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## Cerestar to purchase respirators

Cerestar USA Inc. of Dimmitt has decided to buy respirators for the Dimmitt Police Dept., Castro County Sheriff's Dept., and the Dept. of Public Safety troopers in the county.

Last week, county commissioners had discussed purchasing respirators for the county's field deputies and Sheriff CD Fitzgerald.

Randy Griffitt, who works at Cerestar and doubles as the county's emergency management coordinator, said plant officials decided to donate the respirators to the law enforcement agencies as a community service.

Griffitt said Cerestar is planning to purchase 16 to 17 units at an approximate cost of \$200 per unit.

Cerestar also will provide for mandatory testing on each person designated to receive one of the respirators.

"Before we can issue the respirators, each person has to be fit-tested to make sure the mask fits that person's face. Each person also has to undergo a pulmonary function test," Griffitt said.

These tests will be conducted at Cerestar and should begin within the next two weeks, according to Griffitt.



OH, WHAT A CHRISTMAS TREE! Ciera Rodriguez is amazed by the numerous paper ornaments that are part of a special tree at Pybus Christian School in Dimmitt, and she reaches for the highest ornament to see what surprise it holds. Children across the county are eager for the holiday, and have compiled their Christmas wish lists which will be printed in the Dec. 20 issue of the News, and then will be forwarded to Santa Claus. Photo by Anne Acker

## Hopeful hunters will flock here in search of pheasant

The ring-necked pheasant will become fair game at sunrise Saturday, and hunters from as far away as Maine will flock to Castro County in search of the prey.

Pheasant hunters will be combing playa lakes, CRP fields, corn and wheat stubble, wind rows and other areas in search for the colorful birds.

Pheasant season officially Saturday and continues through Dec. 23 in the Texas Panhandle. Legal shooting hours are one-half of an hour before sunrise to one-half of an hour after sunset.

Daily bag limit is three roosters per hunter and six in possession. Hunters are not allowed to harvest hens.

There are three organized hunts conducted in Castro County, and they are operated by the Hart Lions Club, Nazareth Lions Club and Easter Lions Club.

Each of those organized hunts is full, and no additional hunters are being accepted for opening weekend. The Hart Lions Club is still accepting reservations for the rest of the season, however.

Pheasant roadside surveys, conducted annually by state wildlife biologists, indicate a 14% increase in pheasant abundance compared with last year, still, only a fair hunting season is predicted by Mike Miller, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist.

"Pheasant numbers remain below average, but hunters will work a little less to fill their bag limits this year," Miller said.

Miller said Deaf Smith, Moore, Sherman and Hansford Counties usually sport the biggest bird populations, but this year more birds have been observed in Castro, Swisher, Randall and Carson counties.

### Organized hunts and meals

The Hart, Nazareth and Easter Lions Clubs are expecting hunters from across Texas and even a few out-of-state marksmen for their organized hunts this weekend.

Dimmitt doesn't have an organized hunt, but hunters from all over travel to the area searching for the birds. The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club does sponsor a pheasant hunters' breakfast.

**Hart**  
Hart has accepted reservations from more than 150 hunters who (Continued on Page 16)

## Seven indictments returned by grand jury

The Castro County Grand Jury convened on Nov. 27 and returned two indictments for indecency with a child, two more for injury to a child and another three for driving while intoxicated.

18-year-old Nodolfo Elisondo of Lamb County was indicted for indecency with a child.

The grand jury also indicted 43-year-old Armando Fernandez of Dimmitt for indecency with a child.

Robert Espinosa Jr., 30, of

Dimmitt, was indicted for injury to a child.

An indictment for injury to a child and criminal negligence was handed down against 21-year-old Isaac Johnson of Dimmitt.

Three individuals were indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. They include 27-year-old Andres Navarro III of Dimmitt, 37-year-old Miguel Fonseca Rodriguez of Hereford, and 42-year-old Richard Earl Ewing of Dimmitt.

## Estes is new state senator

Voters in Castro County and in Texas Senate District 30 favored Republican Craig Estes to represent the district for the remainder of the late Tom Haywood's term.

Estes, a Wichita Falls businessman, and his Democratic opponent, Greg Underwood, a Bowie attorney, were the top two vote-getters in the special election last month. But since neither obtained a majority of the vote, they squared off in a runoff election Tuesday.

Statewide, Estes received 17,106 votes, compared with 10,131 for Underwood.

Castro County voters, who had favored Underwood over Estes, (148-113) in the special election last month, indicated their preference for Estes on Tuesday. He won the local vote by a count of 116-73.

Estes will serve until January 2003, and a legislative session isn't planned, unless Gov. Rick Perry calls a special session.

