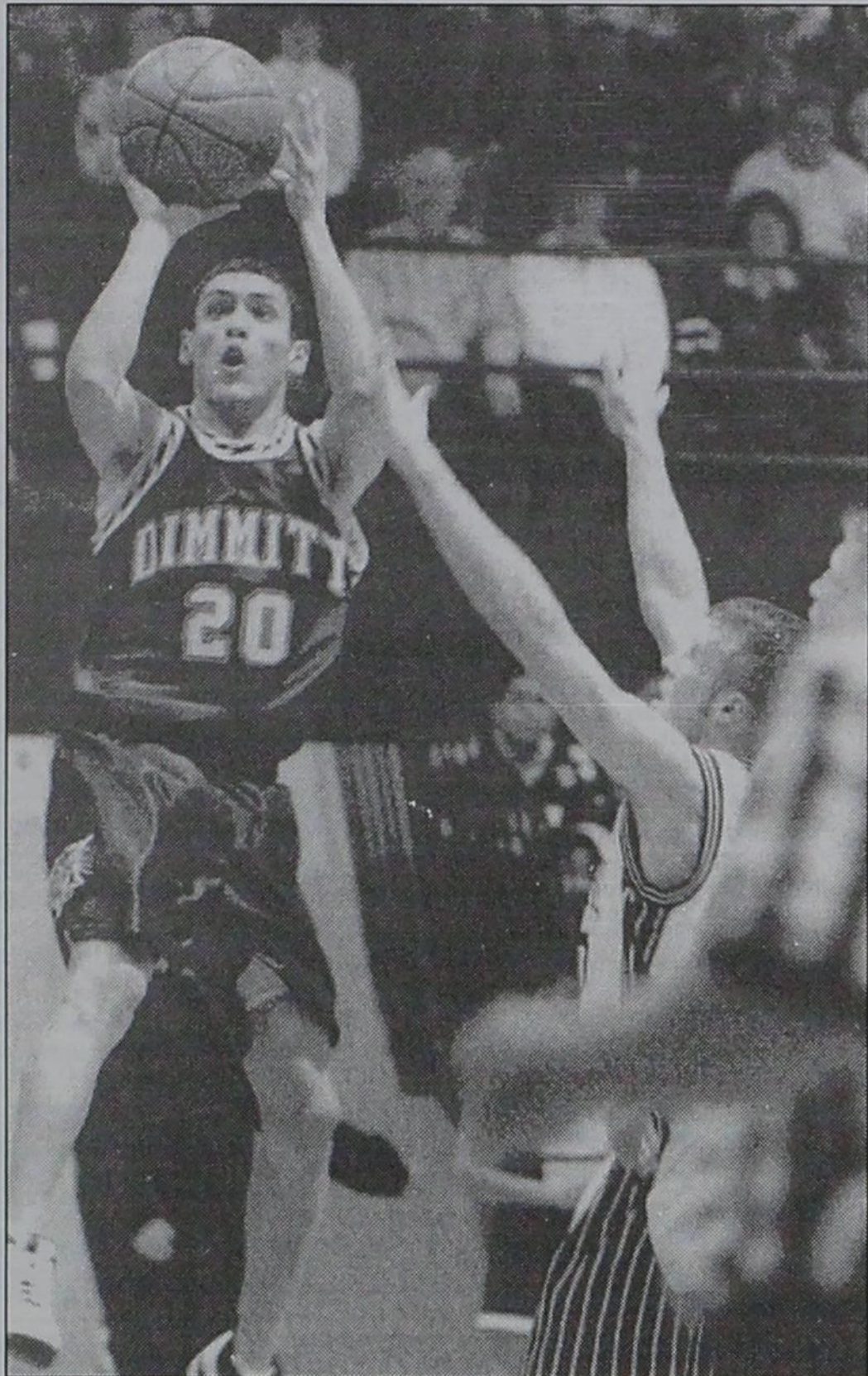
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# Sports



DANIEL FLORES (20) sinks a basket in the second quarter to keep the Bobcats within three points of Muleshoe, 16-19, in the second quarter of Friday night's varsity boys' game at Muleshoe. Flores netted 14 points to pace Dimmitt's scorers. The potent Mules notched a 61-47 victory in the non-conference game. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

## Cats topple Tulia, 56-51

Even if you're one of the two top-ranked teams in the region, you need to dread playing in Dimmitt's house.

Tulia's Hornets learned that lesson again Tuesday night in the District 1-AAA boys' opener when the Bobcats won a thrilling 56-51 victory over the district favorites.

Cleveland Memorial Gym was almost packed for the initial face-off between the two rivals.

What the fans got for their money was a well-played, disciplined game that waxed and waned throughout, with four lead changes.

Tulia's Mikey Marshall showed why he's a first-team all-stater as he sank 23 points from all angles and distances and provided an imposing front for the Hornets' 1-2-2 zone defense.

Junior wing Daniel Proffitt was a major factor in the Dimmitt win. He stepped up and nailed six three-pointers—the most he has ever hit in a game—and it seemed that every one of them came at a crucial time for the Bobcats.

Junior post Kevin Sanders was big for Dimmitt, too, notching 16 points from all distances.

It was a barrage of treys by Proffitt, Sanders and senior guard Sammy Prieto that put the Bobcats ahead midway in the second quarter and gave them the momentum for a 28-25 halftime lead.

Another major factor in the game was the super job that the smaller but more intense Bobcats did of establishing position on Tulia's end of the court. The Bobcats picked off one defensive rebound after another, denying the deadly Hornets a lot of second shots.

"We worked all week on rebounding," Prieto said. "We were ready to play."

According to Bobcat Coach Alan Steinle, it was a typical Dimmitt team victory.

"Our kids just played together, and that's obviously the secret," Steinle said. "We were just able to stay with

them."

The Hornets appeared to be off to the races in the first quarter when they built a 16-10 lead by the 0:36 mark. Sanders and senior post Taylor Matthews kept Dimmitt in the game while Marshall led Tulia's scoring.

With 20 seconds left in the quarter, Proffitt nailed his first three-pointer to make it 13-16.

Midway in the second, Proffitt and Sanders swished back-to-back treys from the same corner within 25 seconds to complete an 11-4 Dimmitt run and give the Bobcats a lead that they would hold until late in the third.

"Going into the game, I wasn't even looking for the three," Proffitt said, "but they left me open. I'll take what they give me."

"That run in the second quarter was real important to us," Coach Steinle said. "It showed our kids that we could stay with them."

Tulia took the lead again with 2:35 left in the third, and owned a 44-41 advantage at the end of the period.

But Prieto erased that advantage when he opened the fourth with his second three-pointer from downtown to tie it at 44.

Midway in the fourth, Proffitt sank his sixth trey of the night to put Dimmitt in front for good, 50-49.

Instead of protecting their lead, the Bobcats kept attacking. Matthews grabbed a rim-out and sank a put-back underneath to hike the lead to 52-49 at the 1:11 mark.

Meanwhile, Prieto grabbed a couple of crucial defensive rebounds, wresting the ball away from taller Tulia players.

"Those rebounds and that put-back by Taylor inside gave us the momentum," Steinle said. "I think at that point, that was the difference in the game."

Larra and Sanders finished out the scoring for the Bobcats from the free-throw line, sinking four of six in the final 37 seconds.

The Bobcats outscored the Hornets 15-7 in the fourth period.

In the varsity girls' game, the Bobbies had little trouble with the Lady Hornets as they built a 36-21 halftime lead and coasted to a 58-46 win.

The victory gave the Bobbies a 1-1 record in district play.

Carol Summers scored 14 points, had three assists and made two steals as she ran the team from out front.

Forward Heather Black also scored 14 points and recorded two steals.

Post Tamara Robertson notched 11 points, sinking 80% of her field shots in the process, and grabbed eight rebounds.

Post Audrey Saenz was the leading rebounder with nine, and also recorded three steals and two assists.

Summers, Black and Kylie Webb hit 100% from the free-throw line, with Black hitting six, Summers two and Webb one.



