

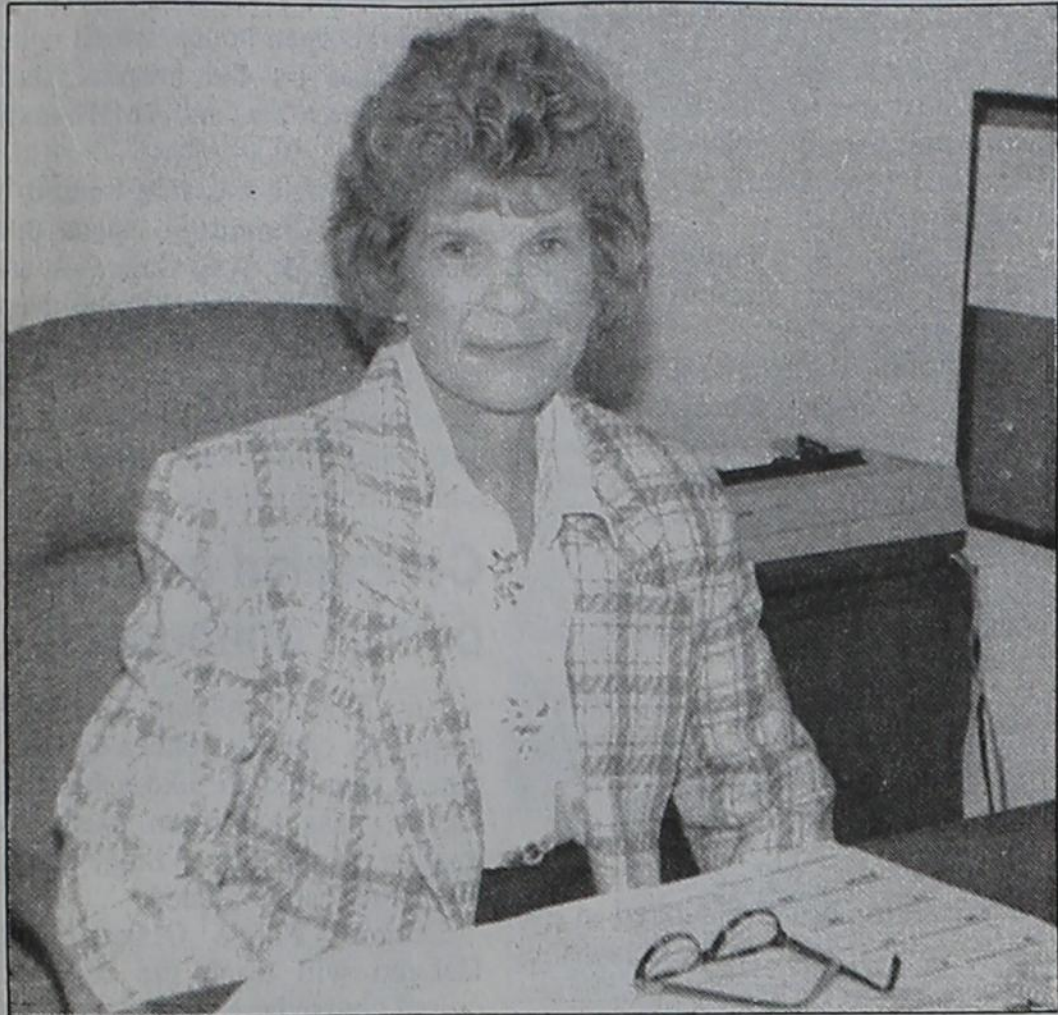
# The Castro County News

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Jo Ann Preston

## Preston is new at clinic

Jo Ann Preston is the new clinic administrator for the Castro County Community Clinics, having started her duties here Nov. 17.

Preston came here from Cody, Wyo., where she was administrator of a clinic. She said her husband, Dee, is also in health care, and is the new chief executive officer of Golden Age Nursing Home in Amarillo.

Preston was clinic administrator in Cody for three years, and prior to that, she had opened an urgent care facility in Powell, Wyo., near Cody. She also has had experience as an assistant administrator of joint hospital and nursing homes.

As of Saturday, the couple are residing in Dimmitt, with Dee commuting to his job in Amarillo.

"We absolutely love Dimmitt," Preston said. "I'll like it even more when I finally get our house in order."

"We feel like we've literally died and gone to heaven with this wonderful weather," she said. "We just laugh when we hear weather advisories to 'bundle up the kids because it's cold out.'"

"It's quite different from Wyoming or Alaska," Preston said. "We

used to live in Alaska, and both our children were born in Fairbanks."

She also received her degree in business administration from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

The couple's two children are both grown and married. Their daughter lives in Montana and their son lives in Wyoming. Between them, they've blessed the Prestons with six grandchildren.

"I love the South," Preston said. "I'm a southern girl by rights. My father was in the military (Air Force) and I lived most of my life in the South. I was raised in Florida and went to school in San Antonio."

Her hobbies include doing aerobics, playing tennis, and walking in the mountains—although she won't get to do much of that here. She said she and her husband did make a recent trip to Ruidoso, N.M., and were pleased that it wasn't too long of a drive.

The Prestons are members of the Catholic Church.

"I do love health care," she said. "It is the most challenging of all career fields. It is a continual learning experience from day to day. If you're looking for a challenge, health care is certainly that."

## Nazareth Post Office to offer pictorial Christmas cancellation

Nazareth Postmaster Stephanie Dobmeier has received hundreds of pieces of mail from people requesting a special pictorial cancellation the Nazareth Post Office is offering this year, and requests have come from across the United States, Germany, Holland and other foreign countries.

The Nazareth Post Office is offering a special pictorial stamp cancellation on Christmas mail Dec. 14.

The artwork for this year's cancellation was designed by Imogene Harris and depicts a man leading a donkey ridden by a woman. The scene has the couple entering a distant city and there is a bright star shining overhead.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

I was walking through the office Tuesday afternoon, singing "Yingle Bells" as I went. When I stopped, I said to no one in particular, "You ought to hear me when I'm in good voice."

Then Paula Portwood at the ad computer, who doesn't pay much attention to my singing, said to no one in particular, "I need a gun."

What she meant was that she needed to find a CD graphic of a pistol to use in an ad she was building.

But that's not what the others in the office thought she meant.

I still don't see what was so durned funny about it.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers are a great organization. The outfit also is a hotbed of Aggies and Raiders.

One of the guys called the news desk Monday with a Young Far-

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## NISD qualifies for \$500,000 grant to expand facilities

The Nazareth School Board for several years has been searching for a way to fund construction of additional classrooms.

Those classrooms may become a reality if the school is awarded a matching funds grant from the Texas Education Agency.

Nazareth Independent School District is one of five districts in Region XVI which has been approved for a grant application to TEA. The matching \$500,000 grant will include \$425,000 from the state, with the Nazareth school being required to furnish the balance from its reserve funds.

The grant, if awarded, must be used to build, remodel or furnish instructional facilities such as classrooms, libraries, computer labs and instructional support areas.

NISD Supt. N. Dean Johnson said the school district's small tax base was a major factor in its approval for the grant.

"The legislature appropriated \$170 million for construction of instructional facilities," said Johnson. "Then they took a complicated formula based on each school district's weighted average daily attendance (ADA), wealth of each district, etc., and ranked each school according to greatest need.

We're ranked 23rd in the state."

Johnson said he feels sure Nazareth will receive final approval on its grant application.

"We are in the process of working with an architect to get preliminary drawings for a new wing on the north end of the main school building," Johnson said.

The new wing would feature three to four new classrooms, a computer lab, teacher work room and a book room.

To make room for the new addition, the well house would be demolished and the barracks which currently houses the school's computer lab, nurse's office and a small classroom would be moved to another site. Johnson said the barracks would probably be converted into a storage building.

Johnson said the new wing would be approximately 115 to 120 feet long and 50 feet wide and "should tie into the existing facility nicely."

Current plans have construction beginning sometime in May 1996, with a completion date later in the year.

"It won't be completed in time for school to start in August, but we should be able to move into the addition sometime next year,"

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## Brown Bag appeal to kick off Sunday

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance is starting its annual 'Brown Bag' Christmas campaign Sunday to benefit those who are less fortunate during the holiday season.

Members of all local churches are urged to bring donations of food and toys to their church Sunday, with the items gathered being distributed on Dec. 21.

Collections will continue to be made through Dec. 17. Those who know of needy families are asked to notify the Ministerial Alliance. Those needing assistance are asked to fill out a registration form so that the distribution can be made according to each family's needs.

Canned foods of all types are welcome, as well as other staple food items. Hams will be provided by the Ministerial Alliance from the Thanksgiving offerings taken up at local churches.

"As in the past, we regretfully cannot accept home-canned items or items that may spoil before they can be distributed," a project spokesperson said.

"We are asking for donations of new toys for boys and girls," the spokesperson said. "Some of the children who benefit from this project seldom receive anything brand-new of their very own, so we'd like to be able to give them something nice."

Donations can be taken to any local church or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Also, cash donations can be made at the office of Dimmitt Thriftway or IGA Foodliner, with checks made out to the Ministerial Alliance.

Registration forms can be picked up from any local church, and may be turned in to the church, the Chamber of Commerce, or the Dept. of Human Services. They must be turned in by Dec. 18.

Volunteers will be needed to sort the donations into boxes for each needy family. Volunteers will also be needed for distributing the boxes on Dec. 21, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Recipients are asked to have someone available to receive the delivery, or it will not be left.

## Dobbs announces bid for constable's office

James Dobbs announced this week that he will seek re-election to his post as Castro County constable in the March 12 Democratic primary election.

Dobbs has served as constable for nine years. He took office in mid-term in 1987 and has held the position ever since.

Dobbs moved to Castro County with his family in 1938, then lived in Hereford for a time before he and his wife, Doris, built a house in Summerfield in 1970. The couple has three daughters.

As constable, Dobbs says he is "responsible for serving in-county papers including citations, subpoenas and other papers. I patrol the county, answer calls, investigate burglaries, serve theft by check warrants out of the county court and I assist the sheriff or city police if needed," Dobbs said.

Dobbs has attended civil process school each year he has held the constable's office and has completed required continuing education classes to remain a commissioned constable.

He is a member of the West Texas



James Dobbs

JP and Constable Association and the Texas JP and Constable Association. He has held offices in the West Texas association.

"I have enjoyed being your constable and have enjoyed working with and for the people of Castro County for the past nine years. I would appreciate your support in the March primary," Dobbs said.



Dr. Bill Murphy and new wife, Yulia

## Dr. Murphy announces closing of Dimmitt office

After practicing in Dimmitt for more than 30 years, Dr. Bill Murphy is closing out his medical practice at Dimmitt Medical and Surgical Clinic effective Sunday.

He isn't retiring completely from medicine and he still plans to be around—from time to time. But his plans for the future include a lot of travel.

Dr. Murphy has made several trips to Ukraine with a church-sponsored group that incorporates Gospel teaching in a curriculum designed to help Ukrainians learn English. He has also managed to work in some medical consultations, including helping diabetics manage their condition.

On his most recent trip to Ukraine, he got married. His wife is a Ukrainian named Yulia (pronounced like Julia, only with a Y). She had served as an interpreter for the group Dr. Murphy traveled with on previous trips, and she was his individual interpreter on his trip in February and March this year. When he re-

turned to Ukraine in September, the two got married and enjoyed a brief honeymoon at a resort on the Black Sea.

Paperwork is delaying Yulia from joining her husband here. Dr. Murphy said it usually takes two to three months from the time application is made until approval is given for someone to immigrate to the US.

Since Yulia is married to a US citizen, it is highly likely that she will become a candidate for immigration. The process for that is much more complex and lengthy than if she were merely granted a visa, hence the delay.

Dr. Murphy plans to return to Ukraine soon and spend about a month there.

"After that, I will be back to work part-time with the Rural Health Clinic in Dimmitt and take a turn at covering the emergency room at the hospital," Dr. Murphy said.

However, not all of his travel plans include the Ukraine.

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## Pheasants to become legal targets Saturday

Pheasant hunters in Castro County may be disappointed with the number of birds they will scare up this season, but the avid sportsmen which flock to the area each year will still enjoy the thrill of the hunt.

Pheasant season opens Saturday morning, 30 minutes before sunrise, and hundreds of hopeful hunters from across the state will converge on county farms and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres, hoping to bag their limit of the wily pheasant.

Bag limit is three cocks per day with a possession limit of six birds. Hunters are required to leave one foot or all feathers attached to their harvested birds until they reach their final destination.

Pheasants will be fair game in the Panhandle until Dec. 24.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. conducted a roadside count of pheasant populations along 44 routes during late October and early

November. Each route, measuring 20 miles, was driven from east to west at 20 miles per hour and started 15 minutes after sunrise.

Across the Panhandle district, the number of pheasants sighted along the 44 survey routes was down 32% from last year's total. The 1994 pheasant survey yielded 14.4 birds per route, while 9.8 birds were spotted this year. TPWD estimates of pheasant numbers are 37% lower this year when compared with the past five years.

There are three organized hunts in Castro County and these are sponsored by the Nazareth, Hart and Easter Lions Clubs.

Several meals have been planned for the visiting hunters, too.

### Dimmitt

The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club will hold its annual hunters' breakfast

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## Dimmitt fails to make 'short list' for new cottonseed oil plant

Dimmitt won't be the home of a new \$30 million cottonseed processing plant after its proposal failed to make Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Inc.'s "short list" on Monday.

The cooperative is planning to construct the plant somewhere in the area, and Dimmitt submitted a proposal to the cooperative last week.

On Monday, officials announced that sites at Lubbock and Littlefield were selected as finalists for the cottonseed plant.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said he was disappointed that the city's proposal didn't make the short list.

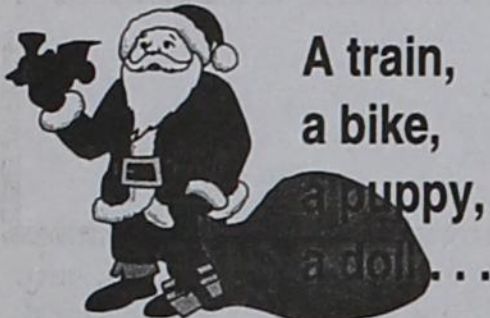
"I thought we had the best offer and that it would offset the fact that our location was so far north in the cotton belt," Collins said. "They did express some concerns about the railroad, but it's really hard to say what influenced their decision."

Collins said Dimmitt's proposal offered a little more than \$9 million in land, incentives and tax abatements and Hale Center was offering more than \$3.5 million. But neither site was selected as a finalist. Collins said Lubbock's proposal featured \$2.46 million in incentives.

Weather		
	High	Low
Thursday	66	28
Friday	69	29
Saturday	74	35
Sunday	75	30
Monday	62	30
Tuesday	70	32
Wednesday	70	30
November Moisture	.0	
December Moisture	.0	
1995 Moisture	20.89	

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





A train, a bike, a happy,

### Santa letters are due Friday

Hey, kids! It's time to compose your Christmas wish lists for Jolly Old Saint Nicholas. You letters to Santa Claus will be printed in the News' Dec. 21 Christmas edition, then will be forwarded to Santa Claus at the North Pole.

Letters from pre-schoolers will be accepted at the News through 5 p.m. on Friday. School children wrote letters to Santa during class and those letters have been forwarded to the News.

If you have a letter to Santa Claus, just drop it by the News' offices at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt.

### Meetings help 'block' teachers

Dr. Michael (Mick) Stevens, West Texas A&M University assistant professor of education, is working with area schools that are implementing 90-minute class periods.

He is coordinating times and places for participating area teachers of each subject to get together and discuss problems and share ideas. Stevens has been researching and observing the effectiveness of this program for several years.

Dimmitt and Hart are among the area school districts that have adopted 'block' scheduling programs.

Stevens said that his initial findings indicate a high degree of satisfaction with the concept, from both teachers and students.

### Letter 'Jesus is the reason for the season'

Dear Editor: I was shocked when I read the article concerning a "holiday" stamp being issued to Nazareth.

When Rosemary Wilhelm first drew the stamp it was to depict the Holy Family and the Holy Season. When the postal department refused to issue the stamp unless she omitted any reference to Christ, rather than compromise, it was dropped.

Why would we, as a Christian community, want to accept this stamp that has nothing to do with the Holy Family and the Holy Season of Christmas. It would be well to remember that Jesus is the reason for this season.

