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'THAR SHE BLOWS!'—Kylie Webb (left) and Lori Schulte, both 18, formed a two-girl tandem with this snow-blower Sunday to clear the driveway at the home of Kylie's grandparents, Carroll and Waldine Webb, 719 Oak St. Before they were finished, they cleared off several other driveways in the neighborhood.

Photo by Carter Townsend

## Gulley found dead a mile from home

Castro County resident Elton Gulley, 77, was found dead Sunday morning in a drainage ditch about a mile from the home he shared with his daughter, Becky Ott, and her family in the Flagg area.

Investigating Sheriff's Deputy Glen Snitker surmised that the elderly man may have collapsed from stress due to the cold weather and possible exhaustion. He was found almost covered with snow near his car, a 1983 El Camino, which was high centered over the drainage ditch where he was found.

Gulley's body was discovered by his son, Larry Gulley, who had reported the man missing late Saturday night.

Larry Gulley told Snitker that Elton had been seen last at about 10:30 p.m. Friday as family members were retiring for the night. Saturday morning, Elton and his car were gone. According to the report, Elton's grandson thought that Elton had driven over to Larry's residence in Springlake to go to Clovis, N.M., with him.

When Larry came home Saturday between 9:30 and 10 p.m., he called Ott's residence to check on Elton and found out that he was missing. The family began calling around to see if anyone had seen Elton, and finally called the Sheriff's Office at about 11:30 p.m.

Larry told Snitker that Elton had been ill the past few days and also had a history of heart trouble, having a pacemaker and taking medication for his heart. Larry also recalled that Elton had seemed disoriented Friday morning and had been asking for his wife, who died in 1989.

Larry said that Elton had not

taken his medication with him or his wallet. He surmised that Elton may have gone to the cemetery in Muleshoe to visit his wife's grave.

Snitker requested that a missing person teletype be issued, and he patrolled the southwest part of the county, looking for Elton, who had lived in the Sunnyside area for about 10 years before moving in with Ott about a year ago. Snitker also entered Elton into the NCIC computer system as an endangered missing person, due to his health history and the weather conditions, which included blowing snow, rain and sleet, with temperatures in the teens and 20s.

Sunday morning Larry found Elton about a mile north-northeast of Ott's residence, two miles west of Flagg on FM 1524 then one mile south on CR 506, then a tenth of

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## Entries are due Friday for county stock show

County 4-H'ers and FFA members who are planning on exhibiting a lamb, steer or barrow in this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show must have their entries submitted by 5 p.m. Friday.

Entries should be sent to the Dimmitt Young Farmers, in care of the Vocational Agriculture Dept., Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt 79027.

Entry fee is \$15 per head, and this will be used to furnish bedding for the animals and to pay other show expenses.

This year's county stock show will be held Friday, Feb. 9, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Judges for this year's show are Billy Copeland for steers and lambs

and Gaylon McCune for barrows.

The show will start Feb. 9 with the lamb show at 9 a.m., followed by the steer show and barrow show, respectively. The show concludes on Saturday, Feb. 10, with the premium auction, slated to start at 1 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Animals must be in place at the Expo Building by 4 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 8. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their livestock to the quonset barns at 12 noon on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show three lambs, three steers and three barrows, but will only be allowed to sell two animals in each division, and three total. Animals will be weighed next Thursday, Feb. 8, beginning at 4:30 p.m. All entries must be ready at this time and must have a state validation from the county agent or an ag teacher.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will be strictly enforcing the weight limit on animals this year, especially on barrows. Barrows weighing less than 175 pounds or more than 260 pounds will be sifted.

"Any barrow not meeting the weight limit will be disqualified,"

said Young Farmers President Curt Summers.

Minimum weight on lambs will be 80 pounds. There is not a top weight limit, but maximum pay weight will be 130 pounds.

Steers must weigh at least 900 pounds, and 1,350 pounds will be the top pay weight.

### Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	39	21	
Friday	42	29	.01
Saturday	55	26	
Sunday	26	20	1.20
..... 4.1/2 inches of snow			
Monday	27	17	.06
..... 1/2 inch of snow			
Tuesday	38	23	
Wednesday	40	20	

January Moisture ..... 1.49  
2001 Moisture ..... 1.49

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



A TRIPLE AWARD FROM T-TRIPLE A—The Texas Agriculture Aviation Association recognized three spray pilots from Dimmitt with a joint award for District 4 at the association's state convention in Galveston in January. Shown are (from left) Dudley

Wooten of B&W Aerial Spray, TAAA President Mike Bailey, Todd Hatla of Tidwell Spraying, TAAA Awards Committee member Brett Whitten, and Max Ellison of Pro-Ag, Inc. This was the first time an award went to multiple recipients. Courtesy Photo

## Three Dimmitt pilots share aviation award

Three spray pilots from Dimmitt won the District 4 award at the Texas Agriculture Aviation Association State Convention in Galveston Jan. 11-12.

Dudley Wooten of B&W Aerial Spray, Todd Hatla of Tidwell Spraying, and Max Ellison of Pro-Ag, Inc., were recognized as outstanding rep-

resentatives of the aviation industry in the district.

"Usually, the award goes to an outstanding person in a district who has done something spectacular," said Patti Payne, who was on the awards committee. "This award went to all three of these men in recognition of how they work together, promote our industry, and take care of each other at the same time.

"In particular, their work on the boll weevil contract this year was noted, the way they helped each other out. That is not normally how competitors work," Payne said. "We're proud of them and to be able to say they belong to our industry."

Payne said this was the first time a district award had been given to multiple recipients.

"They are so modest," Payne said. "They were so surprised."

Payne said she had to resort to subterfuge to make sure the three

would be present for the awards ceremony. She said the three were told that a friend of theirs would be getting the award and that they needed to stick around to make sure he would stay for the presentation.

Award winners are nominated by all of the association's membership, then all the nominations are collected by the award committee.

"We usually don't get a lot of nomination forms, but these three walked away with it," Payne said. "I think this is the neatest award I have ever presented. It was an honor to be able to do it."

Each of the three men received a plaque bearing all three of their names. The presentation was made during the final banquet of the convention, with an estimated crowd of 300 in attendance.

The TAAA has four districts across the state, and an award was presented for each district.

## Perez dies in one-vehicle crash Saturday

Daniel Perez, 33, of Dimmitt, died Saturday from injuries he received in a one-vehicle crash 6.1 miles north of Littlefield on US 385.

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Billy Spears of Littlefield reported that Perez was ejected from a 1997 Chevrolet pickup as it rolled over into a field after sliding across the roadway. It was reported that the driver, Luis Garibaldi, 39, of Arlington, lost control of the northbound vehicle due to icy road conditions. The crash happened at about 8:10 a.m.

Garibaldi and another passenger, Damian Martinez, 19, of Dimmitt, both were treated and released at Lamb Health Care Hospital in Littlefield.

The DPS report said that

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Nowhere else but Nazareth are the girls' and boys' basketball teams both ranked No. 1 in the state.

And the Dimmitt boys have moved up to No. 6 in Class AAA.

Keep your date book open.

I don't remember when I've seen a gutsier performance than the Bobbies turned in Tuesday night against the Shallowater Fillies, the state's No. 4-ranked team.

The 48-49 loss was a heartbreaker because the Bobbies had fought back repeatedly until they had the Fillies down by four points with just 1:10 to go.

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TREE TOPS GLISTENED in the early-morning sun Monday following a five-inch snowfall over the weekend. This tree is in front of one of Dimmitt's landmarks, the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ. The weekend snow was preceded by freezing

mist and heavy sleet that coated trees and covered the area with almost half an inch of ice before the moisture turned into a wet snow. Altogether, the weekend's precipitation left 1.27 inches of much-needed moisture.

News DigiPic by Don Nelson

## Time to BRAG

It's time for grandparents to pull out those cute pictures of their grandchildren and show them off on the News' Valentine Brag Page, which will be printed on Feb. 8.

Just bring a photo of your grandchild to our office at 108 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt and we will place it in a special display frame with your grandchild's name and yours for a \$10 fee.

Pictures must be received by Friday, Feb. 2, to be included on the Brag Page. For more information, call the News at 647-3123.





# What's Cooking

*In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools*

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 1-9.

- DIMMITT**  
**Breakfast to go**  
**THURSDAY:** Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Honey bun, orange juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Breakfast hash brown, pears and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Fresh donut, banana and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

- Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Green enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Fish nuggets, tater tots, fruited gelatin and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Hamburger on a bun, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

- Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of green enchilada casserole, bean chalupe or chicken spaghetti; Mexican green beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potato or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, cantaloupe or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

- MONDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; vegetable medley, tater tots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of hamburger on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajitas with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

- HART**  
**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Biscuits, sausage, graham crackers, variety of cereal, raisins, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Pancakes with syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

- Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket or pork chop with rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, sliced pickles, green beans, pears, royal brownies and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of lasagna with ground beef, pizza hot pocket or large slice of pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, white cake with strawberry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, ham sandwich or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole with chips; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

- NAZARETH**  
**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** No school.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

- Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** \* Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, pork and beans, pears, dessert and milk or juice.  
**MONDAY:** \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Fried chicken and bread or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, S'mores and milk or juice.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Tater tot casserole or chef's salad, sopapilla, tossed salad, corn, fruit salad, pudding and milk or juice.

\*Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.

# On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Perhaps you saw the picture in the Jan. 21 issue of the *Amarillo Sunday News-Globe* about Ty and Jacob Parsons of Lubbock. Ty, 17, was pictured with a trophy mule deer buck that he shot this season on the Coyote Ridge Ranch in Donley County. Ty and his father, Kelvin, stalked the buck for 600 yards before getting into range of the big 4x5 buck.

Ty's brother, Jacob, 9, took his first whitetail buck on this same hunt. What you may not know is that Ty and Jacob are the grandsons of John and Sue Merritt of Dimmitt. They are the sons of the Merritts' daughter, Amy, and her husband, Kelvin Parsons. Amy is a graduate of Dimmitt High School, so many of us remember her. Congratulations to Ty and Jacob.

Recently on a trip to Amarillo to take W.J. Hill's mother, Evelyn Hill, out to dinner, Sara and W.J. saw a real bald eagle. This is the US's national bird, and a rarity, and it was identified by Dr. W.J., the vet! Sara says she occasionally sees a red cardinal in their back yard, but has yet

to have it stay long enough for W.J. to see it. I think this is because it is in our back yard savoring our sunflower seeds.

June Norman spent the weekend in Amarillo with her nephew and his family, Eric, his wife Cheryl, and their children, Madison, 4, and Mason, 18 months. They had lunch at Chili's, where Tara Mays is a waitress. Tara and Eric are the children of Andy Mays and Janet Brigance of Amarillo and Canyon. The laugh for the day was when June discovered that the shoes she had worn for the weekend were not mates!

Maybian Rhodes found herself in Plains Memorial Hospital on her birthday. She was getting a new supply of red corpuscles to rebuild her energy and well-being. As you know, the hospital staff at PMH goes way beyond just restoring the body. Dr. Leon Joplín brought his guitar and gathered all of the available staff to Maybian's room to sing "Happy Birthday" to her.

Dr. Joplín presented her with an exclusive tape of his gospel band that

has just been recorded "live" in Nashville, Tenn. This CD will be available at Coleman's Pharmacy sometime in February.

That wasn't the end of Maybian's birthday. The following Saturday, after she had been "recharged," her family honored her with a belated birthday party at the Senior Citizens building. Those present were her children, Darla and Jerry Shelton of Green Bay, Wis., Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes of Bovina, and Margaret Coker of Amarillo. Those from Friona were David and Betty Smith, Wayne and Judy Rhodes and Barbara Grimsley. Howard and Belinda Rhodes hosted the group. This included grandchildren from Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. There were great-grands, too, some of them newborns, that made a total of 47 descendants who gathered to express their love for Maybian.

This winter has been a bugger. The Amarillo paper reported this as the Panhandle's coldest winter in 106 years. Some of us are getting cabin fever, and looking for sunny weather with great anticipation.

## 4-H'ers will operate concession stand at county livestock show

Castro County 4-H'ers will operate a full concession stand during the Castro County Junior Livestock Show on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

4-H adult leaders Nacola Furr and Carole Bishop are chairmen for this year's fundraising project and they will be assisted by County Parent/Leader Association officers Mary Alice Lane and David Horn; and club managers Debbie Horn, Nazareth; Patrice Hill, Dimmitt/Bethel; LaNell Whitaker, Hart; and Jackie Odom, Horse Club.

This year, the 4-H will not operate the concession stand on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Feb. 7 and 8, during the Nazareth and Hart club shows.

The concession stand will open Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 a.m. and members of the Hart 4-H Club will man the stand until 1 p.m.

Members of the 4-H County Council will work in the concession stand from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. while the Nazareth 4-H Club will work from 1 p.m. until finish, and will be in charge of clean-up on Friday.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club will work from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members of the 4-H Horse Club will work from 12 noon until finished, and will be responsible for clean-up duties.

All workers must be 4-H members or leaders and workers must sign in when beginning their shift.

Work assignments are as follows:

- ♦ **Junior I:** Clean tables and front areas.
- ♦ **Junior II:** Pour drinks, wait on windows and wash dishes.
- ♦ **Senior:** Collect money and help prepare food.

♦ **Adults:** Prepare food and keep aware of food shortages.

Several 4-H groups are asked to bag ice and take the filled bags to Thriftway for storage until the stock show:

- Sunday:** Horse Club.
- Monday:** Hart Club.
- Tuesday:** Dimmitt/Bethel Club.
- Wednesday:** Nazareth Club.

Club managers are asked to set up a work schedule for their individual clubs. A minimum of five to seven adults and six 4-H'ers are needed for each shift.

Youngsters must be in the third grade to be allowed in the kitchen because of health and safety standards.

Leaders should designate club members to help with cleanup on Friday, Feb. 9, after the show and on Saturday, Feb. 10, after the sale.

Each club is responsible for furnishing five dozen cookies and for making Rice Krispie treats. Each should be cut in a 2"x2" bar and be individually wrapped in clear plastic wrap. Each club also is required to bring five fruit pies.

Club chairmen will be responsible for picking up supplies at the store.