HEATHER BLACK (13) scores Dimmitt's final basket at Perryton Friday night on a fast break with 33 seconds remaining in the game. This basket closed the Rangerettes' lead to 66-60, but that was as close as the Bobbies could get as the Rangerettes took a 70-61 victory in the District 1-AAA opener. Black led Dimmitt with 25 points. *Photo by Don Nelson*

## Shaky start dooms Bobbies at Perryton

For the Bobbies, the district season didn't start well at all.

For one thing, it started about 90 minutes too early. And for another, it started with a 61-70 loss to Perryton's Rangerettes.

After making the 3½-hour road trip to Perryton for two girls' games Friday evening, Dimmitt's players and coaches learned that the usual order was being reversed and that the varsity game would be played first—at 6.

Hardly any Dimmitt parents or other fans were on hand for the start of the game. Most of Dimmitt's "faithful few" who made the 380-mile round trip dribbled in during the first half, expecting to catch the last half of the jayvee game before the varsity girls played.

After a disastrous first quarter, the Bobbies found themselves almost hopelessly behind, 21-4.

"We didn't play very well at all in the first quarter," Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland said. "It's hard to stay with a team like Perryton when you have 10 turnovers in one quarter. We couldn't pass or catch."

The Bobbies spent the next three quarters playing catch-up—and they almost pulled it off by cranking up the game's tempo.

They matched the tall, talented Rangerettes in the second period, 12-

12, and gained two points on them in the third, but still trailed by 15 points, 33-48, going into the final frame.

They made an impressive run in the fourth and pulled within seven points at 58-65 when Tamara Robertson popped a three-pointer with less than a minute left.

Heather Black, who led the Dimmitt charge, added a fast-break basket with 33 seconds remaining to cut Perryton's lead to 66-60, but that's as close as the Bobbies could get before the clock ran out.

"We don't mind going full court, full tilt," Coach Gilliland said. "That's what they were allowing us, and we needed to create some offense. It was just too little, too late."

Black finished with 25 points—her highest total so far this season—as she hit 60% of her field-goal attempts (9/15) and seven of eight free throws.

Tamara Robertson with 12 points was the only other Dimmitt player to score in double figures. She also was the Bobbies' leading rebounder with seven, while Audrey Saenz snared six.

Courtney Nowlin paced the Rangerettes with 18 while Lindsay Dyer and Tabitha Fletcher notched 11 apiece.



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Lady Horns fall, 45-36

# Horns overcome second-half slump to beat S-E in overtime

A lackluster performance by Hart in the second half Friday allowed the Springlake-Earth Wolverines to erase a 10-point halftime deficit and send the game into overtime.

But the Longhorns were able to regroup in the bonus period and Jeremiah Velasquez sparked his team with a three-pointer and pair of free throws during the extra period to lead Hart to a 70-66 District 8-A win.

The Hart Lady Horns fell behind Springlake-Earth early in the game and never recovered, although they put together a big rally attempt in the fourth quarter. That rally came up just short, and Hart suffered its first district loss, 45-36.

Friday's matchup in Springlake-Earth was the district opener for both schools.

Hart was all over the Wolverines in the opening stanza, running up a 15-9 score by the end of the stanza.

Hart's hot shooters continued to dominate in the second period as the Longhorns claimed a 34-24 lead by intermission.

Springlake-Earth found success offensively in the second half, outscoring the Longhorns 21-15 in the third quarter to trim Hart's lead to

four. The Wolverines then erased the Longhorn advantage totally with a 19-15 fourth quarter effort.

Hart held the lead with five seconds left, but fouled a Springlake-Earth player with five seconds left. The shooter at the foul stripe was able to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The Longhorns defense did the job in the overtime period, holding Springlake-Earth to two points while their offense managed six points for the win.

The Wolverines controlled the tip starting the bonus period because Hart's big man, Joey Pantoja, had been injured earlier in the game.

Velasquez fouled and the Wolverines promptly made the second of two free throws to take a one-point edge.

After a missed Hart shot on the other end of the floor, Reyna nabbed the offensive rebound, then found an open Velasquez who drained a three-pointer to give Hart a 67-65 lead with 1:45 left.

The Wolverine offense got off a shot, but it rimmed out and Keith Finch snared the rebound. Hart didn't keep the ball for long, though, because Reyna was whistled for a double dribble.

Velasquez picked up another foul and the shooter made one of two attempts from the line.

He made up for the foul seconds later when he was hacked by the Wolverines. Velasquez counted both free throws to give Hart a little more breathing room.

With 12 seconds left, Bennett was sent to the charity stripe and he made one of two shots to ice the win for the Longhorns.

Velasquez and Jacob Reyna enjoyed good games Friday, scoring 26 and 18 points, respectively, to lead Hart in the win. Jeff Bennett added 11 points for the Longhorns.

In the girls' game, the Lady Horns suffered from a scoring drought through the first three quarters and that allowed Springlake-Earth to build a solid lead.

Hart trailed the Lady Wolverines 14-6 in the first quarter and 22-11 at halftime.

Springlake-Earth extended its lead in the third quarter by outscoring Hart 11-6.

The Lady Horns finally got their shots to fall in the fourth quarter and outscored Springlake-Earth 19-12, but the early deficit was too big to erase.



**NAZARETH SENIOR CASSIE BIRKENFELD** (seated, left) has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Wayland Baptist University in Plainview next year. Birkenfeld was offered a full scholarship at Wayland, covering tuition, fees, room,

board and books for four years. On hand to sign Birkenfeld was the Flying Queens' coach, Johnna Pointer (seated, right). Also present were (standing, from left) Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett and Birkenfeld's parents, Sidney and Peggy Birkenfeld.

*Photo by Anne Acker*

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## Good Luck,

# Bobbies and Bobcats!

FRIDAY: Bobbies & Bobcats vs. River Road, There

TUESDAY: Bobbies & Bobcats vs. Sanford-Fritch, Here

### Schedule and Scores

Jan. 14—\*River Road, There  
 Jan. 18—\*Sanford-Fritch, Here  
 Jan. 21—\*Dalhart, There  
 Jan. 25—\*Tulia, There  
 Jan. 28—\*Perryton, Here  
 Feb. 1—\*Sanford-Fritch, There  
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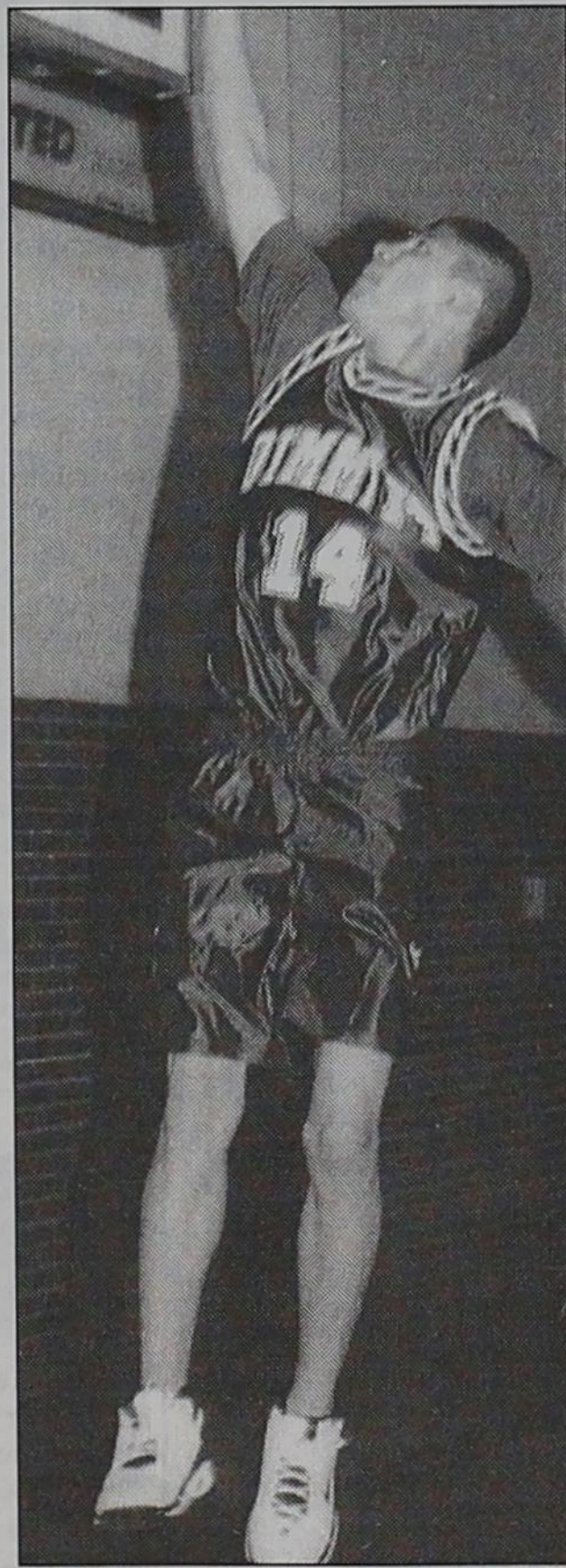
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 31, Borger 66  
**Queen's Classic**  
 27, Plainview 66  
 62, Vega 69  
 55, Hale Center 40  
 35, Hereford 49  
**Levelland Invitational**  
 40, Idalou 42  
 49, Slaton 51  
 57, Muleshoe 59  
 46, Levelland 50  
 40, Friona 53  
 46, Lubbock Coronado 85  
**Caprock Tournament**  
 50, Lamesa 32  
 40, Shallowater 67  
 55, Lubbock Estacado 44  
 45, Caprock 51  
 50, Littlefield 34  
 53, Slaton 50  
 61, Perryton 70  
 58, Tulia 46  
**Season Record: 6-15**  
**District Record: 1-1**