JIMMIE SCHULTE

### Flagg club to sponsor 4-H dance

The Flagg 4-H Club will sponsor a Christmas dance for all county 4-H'ers Saturday at the Wooten's barn across Highway 385 from the entrance to the Dimmitt Airport.

The dance will be held from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

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# Police Calls

Two Dimmitt men remained in jail Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance. Both were arrested Friday in separate incidents about an hour apart. DPS troopers made the arrests. One of the men also was charged with public intoxication.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man remained in jail, serving time on two counts of violation of probation stemming from felony charges.

A Levelland man, 44, was arrested on a warrant Friday alleging violation of probation stemming from DWI charges. He remained in jail as of Tuesday.

Warrants also led to the arrest Nov. 30 of a Dimmitt woman, 17, on two counts of forgery; a 50-year-old Dimmitt man Nov. 30 for assault with bodily injury; and a 29-year-old Dimmitt man Nov. 28, a 31-year-old Olton man Friday and a 56-year-old Dimmitt man Saturday.

On Friday, a 23-year-old Hart woman was arrested in Dimmitt on Class C theft charges, and on Sunday, a Nazareth woman, 39, was arrested for theft by check.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man and an 18-year-old Hereford man were arrested in Dimmitt early Sunday

for public intoxication.

A 45-year-old Hart man was arrested Sunday night for failure to appear.

On Nov. 28, a forged check for \$265 was passed at Thriftway on the account of an Olton man.

The Anthony's store manager reported that \$92.96 worth of merchandise was shoplifted from his store Friday afternoon by some suspects who drove away in a 1971 Chevy pickup.

Video Magic reported to police that two video tapes, each valued at \$70, had been taken out on rental

and were not returned.

A money order for \$79.50 was stolen from the Town & Country store Monday.

Dimmitt Middle School teacher Mary Hunter told police that someone stole \$50 out of her purse at school Monday.

On Nov. 28, a 37-year-old Dimmitt woman turned in a report of assault/family violence. She said she had been kicked and her hair had been pulled.

On Nov. 29, a Dimmitt Middle School student reported that she had been assaulted.

Dimmitt High School Assistant Principal Lyman Schroeder reported an incident of disorderly conduct to police. Some suspects were fighting in the hallway by the office Friday morning.

Paul Torres told police Nov. 30 that someone had damaged his pickup.

A Dimmitt man told police Friday afternoon that he has been the victim of harassing phone calls.

An accident on the afternoon of Nov. 28 in Dimmitt resulted in injury to one person, who was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by private vehicle.

A pickup driven by Randall Anthony Schilling of Dimmitt was heading south on North Broadway when a car being driven north by Santos Oltivero of Dimmitt turned left in front of the pickup.

The pickup struck the right side of the car, and Oltivero was injured. The car sustained heavy damage and the pickup had moderate damage. Oltivero was ticketed for failure to yield right of way turning left.

## More about 1:1

(Continued from Page 1) mers meeting notice. After giving the details, he said, "See if you can get that in somewhere between all of that University of Texas stuff."

Well, some guys just don't understand teapippers.

I had no intention of rubbing it in. Honest.

Just because the Longhorns went down to the south 40 Saturday and won the final Southwest Conference championship of all time in one last classic SWC shootout, and messed up all kinds of Kyle Field records, I don't see that as any particular reason to gloat.

When we win, we accept it.

When we lose, we accept it. But we don't taunt, rub it in or do anything fingerwise. Teapippers have more class than that.

I'm tickled pink that three Southwest Conference teams received bowl invitations. Now, let's hope they win 'em all.

For the sake of the Baptists, the Methodists, the Frogs, the Hooters and the Coogs, and all the great and memorable times they produced through 60 years of maddening football competition, the old SWC needs to go out in a blaze of glory.

Hook 'em Horns in the Sugar Bowl!

Gig 'em Aggies in the Alamo Bowl!

Go Tech in the Copper Bowl!

## Laney receives Extension award

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center was among three honored with the Knapp-Porter Award from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service during a faculty satellite conference in November.

Laney was recognized for his contributions to the Extension Service along with Roddy Peeples, broadcaster and former owner of the Voice of Southwest Agriculture Radio Network in San Angelo; and Charlotte Watson, a community and family development volunteer.

The Knapp-Porter Award recognizes individuals who have exhibited distinguished service to Texas in projecting the visionary aims of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, father of Extension Service teaching; and Water C. Porter, pioneer farm demonstrator.

Laney was cited for being a strong supporter of the Extension Service for more than 40 years. As a cotton farmer he worked with Hale County Extension agents in conducting result demonstrations on cotton varieties and soil conservation. He and his wife, Nelda, and their three children

are involved in Extension's 4-H program.

Serving in the Texas House of Representatives since 1972, Laney was elected speaker in 1993 and was re-elected in 1995. During his first session he pushed through major rule changes, opening the process for scheduling debates and easing the flow of bills. Laney introduced legislation for establishing rural hospital districts and for supporting rural development. He is an avid supporter of anti-drug and drug enforcement legislation, is a spokesman for secondary and higher education and a strong advocate for the family.

During the 1995 session Laney enabled Texans to follow legislative processes through the Internet. Overall, his support for the Extension Service and its educational programming efforts range from monetary support through state legislative appropriations to various levels of support from volunteers, organizations and private industry.

## Dimmitt students qualify as All-Region band members

Eight band members from Dimmitt qualified to participate in the All-Region band concert set for Jan. 20 in Canyon at West Texas A&M University.

Three qualified from Dimmitt Middle School. They are Lupita Rodriguez, who won first chair bass clarinet honors; Stephanie Flores, who was named fifth chair bass clarinet; and Rachel Harman, who won 12th chair clarinet.

Five from Dimmitt High School who qualified are Wanda Finke, who won second chair honors in the bass clarinet section; Sam Everett, who took second chair cornet; Larry Garcia, fifth chair baritone; Rosendo Amador, eighth chair trombone; and

Crystal Stevens, 12th chair clarinet.

The middle school students competed at Panhandle High School Nov. 28, while the high school competition was held Saturday.

Three DHS band members also qualified recently for area tryouts set for Jan. 6 at Sundown. Those selected at that competition will participate in the All-State band.

Qualifying for area are Sam Everett on cornet, Wanda Finke on bass clarinet and Jimmy Ivey on timpani.

## More about NISD

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Johnson said.

Upon completion, the new classrooms would house elementary grades, enabling the school to use classrooms in the school cafeteria for junior high and high school classes, if needed.

According to Johnson, the need for additional classrooms has developed because of the state's requirement for a student-teacher ratio of 22:1 in grades K-4; different levels of some subject areas such as math and English at the secondary level; and the increase in graduation requirements and expansion of the curriculum to meet those requirements.

EXERCISE Does Your Heart Good. American Heart Association

## Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Rev. Benny Wright of Plainview filled the pulpit Sunday morning in the absence of a pastor. He works at Milstead Hardware and Welding Supply Co. at Plainview. He and his wife, Joyce, attended Sunday School as well as the worship service with us. She is a secretary and receptionist at Wayland Baptist University. They have been in Idaho in mission work 25 years, but they felt the need to be closer to their children. One daughter lives in Plainview and they are members of First Baptist since that is where she and her family attend. He would be a bi-vocational pastor if called.

Aimee Bradley was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Plainview last Sunday night around midnight with bronchial pneumonia and a lung infection. She was on oxygen off and on all the time she was in the hospital. She was dismissed Friday evening and is doing fine. Tanner Bradley stayed with Louise and Lee, Sharon and Larry, and Dubby and Pauline George in Dimmitt. He had a cold.

Joel Bradley also has been sick. He first had tonsillitis, got over that, and took an upper respiratory infection. His fever broke Saturday and he is doing okay now.

Aimee and Ashton Bradley spent the weekend with Juston Bradley. Lee and Louise visited them as they could find time.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson were in Plainview Sunday afternoon to help their son-in-law, Brian Thomas, celebrate his birthday.

Teeny Bowden talked with Bro. Murle, a former pastor, and his wife, Wanda, on the phone Saturday night. She is still busy teaching third grade. His health continues to fail, but he had gone with Wanda to Plainview Saturday to buy groceries and seemed in good spirits. They still live in Lockney. He seldom gets out by himself anymore. He seems to be too weak. Write them a letter or give them a call. He may be depressed. He sounded better the longer we talked.

Robert and Frances Duke went to Plainview Tuesday to eat out and celebrate Frances' birthday.

Kevin and Melinda Riley and Cassidy have put up beautiful outside Christmas decorations, as usual.

Ricky and Pansy Byers also have their decorations up and they are pretty, too.

## PMH sets anniversary celebration

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt will hold Open House Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in observance of the 50th anniversary of the hospital, which was founded on Dec. 10, 1945.

The public is cordially invited to attend the open house, which is being hosted by the hospital staff, board of trustees, and PMH Auxiliary.

The hospital was first housed in downtown Dimmitt in space purchased from Dr. R.E. Cogswell, and then moved to the hospital ward obtained from the former Prisoner of War camp following World War II. The present building was built in 1963 and 1964, with several later additions and improvements.

## Concealed handgun course announced

Any Texan applying for a state permit to carry a concealed handgun is required to take a handgun course, pass a written exam and qualify on the target range before the permit can be issued.

Dimmitt Police Officer Rudy DeLeon will teach the state-required course here next week. Classes are scheduled Dec. 12 through 15 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Officer DeLeon has been certified as a state handgun instructor after completing an instructors' school conducted by the Dept. of Public Safety.

Any local resident wishing to take the course or obtain more information about it may contact Officer DeLeon at 647-3209 (home) or 647-4545 (Dimmitt Police Dept.).

Hershel Wilson went deer hunting last weekend, and got his deer. They are enjoying it. Retha stayed with her mother, Zela Epperson of Wolfforth. Her brother Rob and Laura Epperson of Rockwell were also there.

Emma Jean King was in Dimmitt Friday for the drawing of a raffle ticket for a quilt. The girls who went to Girls' State this summer did the drawing of the winning ticket. Emma Jean helped sell tickets for the drawing. The drawing was held at the gazebo and the winner was Cassa McCormick. This is one of the Republican Organization of Women's money-making projects, with the proceeds used to help send girls to Girls' State.

Last Puzzle Solution. A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Courtenay Armstrong enjoyed her family visiting in her home for the Thanksgiving holidays, including Scott and Karen Armstrong and children, Joey, Daniel and Kristin of Otis, Colo. Scott is a research professor at Colorado State University and he has his doctorate degree. Also visiting were Brent and Rachel Armstrong and children, Mia and Skeete of Grady, N.M., and Ross and Shala Armstrong and children, Brandon and Maggie of Amarillo.

Mable Brock's relatives came from Hereford and took her to their home for Thanksgiving Day. Some of the relatives were Mary Parker, Johnny and Ida Davis, Alton and Pearl Brock, and Kenneth and Sue Brock.

Rosetta Bellinghausen flew to Dallas and her son, David, met her and took her to their home in Ovilla. She enjoyed Thanksgiving with David, Melody, Jordan and Canaan. While she was there, Jordan and Canaan celebrated their birthday. They all sang, opened presents and enjoyed cake and ice cream. Rena Richard and Edna Reinart took Rosetta to the airport in Amarillo and then went back to pick her up. They all enjoyed shopping and eating out before coming to Dimmitt.

Decimae Dennis enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays in Garland with her Aunt Jauvada Curtis and her daughter and family. After Thanksgiving, she drove to Dallas, picked up my daughter, Sue Vaughan, and took her to Midland, where they stayed for four days. (My daughter had surgery on her arm and was off from work for a month, so she had time to visit.)

Decimae brought Sue to Dimmitt and she stayed with me for four days. Decimae visited with Edgar and Leta Dennis, Coby and Connie Gilbreath and girls, Chauncey, Cailee and Carly, and Danny and Debbie Underwood and boys, Dennis and David. On Saturday Decimae went with the Underwoods to Lubbock where Dennis showed his pig in a show and Decimae went on home to Midland.

Sue's husband, David Vaughan, came to Dimmitt on Friday night and



**ROUND AND ROUND SHE GOES** and where she stopped was on the ticket belonging to Cassa McCormick, who was declared the winner of the quilt being raffled off by the local Republican Organization of Women. Performing the selection of the winning ticket Friday afternoon are (from left) Marcella Flores and Amy Fuller. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help send local girls to Girls' State, which these two attended this summer.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

we all went to Tulia Saturday morning and met Mary Lynn Lankford at Grandy's and ate breakfast. Mary Lynn went on to Lubbock, and David, Sue and I went out to visit my sister and her husband, Lynna and Troy Cloer. They took us all out to eat at El Camino and we came back to Dimmitt.

David and Sue visited his parents Charles and Betty Vaughan, Mike and Shari Wilkerson and Megan. Mike cooked a delicious meal of brisket, potatoes and baked beans. On Sunday David and Sue drove to Amarillo to visit Mary Lynn and her family, Kevin and Neely Lankford

and children, Adria, Matt and David.

The Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Committee held their last meeting of the year on Wednesday morning in the assembly room of the courthouse. Marilyn Neal prepared and served an appreciation brunch for the members. She served a spinach salad, brobboli quiche, glazed carrots, and lemonade pie, coffee and mint tea.

Marilyn gave a brief review of the past year's activities and told of the plans for the next year. She gave a very interesting program on holiday tips and gift ideas. She showed some

pretty Christmas vests. Those attending were Edith Graef, Claudine Langford, Faye Mohon, Betty Freeman, oneida Hutto, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the

Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and she served sugar cookies for snacks and a delicious pineapple-coconut chess pie for dessert. Alma Kenmore won high score and Dugan Butler won second high. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Ina Rae Cates, Virginia Crider, Emily Clingsmith, Ferne Dickey, Loranell Hamilton, Elizabeth Huckabay, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Susie Reeves and Johnnie Vannoy.

Randy Gressett gave his testimony on Sunday morning at First Baptist Church. He will be the Youth Minister for the Baptist, as well as the First United Methodist Church. He will be working with all the youth in Dimmitt. A reception was held for Randy and his wife, Teresa, at the United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, where he visited with the youth, as well as others who are interested in the future of the youth of this community.

Randy's hometown is Snyder, but he is currently Minister of Youth at Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving. Randy and Teresa will be moving to Dimmitt after Jan. 1.

The children's choir of First Baptist Church presented a Christmas musical for kids, The Don't Be Afraid Brigade, on Sunday evening. Debra Ball was the director and Tami Griffith was the co-director. Some of the characters were Shae and Rae Odom, Sheena Ehly, Christy and April Morgan, Laura Rator, Jenna Steinle, Amber Bell, Kyle Ray, Ashley Irons, Kelsey Welch, Hayli Wise, Alexis Proffitt, Cliff Wright, Ryan Hays, Chad Ellis, Wayne Proffitt and Bill Newland.

Others in the choir were Jimmy Armstrong, Heather Hargrove, Brittany and Nicole Heard, Ryan and Ross Hunter, Courtney Norman,

Brandy Smith, Lindsey Wood, Jared Griffith, Alicia and Haley Heard, Stuart Sheffy, Sally Stahl and Casey Wood. It was a very entertaining program with a lot of talented children.

Bill and Dee Brisco spent Thanksgiving with their son and family, Rick and Sandy Yates, Sean and Linzy in Fort Carson, Colo. Also visiting were Kip Yates and Jamie Brewer of Denver, Colo.

Visiting with Bill and Dee over the weekend were Kyle and Kelley Yates and Alanna of Arlington.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer, Ray and Barbara Bain, Mike and Cindy Bain, all of Dimmitt, and Mark Bain and girlfriend of Lubbock, Jim and Nancy Bain Seybert and children of Perryton, attended the Dallas Cowboys football game, a hockey game and a Neil Simon play. They enjoyed the beautiful Christmas decorations, and the specialty eating places.

## Council interviews assistant candidates

Five finalists for the job of assistant city manager were interviewed Monday night by the Dimmitt City Council, but no decision has been made yet.

City Manager Reeford Burros said the council will have another executive session Monday to continue discussion of the applicants, and possibly make a decision.