Members of the clean-up crew should clean tables, pick up trash, sweep bleachers and clean restrooms at the end of each day. Each club must have at least four members present for clean-up details.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

*Teenagers are those who are happy that the phone call is for them.*

*A mother's work is never done, but the joy of children eases the strain.*

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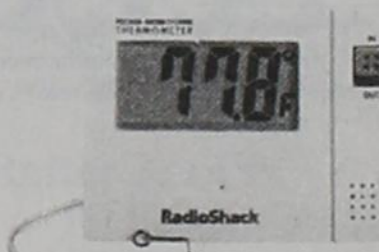
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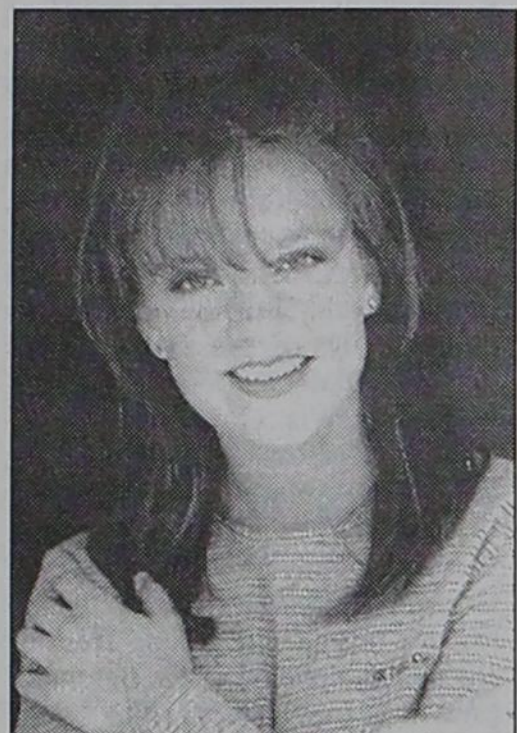
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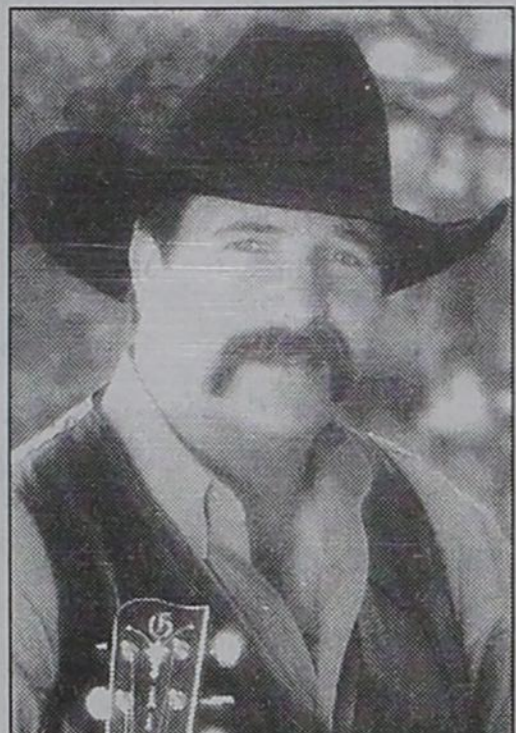
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# People



Bergundi Rose



Ed Montana

## Montana and Rose set concert Sunday

On Sunday, country and western music lovers can hear two rising stars in a double-header show when Bergundi Rose and Ed Montana perform solo acts in concert at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth.

The public is invited to attend the event, and donations will be accepted. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m.

Rose, 20, is the daughter of Garry and Angel Jones of Dumas. She is a junior at West Texas A&M University, majoring in music business. She was in the musical, "TEXAS" last summer, and in September she was featured in a musical at the Amarillo Civic Center, "Gospel, Strauss and Patsy Cline." She has recorded two CDs in Nashville and is currently working with Dar-la Music to further

her professional career. He music can be heard on jukeboxes throughout the Panhandle.

Montana is from Amarillo, but grew up in Utah, working on the family ranch, but also playing guitar and banjo. At age 10 he was touring with his father's polka band throughout the Midwest. Since 1980, Montana has been the front man of the Coors Cowboy Band, which has traveled throughout the US, performing at rodeos sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He also has entertained for six consecutive years at the National Finals Rodeo. Since 1989, he has spent time each summer as a solo performer at music festivals in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. His current CD was recorded in Branson, Mo., with his new band, "The Honky Tonk Heroes."

## Ellis and Summers attend breast feeding workshop

Two nurses from the Castro County Hospital District recently completed a three-day workshop on clinical breast feeding assistance, sponsored by Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Attending the workshop were Cindy Ellis, registered nurse; and Patty Summers, licensed vocational nurse.

In addition to participating in the workshop which addressed the normal course of lactation, Ellis and Summers completed an assessment and problem solving practicum, and an examination addressing usual circumstances and common challenges with breast feeding. They were awarded certification as breast feeding educators.

Certification is an added credential that recognizes increased clinical competence in the field of breast feeding assistance.

Castro County Hospital District has two certified breast feeding educators.

Today, most mothers breast feed. Employed mothers, mothers at home, mothers of premature or ill infants and mothers in a variety of special situations choose breast feeding because of its numerous benefits.

Scientific investigations have recently identified significant benefits of breast feeding which include increased intelligence, protection against childhood infections, diabetes, liver disease, certain types of cancers, allergies, immune system disorders and sudden infant death syndrome. Mothers who breast feed have a reduced incidence of breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Mothers often explain that they initiate breast feeding because of the benefits for their baby, but they continue breast feeding because they enjoy a special closeness with their breast fed babies.

As breast feeding becomes more popular, mothers look to health care providers for assistance. Traditional

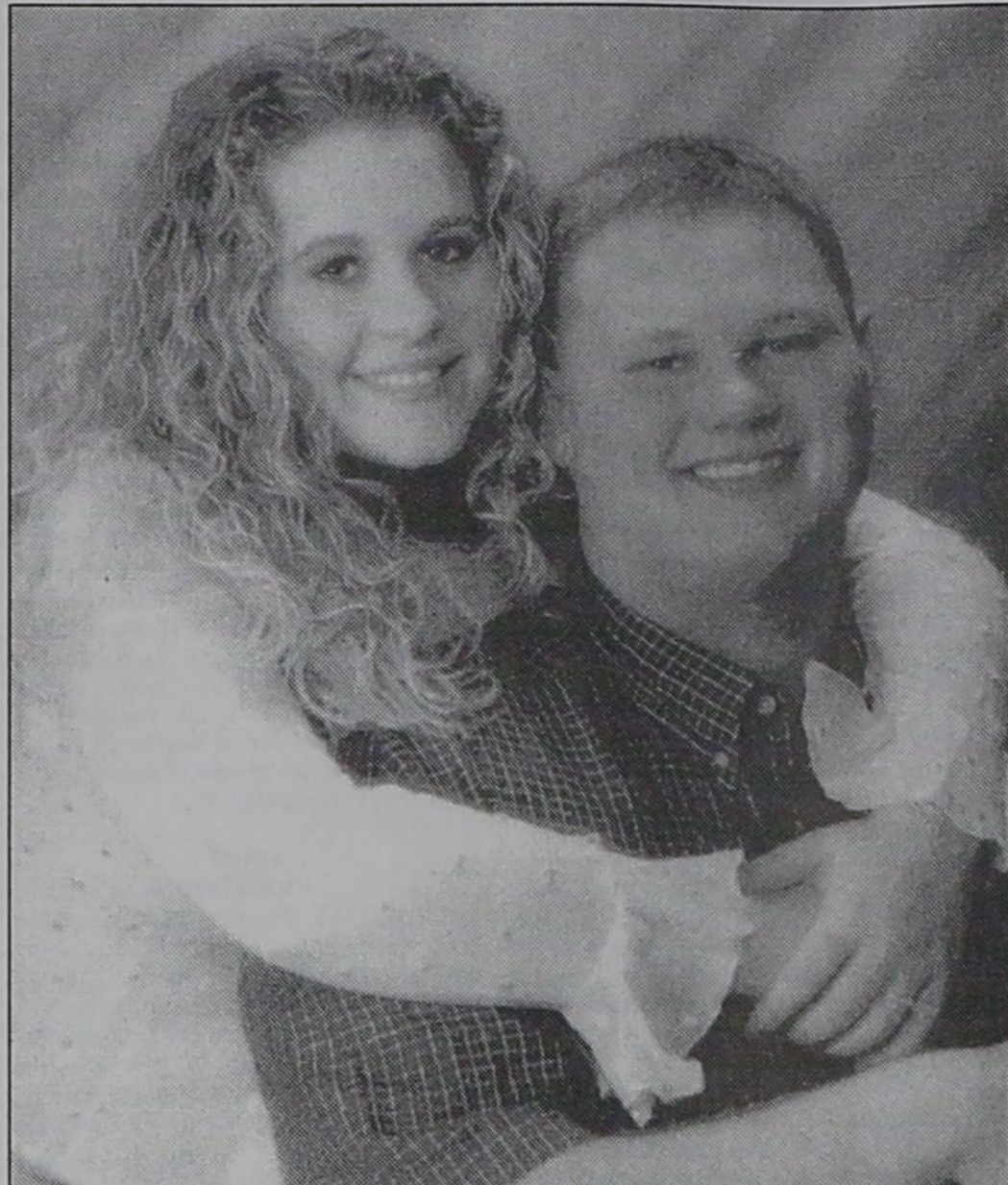
mother-to-daughter teaching and assistance is less available since there is a generation of grandmothers who primarily bottle-fed their babies. Increased geographic mobility among extended families further decreases assistance available to new mothers.

The conference was developed by Debi Bocar, RN, MS, ME, Certified Lactation Consultant. She noted that families who would benefit most from breast feeding, breast feed least often.

She shared strategies to encourage mothers to breast feed and assist them in a variety of special family circumstances. She identified techniques to teach families the basics of breast feeding while they are in birth settings for shorter and shorter stays.

"Practical assistance from knowledgeable health care providers is critical to get breast feeding off to a good start. Experts must also be available for telephone assistance, home health care, and out-patient consultations to help mothers overcome common challenges during the first few weeks," emphasized Bocar.

Certified breast feeding educators are qualified to assist families to meet their breast feeding goals.



Lacy Loudder and Justin Conway

## Loudder, Conway plan wedding

Lance and Terri Loudder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lacy, to Justin Levi Conway, son of Tom and Janice Conway of Cheyenne, Okla.

The couple will exchange vows on March 17 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Cheyenne High School. He is currently employed with Helmerich and Payne Drilling Company of Oklahoma.

The couple plans to establish their home in Cheyenne following the wedding.

## Lugo finishes Navy basics

Navy Hospitalman Recruit Moses Lugo, son of Dralia and Juan Lugo of Dimmitt, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Lugo learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Lugo also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.

Lugo's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his training, Lugo can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation and food service inspection.

Lugo is a 2000 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He joined the Navy in February 2000.

*It would be a better world for children in their parents were the ones to eat spinach.*

## Masons hold 'stated' meeting

The Castro Masonic Lodge No. 879 A.F. & A.M. held its stated meeting on Jan. 15.

Boyce Carter, Castro Lodge secretary, reported that he and Richard Berquist delivered 19 poinsettias to the widows of lodge members, a common practice for the local lodge each year at Christmas.

The new District Deputy Grand Master of the 100<sup>th</sup> District of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. is Marshall M. Langford of Dimmitt, and he made his official visit at the meeting. Langford informed lodge members of a request from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Langford attended the Grand Lodge meeting in Waco at the end of November and first part of December. He said a large number of members were present, with representation from all lodges in Texas. Langford represented the local lodge.

The Grand Master installed Langford at that meeting and he will now represent District 100 of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which includes

lodges in Dimmitt, Vega, Hereford, Friona and Bovina.

Langford presented a special plaque from the Castro Lodge to the Hereford Lodge. The award was for the service performed by Hereford Lodge members for the Castro County Lodge, including performing degrees, training officers and candidates, performing funerals and other things needed.

"They have done an outstanding job," Langford said.

Accepting for Hereford were Cliff Jones, District Instructor of the 100<sup>th</sup> District of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and Fred Ruland, a member of the Hereford Lodge.

The Castro Lodge also presented a scholarship to a member of the Dimmitt High School graduating class last year.

The Castro Lodge is composed of members from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. Anyone who wishes to become a Mason may ask any member for an application.

Masonry is represented by the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals, which care for children at no charge to the families. Other projects include an orphanage and school in Fort Worth; a senior home; the Shriner's Circus; East-West Shrine Football Game; Scottish Rite Hospital of Dallas; and a blood drive.

## Childbirth classes will start Monday

"Special Deliveries," a series of childbirth preparation classes, will be offered at Medical Center of Dimmitt beginning Monday.

The classes will continue on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. through Feb. 26.

The classes are geared for women in advanced pregnancy—at least 28 weeks—who wish to prepare for labor and birth.