#### Bobcats

54, Randall 81  
 69, Levelland 60  
 67, Borger 80  
 74, Farwell 57  
 60, Hereford 33  
**Pioneer Classic**  
 67, Estacado 66  
 47, Hale Center 50  
 78, Muleshoe 72  
**Abernathy Tournament**  
 64, Trinity Christian 84  
 40, Muleshoe 45  
 50, Idalou 38  
 54, Friona 42  
 56, Lubbock Coronado 62  
**Caprock Tournament**  
 52, Big Spring 54  
 47, Caprock 44  
 61, Seminole 69  
 55, Littlefield 40  
 54, Slaton 41  
 47, Muleshoe 61  
 56, Tulia 51  
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# Swiftettes bounce defending state champs, 65-48, in Vega

After a slow start, the Nazareth Swiftettes shook off a few jitters, then settled down into a smothering defense that rocked the defending Class A state champion Vega Lady Horns, 65-48, Friday night in Vega.

The victory gave the No. 2-ranked Swiftettes a leg up in the intense District 8-A race for the playoffs, even though it was the district opener. Vega is ranked No. 5 in the state while another 8-A power, Sudan, holds down the No. 3 spot.

Nazareth had a few problems getting started in the first quarter, allowing Vega's hot shooters to mount a 6-0 lead two minutes into the game.

But Nazareth battled back and trailed Vega by just a point, 12-13, after the first quarter.

Nazareth scored the first five points of the second quarter to take the lead and they never trailed again. The Swiftettes iced the game in the fourth quarter when Vega applied a full-court press in an attempt to catch up. Nazareth's guards repeatedly broke through the Lady Horns' press and found an open Whitney Hoelting downtown. Hoelting scored four buckets on fast breaks as Nazareth pulled further and further away from Vega in the fourth period.

The 6-0 post was Nazareth's leading scorer in the game, finishing with 17 points. Point guard Stephanie Thiel was on fire for the Swiftettes through the first three quarters, scoring 16 points as she hit shot after shot and fed open teammates for baskets. She was the catalyst in breaking the press in the fourth quarter, too.

Cassie Birkenfeld chipped in 12 points for Nazareth while Sara Schulte and Shawna Gerber added

nine apiece.

Vega was paced by a 12-point performance from Kimberly Artho. Kelly Cleavinger added 10 and Kyla May finished with eight.

For the game, the Swiftettes hit 49% of their shots from the field (26-of-53), and they were almost perfect from the charity stripe, making 7-of-8 attempts. Vega shooters made just 17-of-37 attempts from the field and 9-of-10 from the free throw line.

Nazareth dominated the boards Friday, out-rebounding the Lady Horns 27-17. The Swiftette defense forced Vega into committing 17 turnovers, too.

Vega took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter after Bethany Solomon sank a three-pointer seconds into the game, then Kimberly Artho counted a shot and ensuing free throw two minutes into the game.

Nazareth countered with a layup by Schulte, then a steal, layup and free throw by Thiel to make it a one-point game.

Another trey by Solomon with 5:03 left in the period put Vega back up by four, then 6-0 post May scored on an offensive put-back at the 4:16 mark for an 11-5 Vega lead.

Nazareth took a time out, and after the break, the game was a defensive battle for three minutes until Birkenfeld popped a shot from outside with 1:20 left. After Stacy Schenk scored, Nazareth reeled off five unanswered points to end the quarter, using a jumper by Hoelting after a Lesley Brockman offensive rebound, and a three by Birkenfeld after a Brockman steal to make it a one-point game.

Thiel went to work early in the

second quarter, hitting a three-pointer, then getting the steal and layup to give Nazareth its first lead, 17-13, with 7:15 left in the half.

Vega called a quick time out and returned to the court with a shot by all-stater Cleavinger.

Hoelting converted a three-point play that put Nazareth up by five.

Nazareth scored seven unanswered points midway through the quarter and built a 10-point lead on a pair of free throws by Mandy Hoelting at the 2:38 mark.

Back-to-back shots by May on strong inside moves over the final 1:40 of the half pulled Vega within six at the break, 27-21.

Nazareth's defense controlled the tempo of the game in the second half, and the Swiftettes used that defense to create a lot of their offense.

Two early Vega turnovers resulted in baskets by Schulte and Thiel, giving Nazareth a 10-point lead again.

Cleavinger nailed a shot off the dribble on a penetration to kill the Swiftette run, but that was erased seconds later when Thiel found nothing but net on a three-point attempt.