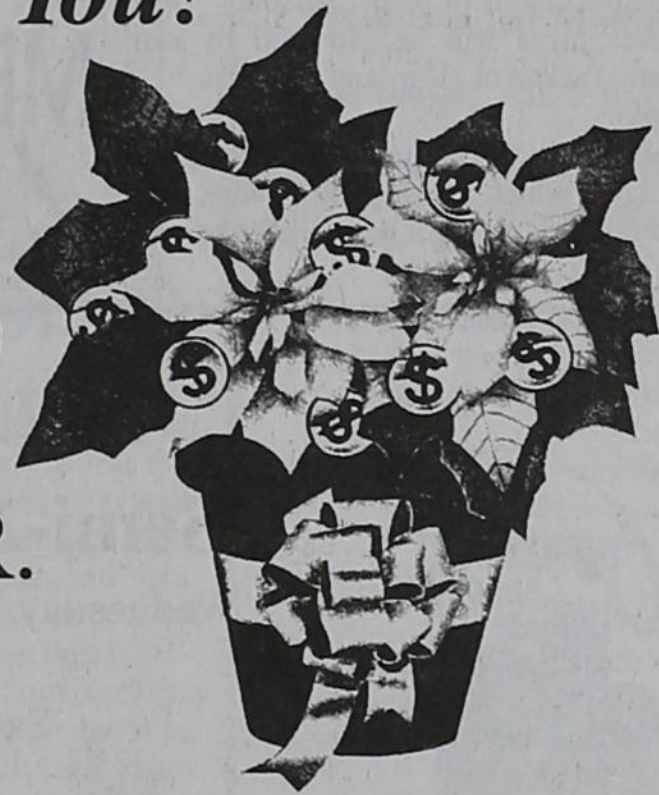
However, he said the choice may not be announced until the Dec. 18 regular meeting of the council.

The five finalists were narrowed down from a field of nine applicants. The successful applicant for the position will be training to replace Burros when he retires June 30.

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## Community Cantata planned for Dec. 17

The Christmas Festival will be presented by a community choir Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church, and the public is invited to attend.

The cantata is orchestrated and arranged by Bob Krogstad. Directing the presentation are Bill Newland of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church and Charles Axtell of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church.

Newland said the cantata will feature a choir of at least 50 voices, with representatives from several local churches. The presentation also

will include performances by the Methodist Handbell Choir, the FBC Children's Choir, and an instrumental group with members from several participating churches.

"People won't have to go to Amarillo or Lubbock to see a quality Christmas program this year," Newland said.

Rehearsals for the cantata are scheduled for Dec. 6, 12 and 13, at 7 p.m. each evening at the FBC. A final "polishing" is set for Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

## Swift Band members earn all-region honors

Angela Fortenberry earned sixth-chair all-region band honors in the high school division while several other members of the Swift Band qualified for the junior high all-region band.

The Swift Band features high school and junior high students, and several were recognized.

Junior high students earning first chair honors were Holly Myers, flute; Miranda Burton, bass clarinet; Lindsey K. Gerber, alto saxophone; Mark Birkenfeld, trumpet; Jason Birkenfeld, baritone; Mandy Hoelting, mallet; and Matty McLain, timpani drum.

Others making the all-region band were Karen Wilhelm, second chair flute; Bryce Pohlmeier, second chair bass clarinet; Danette Ramaekers, fourth chair French horn; Judy Schacher, fifth chair French horn;

Mark Lange, first alternate French horn; Elizabeth Olvera, second alternate French horn; Quentin Jones, second chair trombone; Trinity Robb, fourth chair trombone; Jase Merritt, second alternate trombone; Nicole Huseman, sixth chair baritone; Sara Schulte, sixth chair tuba; Blake Birkenfeld, second chair snare drums; and Adam Schulte, first alternate timpani drum.

## Spelling bee is scheduled for Feb. 15

The Castro County Scripps Howard Spelling Bee will be held Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. in the assembly room at the Castro County courthouse.

The county bee is open to any student attending a public, private or parochial school who will not reach his or her 16th birthday by May 26, 1996. The student must not be in a grade higher than the eighth by the end of the current school term.

Castro County Judge Irene Miller will direct the local bee.

In order to participate in the regional bee, a student must win the preliminary bee in the classroom, school and county levels.

County champions must be reported to the *Amarillo Globe News* by March 30, 1996. The regional spelling bee will be held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon on April 13, 1996. The 1996 regional champion will represent the area at the national bee, which will be held May 26, 1996, in Washington, D.C. The *Amarillo Globe News* will fund an all-expenses paid trip for the winner and one parent to the national bee.

The study booklet, "Paideio," is available from the *Amarillo Globe News* for 75¢, and those wishing to order a copy should write Jeanne Bartlett, Spelling Bee Director, *Amarillo Globe News*, P.O. Box 2091, Amarillo 79166.

For more information contact Miller at 647-4451.

## Masons to hold Christmas party

Castro Masonic Lodge 879 will hold a Christmas dinner Monday night at 7 at the lodge hall.

All members and their wives and widows of Masons are invited to attend the dinner.



Mary T. Acker

... Autographs copy of her new book, *Ackers Through the Ages*

## Autograph party is slated in Nazareth for Mary Acker

Mary T. Acker of Canyon, former Nazareth resident, has authored a book, *Ackers Through the Ages*, and she will sign copies of the book Sunday during an autograph party from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the reception for Acker.

The former Mary Paschel was born in Lawrence, Kan., and she moved with her family to the Hereford area in 1942. She married David Acker in 1953 and they lived in Nazareth for 25 years.

The couple farmed and raised their six children in Nazareth, then moved south of Amarillo in 1978.

Acker was active in 4-H, Holy Family Church and Nazareth school activities. She works as a library assistant at Cornett Library at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Acker co-edited the St. Ann's Church History, which is a history of the Catholic Church in 1989. In 1991 she completed *A Walk Through Time: Kill/Schlak Family Heritage*. In 1995, Acker completed the history book on the Acker family, *Ackers Through the Ages*.

She said her current book took three years of research and writing.

The 480-page history has 346 pictures and 1,500 names in the index.

The book begins with Johann Valentine Acker (1785-1866) and continues with his son, Philip Acker (1833-1898) who migrated to Kentucky in 1853 from Germany. After his death his wife, Mary Catherine Oberhausen Acker moved to Nazareth in 1906 along with her four young children, Louis, Jacob, Val and Andrew. A married daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Simon Braddock, also relocated to the Nazareth area at that time.

## VFW plans dance, pizza and raffle

A dance, pizza supper and raffle will highlight a full evening of activities at the VFW Post 8056 Friday.

Music for the dance will be provided by *Eldorado* and admission is \$5 per couple or \$3 per person.

Free pizza will be provided by Curtis Tackett of Heartland Wireless Cable.

VFW will be selling chances on a shotgun, which will be given away, and raffle tickets will be available at the door.

## Self is named good citizen

Shantell Self, daughter of Brent and Sharon Self, has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Self was born on Nov. 7, 1985, in Hereford. She says her favorite food is a steak finger basket and her favorite book is *Arthur's Loose Tooth*. The horse is her favorite animal and she enjoys showing pigs. She wishes she were better at reading.

The best thing about Dimmitt Middle School, according to Self, is June, July and August.

When she grows up, Self wants to be a teacher or veterinarian. She admires her parents and enjoys watching television in her free time.

## Beck is inducted

Amy E. Beck of Dimmitt, a junior English major at West Texas A&M University, has been inducted into WT's Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

Beck was one of 123 students inducted in a formal ceremony last month. Membership is by invitation and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who rank in the top 10% of their class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane Rosa, associate professor of economics and Alpha Chi faculty sponsor.

"This is the most students Alpha Chi has ever inducted in one semester," Rosa said. "These students are the best students we've got academically and they deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments."

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**OUT-OF-TOWN**  
Jeremy and Jacalyn McCormick of Amarillo are the parents of a baby boy, Daniel Dunagan, who was born at 1:40 p.m. on Nov. 18 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Jack and Carolyn Thompson of Dimmitt and Phil and Duellen McCormick of Hockley. Great-grandparents are Bertha Thompson of Lubbock, B.D. and Ellen Moody of Corpus Christi and Bryce and Susie McCormick of Mahis.

It's a girl for Juan and Alice Casas of Bremond. Their daughter, Claudia Elizabeth Casas, was born at 6:34 p.m. on Oct. 24. She weighed 5 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 18-3/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Cesario and Felicitia Garza of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Ruben and Carmen Casas of Dimmitt. Paternal great-grandparents are Theodore and Ermina Tijerina of Dimmitt and Maria Casas of Abilene.

**PLAINS MEMORIAL**  
Rolando and Aracely Ontiveros of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Mariela, who entered the world on Nov. 27 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Mariela weighed 8 lbs. and she was 20-1/2 inches long. She has four older siblings including Emanuel, 12; Rolando, 9; Gloriela, 6; and Cesar, 3. Paternal grandparents are Ismael and Isabel Ontiveros of Mexico. Ernestina and Benita Aguilar of Mexico are maternal grandparents. Great-grandparents are Guillermo and Marcela Lira and Jesus and Carlos Ontiveros.

It's a boy, Michael Hinojosa Jr., for Amanda Flores and Michael Hinojosa. The infant was born Nov. 27 and weighed 7 lbs., 3.4 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Older sister is Victoria, 2. Paternal grandparents are Andrea and Raul Hinojosa of Dimmitt. Maternal Grandparents are Rena and Harvey Lumbra of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Joe and Angie Lumbra of Clovis and Erminia and Theodoro Tijerina and Fella and Isidoro Hinojosa, all of Dimmitt.

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MEMBERS OF THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR from the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt perform a song from the *Don't Be Afraid Brigade*, a holiday musical they presented Sunday evening at the church. Several members of the group performed solos during the show. Photo by Garner Ball

## Ramaekers earns award for her essay

Heidi Ramaekers, 6-year-old daughter of Henry and Linda Ramaekers of Nazareth, submitted the winning essay in her age group in the 1995 Panhandle of the Year contest.

Ramaekers was one of several winners recognized at the annual ladies' program during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show last Wednesday.

Overall winner of the contest was Meghan Waller, 10, of Amarillo. Waller received American Airline tickets for four to Dallas, passes to Six Flags over Texas and an engraved silver service.

Ramaekers and other runners-up received merchandise or entertainment certificates from Wonderland Amusement Park, Texas, Legend's Steakhouse, Family Photo, Venture, Tri-State Fair, Big Texan, Country Barn Steakhouse, Comfort Inn, Cowboy Breakfast, the American Quarterhorse Museum, Grand Street Hair Company and Outback Steakhouse.

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Nazareth basketball fans were busy this weekend as parents tried to watch tournament games in Muleshoe, Friona and Canyon.

The varsity boys won consolation in the Friona Tournament by beating Farwell Saturday. Other teams playing were Floyd, Lockney, Logan, River Road, Friona and Hart.

The varsity girls finished second at the Canyon Classic, losing to Canyon in the championship game. Other teams entered in the tournament were Happy, El Paso, Spearman, Tascosa, Muleshoe and Clovis.

Melinda Schmucker was selected as Most Valuable Offensive Player and K'Lynn Gerber made the all-tournament team in Canyon. Nathan Hoelting earned mention to the all-tournament team in Friona.

Charley and Bev Hill have returned from Wichita, Kan., where Charley's grandson, Stacy Brown, 20, of Scott City, Kans., remains in the Wichita Hospital in critical condition after being involved in a

car wreck.

Prayers are asked for Stacy Brown, Leonard Schulte, Lynn Ehly, Vincent Guggemos, C.B. Wilhelm and Nellie Wilhelm. Nellie is recuperating from knee surgery.

An early Christmas dinner was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier in Tulia. Attending were Meta Stork, who lives with the Pohlmeiers; Florene Leinen of Dimmitt; Jim and Joan Ball of Granbury; Evelyn Hill of Lubbock; and LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Denny and Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber, all of Nazareth.

The Christian Mothers and their spouses enjoyed their annual Christmas potluck dinner Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Mr. Myers and his fourth-grade students presented a "Christmas Story," which everyone enjoyed.

The Nazareth FHA chapter sponsored a holiday tour of homes Sunday afternoon.

Homes featured were new and newly remodeled. Those opening their homes for the tour were Greg and Sherita Huseman, Rodney and Mona Schulte, Greg and Karen Schulte, Rex and Vera Ramaekers and Clyde and Lisa Schulte.

## Bethel plans Christmas meal

Residents in the Bethel community will gather for their annual Christmas dinner Sunday at the Bethel Community Center beginning at 12 noon.

Hosts for the event are Ronald and Kay Gfeller, Emmett and Elaine Heard, Kurt and Tara Wales and Rex Lust.

Each family attending is asked to bring one or two covered dishes.

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## Grisham to speak to Flame Fellowship

Avis Grisham of Hereford, a missionary, counselor and minister, will be the featured speaker Friday evening at the Dimmitt Flame Fellowship meeting.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Grisham is a woman committed to

## Museum group plans meeting

The Castro County Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the museum.

All members are invited to attend.

servicing God, according to a spokesperson for Flame Fellowship. She received her missionary call at the age of 14. She attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She married Milford Grisham and they attended Bethesda Bible School in Portland, Ore. They were missionaries in Ghana, West Africa for two years, then served as missionaries in Santa Fe, Argentina from 1961 to the present. They are on temporary leave and live in Hereford.

Grisham ministers to women's groups and counsels, especially in the area of family relations and inner healings.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

You are invited to a **Baby Shower** honoring **Kelyn M'Kinley Wardlaw** daughter of **Kerri & Brac Wardlaw** **Saturday, Dec. 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of **Martha Jo Hyman** 723 Maple, Dimmitt

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## Emergency loans available on '95 tornado-hail losses

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by tornadoes, hail and flooding which occurred from June 2 through June 4, 1995, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office in Dimmitt. Rodney L. Baker has announced.

Castro County is one of six in Texas named recently by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to be eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the tornadoes, hail and flooding.

Baker said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80% of their

actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75%.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Baker said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be

accepted until June 26, 1996, but farmers should apply as soon as possible," Baker said. "Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly run over into the new farming season."

FSA is a credit agency of the US Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eli-

gibility is extended to individual farmers who are US citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which US citi-

zens hold a majority interest. The FSA office in Dimmitt is open from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday.

## Pesticide applicators must keep up with CEUs Jan. 1

Licensed pesticide applicators will be responsible for maintaining their own records of continuing education units (CEUs) through a self certification process beginning Jan. 1.

The new rules are being implemented in an effort to cut unnecessary paperwork and save taxpayer dollars, according to Rick Perry, Texas ag commissioner.

"Self certification means that individual Texas pesticide applicators—instead of the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA)—will now keep track of the continuing education courses they complete, just like attorneys, nurses, accountants and many other professionals already do," Perry said. "Most pesticide applicators already maintain their own education records, and after Jan. 1, TDA will no longer duplicate these efforts by keeping records on each individual."

Perry adds that the department will randomly audit records year round to ensure that individuals have course certificates for classes taken.

Under the new system, TDA will continue to issue license renewal forms. On these forms, applicators will be asked to list their continuing education units. Applicators should keep certificates of completion, which are distributed after attendance at TDA-accredited courses.

In Texas, individuals who use pesticides classified as restricted or state-limited use must be licensed or certified as commercial, non-commercial or private applicators. Commercial and non-commercial applicators must renew their licenses by completing five hours of continuing education units every year. Private applicators must renew their license or certificate by completing 15 hours of continuing education units every five years.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

### Thoughts on Failure

Hundreds of books and thousands of articles have been written about business failures. The experts offer many valid reasons. Among the most often mentioned are intense competition, lack of capital, failure to generate profits, lack of management skills and downturns in the economy. However, even armed with this knowledge more businesses will fail this year.

I do not question the validity of these reasons. I agree they contribute to the demise of many small businesses. However, I would suggest that some of these reasons are only symptoms of other problems.

With this in mind, I'd like to offer some thoughts for your consideration. Just like you, I am a customer. We are all buyers of products and services. We can learn many lessons in business management every day. Here are some reasons why we have business failures.

### Why businesses fail

◆ **Businesses don't fail because of competition, they fail because they don't compete.** Most owners of well-run businesses will tell you that competition keeps them sharp. Competition brings out their best.

Competition causes all of us to work harder and smarter. We must put out extra effort, be creative and find new ways to satisfy our customers. The new power retailers, tough global competitors and fast-growth service companies are raising the standards of competition every day. Constant improvement is our key to prosperity.

◆ **Businesses don't fail because of the lack of profits, but because they cease to please customers who guarantee their profits.** Some owners feel that profit comes from marking up their products substantially over their cost. Actually, profits come from satisfying customers.

If a business doesn't satisfy its customers completely, the customers will look for other sources to satisfy their needs. When they go, they take their profit potential with them.