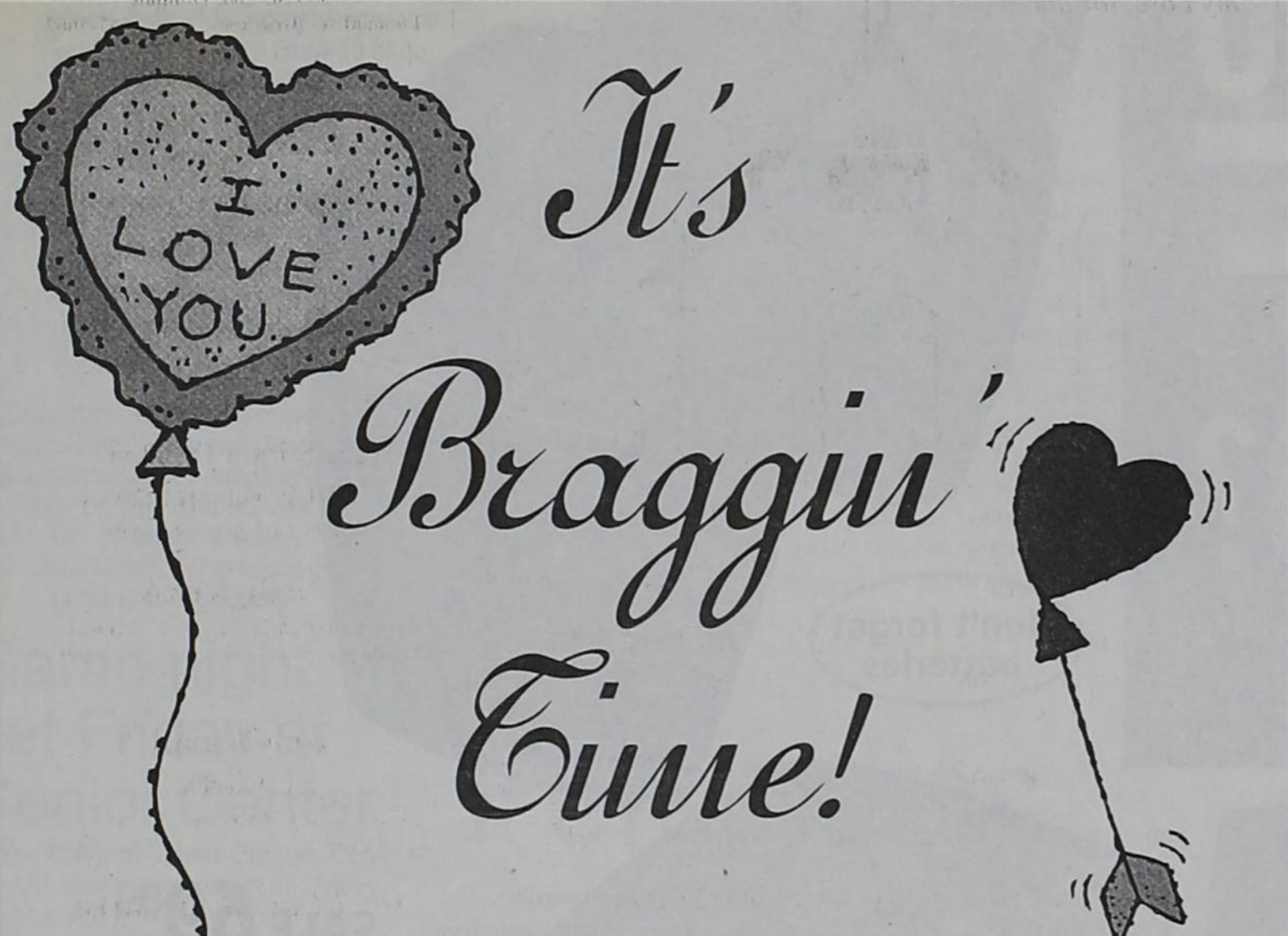
Topics of instruction will include the process of labor and birth, signs and stages of labor, comfort in labor using breathing and relaxation techniques, and complications of labor and birth.

Partners and support persons who plan to attend the labor and delivery are encouraged to participate because labor coaching also will be included as part of the curriculum.

Registration forms for the class are available at Medical Center of Dimmitt and should be completed and returned to Cindy Ellis, c/o Medical Center of Dimmitt.

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# County 4-H'ers will form Nutrition Quiz Bowl team

A Nutrition Quiz Bowl team featuring Castro County 4-H'ers will be organized on Thursday, Feb. 15, and those interested should attend a planning meeting at 4 p.m. that day at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

# County 4-H'ers plan fashion show in March

The Castro County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

Categories for this year's contest will be the following:  
◆ Dressy  
◆ Formal  
◆ Casual  
◆ Specialty

4-H'ers may enter either the "Buying" or "Construction" contest in any of the previously-mentioned categories.

A complete set of rules for the

Junior I, Junior II and Senior team. If enough people show interest in this project, we will be doing it as a competitive team at the district contest on Saturday, April 7," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

"This is a fun project that will not interfere with any other district competitions," Neal added.

For more information about the program, contact Neal at 647-4115 before Feb. 15.

contest is available at the Extension Office.

Senior 4-H'ers who win at the county level will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show, which will be held on Tuesday, April 3.

For more information, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.



# Who's New

## PLAINS MEMORIAL

Valentin and Socorro Rodriguez Alfaro of Hart are the parents of a baby girl, Alejandra Rodriguez Medrano, who was born at 9:57 a.m. on Jan. 19 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Alejandra weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 ozs., and measured 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Rafael and Raquel Rodriguez of Amarillo. Maternal grandparents are Leopoldo and Evangelina Medrano of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Rafael Rodriguez and Josefina Ortega.

Venessa Gonzalez and Alex Castillo of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Elisha Loreen Castillo, who was born at 12:43 a.m. on Jan. 26 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Elisha Loreen weighed 5 lbs., 13.6 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long when she was born. Her paternal grandparents are Carmina and Gustavo Castillo of Dimmitt. Maternal grandmother is Anette Gonzales of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Ofelia Anes of Dimmitt and Ester Ontiveros of Mexico.

It's a girl for Chris and April Everett of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Candi Lace Everett, was born at 12:25 a.m. on Jan. 25 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 13.2 ozs., and was 19 inches long. She has three older siblings including 4-1/2-year-old Charly Lynn Everett, 3-1/2-year-old Corey Luke Everett and 2-year-old Clarissa Lorraine Everett. Paternal grandparents are Fidela and Noe Everett of Dimmitt. Martha Zarazua is the baby's maternal grandmother. Great-grandparents are Isidro and Eustacia Zarazua of Dimmitt and Victor and Imelda Saenz of Dimmitt.

# Bishop selected to 4-H state board

Jaci Bishop, a member of the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club, has been selected as a member of the Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board.

"The purpose of this board is to provide guidance and direction for the state 4-H clothing project.

"This is a high honor that will give Jaci a chance to further develop her leadership skills," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

# Class of 1991 plans reunion

Members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1991 are making plans for their 10-year reunion, which has been set for Saturday, July 28.

The event will be held at the Country Club of Dimmitt, and the cost will be \$25 per person.

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at [www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc1991/index.html](http://www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc1991/index.html) and leave their information.

"We are working hard to try to make this a memorable occasion, but we need your help," Mendoza said. "Please call or log on."

# Heck decorated with Army medal

Army Cpl. Scott Heck of Dimmitt has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Heck is a Patriot launching station enhanced operator/maintainer with Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

He is the son of Linda and Lewis Heck of Dimmitt.

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# Icy penguins

Snowy creations in all shapes and sizes could be found after the latest winter storm dropped five inches of snow in Dimmitt over the weekend. This flock of snow penguins can be found at the Tim Gilliland home at 710 W. Lee Street.

Hear **The First United Methodist Church** Morning Worship Service Sundays, 10:45 a.m. On KDHN 1470

# Device May Increase Gas Mileage

**BOSTON** - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the flame zone, you increase the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase. Since unburnt fuel leaving an

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Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel in the tail-pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gas Saver adds platinum to the air-fuel mixture, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with

the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold almost a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

For further information call: **1-800-LESS-GAS 1-800-537-7427**

# Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

# Church Directory

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Bernie Wright.....647-5712

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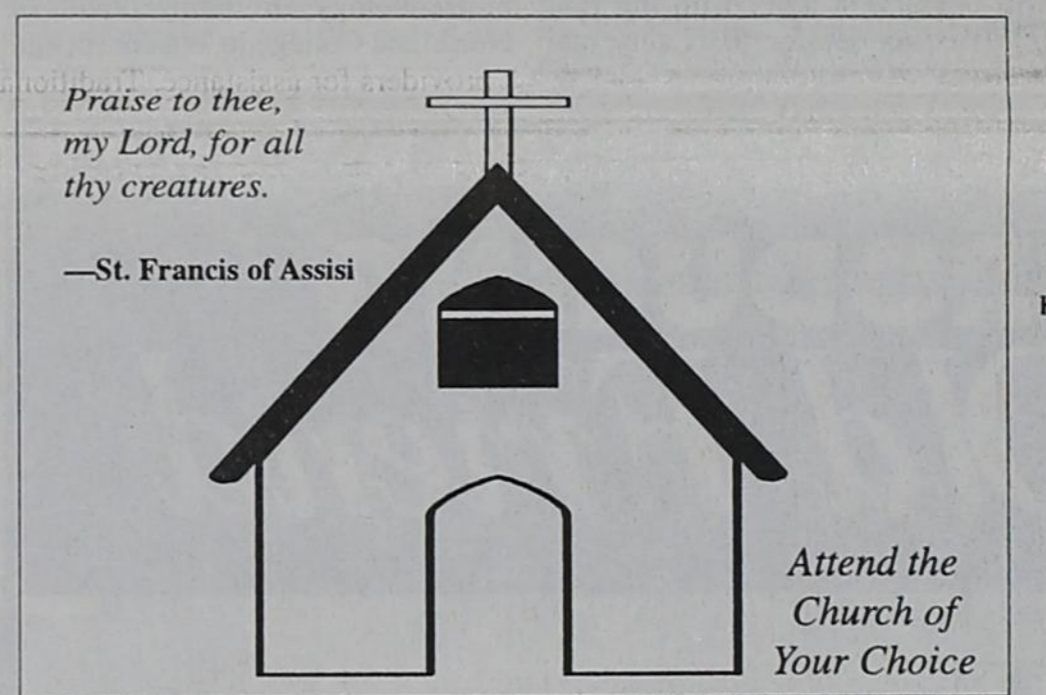
**La Asamblea Cristiana**  
400 NW 5th, Dimmitt  
Manuel Rodriguez

**First United Methodist**  
110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt  
Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106

**Iglesia De Cristo**  
E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt  
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**Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt  
Fern Couture.....647-4219, 647-0105

**Jesus and the Love of God Church**  
(Bilingual) 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt  
Felix Sanchez.....647-3668



**Church of God of the First Born**  
611 E. Halsell, Dimmitt

**Immanuel Baptist**  
501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt

**Rosa De Saron**  
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt  
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598

**First Baptist**  
302 Ave. G, Hart  
Aaron Reed.....938-2316

**St. John's Catholic**  
Hart  
Fern Couture.....647-0105

**Church of Christ**  
SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt  
647-4435

**Rose of Sharon Temple**  
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**Primeria Iglesia Bautista**  
9th and Etter, Dimmitt  
Antonio Rocha

**Abundant Life Family Church**  
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Tom and Kay Mullins

**First Assembly of God**  
300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt  
Leonard A. Broseker.....647-5662

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Howard Rhodes.....647-3115

**Lee Street Baptist**  
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Jeff Addison

**First Christian**  
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## Xcel Energy earns Utility of Year award

Xcel Energy, the parent company of Southwestern Public Service, has been named Utility of the Year in 2000 by *Electric Light & Power* magazine.

Xcel Energy "has demonstrated financial integrity, sound management, innovation, diversification—and perhaps most important in remaining competitive—has remained financially conservative while still taking advantage of opportunity," according to an article in the January edition of *Electric Light & Power*.

The magazine's Utility of the Year award, introduced in 1969, recognizes a utility's exemplary performance in areas such as finance, investor relations, operating efficiency and market competitiveness.

"This award recognizes the hard work by thousands of employees to accomplish a successful merger," said Wayne Brunetti, president and chief executive officer of Xcel Energy. "This merger puts us in a strong position to compete both nationally and globally in the new century."

Xcel Energy was formed last August by the merger of Minneapolis-based Northern States Power Co. and Denver-based New Century Energies. NCE was the product of an earlier merger between Public Service Co. of Colorado, based in Denver, and Southwestern Public Service Co., based in Amarillo.

Last summer's merger created the fourth-largest combination utility in the United States, with regulated electricity and natural gas operations in 12 states.



TREACHEROUS RUTS like these were common in front of many Dimmitt businesses this week after snow and ice were pushed from main roads. A winter storm dumped about six inches of snow on top of a half-inch of ice over the weekend, causing many travel problems around the area Monday.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Hamilton is named manager at ALCO

Jacque Hamilton is the new manager of the ALCO discount store in Dimmitt.

She succeeds Lee Reed, who has been named manager of the ALCO store in Moriarty, N.M.

Hamilton's husband, Keith, is the manager of the ALCO store in Hereford. The couple moved to Hereford from Fraser, Colo., and she has been in management training for the last six months at the Dalhart store.

Raised in Albuquerque, Hamilton graduated from Monzano High School and attended the University of New Mexico two years, majoring in business. She and Keith married in 1970, during her junior year at UNM.

The Hamiltons have four sons—Christopher Michael, 28, and Jason Everett, 24, both of whom are truck drivers; Shaun Leroy, 22, a student at the University of New Mexico; and Adam, 18.

Hamilton has lots of hobbies,



Jacque Hamilton

including quilting, sewing, making ceramic pottery, reading and "being a computer nut."

## PLN sets 12<sup>th</sup> annual Southern Plains Conference for Saturday

The Promised Land Network (PLN) will convene the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Southern Plains Conference at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth on Saturday.

The theme for the conference will be "Ethical Dilemmas in Agricultural Biotechnology." How human beings view and treat nature is an ethical issue, according to the PLN. This conference aims to equip participants with a greater awareness of key legal, economic, ecological, social and theological implications of agricultural biotechnology.

Registration for the conference will begin at 8 a.m., with the first presentation set for 8:30 a.m. and

adjournment set for 4:30 p.m. The cost of the conference is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. There is a \$5 rate for students.

Sessions will include Dr. Dick Richardson, professor of genetics at the University of Texas at Austin, providing a short history of genetic engineering; Tony Laos, CEO of Stauffer Seeds, Inc., speaking on "The Promise of Biotechnology for Agriculture"; Dr. Drew Kershen, a Hereford native and professor in the College of Law at the University of Oklahoma, who will address the legal/economic implications of ag biotechnology; Dr. Judith Scoville of Northland College in Wisconsin and

Richardson, who will address ecological implications; Holy Cross Brother David Andrews, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, will outline some social implications of ag biotechnology; and Scoville will treat important theological implications.

Each presentation will be followed by facilitated breakout sessions where further questions and discussion can take place. Following the final session, a roundtable discussion will be held with all five presenters.

For more information, call Lydia Villanueva at 364-4445.

A boy becomes an adult about three years before his parents think he is, and about two years after he thinks he is.

## Corn producers say to insist on verified hybrids before planting

Texas Corn Producers Board and the Corn Producers Association of Texas are urging farmers to insist that seed companies verify that the hybrids being sold have been tested for the presence of Cry9C, the StarLink Bt.

"It isn't a typical question growers ask when buying seed, but it's an extremely important one this season.

USDA has said that no Cry9C corn would be sold or grown in 2001," said Fred Yoder of Plain City, Ohio, chairman of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) corn board's biotechnology working group.

The message is simple: Verify before you buy.

This information will be readily available from seed companies. In late December, USDA recommended that seed companies sample and test all hybrid seed lots and all seed parent lines for the presence of

Cry9C. Any seed testing positive for Cry9C would be channeled into feed or non-food industrial use. USDA also recommends that the seed companies provide the verification information to customers when they ask for it.