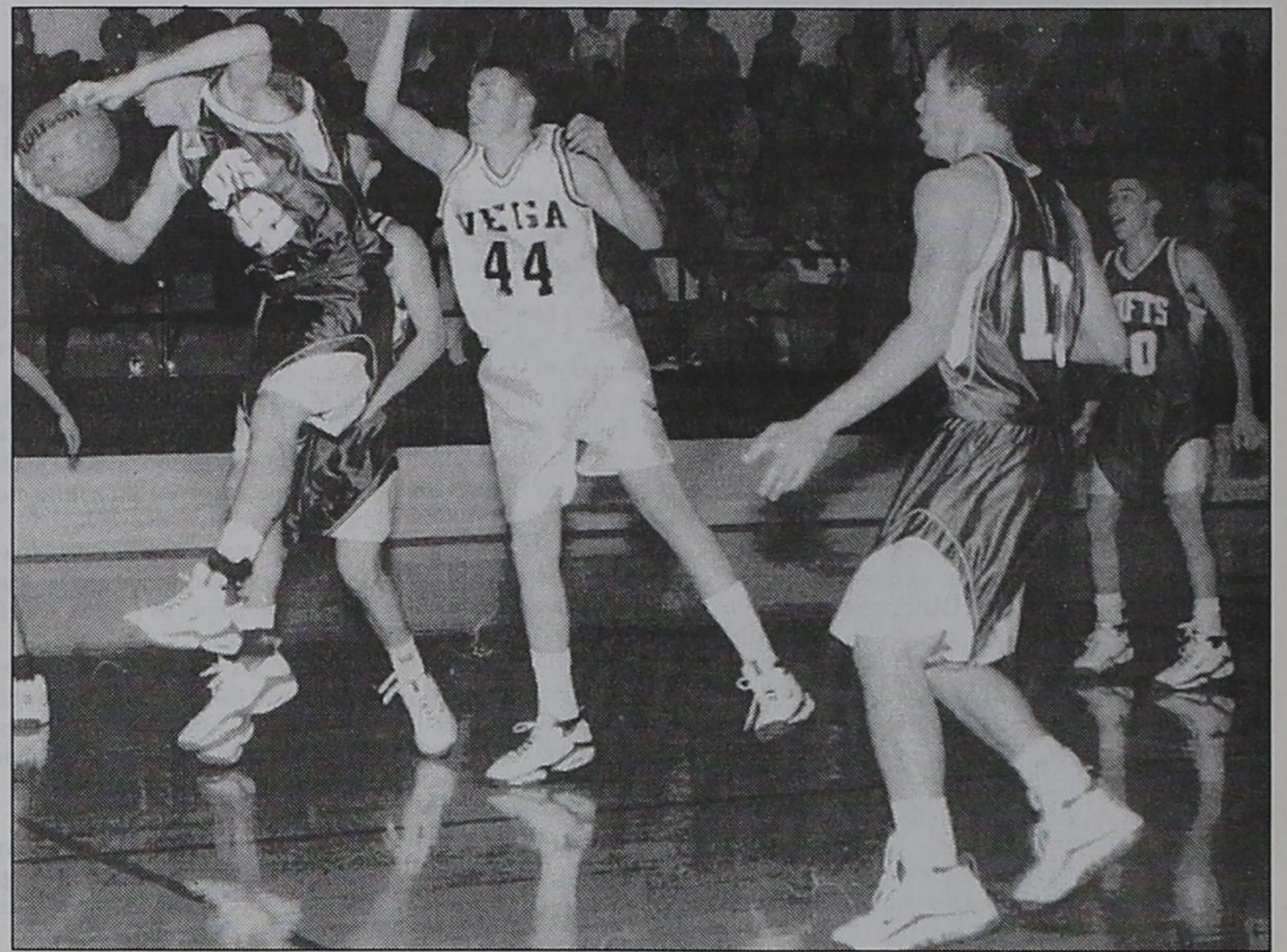
Nazareth took a 13-point lead, 37-26, when Shawna Gerber finally got her first basket of the game, a three-pointer from the top of the key with 5:12 left in the third.

Vega would cut the Nazareth lead to nine with 2:52 left after Artho hit a three-pointer, but Nazareth quickly put a little breathing room on the board with a shot by Schulte, three-pointer and two free throws by Thiel, and a jumper by Whitney Hoelting. By the time the buzzer signaled the end of the quarter, Nazareth was in control by 12, 49-37.

A three-pointer by Meyer opened fourth-quarter action and trimmed Nazareth's lead to nine, but the Swiftettes turned up the heat defensively after that. Gerber counted two buckets over a two-minute span to keep Nazareth in front, then Schulte went to work, recording several steals that held Vega at bay.

Hoelting scored six points on fast-break plays over a two-minute span, then Schulte added a steal and coast-to-coast layup with two minutes left to give Nazareth a 61-47 lead.

Down the stretch, the Swiftettes got another fast-break bucket from Hoelting and another layup by Birkenfeld to provide the final 65-48 score.



ERIC SCHILLING (42) nabs a rebound, then hits teammate Ky Wilcox (10) on an outlet pass, starting a fast break that resulted in a Swift layup Friday in a District 8-A game at Vega. Nazareth smothered

Vega throughout the contest, coasting to a 68-29 win. Wilcox led the team with 15 points while twin brother Kade added 14 and Daryl Pohlmeier chipped in 13.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Sudan takes district lead with victory over Nazareth Tuesday

Icy shooting, numerous fouls and Sudan's Sheena Embry spelled trouble for the second-ranked Nazareth Swiftettes Tuesday night.

Embry scored 14 of her team's 16 points in the first quarter of Tuesday night's District 8-A showdown between the second-ranked Swiftettes and third-ranked Hornettes, and the Sudan girls rode that lead to a 61-48 win.

She dominated the stanza, sparking her team to a 16-7 lead that would hold up the entire game, and the Hornettes pulled out a 13-point win, 61-48, in Nazareth.

After taking a 3-0 lead early in the game on a free throw by Cassie Birkenfeld and an offensive rebound and bucket by Shawna Gerber, Nazareth went cold and Embry took over.

She scored 14 of the next 16 points during a 16-4 Sudan run.

In the second quarter, the Swiftettes switched to a zone defense, surrounding Embry in the paint, and they basically shut down

the post player for the rest of the game. She finished with 22 on the night.

Nazareth did slow down Embry and Sudan's offense after the initial period, but the Swiftettes struggled from the field all night long.

Gerber, who is one of Nazareth's leading scorers, only had two points in the game.

She, along with starters Sara Schulte and Cassie Birkenfeld fouled out early in the fourth quarter and that was costly for the Swiftettes.

Nazareth hit just three of its first 11 shots in the game and the Swiftettes were 0-of-6 from three-point range in the stanza.

Sudan had no problems finding their mark, hitting 50% of their attempts in the quarter.

The Nettes took an 11-point lead midway through the second quarter after Sheila Huey took over where Embry left off, scoring several buckets after Nazareth turnovers or on transition plays after defensive rebounds.

The Swiftettes kept it a 10-point game by the end of the half, but Sudan was in control, 29-19.

Sudan took its biggest lead of the game at the four minute mark in the

third quarter when a free throw put the team up 36-22.

But Nazareth came back with a pair of baskets by Whitney Hoelting and three free throws by Stephanie Thiel to keep it a 10-point game after three, 39-29.

After Birkenfeld scored on an offensive put-back to open fourth-quarter scoring, Nazareth trailed by just eight, but then the fouls ate away at the Swiftettes' chances for a comeback.

Schulte fouled out with 7:22 left and two free throws by Sudan gave the Nettes another 10-point lead.

Gerber fouled out 16 seconds later. Less than a minute after Gerber went to the bench, Birkenfeld picked up her fifth foul.

Thiel kept Nazareth close down the stretch, hitting four free throws and two three-pointers, the second of which pulled Nazareth within nine with 1:54 left.

But Swiftette fouls repeatedly sent the Sudan girls to the line and they made good on most of their attempts to hold on for the win.

Thiel was Nazareth's leading scorer, finishing with 21. Hoelting added 11.

# Swifts club Vega in district opener

Vega scored nine points in the quarter of its District 8-A opener with Nazareth Friday night, but that was the most offensive production the Longhorns would have in any quarter.

Nazareth's defense wore down the Longhorns as the game progressed, giving up just 29 points enroute to a 68-29 blowout in Vega.

Nazareth was paced by Ky Wilcox, who finished with 15 points; Kade Wilcox, who had 14; and Daryl Pohlmeier, who added another 13.

Nazareth hit three of four shots from the foul line to open scoring Friday, then Vega finally got on the board with a free throw of its own.

The first shot from the field was made at the six minute mark when Kade Wilcox drained a three-pointer.

Vega's Jason Cousins got the first basket for the Longhorns 20 seconds later.

Nazareth's defense forced back-to-back Vega turnovers, and the second of those turned into a three-pointer by Ky Wilcox with 4:38 left in the

quarter, and that gave the Swifts a 9-3 lead.

Vega would cut that lead to two with two minutes left before the Swifts were able to pull away with baskets by Pohlmeier and Tyler Ehly, and a pair of free throws by Eric Schilling.

Justin Wolfe fouled Kade Wilcox on a penetration and jump shot early in the second period, and Wilcox made good the shot and free throw to put Nazareth up 18-11.

A pair of free throws at the 6:02 mark would be Vega's last points of the quarter until Tate Bennett connected with seconds left in the half.

During that six minute Vega drought, Nazareth reeled off 16 unanswered points to take a 34-13 lead and controlled the game by a commanding 34-15 score at half.

That run was sparked by eight Vega turnovers which the Swifts were able to convert into 10 points.