◆ **Businesses don't fail because of downturns in the economy, they fail because they do not react quickly to changing conditions.** During the depression of the 1930s some American businesses prospered. The same is true of every recession and economic slowdown since.

Survival in tough times requires both quick thinking and quick reactions. Businesses that make transitions quickly do well in difficult economic times. Unfortunately some find it easier to blame the economy for their failure than to make changes to ensure their success.

◆ **Businesses don't fail because there aren't enough customers, they fail because they don't offer value and treat their customers well.** I'll admit there may be exceptions here. We recently saw several businesses in New York that require large numbers of daily customers to be successful. (Broadway shows, double-decker bus tours and the high end shops on Fifth Avenue are good examples.) However, common sense should tell you not to open a clothing boutique in a nudist colony or a car dealership in an all-Amish community.

We must determine if there is a base level of customers to support our business in the first place. Then if the customers don't come or the number of customers dwindles, we must look for weaknesses in our promotion strategy, value perception or service level.

◆ **Businesses don't fail because customers don't care, they fail because the owners or employees don't care.** I often hear business owners lament that customers aren't as loyal as they used to be. I don't agree. I think customers are as loyal as ever. However, fewer businesses are working as hard as they once did to earn their customers' loyalty.

Today we have to care more to avoid failure (we means everyone in the business). When customers sense that no one cares, they take their business elsewhere. Today's consumers are better informed and have more choices. They will not be faithful to businesses who do not care about serving them well.

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

## Bottom line farming course set in Dimmitt

South Plains College will offer two additional Bottom Line Farming classes beginning Monday in Dimmitt. The classes are designed to

help area farmers learn more about borrowing.

The class will meet from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Dec. 15 in the basement of the County Courthouse building in Dimmitt.

Interested persons may register at the Rural Economic and Community Development office in Dimmitt or call the office at 647-5141. Cost is \$350 per person and the instructor will be John Norwood.

Additional classes will be held Jan. 22-26.

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, and class size is limited. The course includes 36 classroom hours and covers such topics as goal setting and priority management, interpretation and use of financial statements, strategic planning, operational planning and other practical aspects of farm management.

The curriculum was developed by Ron Presley, SPC assistant professor of agribusiness, in conjunction with the Texas A&M Extension service and Texas Rural Communities because of a Farmers' Home Administration mandate requiring that all FHA direct and guaranteed borrowers complete and pass educational courses involving agricultural finance and agricultural production.

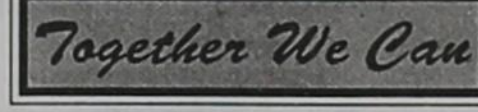
## Cogburn elected to sorghum board

Chris Cogburn of Happy has been selected to represent the Panhandle on the Texas Grain Sorghum Board.

Texas grain sorghum producers recently elected five producers to seats on the 15-member board, which administers funds collected in the statewide assessment on grain sorghum. Under the assessment program the state is divided, according to sorghum production, into five districts.

Sorghum producers elected Kevin Neihues of Eola to represent the West Texas district, A.J. Kresta of El Campo to represent the Coastal district, Cogburn to represent the Panhandle district, Alton Norman of Howe and Levi Heath of San Benito to represent the Central and Valley districts. Each director will serve on the Texas board for six years.

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SWINE EXHIBITORS from Dimmitt FFA earned top honors with their animals at the Texas Panhandle Swine Expo in San Angelo over the weekend. Those participating in the show were (back row,

from left) Wesley Mays, Tucker Schumacher and Jay McCormick; and (front row, from left) Tanner Self, Shantell Self, Tucker Self and Jeremy Simpson. Photo by Anna Acker

## FFA exhibitors earn awards in San Angelo swine show

Wesley Mays was named the grand champion showman and Jay McCormick earned the third place showmanship award this weekend at the Texas Panhandle Swine Exposition in San Angelo.

Dimmitt FFA members picked up several awards for their barrows at the show.

Mays exhibited animals which earned the following awards: Reserve Champion Spot Gilt, Reserve Champion Spot Barrow; Reserve Champion Progress Spot Barrow; first place Spot Barrow; and eight second places with Spots.

McCormick showed the Champion Progress Yorkshire Barrow and had a first-place heavyweight Cross, second- and third-place Progress Hampshire.

Jeremy Simpson showed the Champion Progress Spot Barrow on Saturday and Sunday at the show. He

also showed the Reserve Champion White OPB, first-place lightweight Chester White barrow and third-place white OPB.

Tucker, Tanner and Shantell Self claimed first-place honors with a heavyweight Prospect Hampshire, third place with a heavyweight Prospect Chester White, Reserve Champion Progress Hampshire; and third place heavyweight Prospect Chester White.

Tucker Schumacher claimed championship honors with his Yorkshire Progress Barrow and was fifth with a heavyweight Cross Progress Barrow.

Accompanying the FFA members on the trip were David and Cassa McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Self and Randy Schumacher.

## Summers, Furr and Wright show top animals in 4-H show

The top steer, lamb and barrow in Saturday's Castro County 4-H Stock Show were exhibited by Carol Summers, Shane Furr and Wesley Wright, respectively.

The annual county show featured 51 4-H'ers exhibiting five steers, 40 lambs and 54 barrows, and it was deemed a success by all participants.

Buckles were presented to winners, and those donating the prizes were Dimmitt Agri Industries, Castro Oil and Gas, J&H Equipment, Stan, Rita and Colby McDaniel, and Lester and Beth Schulte.

Senior showmanship winners in Saturday's show included Justin Sutton, steers; Furr, lambs; and Mitchell Brockman, barrows. Junior winners included Shayla Kenworthy, barrows; Sharla Kenworthy, lambs; and Carol Summers, steers.

Here are complete results from Saturday's show:

### STEERS

Grand Champion: Carol Summers.  
Reserve Grand Champion: B.J. Hill.  
Exotic  
Breed Champ: Hill.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Taylor Matthews.

### English

Breed Champ: Summers.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Justin Sutton.  
Mikel Atchley was third.

### LAMBS

Grand Champion: Furr.  
Reserve Grand Champion: Meggie Lemons.

### Finewool

Breed Champ: Jennifer Wilhelm.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Furr.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Sharla Kenworthy, 2. Jeremy Furr, 3. Kami Sanders and 4. Cinnamon Trotter.  
MEDIUMWEIGHT: 1. Shane Furr, 2. Katy Louder, 3. Trey Robb, 4. Bryce

Pohlmeier and 5. Kori Bagley.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Jennifer Wilhelm, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Raynee Bradley and 4. Trinity Robb.

### Crossbred

Breed Champ: Summers.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Shaun Furr.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Summers, 2. Lemons, 3. Jake Louder, 4. Lori Schulte and 5. Raynee Bradley.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Shaun Furr, 2. Mark Alnge, 3. Trey Robb, 4. Katy Louder and 5. Bagley.

### Medium Wool

Breed Champ: Shaun Furr.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Lemons.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Lyndee Behrends, 2. Jeremy Furr, 3. Sanders, 4. Brandon Furr, 5. Aaron Hart and 6. Shayla Kenworthy.  
MEDIUMWEIGHT: 1. Lemons, 2. Shaun Furr, 3. Sharla Kenworthy, 4. Adrienne Hart, 5. Trey Robb, 6. Lange and 7. Pohlmeier.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Shane Furr, 2. Brandon Furr, 3. Trinity Robb, 4. Mary Bradley and 5. Schulte.

### BARROWS

Grand Champion: Wesley Wright.  
Reserve Grand Champion: Trinity Robb.

### Berkshire

Breed Champ: Raynee Bradley.

### Chester

Breed Champ: Aaron Kern.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Zachary McClure.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. McClure and 2. Jared Griffith.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Aaron Kern, 2. Jonathon Stevens and 3. Evan Huseman.

### Duroc

Breed Champ: Colby McDaniel.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Trinity Robb.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Colby McDaniel, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Aaron Kern, 4. Jody Stovall and 5. B.J. Kern.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Raynee Bradley,

2. Jeff Sovall, 3. Jared Griffith and 4. Trey Robb.

### Hampshire

Breed Champ: Raynee Bradley.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Corey Lane.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Holly Lane, 3. Aaron Kern and 4. Jessica Kern.  
MEDIUMWEIGHT: 1. Corey Lane, 2. Matthew Wright, 3. Aaron Kern, 4. Susan Kern and 5. Kelsey Hochstein.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Shayla Kenworthy, 2. Adam Wright, 3. Larry Adams and 4. Tanner Griffith.

### Poland China

Breed Champ: Jeff Stovall.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Mitchell Brockman.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Jeff Stovall and 2. Corey Lane.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Mitchell Brockman, 2. Lesley Brockman and 3. McClure.

### Spot

Breed Champ: Jody Stovall  
Reserve Breed Champ: Kelsey Hochstein. Sharla Kenworthy was third.

### Yorkshire

Breed Champ: Sharla Kenworthy.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Aaron Kern.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Sharla Kenworthy, 2. Trey Robb and 3. Holly Lane.  
MEDIUMWEIGHT: 1. Colby McDaniel, 2. Susan Kern and 3. B.J. Kern.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Aaron Kern, 2. Tanner Griffith and 3. Mitchell Brockman.

### Crossbred

Breed Champ: 1. Wesley Wright.  
Reserve Breed Champ: Trinity Robb.  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Wesley Wright, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Charley Nutt, 4. Shawna Kenworthy and 5. Stevens.  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Hochstein, 2. Huseman, 3. Colby McDaniel, 4. Aaron Kern and 5. Stevens.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Dec. 7-15.

### DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of \*hamburger on a roll, chicken pot pie or Chinese plate; \*French fries, pork fried rice Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing; \*hamburger salad or coleslaw; hot rolls, cornbread or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of \*golden fried cod filets, pigs in a blanket or pimiento cheese sandwich with chicken and rice soup; \*potato rounds, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, haystack finger salad or cantaloupe; \*cornbread, commel twist rolls or saltine crackers; apple, orange or grapes; and \*milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of lasagna with ground beef, grilled cheese with a bowl of soup or chicken and dumplings; southern collard greens, broccoli with cheese or potato wedges; tossed salad with dressing, carrot and raisin salad or peaches; \*hot rolls, homemade biscuits or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of \*southern fried chicken, Italian spaghetti with beef or soft taco with sauce; \*mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or savory peas; \*tossed salad with dressing, pasta salad or fruit cocktail; garlic bread, hot rolls or tortilla chips; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of \*barbecue sandwich, cheese enchiladas or chicken nuggets with gravy; \*corn, refried beans or potato wedges; \*tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin or orange wedges; \*hot wheat rolls, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or bananas; and \*milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of \*sausage and pepperoni pizza, corn dogs or Chinese plate; \*savory peas, pork and beans or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, cucumber and tomato salad or coleslaw; hot wheat rolls, white bread or crackers; apple,

orange or cantaloupe; and \*milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of \*crispy cod filets, hoagie submarine sandwich or beef and bean burrito with chili; \*Spanish rice, macaroni and cheese or Mexicali corn; \*tossed salad with dressing, fruit fantasy or watermelon; \*hot cheese rolls, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

### HART

THURSDAY: Pizza (elementary) or lasagna, salad, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Tacos (elementary) or chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or chicken sandwich, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, potato chips, fresh fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Scramboli (elementary) or pizza, salad, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, sliced bread and milk.

FRIDAY: Stew (elementary) or chili and beans, grilled cheese sandwich, cornbread, crackers, peaches, cookies and milk.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Chili dogs, pork and beans, applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY: Lasagna, tossed salad, rolls, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: Mexican casserole, green beans sopapillas, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti, peas, rolls, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ham, fried okra, black-eyed peas, cornbread, fruit cocktail and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, peaches and milk.

## New voter cards mailed

Castro County voters will be receiving new voter registration cards in the mail this week, and the new orange cards will be good Jan. 1, 1996, through Dec. 31, 1997.

According to County Tax Assessor-Collector Billy Hackleman, his office mailed out 4,620 voter registration cards to county voters.

When voters receive their new cards, Hackleman asks that they inspect the cards for accurate names and addresses.

"If the information printed on the card is wrong, you should bring your card by our office or call 647-5336," Hackleman said.

## DYF to meet

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will finalize plans for its 1996 junior livestock show tonight (Thursday).

The group will meet at the Dimmitt High School ag shop and all members are urged to attend.

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The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Dimmitt Consumers will be held at the DIMMITT CITY HALL MEETING ROOM Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the audit report, elect one director, and transact any business that may come before the board. Door prizes will be awarded.

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# Sports



## Levelland Invitational

### Bobbies win consolation

Slaton used an all-stater to do away with the Bobbies last Thursday, but Dimmitt came back to defeat two Class 5A squads to win the consolation title at the 21st annual Levelland Girls Invitational Tournament last weekend.

The Bobbies took consolation with a 62-51 Friday over El Paso Del Valle and a victory on Saturday over Odessa, 39-30.

On Thursday, Dimmitt stayed with Slaton for a half, but all-stater Phylesha Whaley kicked her game into high gear to lead the Tigerettes to a 59-41 win.

Slaton rolled to a 6-2 lead early before Dimmitt came back to lead 7-6 on a basket by Jacy Buckley with 2:34 left in the first quarter. Slaton overcame seven turnovers forced by a tenacious Bobbie defense in the first period to claim a two-point lead at the end of the first period, 10-8.

In the second quarter, the Bobbies had three turnovers and missed their first six shots as Slaton rolled to a 16-8 lead. Amy Ethridge hit the first basket of the period, a three-pointer from the right side with 2:33 to go in the half, to cut the lead to 17-11.

Ethridge had a basket and two free throws, and Amber Matthews scored with 1:01 to go in the half to make it 21-17 at the break.

In the second half, Whaley came to life on her way to a 34-point day. Slaton outscored Dimmitt 38-24 in the second half for the first-round win.

Ethridge led Dimmitt with 18 points, while Kara Josselet was the only other Bobbie in double figures with 12 markers.

In the loser's bracket semifinals, the Bobbies put the defensive clamps

on Del Valle in the second quarter and used clutch free throw shooting in the fourth quarter for an 11-point win.

Del Valle stayed up with the Bobbies and led at the end of the first eight minutes, 17-14. In the second quarter, though, the Dimmitt press stymied the West Texas girls, forcing 11 turnovers as Dimmitt outscored them 23-7 to claim a 37-24 lead at intermission.

The Bobbies had a helter-skelter third period. Dimmitt claimed a 14-point lead, 42-28, on a trey by Buckley. Dimmitt had just one basket in the last five minutes of the third quarter, and Del Valle closed to 44-36 after 24 minutes.

In the fourth quarter, the Bobbies didn't do much from the field, as Ethridge scored the only basket of the quarter. Her trey with 2:54 to play put Dimmitt ahead by nine, 54-45.

Del Valle, though, couldn't solve Dimmitt's press in the fourth period, and couldn't keep the Bobbies off the foul line. Dimmitt made 15-of-19 free throws in the fourth stanza to put the game away. Carrie Bradley went eight-for-eight from the line in the last 49 seconds to ice the win.

Bradley had 17 points to lead all scorers. Ethridge had 15, Buckley added 12 and Amber Matthews added 10.

In Saturday's consolation final, Odessa rolled to a 9-2 lead early, and still led 9-4 at the end of the first period as both teams were in the offensive doldrums.

Dimmitt finally broke free, though, while Odessa's offense continued to drift aimlessly. The Bronchos never scored in double figures in a quarter. That was thanks to a stifling Dimmitt

defense that forced 23 Odessa turnovers in a physical contest.

Dimmitt came back in the second quarter to tie it at 11 when Buckley stole a pass and cruised for a layup with 6:48 left in the half. Amber Matthews gave Dimmitt the lead for good with a basket with 4:56 left, winning a big fight over a rebound. Buckley scored two more baskets, and Josselet scored in the last four minutes as Dimmitt changed a five-point deficit at the quarter's beginning to a 19-11 lead with 3:12 to go in the half. Dimmitt never scored again in the last three minutes of the half, though, and had to settle for a 19-16 lead at intermission.

In the second half, Odessa came back to tie the score at 19 in the first minute of the third quarter, but Ethridge and Buckley scored to give Dimmitt a 23-19 lead.

Odessa hit a trey with 6:05 left to make it a one-point game, but Matthews got a nice dish from Ethridge for a layup that restored the three point lead. Dimmitt didn't score again until a Josselet trey with 42 seconds to go in the quarter, but Odessa scored just once in the last 6:05 as Dimmitt had a 28-24 lead at quarter's end.