"It is also very important that producers pay close attention to seed that may have Cry9C, that was stored to be re-used this season. Every corn grower needs to take reasonable precautions to avoid having StarLink appear in the 2001 crop," said TCPB Chairman Lee Reed.

Insisting on the USDA-recommended seed testing plan is the first step in assuring the integrity of the 2001 harvest," Yoder added.

For more information, contact TCPB's office at 1-800-647-2676 or e-mail at [tcph@texascorn.org](mailto:tcph@texascorn.org). Additional information can also be viewed at [www.texascorn.org](http://www.texascorn.org).

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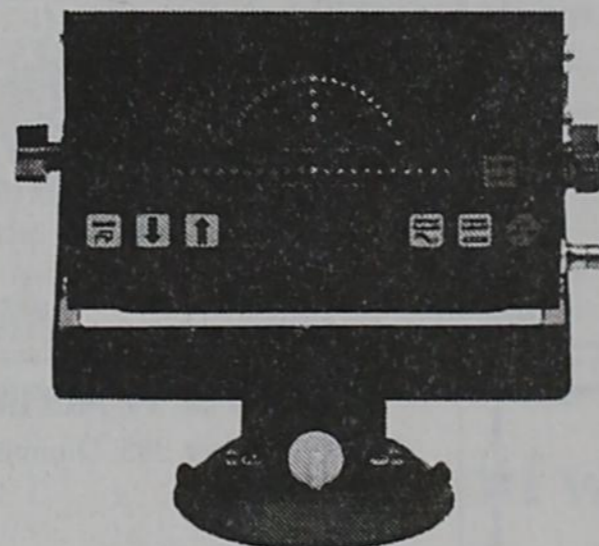
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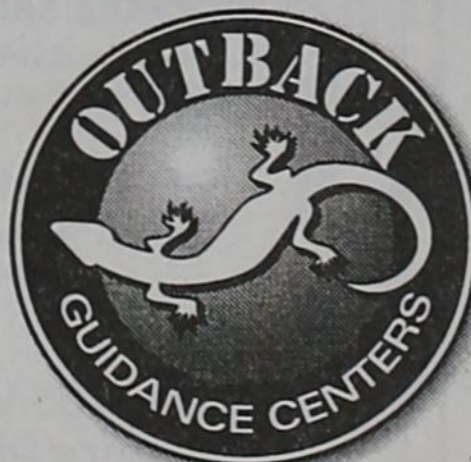
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## New propane safety rules to become effective today

New rules governing the sale and use of propane will go into effect today (Thursday).

The Texas Railroad Commission has adopted National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 58 rules in a move to bring the state's liquefied petroleum gas (LP-gas) safety rules in line with national standards.

While NFPA 58 rules and current state rules are similar in many respects, propane license holders should become familiar with differences in the areas of distance requirements, bulk storage, vehicles, cylinder filling, nameplates and administration.

Some examples of NFPA 58 safety rule changes are:

- ◆ 1-1/4 inch or larger liquid and vapor openings in stationary storage containers at new facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons must be equipped with pneumatically-operated internal valves. Containers at existing applicable facilities will have five years to install the valves.

- ◆ Pneumatically-operated emergency shut-off valves must be installed at new facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons. Cable-operated emergency shut-off valves may remain in LP-gas service unless the valve is replaced, at which time a pneumatic emergency shut-off valve will have to be installed.

- ◆ Vertical bulkheads will continue to be required for stationary facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons. Horizontal bulkhead may remain in LP-gas service unless the bulkhead is replaced at which time a vertical bulkhead must be installed.

- ◆ Stainless steel flexible connec-

tors 3/4 of an inch and over must be installed at new facilities. Existing rubber flexible connectors will have to be replaced with stainless steel connectors by Feb. 1, 2003.

In addition to safety rule changes, all propane licensees in Texas will be required to take continuing education courses as part of their ongoing safety training. The first phase of continuing education will cover certain holders of management-level and employee-level certificates in the areas of delivery truck, service and installation, cylinder filling and motor/mobile fuel dispenser operations.

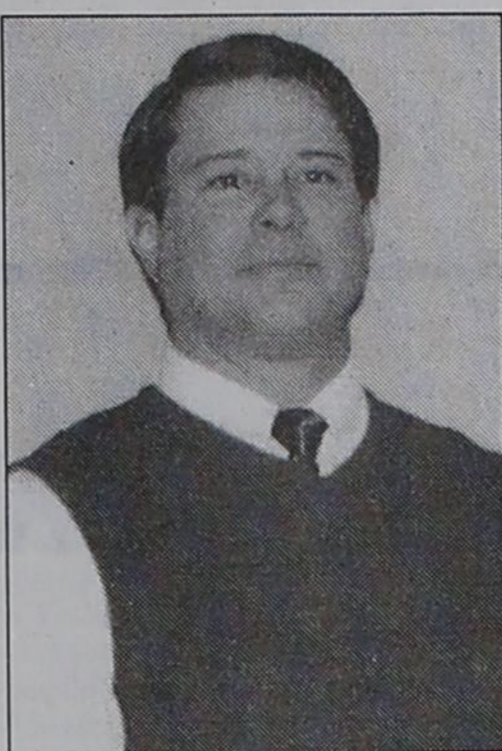
Continuing education requirements are set to go into effect on March 1.

Regulation of propane, compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas to protect public safety falls within the jurisdiction of the Texas Railroad Commission. Anyone who works with propane, liquefied or compressed natural gas must first qualify for a license by passing a written exam proving they know the laws and regulations.

There are approximately 3,000 licensed propane dealers, retailers and wholesalers in Texas.

The Railroad Commission also is responsible for LP-gas training in Texas. Since Sept. 1, 1997, the commission has trained more than 6,900 LP-gas company managers, employees and fleet customers on topics related to LP-gas safety and compliance with applicable standards and rules.

For more information regarding NFPA rule changes, propane license holders can contact Byron Caffey in the Texas Railroad Commission's LP-gas section at (512) 463-6931.



Jerry Koenig

## Koenig earns promotion at Deaf Smith REC

Jerry Koenig of Hereford has been promoted to the position of manager of engineering services for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Koenig previously served as a technical operations foreman for the company.

In his new position, Koenig will direct and supervise Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's engineering department. The position also includes monitoring substation loads and forecasting future load developments.

Koenig joined Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative in 1977 and began his career as a groundman. Subsequently, he has held several positions including journeyman lineman, construction foreman and basket truck foreman.

A Deaf Smith County native, Koenig is a 1977 graduate of Hereford High School. He received an associate of science degree in electrical utilities technology from Amarillo College.

Koenig's community activities include having served on Whiteface Kiwanis Club as president. He also is serving as a member of the City of Hereford's electrical examiners board.

He and his wife, Brenda, are the parents of three children including Tiffany, Christopher and Michael. The Koenigs are members of St. Anthony's Church of Hereford.

## Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Growing speculation that benefits from the 2000 crop disaster program will be significantly delayed by the Bush Administration's halt of last-second Clinton-era rule making is not accurate.

Plains Cotton Growers' check of the situation shows that a lack of focus by the outgoing administration, a five-week delay in election results and even USDA's own multi-layer approval process have combined to slow down the final approval of crop disaster program rules; however, the delay shouldn't amount to anything significant compared with the approval timeline for past programs.

It is anticipated that any delay that does occur won't be nearly as long as many fear.

The new administration and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman appear to be trying to complete the approval process as quickly as possible so that the rules can be published and checks issued.

Growers with early appointments to figure crop disaster program eligibility and benefits may have to wait a short time before they actually receive a check. The delay shouldn't be too long, though.

The bottom line is that growers will continue to participate in the crop disaster program sign-up process while the rules are receiving final approval from USDA.

All growers should receive an entitlement report that shows how much assistance they will receive when checks are released following publication of the rules in the *Federal Register*.

Some patience may be required from producers as the process moves forward, although the time frame shouldn't be as long as many currently fear.

Early indications that Texas cotton growers would be shut out of the chance to purchase crop insurance at levels above 75% have proven false.

This week, the Risk Management Agency announced that 80 and 85% coverage will be offered to Texas cotton growers in 2001.

Plains Cotton Growers welcomed the announcement and noted that their discussion over the past few weeks reiterated the need to make

coverage available so growers could decide whether or not it was cost-effective.

Coverage above 75% is still relatively expensive, but the Risk Management Agency's decision means that growers will have an opportunity to consider these higher levels when making risk management decisions for 2001.

Last year's crop insurance reform bill could move many growers up the ladder in terms of their insurance coverage levels.

Growers, landlords and those involved in the agriculture industry interested in hearing the latest news and views on issues ranging from moisture management to marketing and economics should plan to attend the 2001 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo.

The conference will be held Feb. 13 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Registration is free and begins at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Everyone who pre-registers for the conference will be entered in a drawing for a Remington 1100 12-gauge

shotgun. Topics which will be covered at the conference include long-range weather and pest outlooks, and production tips.

Conference highlights will include a legislative update from John Maguire with the National Cotton Council in Washington, D.C.; and a panel discussion focusing on strategies for profitability in 2001 featuring growers Danny Davis of Elk City, Okla., James Hinton of Floydada and Dale Swinburn of Tulsa.

Also scheduled to speak is Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Executive Vice President Lindy Patton, who will give a report on the status of eradication activities in Texas.

Continuing education units (CEU) for licensed pesticide applicators and crop consultants will be offered. Pesticide applicators can receive four CEUs from TDA (2 general, 1 integrated pest management (IPM) and 1 laws and regulations). Certified crop advisors can receive 4.5 CCA credits (1.25 pest management and 3.25 crop management).

## Buyers' Clubs seek donations

The Buyers' Clubs in Castro County are seeking donations from individuals who would like to help the groups buy the animals of youngsters who will participate in this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, set for Feb. 9-10.

County youth have been working many months with their show animals, and the buyers' clubs want to help give as many as possible a good price in the sale ring.

Those interested in donating to the Dimmitt Buyers' Club may contact Greg Odom at 647-3504, or Chaun Gunstream or Chad Davis at First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, at 647-2265, or Bob Anthony at the

Farm Bureau at 647-5106, or mail to Dimmitt Buyers' Club in care of First Bank, PO Box 1099, Dimmitt 79027-1099.

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For the Nazareth Buyers' Club, contact Dwayne Acker at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt, Virgil Huseman, Dale Brockman, Dennis Kern, Olen Schulte or Dwayne Klemm; or donations may be mailed to Nazareth Buyers' Club, PO Box 192, Nazareth 79063.

## Azteca Complex will get 'facelift'

The Azteca Economic Development Corporation board of directors has approved the start of much-needed improvements to its apartments, according to Joe Franco, property manager for the housing complex.

Planned improvements include painting the exterior and interior, landscaping the grounds and implementing new tenant rules and regulations.

Franco plans to utilize community work programs to complete most of the work. Priority for program participation will be given to residents of the complex.

Responsibility and pride will be Azteca's resounding message to its tenants.

"I hope, not only to provide quality, safe, affordable housing, but to instill a sense of responsibility and pride in their community," said Franco.

## Junior Master Gardener program planned at 4-H Center in March

A statewide volunteer training for the Junior Master Gardener program will be held March 8-9 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

Any county 4-H'er interested in attending the program must register before Feb. 20. A \$55 registration fee, per person, will be required with the registration form. The registration fee includes one night's lodging, limited accident insurance, meals, snacks and programming fees.

The goal of the program is to expand the number of Junior Master Gardener programs in county programs. The training will provide practical experience that will assist leaders as they implement Junior Master Gardener programs in their county.

Participants will partake in an interactive overview of the program, implementation procedures, curriculum training, developing

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For more information or to register for the program, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

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The 68th Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of **Dimmitt Consumers** will be held at the DIMMITT CITY HALL MEETING ROOM Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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# Sports



## Bobbies take Fillies to the wall

# Cats rip Mustangs, take 2-3A lead

This time the Bobcats left nothing to chance.

Playing in Cleveland Memorial Gym Tuesday night, they forced Shallowater's Mustangs into a 27-13 hole in the first quarter and never let them climb out.

The result was a 71-53 Dimmitt victory and a big step toward an outright district championship.

The loss left the Mustangs with a 3-3 district record, while the Bobcats—now ranked No. 6 in the state—improved to 5-1, with their only

loss a 54-50 setback by the Mustangs in their first meeting at Shallowater two weeks ago.

Roosevelt's victory over Cooper Tuesday night dropped the Pirates two games behind the Bobcats in the district standings.



**INSIDE FEED**—Dimmitt's Dee Norman (25) gets a feed from Austin Sherman (12) during the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' game at Lubbock Roosevelt Friday night. Norman sank the basket to give

Dimmitt a 70-60 lead. The Bobcats fought off a second-half rally by the Eagles to take an 86-73 win in the District 2-3A contest. Norman was the game's high scorer with 24.

Photo by Carter Townsend

"The last time we played Shallowater, we weren't focused," said point guard Marcus Larra, who punctuated the Dimmitt victory by ringing up nine points in the final four minutes. "Everybody was hyped up for this one."

When Dee Norman sank the final basket of the first half—his third three-pointer of the second quarter—the Bobcats took a 42-22 lead to the locker room.

Just as the Bobcats' long shots wouldn't fall in the first meeting between these two teams, the Mustangs' long bombs kept rimming out—usually into the hands of a lurking Bobcat.

"The first time we played them, they out-rebounded us about two to one," Coach Alan Steinle said. This time the Bobcats won the board battle.

The Mustangs outscored the Bobcats 11-9 in a brief third quarter, but could close the gap no further as the two teams fought to a 20-20 standoff in the hully-gully fourth.

Five Dimmitt players finished in double figures: Norman with 21, Brent Josselet with 13, Larra with 12, and Daniel Proffitt and Austin Sherman with 10 apiece. For the Mustangs, Keenan Kitchens scored 15, Eric Morris 14 and Paul Crostwalt 11.

"It was good to see us get back on track against a team that got us down there at their place," Coach Steinle said.

"Before we played Shallowater the first time, we had just come up with the win over Amarillo High. We have to learn that when we play a good team and have a big win, we have to play a good game the next time and not have a letdown. We have to learn to use a good win as a springboard and not as an opportunity to let down. I think our boys learned that with this game."