Nazareth coach Mike Scarborough went to his bench in the third quarter, and the Swifts had no letdown.

Jase Merritt came in and counted seven points in the stanza, including a three pointer as Nazareth took a 50-24 lead.

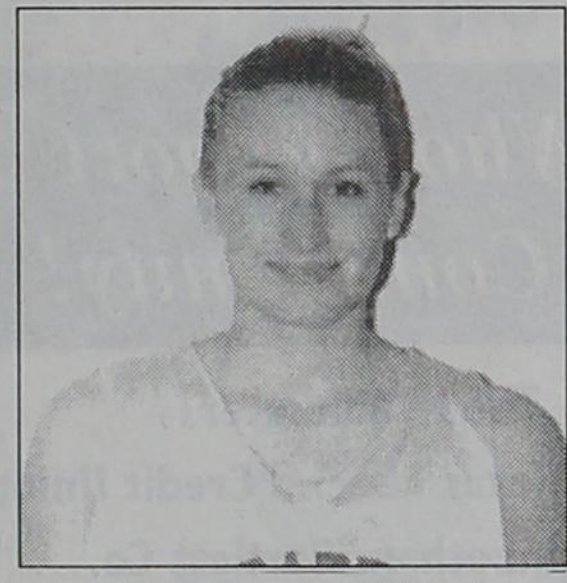
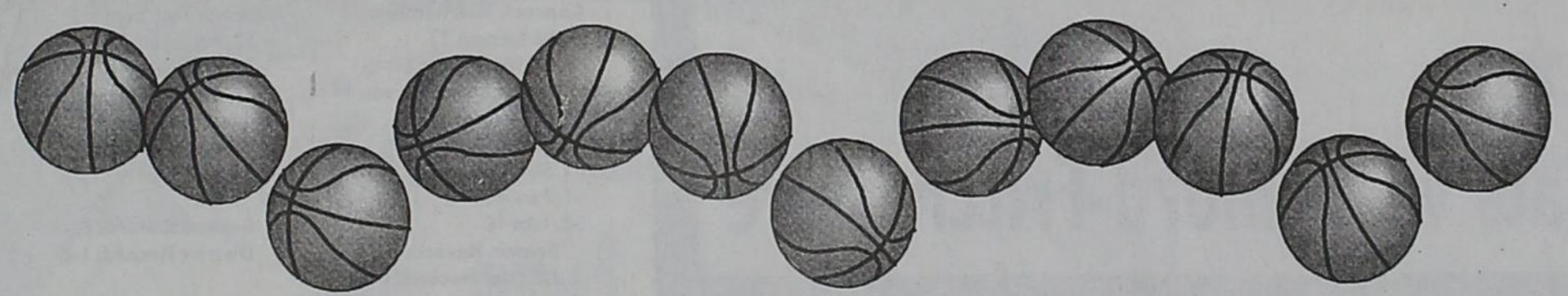
The quarter started with a baseline drive and jumper by Kade Wilcox, then he added another jumper on an offensive rebound with 5:29 left. That gave Nazareth a 38-21 lead.

Vega got a jumper from Irabor Okogbo early in the quarter, then he added a free throw with 6:32 left in the period. That was all Nazareth would allow the Longhorns until Justin Noggler connected on three free throws late in the period.

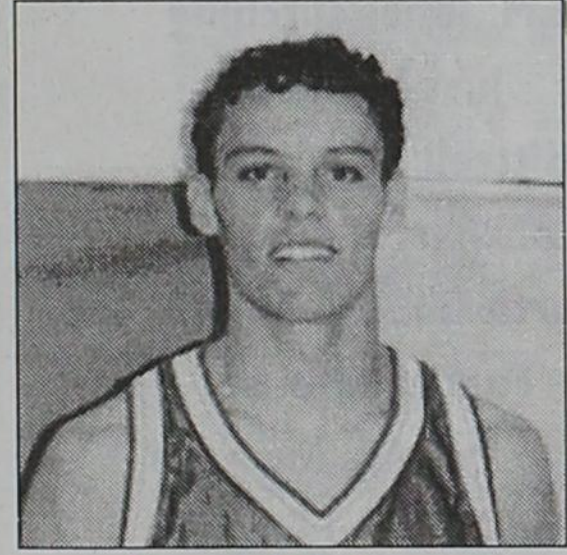
Nazareth outscored the Longhorns 16-9 during the quarter, and the Swifts ran off 11 straight points during the long Longhorn cold spell.

Over the final eight minutes, the Swifts reeled off 18 points and limited Vega to five for the win.

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**TUESDAY: Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Hart, There**

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**HART'S LINDSEY MONTEMAYOR (35) faces man-to-man pressure from a Springlake-Earth defender Friday in a District 8-A showdown at Springlake. The Lady Horns had problems early and couldn't recover, losing to the Lady Wolverines, 45-36.**  
Photo by Rachel Wall



# Hoop Scores

## FRIDAY

**Swiftettes 65, Vega 48**  
Nazareth 12 15 22 16—65  
Vega 13 8 16 11—48  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 17, Stephanie Thiel 16, Cassie Birkenfeld 10.

**Swifts 68, Vega 29**  
Nazareth 15 19 16 18—68  
Vega 9 6 9 5—29  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Ky Wilcox 15, Kade Wilcox 14, Daryl Pohlmeier 13.

**Bobcats 47, Muleshoe 61**  
Dimmitt 12 13 16 6—47  
Muleshoe 14 14 15 18—61  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Daniel Flores 14, Daniel Proffitt 11, Taylor Matthews 10.

**Bobbies 61, Perryton 70**  
Dimmitt 4 12 17 28—61  
Perryton 21 12 15 22—70  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Heather Black 25, Tamara Robertson 12.

**Longhorns 70, S'lake-Earth 66 (OT)**  
Hart 15 19 15 15 6—70  
S'lake-Earth 9 15 21 19 2—66  
**Scoring:** HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 26, Jacob Reyna 18, Jeff Bennett 11.

**Lady Horns 36, S'lake-Earth 45**  
Hart 6 5 6 19—36  
S'lake-Earth 14 8 11 12—45  
**Scoring:** HART—Geneva Finch 10.

**JV Lady Horns 27, S'lake-Earth 56**  
**JV Longhorns 45, S'lake-Earth 55**  
**JV Bobbies 40, Perryton 41**

**JV Bobcats 52, Muleshoe 38**  
Dimmitt 8 8 12 24—52  
Muleshoe 11 14 3 10—38  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT JV—Corey Lane 16, D. Norman 12.

**DIMMITT FRESHMAN TOURNEY**  
First Round  
**Freshman Bobcats 82, Friona 43**  
Dimmitt 9<sup>th</sup> 30 26 17 9—82  
Friona 13 7 5 18—43  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT 9<sup>th</sup>—Gauna 25, Brown 12.

## Championship Semifinals

**Freshman Bobcats 71, Trinity**  
Dimmitt 13 17 14 23—71  
Trinity 14 4 12 23—53  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT 9<sup>th</sup>—C. Martinez 20, Gauna 19.

**Championship**  
**Freshman Bobcats 58, Marshall 65**  
Dimmitt 7 14 12 25—58  
Marshall 14 12 23 16—65  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT 9<sup>th</sup>—Brown 17, Gauna 16, Hunter 13.

## MONDAY

**Freshman Bobcats 56, River Road 40**  
River Road 6 7 12 13—40  
Dimmitt 9<sup>th</sup> 11 9 18 18—56  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT 9<sup>th</sup>—Gauna 19, C. Martinez 12.

## TUESDAY

**Bobbies 58, Tullia 46**  
Tullia 8 13 17 8—58  
Dimmitt 16 20 14 8—46  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Carol Summers and Heather Black 14, Tamara Robertson 11.

**Bobcats 56, Tullia 51**  
Tullia 16 9 19 7—56  
Dimmitt 13 15 13 15—51  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Daniel Proffitt 18, Keevin Sanders 16.

**Swifts 67, Sudan 57**  
Sudan 13 16 12 16—67  
Nazareth 13 17 20 17—57  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Kade Wilcox 28, Eric Schilling 16.