In the fourth, Dimmitt stretched its lead to a game-high nine points with 5:10 to play when Emily Roberson got a feed from Ethridge for a layup and a 33-24 lead. Odessa had just one basket in the quarter, and were matched evenly by the Bobbies on free throws as Dimmitt eased to the nine-point win.

Ethridge was the only player from either team in double figures with 11 points. Buckley added eight.



IT'S OFF OF THEIR FINGERTIPS—Three Dimmitt Bobbies including (from second left) Heidi Weaver, Amy Ethridge (31) and Jacy Buckley (11) battle Odessa's Gladys Gonzales (45) for a rebound in the first quarter of Saturday's consolation finals in the Levelland Invitational. The Bobbies won the game, 39-30 to take the consolation trophy. Photo by John Brooks

## Bobcats top Abernathy for seventh in Pioneer Classic

Dimmitt's boys lost two close games and settled for seventh place in the annual Plainview Lions-Pioneer classic last weekend at Wayland Baptist University.

Andrews hit a freak last-second shot for a 63-60 win in the opener Thursday, then a Bobcat rally fell short Friday in a 61-57 loss to Canyon.

On Saturday, the Bobcats rolled past Abernathy for the second time in five days, 91-53.

Andrews' big man, Jason Crawford, sent Dimmitt to the loser's bracket with a miracle shot at the buzzer for the three-point win.

Jason Nino had tied the score at 60 with three seconds to play. Andrews then worked the ball briskly up the floor to overcome Dimmitt defenders who were trying to foul one of the Mustangs. The Bobcats had a foul to give, having been whistled for only five fouls in the second half.

Andrews eluded Dimmitt's efforts and got the ball to Crawford just inside the midcourt line. Crawford caught the ball with his back to the basket, then turned about 40 degrees to his left and flung a semi-sidearm hook shot toward the west goal. It hit off the backboard, right in the middle of the square above the rim, and fell through to give Andrews the win.

The victory wiped out a huge Bobcat comeback. Dimmitt trailed at

the half, 36-24, after making just 37% of their shots in the first half. Meanwhile, Andrews was 14-of-22 (64%) and controlled the boards. The Mustangs were also called for just four fouls in the first half and sent Dimmitt to the line just once (Brandon Smith, who made his free throw).

In the second half, though, Dimmitt surged into the lead by scoring the first 14 points of the half to take a 38-36 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter. After Andrews came back with the next four points, Dimmitt reeled off the next 14 points of the half to take a 50-40 lead early in the fourth period.

The Bobcats then began running cool again, though, and the Mustangs suddenly rediscovered their offense after going six minutes with just two baskets. By the end of the third period, Dimmitt's lead was 50-45.

Andrews kept whittling away at the lead until taking it with 15 seconds to play at 60-59. Nino went to the line with two free throws and missed the first one. After a timeout, and with all of his teammates back ready to play defense, Nino sank the second to tie the score.

Andrews also had a big difference on the board that eventually spelled the difference in the game. Andrews grabbed 28 caroms to Dimmitt's 19. As is often the case, Dimmitt's

biggest rolls came when the Bobcats controlled the boards on both ends. The Bobcats' defense forced 23 turnovers, while giving the ball away just 16 times.

On Friday, Dimmitt controlled early, but a sluggish third quarter gave the Bobcats back-to-back losses.

Smith had a torrid afternoon in the first half, making seven of Dimmitt's first nine points. Smith was five-for-five in the first half for 12 points at the break.

Almost as hot was Justin Newman, who made six-of-nine field goals for 12 points to move Dimmitt to eight point leads on three different occasions. The Bobcats settled for a 35-29 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, though, the Eagles came storming back while the Bobcats went through the period without a field goal. Four free throws kept the Bobcats from being shut out, who were also victimized by two questionable calls. Canyon hit 17 points in the period to give the Eagles a 46-39 lead after three periods.

Canyon continued a parade to the free throw line through the fourth quarter, making 15-of-23 charity tosses in the second half. Meanwhile, Dimmitt was five-of-seven.

Canyon led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter before the Bobcats stormed back. The Bobcats got within two points on a basket in

the last five seconds, but a player called a timeout after the Bobcats had used their limit of four, resulting in a technical foul. The Eagles made both free throws to secure the four point win.

Smith was scoreless in the second half, but Newman added six more points. Guard Joe Larra was second high with 17 points.

Again, the Bobcats were outbounded by a taller crew. Canyon grabbed 11 more rebounds, 33-22, with the Bobcats getting just 11 defensive boards. Canyon had 13 offensive rebounds.

Dimmitt's defense also gave the Eagles fits, especially in the second half when Canyon had 14 turnovers. Most of those came in the fourth period.

On Saturday, The Bobcats rolled to an easy win over Abernathy. The Antelopes were playing without their best player, 6-6 senior Matt Riley. Riley injured his knee in Thursday's first game against Estacado and will be out until around Christmas at the earliest.

In Saturday's game, the Bobcats sprinted to a 60-24 lead at halftime. The Bobcats were red hot coming out of the gate, leading 15-2 in the first 2:12 of the game. After a short spell, Dimmitt hit another six quick points

to lead 21-2 with three minutes to play in the opening quarter.

After Abernathy hit another basket, the Bobcats kicked it into high gear again for its most productive quarter of the year, leading 33-7 after the game's first eight minutes.

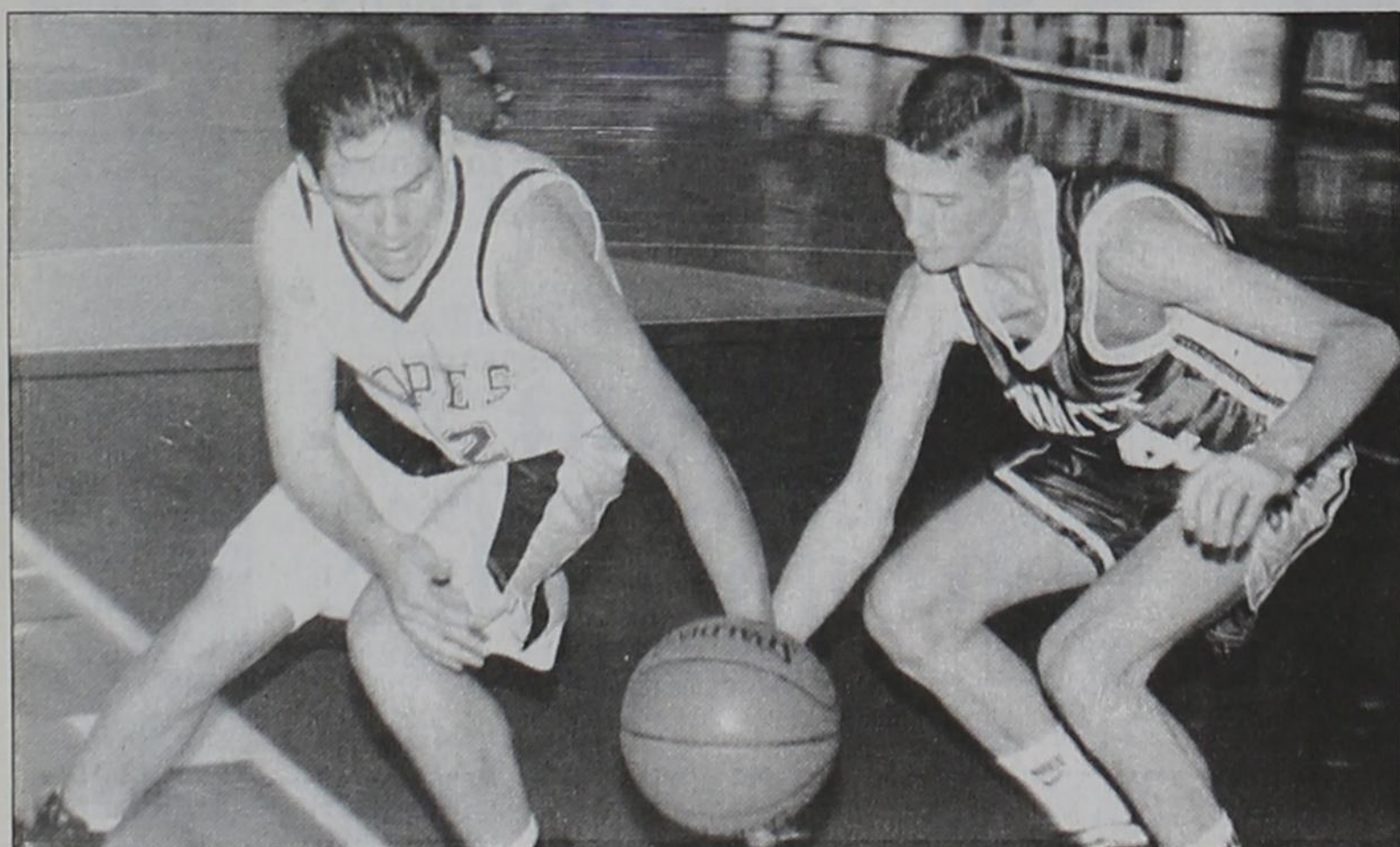
The Bobcats rolled to a 60-24 lead at halftime, and posted its biggest lead of the game, 43 points, midway

through he third quarter when a Newman basket made it 69-26.

Abernathy battled back gamely to get the game under 30 points for a few minutes before Dimmitt went on another surge late in the fourth period. All but one Bobcat scored, with Newman as high man with 21 points. Fellow post player Chad Ellis had 16 points.

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LOOSE BALL BATTLE—Dimmitt's Justin Newman (24) and Abernathy's Zeke Patton (22) dive after a loose ball during action in the seventh-place game of the Pioneer Lions Classic Saturday at Hutcherson Center in Plainview. The Bobcats handled Abernathy with few problems, winning 91-53. Newman led the Bobcats with 21 points in the contest. Photo by John Brooks

### Bobcats face Denver City in Seminole opener

Dimmitt's boys will face Denver City in the first round of the Seminole Classic today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Seminole High School.

The Bobcats face the Mustangs in the last of five opening-day games in the 11-team tournament.

If the Bobcats win today, they will face either Canyon or Clint at 9 a.m. Friday at SHS. A win there would move Dimmitt into the semifinals Friday at 7 p.m. If the 'Cats lose, they will play at noon Friday at Seminole Junior High.

Other teams in the boys' tournament will be Muleshoe, Odessa JV, Seminole, Shallowater, Trinity Christian, Andrews and Greenwood.

Games on Saturday are at 9 and 10:30 a.m., and 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on the boys' side. There is also a girls' division, but the Dimmitt girls are not in the tournament.

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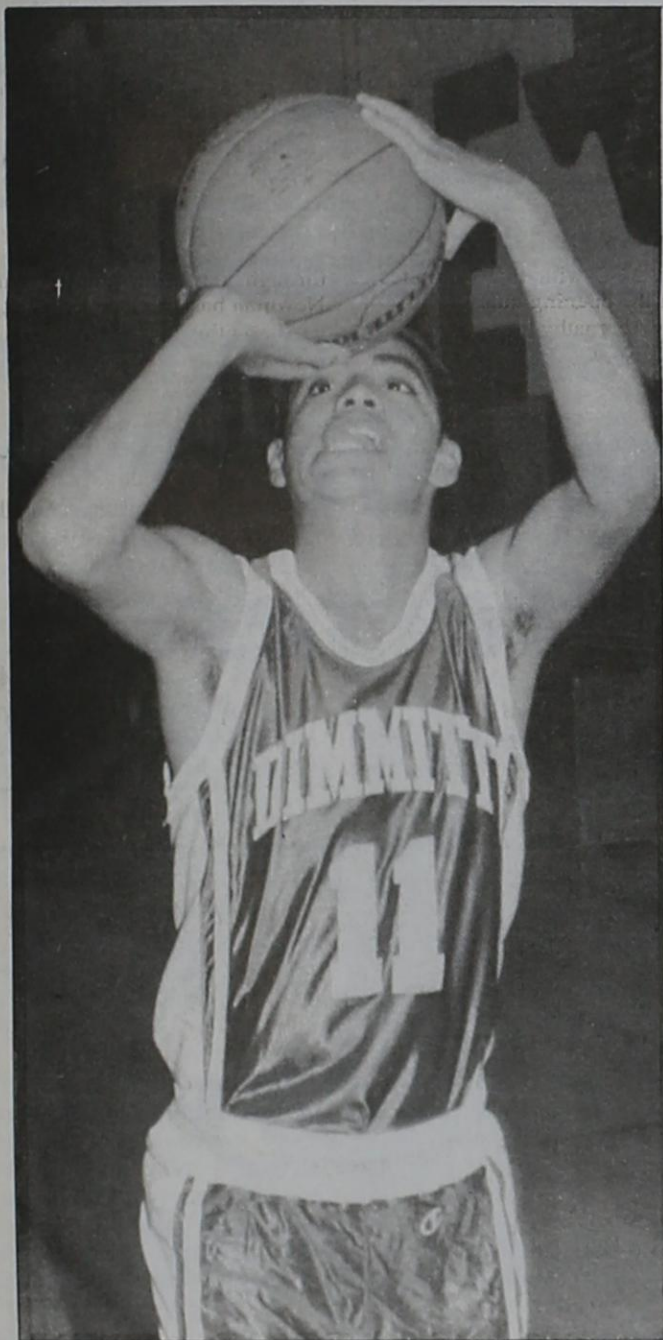
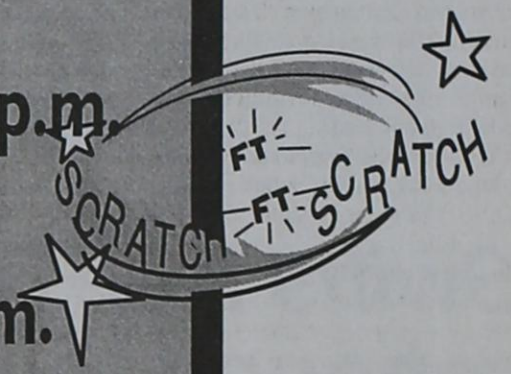
## Good Luck, Bobcats in the Seminole Tournament

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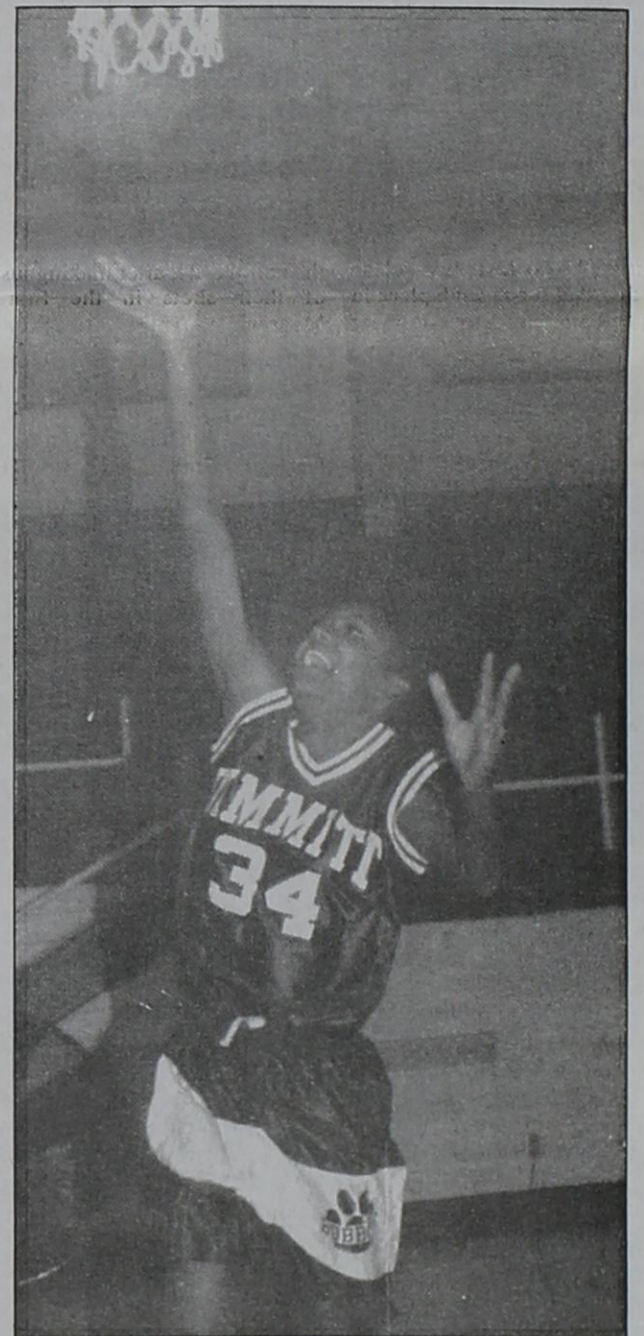
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 Jan. 16—\* Friona, There  
 Jan. 19—\* Shallowater, Here  
 Jan. 23—River Road, There  
 Jan. 26—\* Floydada, Here  
 Jan. 30—\* Littlefield, Here  
 Feb. 2—\* Muleshoe\*, There  
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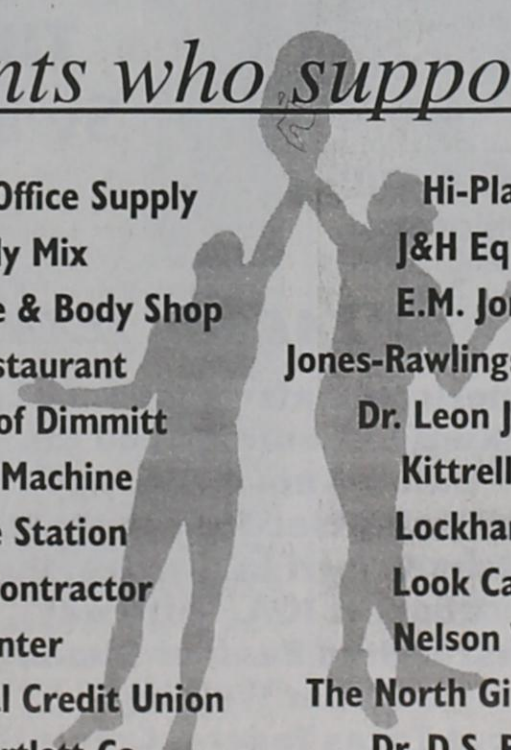
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# Swiftettes fall to Canyon in tourney finals

A smothering Canyon defense limited Nazareth to nine first-half shots, seven first-half points and nine first-half turnovers as the Lady Eagles captured the championship of the Canyon Classic with a victory over Nazareth for the second year in a row.