Robertson tied it up with a pair of free throws with 6:19 left in the game, and two minutes later she gave Dimmitt a 43-42 lead when she scooped up a knocked-loose ball and put up a nifty 12-foot field goal.

The Bobbies increased their lead over the rattled Fillies to four points on a big trey by Rachel Fabela at the 2:52 mark, and Fabela pushed the lead to four again with a pair of free throws at 1:10.

With 55 ticks left, Shallowater's Katy Pounds was fouled as she scored a clean-up basket during a board battle and converted a crucial three-point play to close Dimmitt's lead to 48-47.

The Fillies committed another foul that led to two rim-outs, then grabbed the rebound and called a time-out with 18 seconds left. On their inbounds play, they went inside to their bread-and-butter scorer and the 6-4 Parmenter came through with the winning basket.

Although the referees kept a tight rein on both varsity games Tuesday night, Parmenter admitted later that she got away with a walk before putting up her winning shot.

The Bobbies still had five seconds to do something, but the Fillies came up with a steal that sealed their win.

The Bobbies finished with 20 of 26 free throws to Shallowater's 14 of 22. There were only three three-pointers scored in the game—one each by Robertson, Fabela and Shallowater's Katy Pounds.

Robertson, who burned the nets for 24 points from all over, was the only Dimmitt player to score in double figures. Fabela was Dimmitt's second-high scorer with 9, while Heather Black contributed 6. For Shallowater, Pounds—a 6-0 freshman guard—finished with 23 and Parmenter with 15.

"Our girls did just exactly what they planned to do, and worked the game plan just as well as they could," a disappointed Coach Tim Gilliland said after the game. "We were there. It was our game to win or lose. It was a tough one to lose."

He added, "We wanted that one really bad. That made it hurt even more. We were ready to play, and we had every chance in the world."

The lost left the Bobbies tied for second place in the district with a 5-3 mark, with two games to play against Muleshoe and Cooper, both of whom they have beaten earlier.

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### District Standings

Here are the District 2-AAA, District 4-A and District 3-A standings through Tuesday night's games.

#### DISTRICT 2-AAA

Girls		
District	Overall	
Shallowater	8-0	24-4
Dimmitt	5-3	13-14
Lubbock Roosevelt	5-3	20-8
Muleshoe	5-3	15-12
Lubbock Cooper	1-7	5-21
Littlefield	0-8	5-19

Boys		
District	Overall	
Dimmitt	5-1	18-7
Lubbock Cooper	4-2	12-14
Shallowater	3-3	12-13
Muleshoe	2-4	7-7
Littlefield	2-4	13-9
Lubbock Roosevelt	2-4	14-12

#### DISTRICT 3-A

Girls		
District	Overall	
Sudan	7-0	19-5
Farwell	7-1	17-9
Springlake-Earth	4-4	12-15
Bovina	3-5	9-14
Hart	2-6	12-14
Kress	0-7	4-20

Boys		
District	Overall	
Farwell	7-1	20-6
Sudan	5-2	17-8
Springlake-Earth	4-4	9-11
Hart	2-6	9-15
Bovina	3-5	12-11
Kress	2-5	5-19

#### DISTRICT 4-A

Girls		
District	Overall	
Nazareth	4-0	25-4
Happy	2-2	13-12
Valley	1-2	14-6
Silverton	0-3	12-15

Boys		
District	Overall	
Nazareth	4-0	18-7
Happy	2-2	13-10
Silverton	1-2	13-10
Valley	0-3	9-10

### Bobbies 48, Shallowater 49

The Bobbies' offensive strategy was to challenge Shallowater's towering defense inside, get the Fillies into foul trouble and win it at the free throw line.

The plan almost worked here Tuesday night as the smaller Bobbies took the Fillies to the wall before losing a 49-48 heartbreaker.

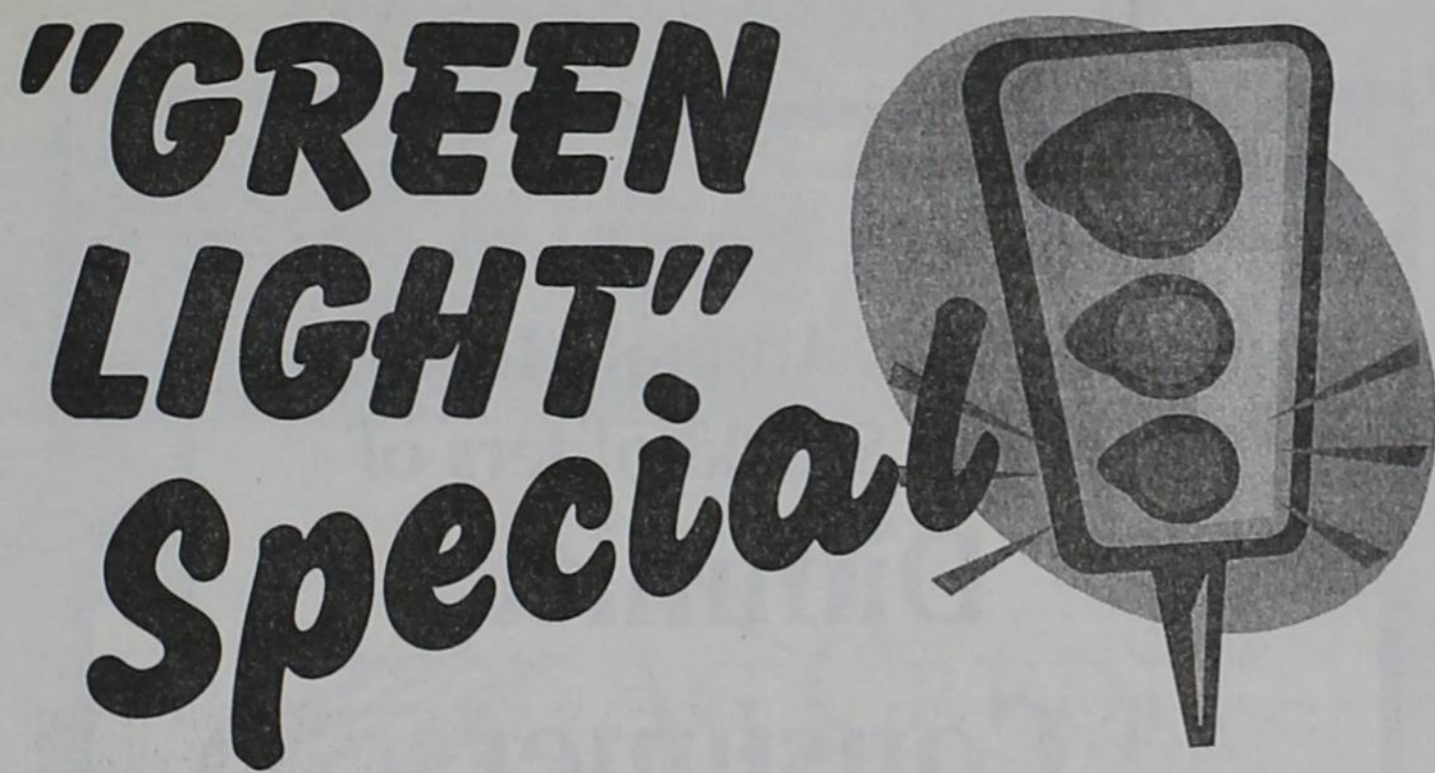
It was by far the closest call that the No. 4-ranked Fillies have had in District 2-3A play. But the Bobbies didn't want to play a close game; they wanted to win it, and were bitterly disappointed when they didn't.

The Bobbies took the lead with 4:25 left in the fourth quarter and held it until Shallowater's Heather Parmenter scored from underneath with five seconds left to give the Fillies their one-point victory.

Although they sank only two field goals in the first quarter, the Bobbies stayed within three points at 12-15 with 7-of-7 shooting from the free-throw line while allowing the Fillies a single freebie.

The Fillies turned the tables in the second quarter, though, sinking 8/9 free throws to Dimmitt's 2/4 to stretch their lead to 32-22 at halftime.

Shallowater continued to hold a 10- and 12-point lead during the first three minutes of the third quarter, but then Dimmitt mounted an 11-1 run on a pair of field goals by Tamara Robertson and five of six free throws by Robertson, Shayla Kenworthy and Heather Black. By the end of the third quarter, the Bobbies had cut the Fillies' lead to two points, 39-37.



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# Dimmitt cruises at Roosevelt

## Bobbies 61, Roosevelt 47

The Bobbies continued to show improvement Friday night with an impressive 61-47 win at Lubbock Roosevelt.

The victory represented a 17-point turnaround for the Bobbies, who had lost to the Lady Eagles here in their first meeting, 40-43.

The victory also rejuvenated the Bobbies' playoff hopes, putting them back into second place in District 2-3A behind Shallowater.

Dimmitt gained a five-point lead in the first quarter, 16-11, but lost it in the second as Roosevelt battled back to close it to 26-25 at halftime.

It was in the third period that the Bobbies took control with an 18-6 run.

After Roosevelt's Alisha Castilleja opened the second half with a back-door layup to put the Lady Eagles ahead by 27-26, Tamara Robertson started Dimmitt's run with a 10-ft. clean-up basket from the lane, then continued to lead the charge with 12 points in the third, including two-of-two free throws and a pair of three-pointers—the last one coming with 0:01 left in the quarter after a 30-second stall.

"I think I just had a hot hand—I could feel it," said Robertson, who finished with a game-high 24 points.

By the end of the third, the Bobbies had a commanding 44-31 lead, and they built it to 59-40 before the Lady Eagles fought back with seven

points in the final minute.

Stacy Saenz led Dimmitt's first-quarter scoring with six points and finished with 10, while Heather Black scored 10 also, including six-of-six free throws.

It was free throws that made all the difference in the score. The Bobbies sank 80% of their free shots (20 of 25, including 11 of 12 in the fourth), while the Lady Eagles managed only four of nine.

"We were just determined to beat them this time," Robertson said. "It feels good."

In the junior varsity girls' game, the JV Bobbies walloped their Roosevelt counterparts, 56-18. Caitlin Buckley was Dimmitt's high scorer with 19.

## Bobcats 86, Roosevelt 73

A scary thing happened to the Bobcats on their way to a blowout at Lubbock Roosevelt Friday night.

The Eagles mounted a second-half insurrection that cut an 18-point Dimmitt lead to 10 in the third and 8 in the fourth before the Bobcats pulled out an 86-73 win in a fiercely fought contest.

It was the highest score of the season for the Bobcats, who were averaging 62 points per game while giving up an average of 54.

The Eagles' 73-point total was the second-highest against the Bobcats this year. Amarillo High is the only

other team to have scored more than 70.

Five Dimmitt players finished in double figures. Dee Norman burned the nets for 27 points while Daniel Proffitt netted 18, Austin Sherman 15, Matthew Wright 11 and Marcus Larra 10.

Brent Josselet and Matthew Sandoval, the team's two "sixth men," were the only other Bobcats to see action in the scoring fest. Josselet scored four points and Sandoval one.

The No. 6-ranked Bobcats appeared to have the situation in hand as they outscored the Eagles 24-12 in the first quarter and 15-9 in the second to take a 39-21 lead to the locker room.

But in a furious third quarter, the Eagles (12-12, 3-1) rang up 28 points, including a 10-4 run to start the quarter.

There was a lot of hand-checking as Roosevelt mounted a much tougher man-to-man defense that led to seven Dimmitt turnovers in the third, including five Roosevelt steals.

With Craig Heintze, Bobby Chiles and Calvin Harris leading the way, the Eagles closed to 10 points, 57-47

and 59-49, in the waning seconds of the third. Josselet fended them off by swishing four-of-four free throws in the final 26 seconds.

When the smoke cleared, the Eagles had outscored the Bobcats 28-22 in the third.

The two teams continued toe-to-toe in the furious fourth. Concentrating on position, the Eagles kept the Bobcats from getting many second shots, but Dimmitt still got balanced scoring in the quarter from Norman (8), Wright (6), Proffitt (4), Sherman (4), Larra (2) and Sandoval (1).

Proffitt, Sherman and Norman sank six-of-six free throws in the final 46 seconds to seal the 86-73 win for the Bobcats.

Norman made it a double-double with 12 rebounds to go with his 27 points. Larra was the Bobcats' floor leader again with 13 credits, but there was plenty of exceptional play to go around as Sherman notched 11 credits, Proffitt 10 and Sandoval 10.

Lubbock Roosevelt won the boys' junior varsity game, 61-43.



STACEY SAENZ (44) scores Dimmitt's final basket over Lubbock Roosevelt's Dianna Torres to give the Bobbies a 61-44 lead with 20 seconds left in Friday night's District 2-3A game at Roosevelt. Saenz finished with 10 points as the Bobbies won, 61-47, to stay in the hunt for a playoff spot.