**Swiftettes 48, Sudan 61**  
Sudan 16 13 10 22—61  
Nazareth 7 12 10 19—51  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Stephanie Thiel 21, Whitney Hoelting 11.

**Longhorns 51, Vega 45**  
Vega 9 2 18 16—45  
Hart 19 8 7 17—51  
**Scoring:** HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 15, Keith Finch 11.

**Lady Horns 33, Vega 65**  
Vega 17 16 16 16—65  
Hart 9 10 8 6—33  
**Scoring:** HART—Lacie Curry 12.

**JV Bobbies 47, Tullia 26**  
**JV Lady Horns 39, Vega 38**  
**JV Bobcats 94, Tullia 45**  
**JV Swifts 42, Sudan 30**

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Relatives of Cory and Kimberly Hoelting gathered at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tullia Sunday morning to attend the baptism of their two children during mass. Father John Salazar, pastor, officiated at the service and made the baptism so very meaningful to everyone.

Todd and Heidi Benway of Kansas were sponsors for Madison and Todd and Misty Hill of Lubbock were sponsors for Jayton.

Cory and Kimberly hosted a breakfast at their home in Tullia after the church service.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the center Sunday evening for dinner, visiting and cards. January birthdays were recognized for Leo Durbin, James and Jerry Wilhelm and Nellie Wilhelm.

Five door prizes were won by lucky members.

Leonard and Shirley Brockman of Austin were the guests of Ernie and Florene Brockman and Father Peter Otto was a guest of the Senior Citizens. We gained two new members—Frank and Josie Sharp.

The Stork sisters and their husbands enjoyed dinner and the afternoon in Lubbock on Sunday. Attending were Florene Leinen of Dimmitt, Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier of Tullia, Jean and Jim Bell of Granbury, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, and Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Denny and Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber, all of Nazareth.

A "belated" (because of the snow) reception and dance honoring Kelly Jones and Jerrod Brown was enjoyed Saturday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall.

A birthday party honoring Ray Sandoval, Clyde Schulte and Keith Gerber was enjoyed Saturday evening.

Basketball fans enjoyed watching

the junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys play in Vega Friday evening and all three teams won.

Saturday afternoon, the junior high boys and girls and junior varsity boys teams did well in the Lazbuddie tournament.

The seventh grade boys team won first, the seventh and eighth grade girls finished second, losing by a point, 36-35, in the finals; the eighth grade boys won first and the JV boys were third.

Congratulations to Justin and Cassidy Foraker of Shallowater on the birth of a girl, Shailee Brea, on Jan. 3. Grandparents are Lonny and Janice Foraker of Shallowater and Dean and Dianne Wilhelm of Nazareth.

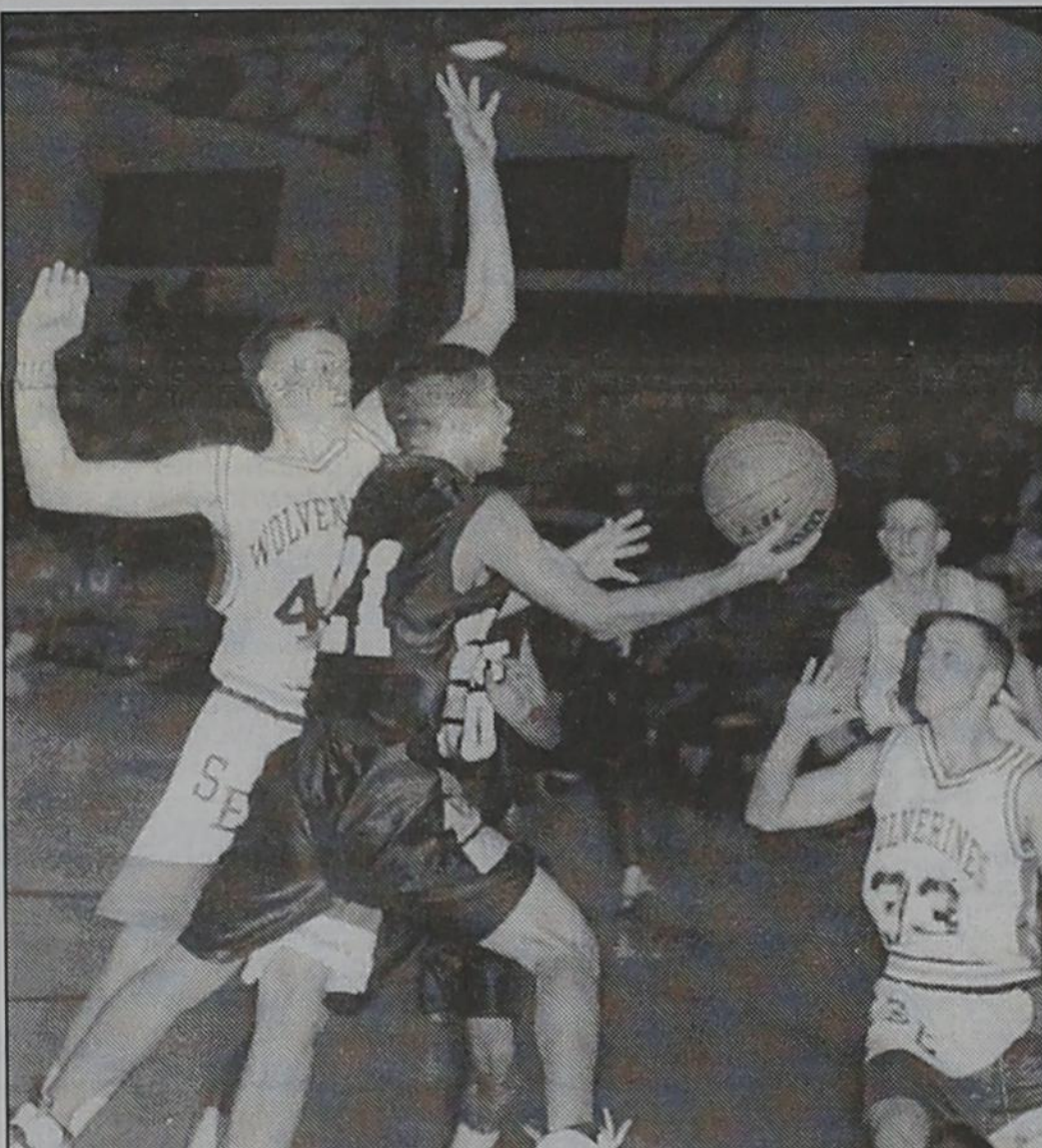
Great-grandparents are Leonard and Rosemary Wilhelm of Nazareth, Robert Durham of Mesquite and the late Kathleen Durham of Tullia, Delbert and Windol Burks of Paducah and Jack and Kathryn Smith of Hale Center. Great-great-grandfather is Martin Gilbert of Santa Anna, Calif.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Lori Huseman, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman, Gene Schacher, Leonard Gerber, Dorothy McQuilliams, Virgil Brockman, Paul Venhaus and Alvin Anderle.

## Garrett earns degree

Courtney P. Garrett of Dimmitt has earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in early childhood from Angelo State University.

Garrett received her degree along with 298 other students during fall commencement at the university.