Canyon topped the Swiftettes in the tournament's lowest-scoring game, 30-20.

Melinda Schmucker provided Nazareth with virtually all of its offensive production, scoring 15 of her team's 20 total, including all of the seven first-half points. She was the only Swiftette to attempt a shot in the first quarter, and took all but three of Nazareth's first-half attempts.

She was named the tournament's Most Valuable Offensive Player for her performance over three games, scoring a total of 59 points. K'Lynn Gerber also made the all-tournament team.

Schmucker gave Nazareth an early 2-0 lead, but Canyon outscored the Swiftettes 8-1 on shots by three different players, Valerie Valdez, Lindy Lombard and Courtney Sims, and held an 8-3 advantage at the end of the first.

Lombard and Schmucker traded baskets to open the second, then Sims and Schmucker traded two pointers. Sims added another basket on an offensive rebound, then sank a free throw to give the Lady Eagles a 17-7 halftime lead.

Canyon held Nazareth to three third quarter points—a three-pointer

by Schmucker. The Lady Eagles' offense struggled in the stanza, though, adding only a pair of free throws and a field goal by Valdez to its total for a 21-10 lead.

Canyon picked up its offense in the fourth quarter and even had a 15-point lead at one point after free throws by Valdez and baskets by Sims and Lombard, but Nazareth started to wake up, too.

After Candi White gave Canyon a 28-13 lead on a charity toss, Schmucker and teammate Misti Ball turned offensive caroms into four points in the final 1:41. A three-pointer by Schmucker at the buzzer accounted for Nazareth's 20 points.

Canyon Coach Joe Lombard, former Nazareth mentor, was honored after the game for milestone victories. Lombard was recognized for having won his 600th career game earlier in the tourney, and for earning his 300th career victory Saturday.

Nazareth breezed through last Thursday's first-round game against El Paso Riverside, handling the ladies 62-30.

Schmucker had 28 points and Gerber finished with 11.

After posting a 15-8 first-quarter lead, the Swiftettes limited Riverside to two second-quarter points and held a convincing 31-10 lead at the half. Nazareth outscored El Paso 31-20 over the second 16 minutes for the victory.

The Swiftettes had a few problems

with Muleshoe in Friday's championship semifinal, but eventually prevailed, 42-34.

Nazareth never trailed in the game, but the Lady Mules did manage to tie the game twice—at 2 and 16.

After that Muleshoe came within two points of the Swiftettes several times, but Nazareth always managed to pull away.

Nazareth used a three-point play converted by Gerber and a three-pointer by Schmucker to take a 14-7 lead with 39 seconds left in the first quarter, but Muleshoe's Brandi Harrison and Allyson Field each canned baskets in the next 20 seconds to narrow the lead to 14-11. Nazareth's Courtney Hoelting scored at the buzzer for a 16-11 first-quarter lead.

Muleshoe tied the score after a basket by Mandy Cleavinger and a trey by Harrison with 3:20 left in the half.

Nazareth quickly regained control, ending an almost five-minute dry spell with an inside jumper by Gerber. Hoelting added a pair of free throws for a four-point Naz advantage.

The Swiftettes went ahead by six on a shot by Schmucker and charity tosses by Ball, but Harrison made it a four-point game at the buzzer, scoring on an offensive put-back.

Cleavinger hit a free throw at the start of the third quarter, but Nazareth reeled off six unanswered points and was on top by nine at the 5:26 mark. Muleshoe pulled within five thanks to Cleavinger, then Field

added a free throw and basket late in the period, leaving the Swiftettes clinging to a slim 32-28 lead with the final eight minutes left.

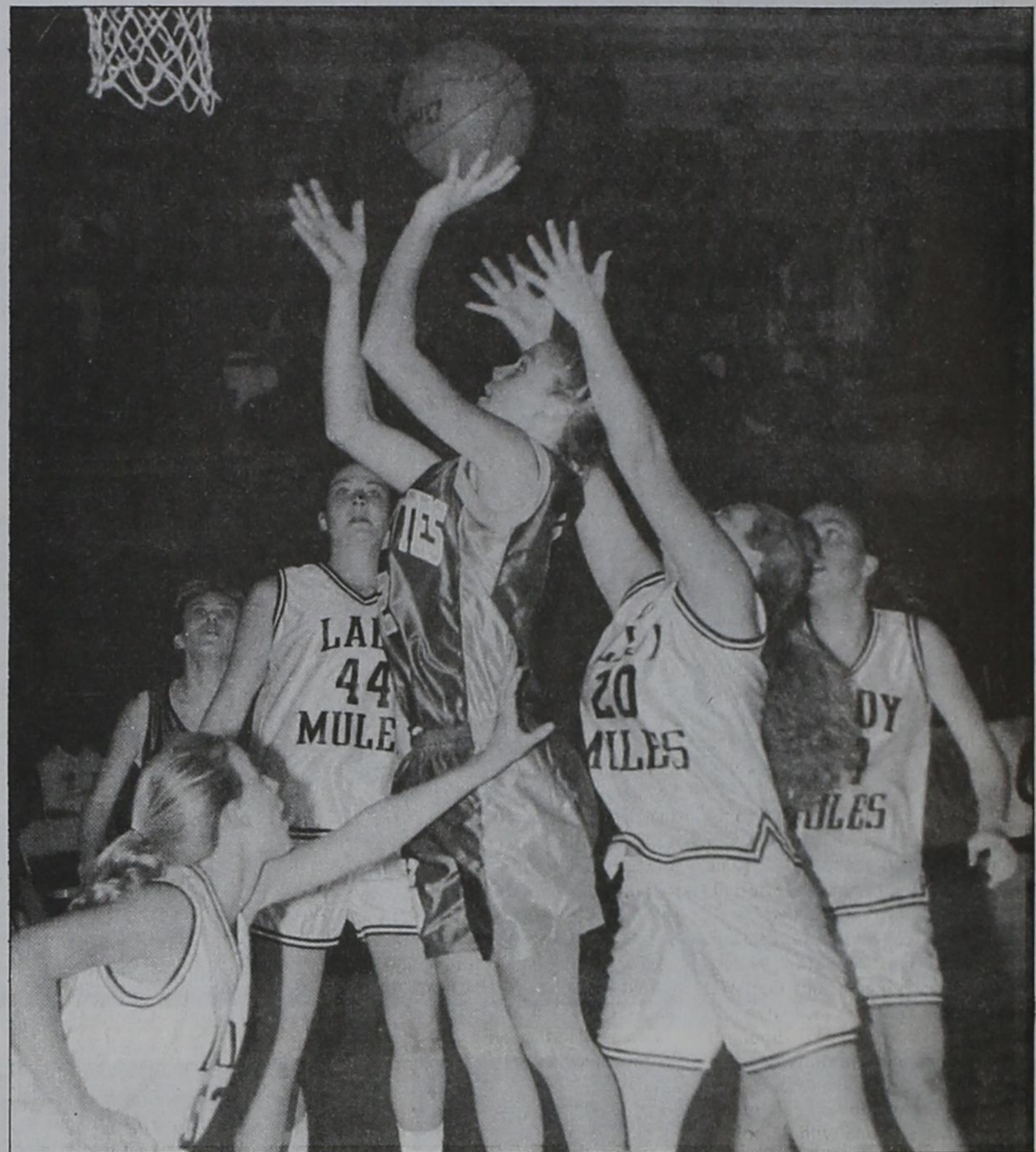
Nazareth saw that lead evaporate to a mere field goal after Cleavinger opened scoring in the fourth.

Ball came right back with a field goal of her own, then Schmucker sank a three-pointer for a seven-point Nazareth advantage.

After cutting the Nazareth lead to three with 2:38 left on a pair of free throws by Cleavinger, Muleshoe

applied a full-court press, but the Swiftettes had no problems handling the pressure.

Gerber scored an insurance bucket with 1:40 left, then Nazareth sealed the win with three free throws down the stretch.



SCHMUCKER FOR TWO! She's triple—or is it quadruple—teamed, but Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker scores anyway despite defense applied by four Muleshoe defenders including Brandi Harrison (52), Mandy Cleavinger (44), Michelle Williams (20) and Allyson Field (14). Schmucker led the Swiftettes

past the Lady Mules with 16 points in the championship semifinal round of the Canyon Classic Friday. The Swiftettes advanced to the title game, but fell to Canyon in a defensive battle, 30-20. Schmucker scored 59 points in three games and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Offensive Player.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Swifts lose overtime opener, rebound to win consolation

Illness and injuries plagued the Nazareth Swifts in the Friona Invitational, and after suffering an overtime loss in the first round, the Swifts bounced back to win the consolation trophy with victories over Logan, N.M. and Farwell.

In last Thursday's opener against River Road, the Swifts were minus starting point guard Robby Schmucker, who was sick. The Swifts already were playing without Justin Bingham and post player Coby Schacher, who are recovering from football injuries to their hands.

That didn't seem to bother Nazareth at the beginning of the game, though.

The Swifts scored the game's first six points, then jumped ahead to a 12-2 lead with 3:10 left in the opening period.

Nazareth used a balanced attack to take the lead, with Gaylon Schilling and Nathan Hoelting each contributing four points, and Billy Don Cannon and Casey Hoelting adding two each.

But River Road got back in the game with three pointers—three of them—by Stephen Mills and Robby Frye. The last one by Mills with four seconds left made it a 17-13 Nazareth advantage at the end of the period.

Nazareth padded its lead in the

second on a three-pointer by Bryan Braddock with less than three minutes left and managed a nine-point lead, 28-19 on a pair of free throws by Nathan Hoelting with 1:06 left. But Justin Chancler connected with 25 seconds remaining in the half to make it 28-21 at the break.

River Road put together a big comeback in the third quarter and outscored Nazareth 20-12 to take a

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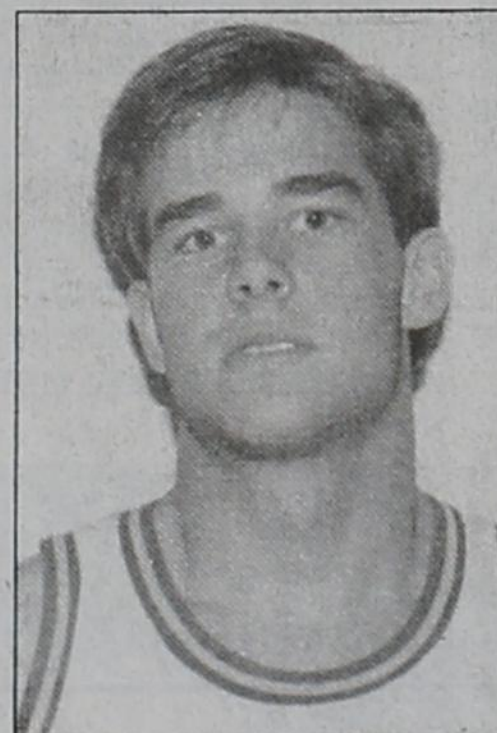


NAZARETH'S GAYLON SCHILLING gets off a baseline jumper as River Road's Jason Parrie attempts to block it from behind last Thursday in action at the Friona Invitational. River Road and Nazareth battled to a tie at the end of regulation, then River Road went on to win in overtime. The Swifts won their next two games to claim the consolation championship. Nathan Hoelting was the only Swift player to make the all-tournament team after scoring a total of 73 points over three games.

Photo by Anne Acker



K'Lynn Gerber  
Sophomore Post



Gaylon Schilling  
Senior Post

**Good Luck,  
Swiftettes  
and  
Swifts  
in the  
Abernathy  
Tournament!**

FIRST GAME: Swiftettes vs. Vernon, Thursday, 12 noon  
FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Lubbock Estacado, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

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For Friona Invitational championship

# Lockney rallies to beat Longhorns

The Hart Longhorns had their share of nail-biters this weekend in the Friona Invitational, and when the dust cleared, the Longhorns found themselves accepting the second-place trophy in the tourney.

Hart won its first game with Farwell by a single point, 59-58, then pulled out a double-overtime victory, 72-67, over Friona Friday in the championship semifinal round to earn a spot in Saturday's championship game against district rival Lockney. Hart led Lockney headed into the final period, but Lockney used three-pointers to take the championship, 68-61.

While the Longhorns couldn't pull out the championship win, Hart Coach Jerry Card was thrilled with his team's overall performance in the tournament.

J.R. Lee and Jeremy Card both earned mention to the all-tournament team. Card said he was disappointed that Hart's big man Dusty Ortiz didn't receive the same recognition.

"I felt like Dusty should have made the all-tournament team. He did a good job for us this weekend. He averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds per game in the tournament, but he was overlooked.

"I'm really pleased with the way the guys played," Card said "We're finally starting to do well. These guys haven't been in a lot of big games like this and they came through really well."

It took Hart a while to get going last Thursday in the first round against Farwell, in fact, the Horns were facing a 35-23 halftime deficit.

"We started off really bad," said Card. "We had a lot of turnovers and they were outrebounding us. At halftime we talked about that. We were a lot bigger than they were and there was no reason we shouldn't have dominated the boards."

In the second half the Longhorns outscored Farwell 36-23 to claim the victory. Lee finished with 27 points and Dusty Ortiz had 13.

"A lot of our second-half comeback was because of Ortiz," Card said. "He had 20 rebounds in the game and 13 of those were in the third quarter. He controlled the

boards in the second half."

The Longhorns had another tough battle on their hands in Friday's championship semifinal with Friona.

The Chieftains already sported one victory over Hart this year, winning the teams' first game of the season on a three-pointer at the buzzer.

"This game was a lot of fun, Card said. "This was the best hustle effort I've ever seen out of these guys. We were going after loose balls and played aggressive. We shot well, too (45% from the field) and our shot selection was good."

Hart jumped out to a 19-16 lead after the first period, but Friona won the second, 14-9 to take a 30-28 lead at halftime. The second half was almost a carbon copy of the first, with Hart taking the lead after the third quarter, 48-41. Friona came back in the fourth to tie the game at the end of regulation.

"We had a seven-point lead going into the fourth quarter and we lost it. We didn't shoot the ball many times," Card said. "I think the guys got nervous and tried to hold the ball instead of running our offense. Friona shot a lot of free throws, too."