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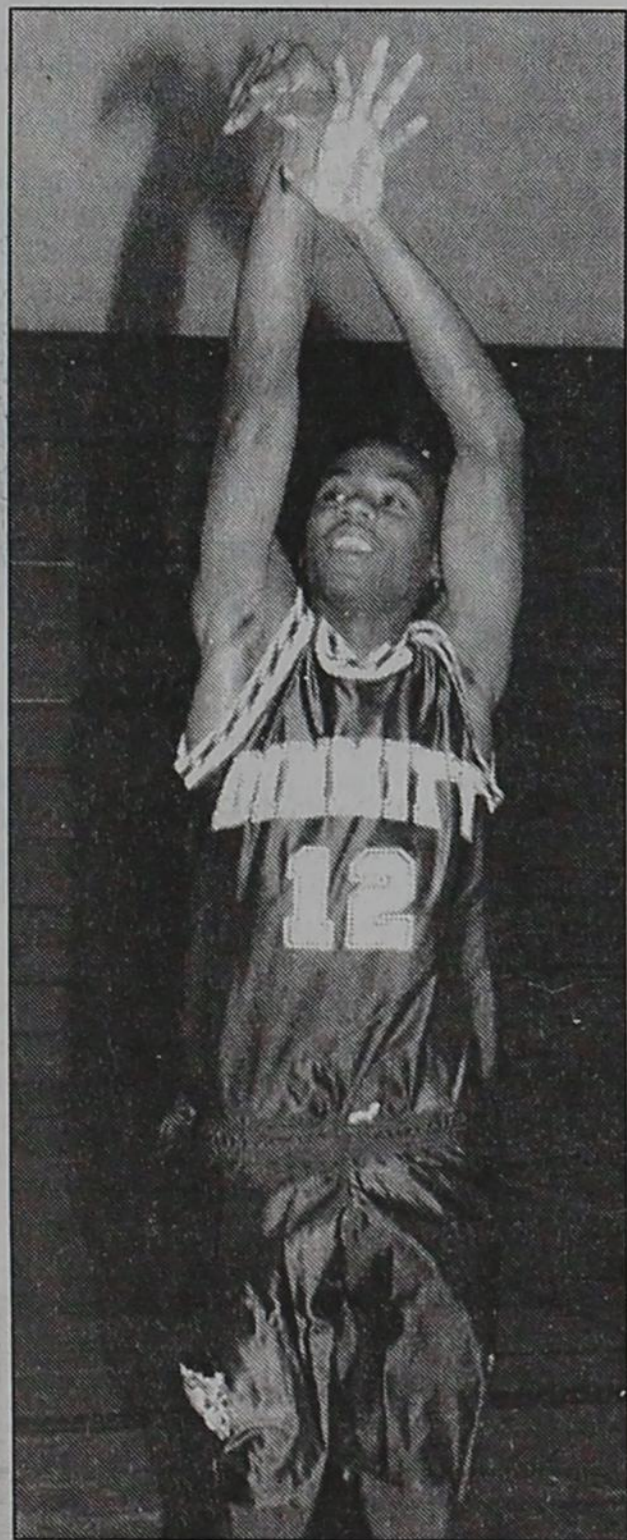
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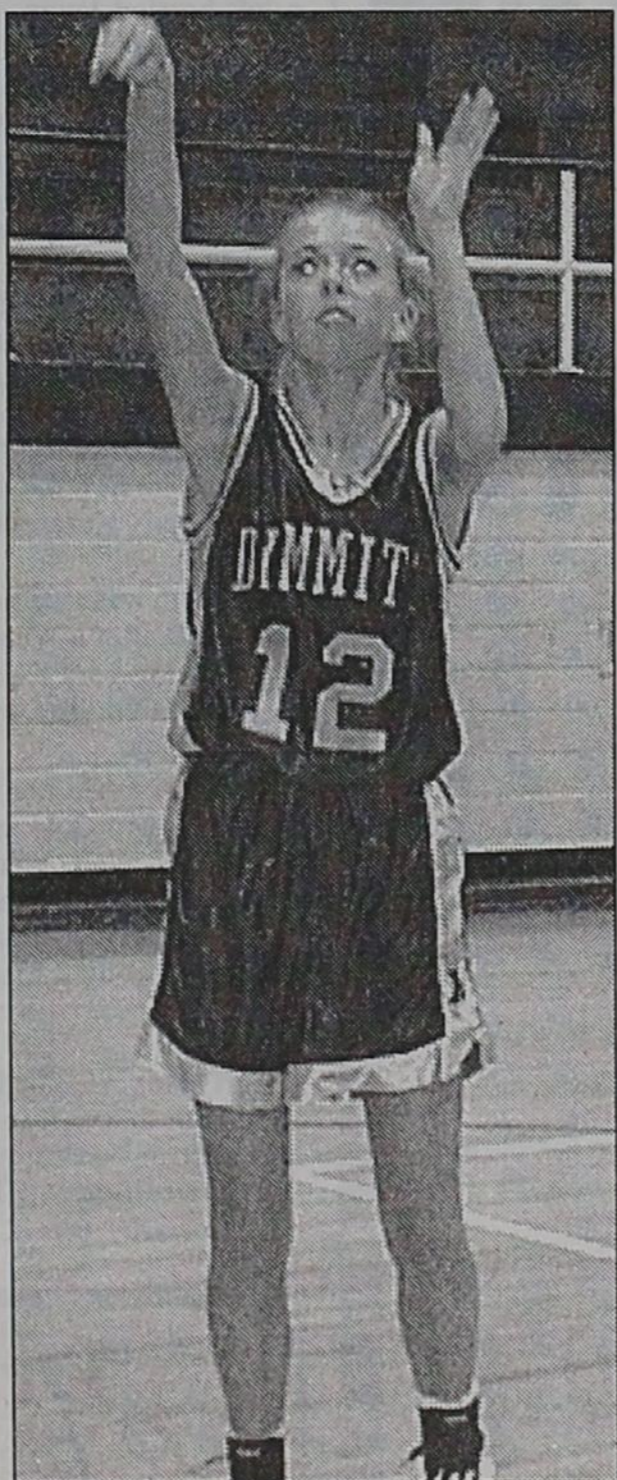
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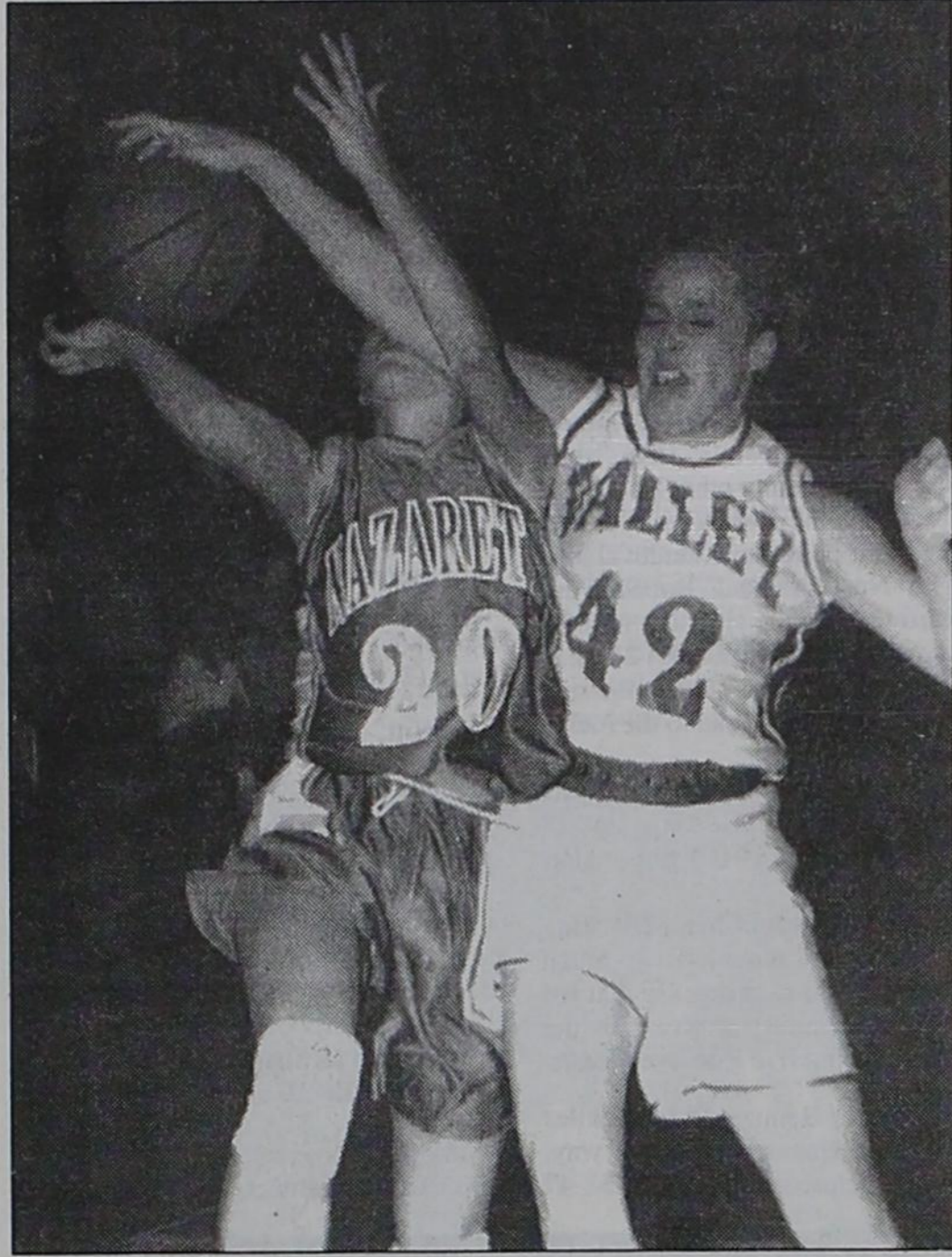
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FOULED! Marsha Black (20) of Nazareth is hammered by Valley's Emily Woods (42) as she attempts a fast-break layup Friday night in a District 3-A game at Valley. Black missed both free throw attempts, but the Swiftettes had no problems scoring during the game, posting a 72-32 win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Naz teams sweep Valley to stay perfect in district

The Nazareth Swiftettes and Swifts each finished the first half of District 3-A play with unblemished marks after they sailed past Valley Friday night.

The Swiftettes, minus 6-0 all-state post Whitney Hoelting, had no problems with the Lady Pats, rolling to a 72-32 win in Valley.

The Swifts rattled the Patriots from the opening tip and cruised to an 86-41 victory.

Both Nazareth teams were 3-0 and in first place among District 3-A teams after Friday's wins. The girls improved their overall season mark to 23-4 while the boys jumped to 17-7.

The Swiftettes jumped out to a 13-0 lead in just four and a half minutes of action Friday, with Wendy Black, Mandy Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel sparking the run.

By the end of the quarter, Nazareth had jumped out to a 21-5 lead, scoring 11 of those points off of 11 Valley turnovers in the stanza.

The Swiftettes' defense brought Valley's offense to a grinding halt for most of the first half. Valley was forced into committing 21 turnovers by an aggressive Nazareth defense. The Lady Pats attempted just 10 shots over the first 16 minutes of action. Valley turned the ball over 31 times Friday night as the Lady Pats struggled to handle the pressure applied by the Swiftettes.

While Valley shooters struggled to find their mark—they hit only 10-of-27 field goal attempts for the game—the Swiftettes had no problems finding the bottom of the net.

Nazareth hit 50% of its shots (28-of-56) and sank 11-of-18 free throws.

Thiel, who finished with 26 points to lead Nazareth, picked up eight in the first quarter. Black took over in the second stanza, popping a pair of threes as she finished with 12 in the period to boost Nazareth to a 43-14 halftime lead.

Valley scored just nine points in the third and nine in the fourth quarters while Nazareth finished with 17

and 12 in the quarters, respectively. Black and Mandy Hoelting joined

Thiel in double figure scoring, contributing 19 and 17, respectively.

Another big Nazareth run set the tone in the boys' game, too, and the Swifts rolled to the big 86-41 district win.

The Swifts pulled ahead 9-0 in less than two minutes, using a three and fast-break layup by Kade Wilcox, a steal and coast-to-coast layup by Daryl Pohlmeier and an offensive put-back by Eric Schilling to take control.

Valley did break the ice with 5:57 left, but after that single basket, Nazareth reeled off the next 12 points to take a 21-2 lead with 3:45 left in the period.

Valley was able to score seven points against the Swifts' second team before the starters returned to the game with less than a minute remaining.

Wilcox immediately turned a steal into a court-long drive and layup to give his team a 23-9 lead.

In the second quarter, Nazareth outscored Valley 25-9, using a series of Patriot turnovers to set up transition buckets and more.

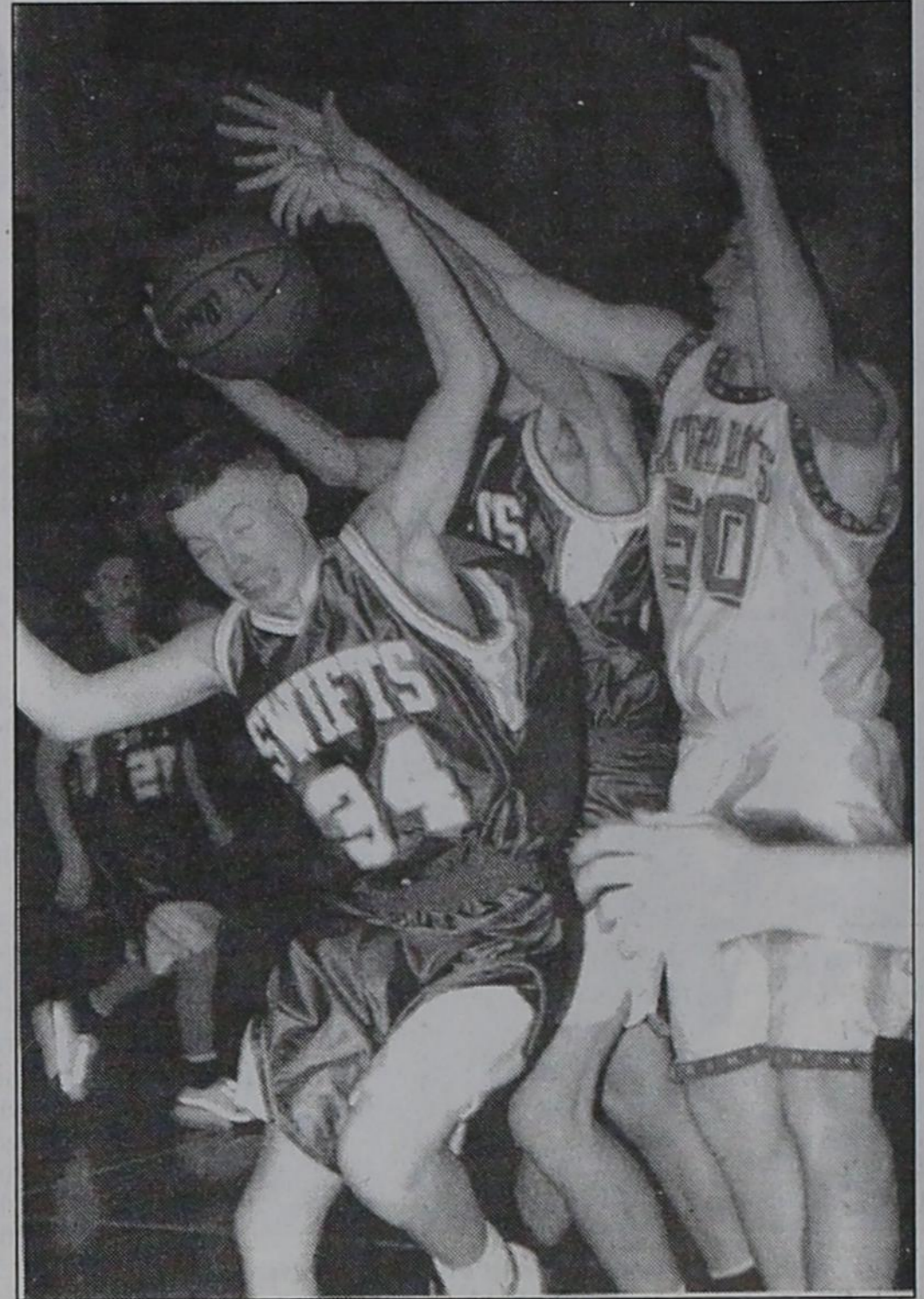
The Swifts took a 30-point lead, 48-18, into the locker at halftime after Brock Birkenfeld scored off of a Tyler Ehly steal as time expired.