**LOOKING FOR HELP—Hart's Jacob Reyna (21) finds himself surrounded by Wolverines as he tries to break a press Friday in a District 8-A opener between Hart and Springlake-Earth. Hart blew a lead in the second half, allowing Springlake-Earth to tie the game and send it into overtime. The Longhorns, sparked by a five-point performance from Jeremiah Velasquez in the bonus period, came back to win in OT, 70-66.**  
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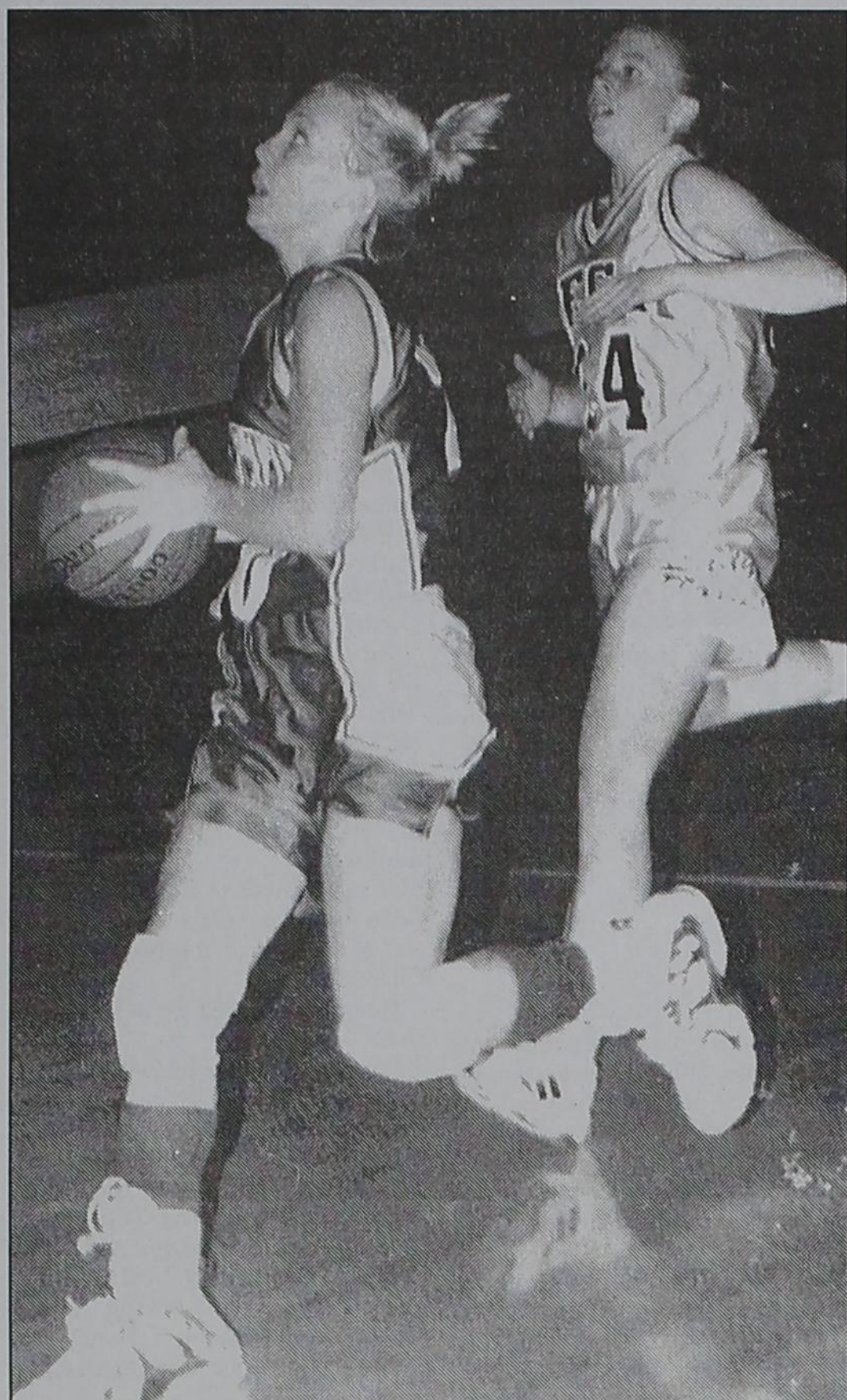
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 Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Teddy J. Copeland, Area Engineer, Lubbock, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.  
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**COAST-TO-COAST**—Nazareth's Sara Schulte (20) goes in for a layup after she gets a steal and drives the length of the floor with 2:06 left in the game Friday at Vega. Trailing Schulte on the play is Vega's Keely Meyer (24). Schulte's layup gave the Swiftettes a 61-47 lead over the defending state champions, and Nazareth went on to claim a 65-48 win in a District 8-A opener for both teams. Schulte finished with nine points.  
 Photo by Dwayne Acker

**CRP sign-up starts Tuesday**

Producers may begin signing up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on Tuesday and the sign-up period will continue through Feb. 11.  
 The CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible land.  
 Annual rental payments are made based on the agriculture rental value of the land and cost-share assistance is provided in an amount equal to but not more than 50% of the participant's costs in establishing approved practices.  
 The duration of the CRP contracts is from 10 to 15 years.  
 CRP Sign-up 20 is the fourth general CRP sign-up since enactment of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.  
 To be eligible for the CRP, land must be:  
 1. Crop land that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity in two out of the last five crop years from 1995 to 1999 that is also physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity.  
 2. Certain marginal pastureland enrolled in the Water Bank Program.  
 In addition to basic crop land eligibility requirements, at least one of the following conditions must be met:  
 1. Land must be considered highly erodible according to the conservation compliance provision or, if a portion of a field, have a weighted average erosion index of 8 or higher.  
 2. Land must be considered a cropped wetland.  
 3. Land must be subject to scour erosion.  
 4. Land must be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area.  
 5. Land must be associated with non-cropped wetlands.

Under CRP Sign-Up 20, all eligible offers will continue to be evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the environmental benefits expected to accrue if the land is enrolled in the CRP.  
 The Sign-Up 20 EBI is very similar to the EBI for Sign-Up 18, except that the federal or state-listed threatened and endangered species subfactor of the wildlife habitat component has been strengthened and clarified. The five-point category was eliminated. In some states, water quality area designations have been modified, and a few additional state conservation priority areas may have been approved.

**Vegetable production, marketing to be discussed at Hereford meeting**

A full day of presentations and workshops focusing on vegetable production and marketing awaits growers who are planning to attend Tuesday's West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford.  
 "Some of the topics our speakers will address include pesticide laws and regulations, how to do business with large retail chains, water management and crop health," said Dr. Roland Roberts, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock. "We will also have a potato health workshop, trade show and poster session at this year's conference."  
 The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center, located at 100 Avenue C at Park Avenue in Hereford. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and those attending will be charged a registration fee of \$25, which includes lunch and admission to the trade show.  
 Participants can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) towards their pesticide applicator licenses. Certified crop advisors can earn professional development credits, and certified master gardeners can earn six hours of credit toward their vegetable specialty certification.  
 Other topics to be addressed at the conference are Impact of the Food Quality Protection Act; Ensuring Safe Vegetables for Consumers; Potato Integrated Pest Management; Managing Soil and Water Salinity; Texas Project PLANT and the High Plains Vegetable Industry Initiative; and Successful Establishment of Chile and other Vegetable Crops.  
 "This is an invaluable opportunity for vegetable growers, market gardeners and crop consultants to learn the latest techniques for establishing and maintaining healthy vegetable crops," Roberts said. "More importantly, all of the information is portable—you can take it home and use it right away."  
 Conference sponsors include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Tech University and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.  
 For more information on the conference, call Dr. Roberts at (806) 746-6101 or the Deaf Smith County Extension Office at 364-3573.

**4-H plans sewing workshop**

4-H'ers should begin making plans for spring sewing projects and a special meeting for parents interested in helping these youngsters will be held Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office.  
 At the Jan. 27 meeting, the date will be set for the county fashion show and plans will be made for scheduling several clothing-related activities during the 2000 year.  
 "This is a very important meeting. If you want to have any input about this project, please be there," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent. "Remember, any project or activity will only be as good and strong as you help to make it."