Another factor in Friona's comeback in the fourth quarter was an injury to Ortiz, Card said.

"Dusty hurt his nose and he was bleeding a lot. He had to sit out a lot at the end of regulation and for most of the first overtime period. When we had him back for the second overtime, it made a big difference."

After battling to a 58-58 tie after four quarters, Friona and Hart each scored five in the first overtime period. In the second bonus period, Ortiz was the difference.

"We got the ball to Dusty and he scored twice and we didn't look back," Card said.

Lee was Hart's leading scorer with 25 points while John Welps added 16.

Hart carried the 72-67 double overtime win over Friona into Saturday's championship with Lockney, but the Horns were spent from the emotional high of Friday's game and couldn't get anything going their way Saturday.

"We were dead-legged. We didn't play well on defense and all the guys complained of being tired. I think they were still recovering from the emotional double-overtime game," Card said.

Lockney battled Hart to an 11-point stalemate in the first period, but Hart pulled ahead in the second quarter and led 34-31 at halftime. Hart still managed its three-point lead at the end of the third quarter, 45-42, but the fourth quarter saw Lockney come to life and take the win.

Lockney senior Mike Hernandez lifted his team over Hart by canning three three-pointers in the final eight minutes.

"We should have been able to control the boards and we didn't," Card said. "Then we let Hernandez have those threes, basically uncontested. We had them. We led most of the way, then we let it slip away in the fourth quarter."

Lee finished with 24 to lead the Horns while Ortiz had 18.

## Swifts, Swiftettes ready for Abernathy Tourney

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes will take on Lubbock Estacado and Vernon, respectively, today (Thursday) in first round action of the Abernathy Tournament.

The Swiftettes and Vernon will square off at 12 noon at Hale Center, then the Swifts will play Estacado at 1:30 p.m. at Hale Center.

The big tournament features 16 teams in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Teams hoping to win the championship will have to win four games. Games will be played in the varsity gyms at Hale Center, New Deal and Abernathy.

Teams featured in the girls' bracket are Hereford, Lockney, Muleshoe, New Deal, Nazareth, erson, Ralls, Hale Center, Tulia, Springlake-Earth, Cooper, Stanton, Littlefield, Wall, Petersburg and Abernathy.

The boys' division includes Hereford, Lockney, Crosbyton, New Deal, Nazareth, Estacado, Ralls, Hale Center, Tulia, Springlake-Earth, Cooper, Crane, Littlefield, Slaton, Petersburg and Abernathy.

Friday at 9 a.m. at Hale Center.

The Swifts will play either Ralls or Hale Center in the second round. If Nazareth beats Estacado, it will advance to the championship quarterfinals tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Hale Center. Should the Swifts lose, they will drop to the consolation bracket and will play Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Hale Center.

Saturday games on the championship sides of the brackets will all be played at Abernathy along with the consolation championship games.

Saturday's fifth place games will be played at 9 (girls) and 10:30 a.m. (boys) at Abernathy. The girls' consolation title game will begin at 12 noon, followed by the boys' consolation game at 1:30. Third-place games will begin at 3 (girls) and 4:30 p.m. The girls' championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. with the boys' title game slated to tip off at 7:30.

## Naz Museum plans meal for opening of pheasant season

The Nazareth Museum Committee will sponsor a steak dinner on opening day of pheasant season, which will be Saturday, Dec. 9.

The menu will include steak, baked potatoes and all the trimmings, and the meal will be served from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Cost will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds will help the committee with restoration of an old building into the city's museum.

If the girls beat Vernon, they will face the Ralls-Hale Center winner tonight (Thursday) at 6 at Hale Center. If they lose, the Swiftettes will play the Ralls-Hale Center loser

# Ladyhorns lose two close games in Friona tournament

The Hart girls lost a pair of close games in the Friona Invitational last Thursday and Friday, with each game going down to the wire.

In the first round, Hart came from behind with a big fourth-quarter rally to force an overtime with Farwell. Unfortunately, the Ladyhorns could manage just three points in the bonus four minutes and Farwell reeled off eight for a 72-67 win.

Farwell worked for the last shot, and managed to hold the ball until the waning seconds.

A turnover by Travis with four seconds left sent the game into overtime.

The Lady Steers scored first and never looked back. Farwell had a five-point lead before Hart scored in the extra period, and the Lady Steers cruised through the final two minutes

for the win.

After falling behind Floyd in the first quarter, 14-10, on Friday, the Hart girls rebounded to take a slim 29-28 lead at halftime.

Hart saw its lead evaporate in the second half with Floyd holding a 30-26 advantage for the 58-55 win.

The Lady Horns were led by Bradford, who finished with 15 points.

That sent the Ladyhorns into the consolation semifinals against Floyd, N.M. on Friday. Hart fell behind again, but were in the middle of another comeback when the clock halted the effort and Floyd won by a three-pointer, 58-55.

Farwell dominated the Ladyhorns in the first quarter and held a 22-10 lead at the end of the stanza.

Hart couldn't gain any ground on the Lady Steers in the second quarter, but the Ladyhorns didn't allow Farwell to add to its lead, either, and at halftime Hart faced a 36-24 deficit.

Hart had its share of problems in the third quarter, and fell behind by 15 on a three-pointer by Farwell's Candace Travis at the start of the stanza.

Hart cut the Farwell lead to eight with less than two minutes left in the quarter after baskets by Charbra Lee, Tylene Garcia, A. Gutierrez and Gayla Reyna, but Farwell answered with seven straight points.

Hart outscored Farwell 23-10 in the fourth quarter, shutting out the Lady Steers for three minutes while reeling off seven points.

Lee scored off of an offensive carom, then Tiffany Bradford got hot, hitting a field goal, free throw, then getting a steal and traveling coast-to-coast for a layup with 4:41 left to make it 57-49, Farwell.

Lee and Bradford went to work after that.

In the final four minutes of regulation, each reeled off five points and Ysa Rodriguez added a three-pointer.

Rodriguez' trey came with 1:37 left and narrowed Farwell's lead to three, 64-61.

Then Lee tied the game when she scored and was fouled by Valerie Mace with 1:11 left. Lee hit the free throw to tie the game at 64.



HART'S CHARBRA LEE (40) scores after making a move on Farwell's Veronica Mace (40) in a first-round game of the Friona Invitational last Thursday in Friona. Lee was Hart's leading scorer with 20 points and Tiffany Bradford had 18. The Ladyhorns took Farwell into overtime, but Farwell pulled out the victory, 72-67. Also pictured is Hart's Tylene Garcia (44). Hart met Floyd, N.M., in the consolation semifinals and were edged out of the tournament, 58-55.

Photo by Anne Acker



HIGH FLYIN' LEE!—Hart's J.R. Lee soars to the hoop and scores as a Farwell defender rushes by during action last Thursday in a first-round game at the Friona Invitational. Lee led the Longhorns to a second-place finish in the tourney and was named to the all-tournament team. He scored 27 in Hart's 59-58 win over Farwell; 25 as the Horns beat Friona, 71-67, in overtime; and finished with 24 in the championship, which Hart lost to Lockney, 68-61.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Hart teams to tackle foes in Highland Park Tourney

The Hart Longhorns will square off against the Plainview Junior Varsity while the Ladyhorns drew a bye in today's (Thursday) opening round of the Highland Park Invitational Tournament.

The Longhorns are coming off of an impressive performance in the Friona Invitational, where they finished second.

If Hart's boys beat Plainview, they will advance to the championship semis Friday at 5 p.m. against the River Road-Tucumcari winner. Losers of the two games will meet Friday at 1 p.m.

San Jacinto will take on Vega and Happy will meet Highland Park in the bottom half of the boys' bracket.

Hart's girls will take on the Tucumcari-Highland Park winner Friday at 7 p.m. The opposite half of the girls' bracket features Clayton (which drew a first-round bye), Happy and Vega.

On Saturday, the girls' schedule opens with the seventh-place game at 1 p.m. The consolation championship will be held at 7 p.m. and the championship finals are slated for 5 p.m.

In the boys' bracket, Saturday's games include the seventh-place contest at 1 p.m., consolation championship at 5 p.m., third-place at 3 p.m. and the championship at 7 p.m.

# Good luck Ladyhorns and Longhorns in the Highland Park Tournament

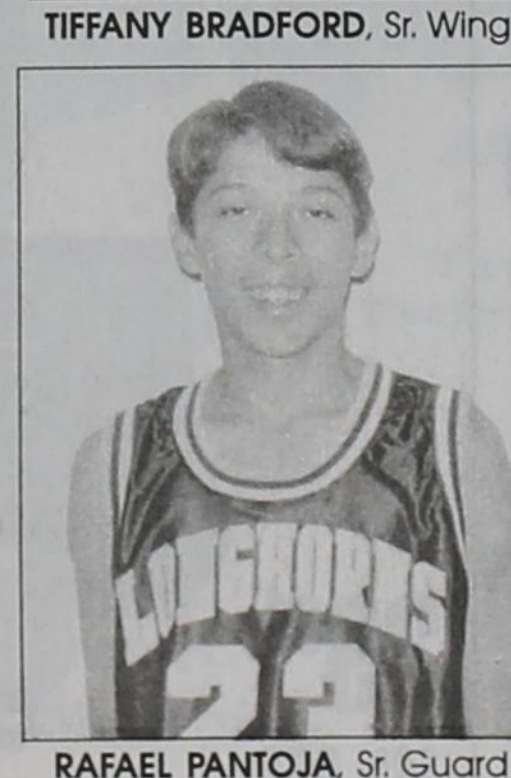
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# Scoreboard

**PIONEER CLASSIC**  
at Wayland Baptist University  
**Bobcats 60 Andrews 63**  
Dimmitt 17 7 26 10 — 60  
Andrews 21 15 9 18 — 63  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Joe Larra 19, Justin Newman 17.  
**Consolation Semifinals**  
**Bobcats 57, Canyon 61**  
Dimmitt 19 16 4 18 — 57  
Canyon 18 11 17 15 — 61  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Justin Newman 18, Joe Larra 17, Brandon Smith 12.  
**Seventh Place**  
**Dimmitt 91, Abernathy 53**  
Dimmitt 33 27 11 20 — 91  
Abernathy 7 17 16 13 — 53  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Justin Newman 21, Chad Ellis 16, Joe Larra 12, Charley Sanders 11.

**CANYON CLASSIC**  
at Canyon High School  
**Swiftettes 62, El Paso Riverside 60**  
Nazareth 15 16 17 14 — 62  
Riverside 8 2 12 8 — 30  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Melinda Schmucker 28, K'Lynn Gerber 10.  
**Championship Semifinals**  
**Swiftettes 42, Muleshoe 34**  
Nazareth 16 8 8 10 — 42  
Muleshoe 11 9 8 6 — 34  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Melinda Schmucker 16, K'Lynn Gerber 11.

**Championship**  
**Swiftettes 20, Canyon 30**  
Nazareth 3 4 3 10 — 20  
Canyon 8 9 4 9 — 30  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Melinda Schmucker 15, Misti Ball 4.  
**LEVELLAND INVITATIONAL**  
at Levelland High School  
**Bobbies 41, Slaton 59**  
Dimmitt 8 9 9 15 — 41  
Slaton 10 11 16 22 — 59  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Amy Ethridge 18, Kara Josselet 12.

**Consolation Semifinals**  
**Bobbies 62, El Paso Del Valle 51**  
Dimmitt 14 23 7 18 — 62  
Del Valle 17 7 12 15 — 51  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Carrie Bradley 17, Amy Ethridge 15, Jacy Buckley 12, Amber Matthews 10.  
**Consolation**  
**Bobbies 39, Odessa 30**  
Dimmitt 4 15 9 11 — 39  
Odessa 9 7 6 8 — 30  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Amy Ethridge 11.

**FRIONA INVITATIONAL**  
at Friona High School  
**Longhorns 59, Farwell 58**  
Hart 8 15 23 13 — 59  
Farwell 12 23 12 11 — 58  
**SCORING—HART:** J.R. Lee 27, Dusty Ortiz 13.

**Swifts 61, River Road 67 (OT)**  
Naz 17 11 12 17 4 — 61  
RR 13 8 20 16 10 — 67  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Nathan Hoelting 21, Gaylon Schilling 11.

**Ladyhorns 67, Farwell 72 (OT)**  
Hart 10 14 17 23 3 — 67  
Far 22 14 18 10 8 — 72  
**SCORING—HART:** Charbra Lee 20, Tiffany Bradford 18.  
**Championship Semifinals**  
**Longhorns 71, Friona 67 (2OT)**  
Hart 19 9 20 10 5 8 — 71  
Frío 16 14 11 17 5 4 — 67  
**SCORING—HART:** J.R. Lee 25, John Welps 16.

**Consolation Semifinals**  
**Swifts 63, Logan, N.M. 52**  
Nazareth 17 7 18 11 — 63  
Logan 8 16 9 9 — 52  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Nathan Hoelting 29, Gaylon Schilling 17.

**Ladyhorns 55, Floyd, N.M. 58**  
Hart 10 19 12 14 — 55  
Floyd 14 14 15 15 — 58  
**SCORING—HART:** Tiffany Bradford 15.

**Consolation**  
**Swifts 71, Farwell 48**  
Nazareth 14 18 22 17 — 71  
Farwell 13 13 8 14 — 48  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Nathan Hoelting 23, Bryan Braddock 18, Robby Schmucker 13.

**Championship**  
**Longhorns 61, Lockney 68**  
Hart 11 23 11 16 — 61  
Lockney 11 20 11 26 — 68  
**SCORING—HART:** J.R. Lee 24, Dusty Ortiz 18.

**SATURDAY**  
**Freshmen Bobbies 39, Frenship 48**  
Dimmitt 4 11 13 11 — 39  
Frenship 9 11 10 18 — 48  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Tonya Robertson 12, Shawna Kenworthy 10. *Record: 3-1.*

**MONDAY**  
**Freshmen Bobbies 73, Shallowater 37**  
Dimmitt 19 22 16 16 — 73  
Shallowater 16 10 7 4 — 37  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Tonya Robertson 26, Stephanie Hinojosa 16, Allyson Roberson 14. *(Record: 4-1).*

**TUESDAY**  
**Bobcats 76, Hereford 54**  
Dimmitt 9 22 23 22 — 76  
Hereford 8 18 14 14 — 54  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Justin Newman 21, Joe Larra and Chad Ellis 15.

**Bobbies 44, Hereford 68**  
Dimmitt 18 13 4 9 — 44  
Hereford 11 24 19 14 — 68  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Carrie Bradley 18, Jacy Buckley 9.

**Swifts 50, Abernathy 38**  
Nazareth 10 12 11 17 — 50  
Abernathy 10 18 6 4 — 38  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Nathan Hoelting 30, Gaylon Schilling and Bryan Braddock 6.

**Longhorns 56, Happy 31**  
Hart 15 7 15 19 — 56  
Happy 4 10 8 9 — 31  
**SCORING—HART:** Dusty Ortiz 20, J.R. Lee 18.

**Ladyhorns 32, Happy 36**  
Hart 4 7 10 11 — 32  
Happy 6 8 15 7 — 36  
**SCORING—HART:** Gayla Reyna 9 or Tiffany Bradford 8.

## County swine breeders plan Jan. 6 jackpot

The Castro County Swine Breeders and the Castro County Extension Service is planning a jackpot pig show on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Expo Building. Entry fee is \$20 per head and barrows and gilts will be shown together. Weight cards must be turned into show officials by 10 a.m. on Jan. 6, and the show is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. A \$50 per head winner-take-all jackpot show will be held prior to the main show.

## More about Swifts win consolation . . .

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one-point lead into the final period. The score was tied at 49 and 52 in the last three minutes before Nathan Hoelting put the Swifts up 54-52. Then Mills canned a three to put River Road up by a point with 1:01 left. A Schilling basket put Nazareth on top, the Mills hit a pair of free throws to give his team a one-point edge with 26 seconds left. With 15 seconds left, Nazareth tied the game for good in regulation. Darren Huckert ws fouled by Chancler and after missing the first charity attempt, he nailed the second to tie it at 57 and send it into OT. The Swifts got just four points in the four-minute bonus while River Road claimed the win with 10. Nathan Hoelting was Nazareth's leading scorer with 21 while Schilling had 11.