Sixteen of Nazareth's 48 first-half points were layups scored off of Valley turnovers. The Swifts' defense was able to anticipate most of the Patriots' moves and stole the ball 20 times in the first half.

Valley protected the ball a little better in the second half, but Schilling and Nazareth dominated the boards and allowed the Patriots few second shots.

Nazareth enjoyed balanced scoring throughout the second half, and the Swifts turned that 30-point halftime lead into a 68-32 lead after three quarters.

Wilcox, who poured in 23 points in the first half, finished with 28 for the game. Schilling tossed in 22.



BLOCKED! Nazareth's Brock Birkenfeld (34) drives inside and attempts a short jumper, but the shot is rejected by a Valley defender during district action Friday night. The Swifts breezed to an 86-41 victory to remain unbeaten in district play.

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# Swiftettes, Swifts draw close to post-season berths with Happy wins

Nazareth teams took a giant step toward earning a return ticket to the playoffs Tuesday by virtue of big wins in Happy.

The Swiftettes and Swifts upped their records to 4-0 in District 4-A play after handing Happy a pair of losses at Cowboy Corral. Each Nazareth team has a two-game lead over second-place Happy with two games remaining in district action. The Cowgirls' and Cowboys' two losses are to Nazareth.

The Swiftettes stayed a step ahead of the Cowgirls for most of the game Tuesday before claiming a 65-52 win.

The boys' game also was a close battle, but Nazareth pulled away in the second half for a 61-45 win.

Back-to-back buckets by Happy's Buffy Adkins kicked off scoring in the girls' game, but a three by Lesley Brockman silenced Cowgirl fans.

Happy enjoyed its last lead of the game at 6-5 with 4:57 left in the first quarter.

Stephanie Thiel drove down the middle of the lane, blazing by Cowgirl defenders on her way to scoring a left-handed layup, one of several she would pick up in the first half. That gave Nazareth a one-point lead and the Swiftettes never trailed again.

Thiel poured in eight points and Whitney Hoelting added six as the Swiftettes finished the period with a 17-10 lead.

Thiel converted a three-point play with 2:35 left in the half, giving Nazareth a 27-15 lead, but the Swiftettes couldn't shake the Cowgirls.

Three baskets by Chandra Adkins and a three-pointer by Amber Pearson cut Nazareth's lead to six with 1:10 left.

Nazareth was able to regain a nine-point edge after a Wendy Black steal turned into a Tara Kleman trey for a 33-24 Nazareth lead at intermission.

The Swiftettes constructed a 14-point lead with 3:43 left in the third, but Happy again methodically dismantled that lead, trimming it to 10 by the end of the stanza as Nazareth suffered a drought for the rest of the quarter.

Buffy Adkins pulled Happy within eight with 2:30 left in the game, but Nazareth answered with threes by Mandy Hoelting and Thiel, a couple of jumpers by Black, and a pair of

free throws by Brockman to seal the win.

Thiel finished with 27 points and Whitney Hoelting added 14. The Adkins sisters combined for 29 of Happy's 52 points.

The first meeting between the Nazareth and Happy boys was all Nazareth. This time the Cowboys gave the Swifts everything they could handle.

In a nip-and-tuck first quarter battle, the Swifts finally eeked out a one-point lead, 13-12, after Eric Schilling got a steal and turned into a basket with seconds left on the clock.

The score was tied twice in the first period and Happy owned a three-point lead midway through the quarter before Nazareth was able to take the lead for good on Schilling's basket.

Triple free throws by Kade Wilcox opened scoring in the second quarter, starting a 7-0 Swift run.

Daryl Pohlmeier helped boost the Swifts to a 29-18 lead with 2:18 left in the first half, but Happy cut it to six, 29-23, on a jumper by Jeremy Givens with 1:27 left and a long desperation three-pointer by Bobby Parish that swished the net just before the buzzer sounded.

Happy wouldn't go away. After allowing the Cowboys to pull within four early in the third, Nazareth went on a 8-0 run for a 37-25 lead. Sparking the run were back-to-back threes from Trey Robb and Blake Birkenfeld and a jumper from Pohlmeier after a Birkenfeld steal.

Once again, Happy came back with a run of its own, pulling within five.

Wilcox scored his only points of the third with a single tick left in the stanza and that gave Nazareth a 46-35 lead.

Schilling took control in the fourth quarter, picking up two quick baskets. Wilcox got a steal and jumper for a 52-37 Swift lead with 6:22 left.

Over the final six minutes, Nazareth's defense limited Happy to eight points, preserving the win.

Schilling, who saw limited action in the second and third quarters because of foul trouble, finished with 21 points to lead all scorers, and he picked up all of those in the first and fourth quarters. Wilcox finished with 16.

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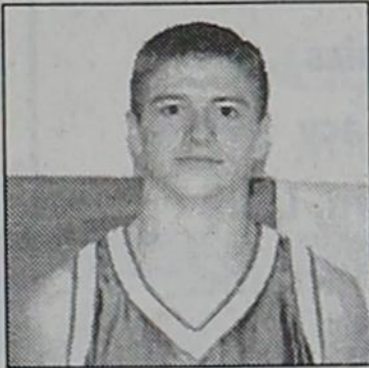
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**HART'S KELLIE GEORGE (34)** brings the ball downcourt, beating Sudan's press, then finds an open teammate under the basket Friday. The Lady Horns couldn't get on track against the Sudan girls, though, and suffered a 60-20 loss in district play. Photo by Neoma Williams

## Second-quarter slump sinks Horns at Sudan

A fired up Hart squad shocked Sudan for eight minutes Friday night, but the Hornets turned the tables in the second quarter and that was the difference in the game as Sudan prevailed, 52-43, in a come-from-behind win at home.

Sudan improved to 5-2 in District 3-A play, just a game behind first-place Farwell. Hart fell to fourth with a 2-5 loop mark. The Longhorns dropped to 9-14 on the season after Friday's loss.

the third quarter, outscoring the Longhorns 15-12.

A fourth-quarter rally by the Horns came up short. Keith Finch paced Hart with 13 points Friday.

The Lady Horns couldn't keep pace with the state-ranked Lady Hornettes, losing the district battle 60-20.

Lacie Curry scored half of Hart's points, finishing with 10 to lead her team.

Sudan jumped out to an 18-6 lead in the first quarter and improved its advantage to 35-12 at halftime.

The Sudan defense shut out Hart in third-quarter action while the 'Nette offense poured in 12 points.

Hart's biggest offensive production came in the fourth quarter when the Lady Horns counted eight points. But Sudan added 13 to its total for the final margin.

The Lady Hornettes remained unbeaten in district play (7-0) with the win while Hart dropped to 1-6.

Hart led 14-9 in the first quarter, but turned ice cold in the second quarter and that lead slowly dwindled away until Sudan was in control.

Sudan shut down the Hart offense in the second quarter, holding the Horns to a measly three points. The Hornets poured in 15 points during the stanza to take control of the game by intermission, 24-17.

Disheartened by the second-quarter slump, Hart couldn't recover. Sudan added to its lead by three in

# Scoreboard

### LATE LAST WEEK

**JV Bobcats 56, Littlefield 64**  
 Dimmitt JV 18 19 8 11 —56  
 Littlefield 12 18 21 13 —64  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt JV—Lee Brown and Kenneth Worsham 16, Colby Williams 13.

### FRIDAY

**Swiftettes 72, Valley 32**  
 Nazareth 21 22 17 12 —72  
 Valley 5 9 9 9 —32  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 26, Wendy Black 19, Mandy Hoelting 17.

### Swifts 86, Valley 41

Nazareth 23 25 20 18 —86  
 Valley 9 9 14 9 —41  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 28, Eric Schilling 22.

**Bobbies 61, Lubbock Roosevelt 47**  
 Dimmitt 16 10 18 17 —61  
 Roosevelt 11 14 6 16 —47  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 24, Heather Black 10.

**Bobcats 86, Lubbock Roosevelt 73**  
 Dimmitt 24 15 22 25 —86  
 Roosevelt 12 9 28 24 —73  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Dee Norman 27, Daniel Proffitt 18, Austin Sherman 15, Matthew Wright 11, Marcus Larra 10.

### Lady Horns 20, Sudan 60

Hart 6 6 0 8 —20  
 Sudan 18 17 12 13 —60  
**SCORING:** Hart—Lacie Curry 10.

### Longhorns 43, Sudan 52

Hart 14 3 12 14 —43  
 Sudan 9 15 15 13 —52  
**SCORING:** Hart—Keith Finch 13.

**JV Bobcats 43, Roosevelt 61**  
 Dimmitt JV 6 9 18 10 —43  
 Roosevelt 8 18 16 19 —61  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt JV—Kenneth Worsham 10.

### JV Swiftettes 49, Valley 8

**JV Swifts 59, Valley 28**  
**JV Longhorns 58, Sudan 33**  
**JV Lady Horns 6, Sudan 43**

### TUESDAY

**Bobbies 48, Shallowater 49**  
 Shallowater 15 17 7 10 —49  
 Dimmitt 12 10 15 11 —48  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 24.

**Bobcats 71, Shallowater 53**  
 Shallowater 13 9 11 20 —53  
 Dimmitt 27 15 9 20 —71  
**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Dee Norman 21, Brent Josselet 13.

### Swiftettes 65, Happy 52

Nazareth 17 16 12 20 —65  
 Happy 10 14 11 17 —52  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 27, Whitney Hoelting 14.

### Swifts 61, Happy 45

Nazareth 13 16 17 15 —61  
 Happy 12 11 12 10 —45  
**SCORING:** Nazareth—Eric Schilling 21, Kade Wilcox 16.

### Lady Horns 53, Bovina 35

Bovina 14 7 3 11 —35  
 Hart 11 11 16 15 —53

**SCORING:** Hart—Crystal Diego 15, Lacie Curry 14.

**Longhorns 47, Bovina 54**  
 Bovina 11 18 9 16 —54  
 Hart 9 10 11 17 —47  
**SCORING:** Hart—Joey Pantoja 14.

**JV Swifts 40, Happy 20**  
**JV Swiftettes 32, Happy 28**  
**JV Longhorns 45, Bovina 25**  
**JV Bobbies 51, Shallowater 22**  
**JV Bobcats 56, Shallowater 68**

## TABC Rankings

Here are the latest Top 10 rankings for Class AAA and Class A as released Monday by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

### CLASS AAA

**Boys:** 1. Kountze, 2. Mexia, 3. Waco la Vega, 4. Graham, 5. Wharton, 6. Dimmitt, 7. Mabank, 8. Columbus, 9. Clarksville, 10. Seminole.

**Girls:** 1. Mont Velview Barbers Hill, 2. Wynnboro, 3. Perryton, 4. Shallowater, 5. Luling, 6. Crandall, 7. Groesbeck, 8. Abilene Wylie, 9. Quinlan Ford, 10. Waco La Vega.

### CLASS A DIVISION 1

**Boys:** 1. Weatherford Brock, 2. Lorenzo, 3. Kennard, 4. Paducah, 5. Lipan, 6. Evadale, 7. LaRue LaPoynor, 8. Celeste, 9. O'Donnell, 10. Frost.

**Girls:** 1. Weatherford Brock, 2. Moulton, 3. Windthorst, 4. Merit Bland, 5. Kennard, 6. Sudan, 7. LaRue LaPoynor, 8. Wortham, 9. Smyer, 10. Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn.

### CLASS A DIVISION 2

**Boys:** 1. Nazareth, 2. Goodrich, 3. Laneville, 4. Fort Elliott, 5. Calvert, 6. Round Top-Carmine, 7. Waelder, 8. Stephenville Huckabay, 9. Jayton, 10. Henrietta Midway.

**Girls:** 1. Nazareth, 2. Brookesmith, 3. Guthrie, 4. Stephenville Huckabay, 5. Strawn, 6. Throckmorton, 7. Dodd City, 8. Wortham, 9. Smyer, 10. Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn.



**THREE ATTEMPT**—Hart's Salvador Velasquez (3) launches a shot from outside the three-point line as a Sudan defender rushes to thwart the attempt Friday. Hart came close to the Hornets, but a second-quarter slump allowed the Hornets to pull away for a 52-43 win. Photo by Neoma Williams

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
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**GREETINGS:**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear and answer before the Honorable 64<sup>th</sup> District Court, Castro County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in DIMMITT, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of DANIEL RODRIGUEZ AND GABRIELA RODRIGUEZ, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of JANUARY, 2001, against GUALADLUPE BEANES AND UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondents, and said suit being numbered A7660-0012 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of MARIESOL BEANES, a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP AND FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD.

Said child was born the 29<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1999, in PLAINVIEW, TEXAS.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unadvised.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at DIMMITT, Texas, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of JANUARY, 2001.

JOYCE M. THOMAS, Clerk  
64<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT,  
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS  
By JOANNA BLANCO, DEPUTY  
25-44-11c

**Retired teachers  
to meet Tuesday**

Members of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library to elect officers.

Program for this month's meeting will be "I Love Retirement." Some of the club's members will show some of the projects in which they have been involved since their retirement. All members are invited to bring and share their projects.

Any retiree of the Texas School Organization is invited to join the organization. Visitors also are welcome.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Castro County Commissioners Court is requesting proposals for the following insurance coverage scheduled to expire April 14, 2001: Property, Inland Marine, General Liability, Auto Liability and Property Damage, Public Officials' Liability, Law Enforcement Liability.

Underwriting data can be reviewed from existing files in the County Auditor's Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sealed proposals must be received in the County Judge's Office by 5 p.m. on March 9, 2001. The proposals will be opened and considered at the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting at 10 a.m. on March 12, 2001.