**Cotton conferences set this week in area**

Texas cotton farmers across the South Plains can update their production knowledge and learn more about marketing and alternative crops at several regional ag conferences in January.  
 The cotton conferences are hosted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.  
 "Every year, these conferences provide farmers with a wealth of information on ways to improve their crop and livestock enterprises," said Jett Major of Lubbock, Texas Agricultural Extension Service district director for agriculture. "The information presented at each conference is specifically designed to help producers in that region or county."  
 Conferences will be held Monday at Lamesa, Tuesday at Olton and Floydada, Wednesday at Whiteface and on Jan. 27 at Muleshoe.  
 Here's a rundown of each conference.  
**MONDAY**—The Southern Mesa Ag Conference will be held at the Dawson County Annex Building (609 North First Street) in Lamesa. Registration is \$20 at the door. Topics will include regulations and policies affecting agriculture and best management practices for cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts.  
**TUESDAY**—The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference will be held at the Olton Ag Center beginning with registration at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will run through 3:45 p.m. Speakers will address cotton production and marketing, alternative crops, risk management and crop insurance.  
**TUESDAY**—The Caprock Cotton Conference will be held at Plains Baptist Assembly Camp south of Floydada runs from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The morning session will focus on ag laws and regulations, cotton risk management and crop insurance. Afternoon topics include a boll weevil update, South Plains cotton production tips, herbicides and weed control.  
**WEDNESDAY**—The West Plains Cotton Conference at the Whiteface Activity Building will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics will include pest management, irrigation technologies, weed control, cotton production systems, ag laws and regulations and alternative crops.  
 Producers can also earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for their private applicator licenses if they attend one of the conferences. All of the conferences will feature commercial agribusiness exhibits.  
 Producers can get more information on these conferences from their local county Extension offices.

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 Your efforts reinforced the advocacy of hospital and health system leaders and trustees, state, regional and metropolitan hospital associations, and others. The result: BBA relief legislation that restores about \$17 billion over five years to Medicare. We know from our contacts with Congress that your postcards had an effect.  
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# MDA will 'jail' local residents

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be rounding up and issuing warrants for various Dimmitt citizens today (Thursday) in an effort to raise funds for local patients with neuromuscular diseases.

The "jail" for the Dimmitt Lock-Up will be held at K-Bob's Steak House.

The lock-up will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue through 3 p.m.

Upon arriving at "jail," the jailbirds will be read their rights, sentenced and given a phone so they can go to work raising their bail.

They also will be given plenty of "bread and water" and will have their mug shots taken.

Money raised through the local lock-up helps provide free comprehensive medical care, support groups, summer camp, funding for research projects, wheelchair purchase and repair, leg braces and more.

For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 359-3141.



A SCIENCE PROJECT—Kathy Lust's eighth grade science students receive a check for \$1,000 and a letter of support from the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The students are establishing an environmental learning center in the patio area of Dimmitt Middle School. Shown are Chamber members and students (from left) Mike Huseman, Matthew Sanders, Jim Baker, Caleb Dickerson, Cheryl Pybus, Sheena Ehly, and Mike Bain. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## More about

### Four people hospitalized . . .

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Police said the Explorer was heading south on CR 514 (Rodeo Road) and the truck was heading southeast on SH 194. According to reports

from witnesses, police said the Explorer pulled out in front of the truck and hit it at the first axle of the tractor, then slid back to the second axle. The vehicle then hung up on the dolly of the trailer, which caused the Explorer to spin around and strike the side of the trailer.

Jonathan Jimenez was wearing his seat belt. He was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and for violation of restriction B (having a licensed driver 18 or over in the front seat).

Police said the Explorer was totaled, while the truck had light damage.

At about 7 p.m. Tuesday, Torres was injured when he drove a 1993 Mazda Protegé into the path of a 1980 White semi tractor-trailer rig driven by Charlie Trussel, 48, of Grand Saline.

Police said Trussel was on the inside lane of US 385 heading south when Torres pulled out from the Dimmitt Market parking lot and hit the second axle of the tractor. The car hung up on the dolly of the trailer, but it was not spun around.

Jose Ortega, 10, a passenger in the car, was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Police rated the damage to the Mazda at light to moderate, while the truck trailer had very light damage.

Torres was cited for driving without a license, failure to yield right of way from a private drive, and no proof of liability insurance. The owner of the Mazda, Leonardo Vera, was cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive the vehicle.

Quiroz was driving a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am southeast on SH 194 and was nearing Hart at about 4:15 a.m. Wednesday. She told DPS Trooper Keith Smith that she attempted to avoid an object in the road and traveled into the south bar ditch, striking a utility pole. The car spun around, but did not roll.

No citation was given. Damage to the vehicle was rated heavy.

At 7:03 p.m. Tuesday, John Castaneda was driving his vehicle on FM 1055 between a half mile and three-fourths of a mile north of Dimmitt Feed Yard, when he struck a cow. His vehicle was damaged, but he reportedly was not injured. Further information was unavailable at press time.

## Correction

Candidates for the position of voting precinct chairman did not file, but will serve if appointed, according to County Republican Chairman Emma Jean King. The News regrets the error.

# Obituaries

## Clifford Henderson

Services for Clifford Henderson, 77, of Lubbock, former Hart resident, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Hart with the Rev. Aaron Reed, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Henderson died at 6:45 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock.

He was born Nov. 9, 1922, in Castro County. He married Wanda Jackson on Jan. 15, 1949, in Dimmitt.

He attended school in Olton. At the age of 16 he moved to Arizona and worked as a cowboy on a ranch. He served in the US Navy during World War II. He returned to the ranch in Arizona, then moved to Hart in 1948. After his marriage, he moved back to the ranch in Arizona until they moved to Hart in 1951.

He was a carpenter and a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Bliss.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Larry Henderson of Hart; seven sisters, Anna Lou Huff of Lubbock, Bea Cole of Hart, Glee Williams of Canyon, Jane Sheelock of Amarillo, Joy Owens of Carlsbad, N.M., and Nola Stewart of Baldwin, Mo. and Nola Jobe of Granbury; two brothers, Charlie Henderson of Payson, Ariz.; and R. G. Henderson of Hart; one grandchild; and one great-grandson.



## Teresa Sifuentez

Funeral services for Teresa Sifuentez, 56, of Dimmitt, will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Chapel with Felix Sanchez officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial gardens of Dimmitt. Rosary services were set for 7 p.m. Wednesday and today (Thursday) at the chapel.

Mrs. Sifuentez died Jan. 11 at Plains Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Robstown and lived most of her life in Dimmitt. She married Juan Sifuentez on Dec. 12, 1960, in Dimmitt. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Sifuentez was preceded in death by a son, Juan Sifuentez Jr.

She is survived by her husband; four sons, Rudy Sifuentez, Tony Sifuentez, Ignacio Sifuentez, and Maximino Sifuentez, all of Dimmitt; nine daughters, Elena Rodriguez, Maria E. Mireles, Susie Dones and Juanita A. Sifuentez, all of Dimmitt, Rebecca Sifuentez of Lubbock, Sylvia Velasquez, Sandra Arguijo and Sandy Sifuentez, all of Amarillo, and Criselda Sifuentez of Marlin; three brothers, Ruben Rodriguez of Atlanta, Ga., and Neri Rodriguez and Melchor Rodriguez, both of New Orleans, La.; two sisters, Juanita Quiroz and Aurora Garcia, both of Muleshoe; 40 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Lubbock State School in Lubbock.

*The music in my heart I bore long after it was heard no more.*

-William Wordsworth

# Nominations due for FSA committee election

The Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a committee election this spring, and nominations are currently being accepted for prospective candidates.

Those interested may request nomination forms from the FSA office and completed nomination forms must be returned to the FSA office by Jan. 21.

The nomination form must be signed by the prospective candidate and must include a statement from the candidate that he or she will agree to serve if elected.

Almost anyone eligible to take part in a county FSA program may be a candidate for the committee, according to Trish Elliott, FSA County Executive Director.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on Feb. 24, and completed ballots must be returned to the FSA office by March 6.

Newly-elected committee members will take office on April 1.

The County FSA Committee administers the FSA farm programs at the county and area levels. County FSA committees are elected by eligible producers.

"The election of responsible agricultural producers is important to all farmers and ranchers," Elliott said.

Farm programs administered by the County FSA Committee include the following:

- ◆ Commodity price support loans and payments.
- ◆ Establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas.
- ◆ Farmer loans.
- ◆ Conservation programs.
- ◆ Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities.
- ◆ Other farm disaster assistance.

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