The Swifts basically controlled Friday morning's consolation semifinal game with Logan, but did have a scare in the second quarter when Logan came back from a nine-point deficit to tie the game by halftime. Nazareth was on top 17-8 after eight minutes, but Logan outscored the Swifts 16-7 in the second stanza to tie the game. The Swifts got back on track in the second half, dominating Logan in the third quarter for a 42-33 edge, then holding on through the final minutes for the win. Nathan Hoelting and Schilling were leading scorers for the Swifts again, tossing in 29 and 17 points, respectively. After a slow start in Saturday's consolation championship game, the Swifts picked up the tempo of the game in the second half and cruised to a 71-48 victory over district rival Farwell. The Swifts hit nine three-pointers in the game, shot 45% overall and hit

14-of-20 free throws. Farwell's Landon Lunsford kept it close in the first quarter. After Nazareth went ahead 4-0 on baskets by Schilling and Schmucker, Lunsford hit back-to-back shots to tie it at 4. Then he answered a three-pointer by Braddock with a field goal of his own before Nazareth started to pull away. Another basket by Braddock and a three by Schmucker made it 12-6 before Farwell got hit again. This time it was Josh Littlejohn and Chase Hardage doing the damage and Littlejohn's basket with 49 seconds left in the quarter gave Farwell its first lead, 13-12. A pair of free throws by Nick Gerber put Nazareth on top to end the quarter. But Nathan Hoelting silenced Farwell fans in the second quarter. He started off with a free throw to tie the game at 15 after Hardage scored. Then he hit a three pointer and two other field goals to put the Swifts on top for good. Treys by Schmucker and Braddock in the last 50 seconds of the half game Nazareth a 32-26 halftime lead. The Swifts coasted through the second half, outscoring Farwell 22-8 in the third quarter and 17-14 in the fourth for the win.

## AEIS hearing set Dec. 11

The Dimmitt Independent School District's annual Academic Excellence Indicator System report will be given at the Dec. 11 meeting of the school board and the public is invited to attend and discuss the report. The school board meets at 608 W. Halsell, and the public hearing for discussion of the report will begin at 6 p.m.

## More about Pheasant season . . .

(Continued from Page 1)  
Saturday morning from 5:30 to 7 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Cost is \$4.50 per person for all you can eat of fresh, whole hog sausage, biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee and orange juice.

### Hart

The Hart Lions Club, which is sponsoring an organized hunt for the 15th straight year, will serve breakfast, too. The club has 130 hunters signed up for its organized hunt, and those hunters paid \$100 per gun for rights to hunt on designated land all season, and a free breakfast.

Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, orange juice and coffee will be served from 5 to 8 a.m. at the Hart High School Cafeteria. The breakfast is also open to the public, with those not signed up to hunt being charged \$3 per plate.

Tony Leibel said the Hart club can still take more hunters and anyone interested should call him at 938-2191 or 938-2443; Stanley Dyer at 938-2164; Bobby Reed at 938-2183; or Bryan Tole at 938-2641.

Should hunters in the Hart area need ammunition or licenses, Leibel said there are businesses which will be offering both. Shells may be purchased at Tole Auto Parts, Harris Lumber Co. and Hart Auto and Farm Supply. Licenses are available from Hart Auto, too.

Leibel said that although there haven't been many birds spotted from the roads, the birds are out there.

"I talked to some guys who went out and scouted some of our donated lands, and they said every place they walked they scared up some birds," Leibel said.

### Nazareth

The Nazareth Lions Club will welcome 98 hunters from across the state to its organized hunt on Saturday morning, and David

Bownds said the club's hunt is full. "We had to turn some people away, already," Bownds said. For \$100 per gun, hunters will be guided around more than 3,500 acres of land around the Nazareth area on opening day. They also will be served a breakfast Saturday morning and lunch that day. Both meals will be served at the Nazareth Community Hall. On Saturday evening, the Nazareth Museum Association will sponsor a steak dinner from 5:30 to 9 at the Nazareth Community Hall. The menu will include steak, baked potatoes and all the trimmings and cost will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Bownds said bird prospects seem to be slim this year. "We hope we can find enough birds in the cover to keep the hunters coming back each year," Bownds said.

### Easter

The Easter Lions expect 40 hunters for Saturday's organized hunt, and that's all the club will be accepting.

Eddie Matthews, member of the Easter Lions Club, said for \$100, hunters signed up with the club will be able to hunt on 3,500 acres of land Saturday and Sunday, and will receive coffee and doughnuts Saturday morning and lunch that day.

But the hunters, which are from South Texas areas including Waco and Dallas, may have a hard time finding birds this year.

"Prospects are not very good," Matthews said. "The populations are down quite a bit. You just don't see many birds when you're out driving."

The club will offer coffee and doughnuts to its registered hunters Saturday morning at the Easter Community Building. Those registered hunters will be served a barbecued lunch that day, too.

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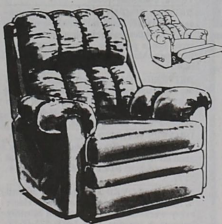
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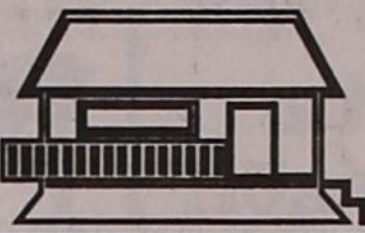
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## 22-Notices

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## Notice of Meeting Postponement

TxDOT Route Study—Lubbock to I-10 and Amarillo North

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) open house and public meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, December 11, has been postponed. The meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Sixth Street, Lubbock, Texas. The open house, from 4 to 7 p.m., is also cancelled.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the TxDOT Lubbock to I-10 Route Study. However, the recent change in the speed limit laws may affect the freeway feasibility results, so more research is needed before announcing the final results.

TxDOT will schedule the meeting at a later date. The public will be notified on the new date, time and location. Information about the rescheduled meeting can be obtained on the Route Study Telephone Hotline (1-800-661-3234). Questions regarding this postponement can be directed to the public information officer in the local Texas Department of Transportation District Office.

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**22-Notices**

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**Political Announcements**

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office in the Mar. 12 primary elections. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Incumbent office holders are designated by (i) following their names.

**DEMOCRAT PRIMARY:**

**For County Tax Assessor-Collector:**  
Billy Hackleman (i)

**For Commissioner, Pct. 3:**  
W. A. (Bay) Baldrige (i)

**For County Treasurer:**  
Janice Shelton (i)

**For County Constable:**  
James Dobbs (i)

**25-Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids for instructional supplies, office supplies, testing materials/supplies, athletic equipment and supplies, and shop equipment and supplies for the 1995-96 school year. Sealed bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. on December 12, 1995, at the DISD Administrative Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. Bid specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-34-2tc

**BID NOTICE**

Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids for banking services. Sealed bids should be delivered to the administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital at 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, by 5 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 1995. Effective date of contract will be Jan. 26, 1996. Bids will be opened at the board of directors meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1995. Bids should explain investment methods available for reserve funds, all interest rates to be paid by bank, any charges to be assessed by bank and method of securing the funds deposited. The Castro County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 25-35-2tc

**Beef improvement program to be offered over satellite**

Any beef producer with access to a satellite dish can join the quality and consistency revolution without leaving home by tuning in to a special interactive distance learning project on beef quality excellence between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 12.

The program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Beef Council. "Beef quality excellence in Texas is a reachable goal," said Terry Stokes, Texas Beef Council interim executive vice president. "Texas can lead the nation's move towards a higher quality, more consistent beef product. Producers just need access to the information that allows them to make necessary changes."

"Technology presently available allows producers to receive that information via satellite so they never have to leave their home or place of business to attend a symposium."

Producers who own or lease a satellite dish can view the program on C-band by tuning in to Telstar

303, Channel 10 (T3,10). Others can view the program at the Castro County Farm Bureau office on the Ku-band (Telstar 401, Transponder 11) or at their district TAEX office. Producers should call the local Farm Bureau office to ask about seating availability for the program.

In addition, Superior Livestock Auction, Inc., will broadcast the program throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico on the C-band.

Speakers will discuss the findings of the National Beef Quality Audit, a nationwide industry analysis which features interviews with producers, packers, retailers and restaurant operators. It found the industry was losing \$280 per head because of misdirected production practices and selection of poor genetics that lead to overly fat fed animals.

The distance learning program will show producers how to amend those production practices, how to hit the target with quality and yield grades through genetic selection and how to add value to calves destined for the

auction or feedlot.

"This program has been repeated in various sites around Texas 25 times in the last two years," said Richard Wortham, Texas Beef Council vice president of industry relations and coordinator of the distance learning project. "We've reached more than 8,000 producers with this information, yet this satellite transmission allows us to vastly expand those numbers."

The program will allow for interaction between cattlemen, feeders and industry experts. A toll-free number will be flashed periodically across the television screen. Producers who have questions will be able to call and get answers from TAEX livestock specialists.

"The program will directly address inconsistencies, non-conformities and the need to capture some of the \$280 per head reported as lost in the audit," Wortham said. "For this to happen, changes have to be made on a wide scale in Texas and the nation. But the decision to initiate changes has to be made by each individual. Satellite technology allows the industry to get this information to more beef producers in a more rapid period of time. Each individual who hears that information can then make up his or her mind about what changes must be made on an individual herd basis."

For more information on the project, contact Richard Wortham at (512) 335-2333 or Dr. Dan Hale, TAEX meats specialist, at (409) 845-0435 or J.D. Ragland, Castro County Extension Agent 647-4115.

**Farm Bureau chief praises property rights legislation**

Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau, praised the recent passage of property rights legislation, which was signed on the Texas Farm Bureau grounds by Gov. George Bush.

Stallman addressed the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Corpus Christi last month, saying the organization "set a new standard for success in 1995."

"To start with, the legislative session of 1995 was a tremendous success," Stallman said. "We have dreamed for years of property rights protections written into Texas law and it became a reality in 1995."

Stallman also spoke optimistically about the impending re-authorization of the Endangered Species Act. He said that changes in the legislation will protect both species and property rights.

However, he was less pleased about the direction of federal farm programs, with the trend in phasing out government assistance in agriculture creating "a new and different world."

He said the government would have to avoid what he called "political manipulation that robs agricul-

ture of a fair profit."

Stallman praised the success of the Bureau on the membership front, citing a 5,500-member gain, bringing the total number of member families up to 302,352.

Also at the convention, Brian Betts of Titus County near Mt. Pleasant was named the winner of the Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher competition.

State Comptroller John Sharp was awarded the "Special Friend of Texas Agriculture award by the Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund.

In concluding remarks, Stallman encouraged Farm Bureau members to become active and involved. He pointed to the coming debate over tax policy, future environmental and land use battles, and other issues.

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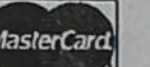
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**Dr. Murphy announces closing of Dimmitt office...**

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"I've seen a lot of New Mexico and Texas, but that's about all I've seen of the US," Dr. Murphy said. "I'd really like to see Washington, D.C., and the Smithsonian, the

Grand Canyon—a lot of places. Hopefully, I can get my wife over here to look the country over with me."

Yulia is reluctant to move to the US permanently as long as her

80-year-old mother is still living in Dnepetrovsk. Dr. Murphy said he doesn't plan to ever move permanently to Ukraine.

Even when Yulia is a permanent resident of the US, the couple plan to

spend half their time going back over to Ukraine and teaching the Bible, as they have in the past—"as long as we are allowed to continue to do so," Dr. Murphy added.

An important part of their relationship is their shared faith.

Yulia works as an interpreter and translator and is a tour guide for English-speaking tourists. She knows a lot of the history of Ukraine, and of Russia, too.

year later. Dr. Murphy said he has worked with several other doctors through the years, and has seen a lot of changes in the world of medicine.

On the positive side, he said there is a lot more technical help available for health practitioners today than when he started more than 30 years ago, with better diagnostic equipment and procedures.

"People are more health conscious and medicines get better every year," he said.

On the down side of the chart, Dr. Murphy said the worst change he has seen has been the intrusion of Medicare—and the government—into the area of healthcare.

"It has increased paperwork astronomically. It has increased the number of people we have to have on hand—supposedly to get things done properly, but things don't get done any better than they used to," Dr. Murphy said. "The government in medicine has increased the cost probably as much as 400%, and

that's mostly from fighting paperwork."

**Obituaries**

**Alma Beavers**

Alma Darlene Beavers, 44, of Davis, Okla., the daughter of a Dimmitt man, died Saturday.

Graveside services were held Monday in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis, N.M. with Rev. Dick Ross officiating. Arrangements were by Muffley Funeral Home of Clovis.

Mrs. Beavers was born in Clovis. She married Dudley O. Beavers in 1970 in Clovis. She moved to Davis in 1982. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Cecil Dudley Beavers of Davis; her father, Curtis Joyner of Dimmitt; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Dickerson of Davis; a sister, Brenda Jean Yates of Albuquerque; and two brothers, James Curtis Joyner of Red Bluff, Calif., and Marvin Joyner of Davis.

**Alice Finley**

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Alice Bean Finley, 70, of Amarillo, the mother of former Dimmitt resident Carolyn Osborn. Services were at N.S. Griggs Funeral Directors and burial followed in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Finley died Nov. 30. She was born at Tulia and graduated from Tulia High School. She attended the University of Arkansas and what is now West Texas A&M University. She worked for the Farm Security Administration in Tulia. She married Joe Bean in 1945. He preceded her in death in 1983.

She worked for the Swisher County Clerk's office, Brown and Graham CPA, and the Swisher County Appraisal Office and the Swisher County Library. She was president of the Unity Study Club and the Elkins HD Club in Swisher County. She was named the extension service Woman of the Year in 1977. In 1984, she became secretary to the head of the agriculture department at WT.

She married Woodroe Finley in 1989. She retired from WT after 6-1/2 years. She was a charter member of the Palo Duro DAR Chapter in Tulia; the Tierra Blanca DAR Chapter in Amarillo; and the Southern Country FCE Club. She was a member of the Golden Spread Coachmen and a member and secretary of the Samarillo Sams travel clubs. She was a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church, where she was secretary of the Rainbow Sunday school class and served in the Intercessory Prayer Room.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Osborn of Daingerfield; a son, Kenneth Bean of Levelland; two stepdaughters, Pat Shaw of Amarillo and Linda Ahlquist of Hotchkiss, Colo.; two sisters, Patricia Robinson of Hereford and Elaine Wilson of Comanche; and three grandchildren.

**Drip irrigation conferences set**

Two drip irrigation conferences will be held during December, and each is being sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) and the US Dept. of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

The first conference will be held Dec. 19 at the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom in Lubbock. The second will be held Dec. 20 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Co-sponsoring the Lubbock conference will be the Texas Tech University Water Resources Center, Mesa Underground Water Conservation District, Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District and the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

The Amarillo conference will be co-sponsored by the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District No. 2 and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District No. 3.

Both conferences will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a hospitality hour is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. after each.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged for each conference and that fee includes a noon meal and refreshments. A \$10 late charge will be added to those registering after Dec. 14.

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The current Plains Memorial Hospital was built on the same site, West Halsell Street, in 1963 and 1964, and was enlarged in 1970 and 1993.

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**A brief history**

In the spring of 1933, Dr. Mayes Miller established the first hospital in Castro County. It was privately owned, and consisted of 10 beds located on the second floor of the old First State Bank building. A short time later Dr. R. E. Cogswell joined Dr. Miller, and in 1945 he purchased Dr. Miller's interest in the hospital.

In May 1945, a local committee was appointed to organize a non-profit cooperative hospital in Dimmitt. In December 1945, this cooperative purchased the Cogswell Hospital and renamed it Plains Memorial. Opening day for the original Plains Memorial Hospital was Dec. 10, 1945.

After the end of World War II, the cooperative purchased the hospital ward of the Hereford Prisoner of War Camp and moved it to Dimmitt, relocating Plains Memorial Hospital into that facility.

The cooperative sold the hospital to Castro County in July 1953, and for a while the hospital

was known as Castro County Hospital.

The creation of the Castro County Hospital District was approved in January 1963, and construction of the current Plains Memorial Hospital began in May 1963. It was completed in May 1964.

The current east wing was added later, with construction completed in May 1970. The current central supply area and boiler/chiller and backup power generator areas were also added at that time.

The hospital was remodeled again in 1993. Improvements included an interior facelift, addition of the ambulance barn, expansion of the emergency room and laboratory, improvement of all-weather access and parking, and addition of an emergency room waiting area and a new prayer/meditation room. These improvements brought the hospital into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and with other new federal and state guidelines.

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