Proposers must use unit pricing for each type of coverage. Castro County will pay annual premiums. No bid bonds are required.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject proposals and/or to negotiate items in proposals to best serve Castro County's insurance exposures.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge  
25-44-21c

**County 4-H  
sets Roundup  
for March 20**

The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt, and 4-H'ers who are planning on entering a Method Demonstration in this year's contest should begin working on their project now.

"If you cannot think of a topic or have questions about Method Demonstrations, please feel free to come by and we can help you with some suggestions," said Castro County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Marilyn Neal.

A special Method Demonstration workshop will be held at the Extension Office in Dimmitt on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

**Senior 4-H'ers will  
plan clothing projects**

Any Senior 4-H'er and adult leader in Castro County interested in working on a clothing project this year should attend a special meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

**SEC offering two \$500 scholarships**

Swisher Electric Cooperative will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants. The scholarships are available to any student who is a member or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of SEC.

Applicants may be high school graduates, currently enrolled college students or persons wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Recipients will be chosen based upon character, community involvement and service work, and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include a written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or by calling Swisher Electric Cooperative at 995-3567. Applications must be received by March 2, and the awards will be presented at the SEC annual meeting on March 29.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative of Amarillo, a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 10 Texas and one Oklahoma electric distribution cooperative also is offering a \$1,200 scholarship.

The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of individuals who were dedicated to

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*Children are growing up when they begin asking questions that have answers.*

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**Nazareth**  
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Everyone should have requested ice skates for Christmas! The snow is beautiful, but the layer of ice under it is not so appreciated!

Our sympathy to the family of Max Acker, 94, who died early Sunday morning. Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday in Holy Family Church. Survivors include two sons, Tom Acker of San Antonio and Kenneth Acker of Lubbock; two daughters, Myrtle White of Amarillo and Pauline Dea of Lubbock; and four brothers, Alfred, Philip, LeRoy and Virgil Pohlmeier.

Football fans braved the road conditions to gather at one home or another to watch the Super Bowl game on Sunday. Some of my family gathered at the home of Jim and Sandee Hoelting to enjoy the evening along with several couples of friends.

Prayers are asked for Brad Klein, Leonard Gerber, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Margaret Brockman, Tammy Drerup, Robert Fisher Sr., and Ray Schmucker.

**Water management  
course set Feb. 16**

A one-day course on agricultural water management will be offered Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at West Texas A&M University's Virgil Henson Activities Center in Ballroom #202.

There will be eight CEU's offered for persons with their CCA license, and CEU's for Texas certified private applicators have been requested from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

Cost for the course will be \$50. For early registration, those interested may call the Continuing Education Center at WTAMU at 651-2037. For more information, contact Rick Auckerman at the Castro County Extension office, 647-4115.

The course will focus on the basic principles of water conservation and water use efficiency, Auckerman said. It is being offered in conjunction with the Dryland Agriculture Institute and the College of Agriculture at WTAMU.

Specific subjects will include rainfall probabilities and distribution, water use efficiency, understanding the Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) Network, crop residue management for water conservation, effect of soil fertility on increasing water use efficiency, precision agriculture and crop-livestock systems as an alternative to grain production for more efficient use of rainfall, and integrated pest management.

Those attending the course may park in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Parking Lot, where no permits are required.

**Clover Kids  
plan meeting  
for Wednesday**

The Castro County 4-H Clover Kids will enjoy a program on Valentine's Day when they gather for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

"We will talk about the history of Valentine's Day and we will make a holiday item," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "We should have a lot of fun this month. If you are in kindergarten, first or second grade, come and spend an hour with us."

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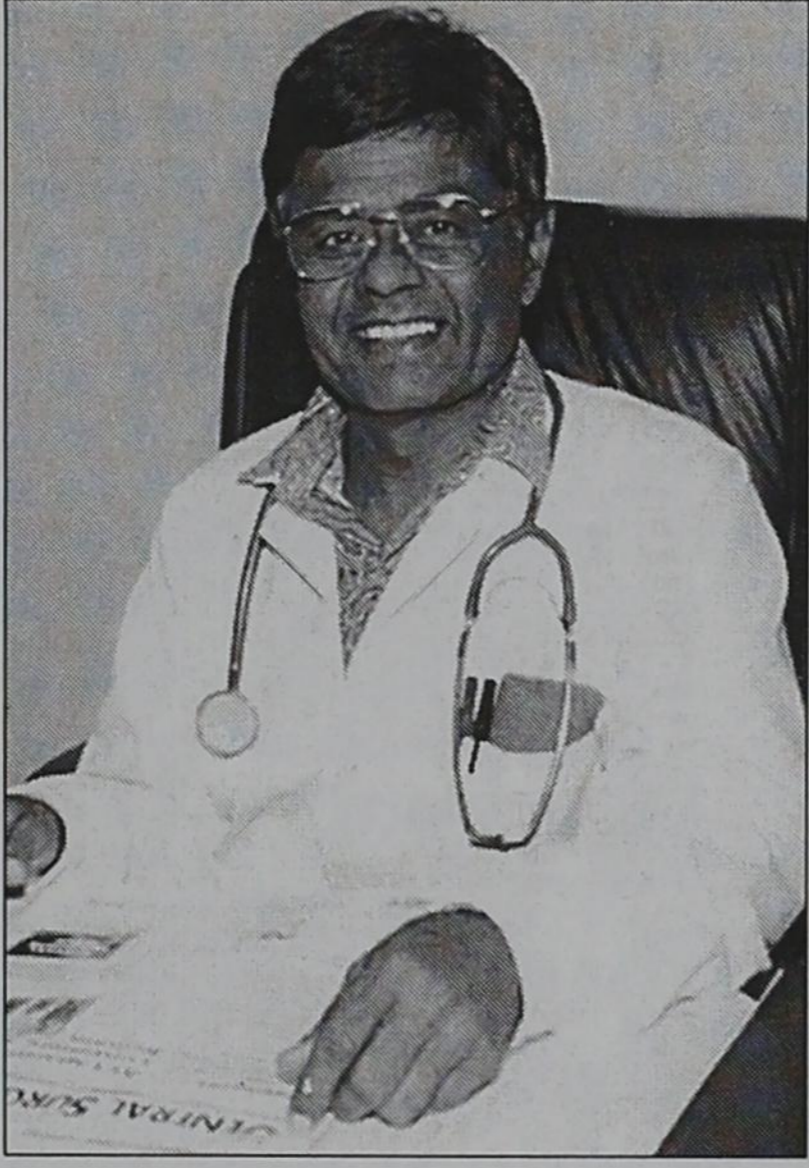
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"We've been doing laparoscopic surgery in this hospital over five years now," Dr. Patel said.

Dr. Patel enjoys practicing in a small town because he grew up in a small town in India with three brothers and three sisters. He and his wife, Indi, came to the US in 1970; he already was an M.D. at that time. Both he and Indi are naturalized citizens of the US.

Dr. Patel served a medical residency in Cleveland, Ohio, and did postgraduate study in laparoscopic procedures at the University of California, the University of Virginia and Twelve Oaks Hospital in Houston.

Dr. and Mrs. Patel have two grown sons, Satyen and Preetesh.

Dr. Patel is both proud and humble about his calling as a physician and surgeon.

"In my culture," he said, "it is believed that part of God is in every person, in the soul. If I hurt you, I am hurting that part of God that is in you."

"So I pray to God every possible second. When I'm driving my car or truck, I don't even have the radio or music on. I ask God to be with me and with this community, to help me in healing with these hands, and to not let me take away anybody's life. And He has definitely answered my prayers all these years."

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# Obituaries

## Magdalena Acker

Vigil services for Magdalena Ann Acker, 94, longtime Nazareth resident, were held Tuesday evening at the CCD Building in Nazareth. Funeral mass was read Wednesday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Mrs. Acker died at 2:20 a.m. Sunday at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She was born Oct. 10, 1906, in Lawrence, Neb. She married Jacob Acker in 1927 in Nazareth. He died in 1957.

She moved from Nebraska to Nazareth at the age of two and lived there ever since. She was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Christian Mothers and Nazareth Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three sons, Edward Acker, Floyd Acker and Jack Acker; and a daughter, Grace Kalka.

Survivors include two daughters, Pauline Dea of Lubbock and Myrtle White of Amarillo; two sons, Kenneth Acker of Tulsa and Tom Acker of Schertz; four brothers, Virgil Pohlmeier of Tulsa, Philip Pohlmeier and Leroy Pohlmeier, both of Nazareth, and Alfred Pohlmeier of Mariposa, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Meals on Wheels or Holy Family Cemetery Fund.

## Buckley Joe Allen

Funeral services for Buckley Joe Allen, 3-month-old son of Cody Bill and Lori Allen of Amarillo, were to have been held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo, with Scott Greer, senior minister, and Shawn Wyly officiating.

Burial was to follow at Llano East Cemetery of Amarillo under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

The infant died Jan. 28. He was born Oct. 24, 2000. He is survived by his parents; a

brother, Bailey Allen of the home; grandparents, Freddy and Cheryl Upshaw of Dimmitt, Bill and Kerry Glidewell of Hereford, and Alice Allen of Pueblo, Colo.; and great-grandparents, Joe and JoAnn Newman of Denton.

The family suggests memorials to the Buckley Joe Allen Memorial Fund, in care of Amarillo National Bank, PO Box 1, Amarillo 79105.

## Alexis Hailey Burnett

Graveside services for Alexis Hailey Burnett, infant daughter of Robert and Amy Burnett of Dallas, were held Friday afternoon in the Cathedral of the Pines Cemetery in Tyler with the Rev. John Offutt officiating.

Services were held under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale.

The infant was born and died Tuesday morning, Jan. 23, in a Dallas hospital.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandmother, Mary Jo Waggoner.

Survivors include her parents; her paternal grandparents, Horace and Roxanne Burnett of Amarillo and Robert McLean of Dimmitt; her maternal grandparents, Monnie and Sallie Warren of Lindale and Tommy Todd of Tyler; her paternal great-grandparents, Mrs. Alta Hutto of Clovis, N.M., and James and Virginia Burnett of Brownfield; and her maternal great-grandparents, Dee Todd and J.D. Waggoner, both of Tyler.

## Arther F. Gibson

Graveside services for Arther F. Gibson, 88, of Dimmitt, were held Friday at 5 p.m. at Idalou Cemetery in Idalou, with Minister Les Carey, minister of Idalou Church of Christ, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Gibson died Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, where he was a resident.

He was born Aug. 1, 1912, in Aquilla, and married Annie Granger on Nov. 14, 1930. She preceded him

in death in 1976. They moved to Idalou in 1936, where he was engaged in farming and ranching and was a ginner. He retired in 1977 and moved to Dimmitt. Mr. Gibson was a member of the Idalou Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a daughter in 1996.

He is survived by a daughter, Rita Carole Ellison of Dimmitt; a sister, Christene Layne of Cleburne; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Elton Gulley

Elton Gulley, 77, of Earth, died Sunday in Castro County.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Sunnyside. Burial followed in Muleshoe's Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

Mr. Gulley was born Nov. 9, 1923, in Becton. He married Norma Grace Keeling on Jan. 9, 1943, in Wellington. She died April 17, 1989.

Mr. Gulley moved to Earth in 1989 from Magazine, Ark. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a farmer and a member of the Progress Baptist Church of Progress.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a brother, Burl Frank Gulley.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Gulley of Springlake and Dan Gulley of San Antonio; two daughters, Jane Cookson of Van Buren, Ark., and Becky Ott of Earth; a sister, Nettie Beth of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Daniel Perez

Daniel Perez, 33, of Dimmitt, died Saturday in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with the Rev. Felix Sanchez, pastor of It's Jesus and the Love of God Church, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Mr. Perez was born Nov. 5, 1966,

in Plainview. He grew up in Dimmitt and attended Dimmitt schools. He was married to Lisa Perez. For the past year he had worked for Nutt Feedyard in Dimmitt. He was a member of It's Jesus and the Love of God Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Paige Perez of Glenpool, Okla., Amanda Jackson and Marcila Salinas, both of Dimmitt; three sons, Daniel Jesus Perez Jr., Kevin Ryan Jackson and Marcelo Salinas Jr., all of Dimmitt; his parents, Vidal Sr. and Gloria Perez of Dimmitt; a brother, Vidal Perez Jr. of Amarillo; and two sisters, Anna Casas and Michelle Silva, both of Dimmitt.

## Bobby Earl West

Funeral services for Bobby Earl West, 70, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at First Christian Church of Dimmitt, with Spence Moore, minister, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. West died Jan. 26 at 12:56 p.m. at his daughter's residence in Lubbock.

He was born March 7, 1930, in Memphis, grew up there and attended schools there. He joined the US Navy in 1949 and served until 1952. He married Dorothy Earline Kelly on Aug. 11, 1951, in Yuma, Ariz. She preceded him in death on July 9, 1993. After serving his country, Mr. West returned to Memphis. The couple later moved to Amarillo, where he worked for Plains Creamery for 10 years. They then moved to Dimmitt, where he worked at Cook Book Bread, then later went to work for Walt Hansen. Mr. West retired in August of 2000. He was a member and elder of the First Christian Church in Dimmitt, and also was a member of the VFW Post #8066 in Dimmitt.

He is survived by a daughter, Margo Renee Boyd of Lubbock; two brothers, Billy West of Sugarland and Jimmy West of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock.

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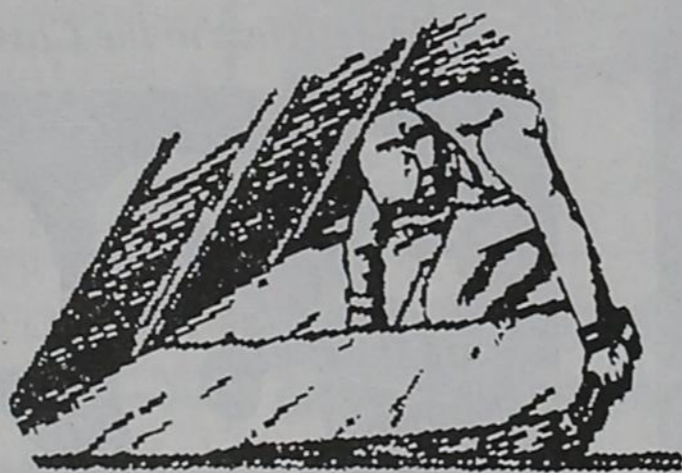


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