## City agrees to acquire automated water meters

The Dimmitt City Council met on Monday, December 3. Kenny Wetzel and Chris Phillips with Western Industrial Supply out of Amarillo were in attendance again to wrap up their presentations of automated meter reading (AMR) equipment.

The council voted to authorize City Manager Don Sheffy to begin the process for acquiring the meters. The only vote against moving forward with the meters came from councilman Roy Garza. The first step will be that of putting the job out for bid. "The entire process should take about 60-90 days" said Chris Phillips.

Henry Ramaekers came before the council to present the September 30, 2001 audit report. According to Ramaekers, "Everything went fine. The few minor problems were adjusted with no problem". Mayor Wayne Collins asked "are there any red flags or procedures that we need to change"? Ramaekers said "for a

city this size, the audit went very smooth".

Bill Sava with the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce addressed the council on the matter of the Hotel-Motel Occupancy tax. This tax is 3% of the room price and is to be collected by the hotel/motel operator and turned in to the city each quarter.

Sava feels this tax is being under reported and is looking for help in collecting it.

One local establishment turned in a report for 41 cents and after Sava contacted them, they brought in an check for \$96.52.

This money is to be used for attracting visitors and tourism to Dimmitt and Castro County.

Sava will seek to solve the problem with the help of City Attorney, Jack Edwards.

Councilwoman Gloria Hernandez asked Sava "how long has this been a problem"? Sava said that he first noticed it around the first of the year.

Sava is considering a change (Continued on Page 15)

## Hospital considers workers' comp options

The Castro County Hospital District Board met last Thursday night. First up on the agenda was a proposal to consider awarding the worker's compensation coverage to a different provider. Currently, the hospital uses RCH Protect. The annual cost for the present coverage is \$59,000 with a projected cost for the coming year of \$69,000.

It was decided that a local provider headed by Todd Pebsworth, representing Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange (THIE) will provide the coverage at an annual cost of \$64,072. Under Pebsworth's plan, the volunteer workers are covered where they are not under the present coverage. Pebsworth already provides coverage for the ambulances.

Representatives Mary Coyne and Jami Gillig from McCormick Company presented a proposal to the board relative to promoting the hospital and introducing the citizens of Castro County to the many services provided by the hospital.

McCormick suggested three objectives for the effort.

1) Build awareness of services provided by Castro County Hospital District (CCHD), especially among targeted audiences, Hispanic women and seniors, 2) increase return referrals to CCHD for rehabilitation and follow-up care and 3) build on the community's appreciation for healthcare services provided locally.

The strategies that will be used to accomplish these objectives are to increase the visibility of the physicians in the community, the use of advertising and public relations tools to educate the community on available services with emphasis on quality, develop two-way communication with key audience, Hispanic women and seniors, and change the name of the facility to a more customer friendly name such as Castro County Healthcare.

A complete plan for the process has not been adopted as yet. The plan will be finalized in the next 30-60 days.

In other business, the board approved a \$5.00 co-pay for all (Continued on Page 15)

## Weather

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| Saturday  | 56 ... 35 | ... |       |
| Sunday    | 61 ... 33 | ... |       |
| Monday    | 67 ... 31 | ... |       |
| Tuesday   | 67 ... 30 | ... |       |
| Wednesday | 57 ... 40 | ... |       |

November Moisture ... 1.81  
December Moisture ... 0.00  
2001 Moisture ... 18.05

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

## CPS seeking Christmas gifts for foster children

Most people take things like family and celebrating the holidays for granted, but for some children, family is almost non-existent and happy holidays are just dreams.

Foster children often have little or no contact with their natural families, and often they only dream about receiving gifts that other children expect.

The foster children who will benefit from these donations shouldn't be confused with children sponsored through Project Angel Tree. Children in that program are from less fortunate families who can't afford to provide Christmas gifts for children.

Castro County's Child Protective Services (CPS) board wants

to help these children have a happy holiday, but they need help from the community.

Gifts donated to Child Protective Services will be given to foster children.

There are 13 children from Castro County who are currently in foster care.

The CPS board is asking for help in providing Christmas gifts for some of those children.

A 14-year-old boy has requested a chrome Lowrider bicycle, a Playstation 2 with the game "Blitz 2000", black or blue Jenco jeans in size 14, a black or blue Lowrider shirt in size 14, a skateboard with black tape on top and a youth football.

A 6-year-old girl has re-

(Continued on Page 16)

## Community Greeting deadline is Monday

Organizations in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth are sponsoring Christmas greeting lists as fund raisers to benefit various projects this year.

Those participating are asked to donate what it would cost to send season's greetings to local friends, and their names will be listed in the community greeting ads that will be published in the Dec. 20 Christmas issue of *The Castro County News*.

The deadline for names to be submitted is Monday.

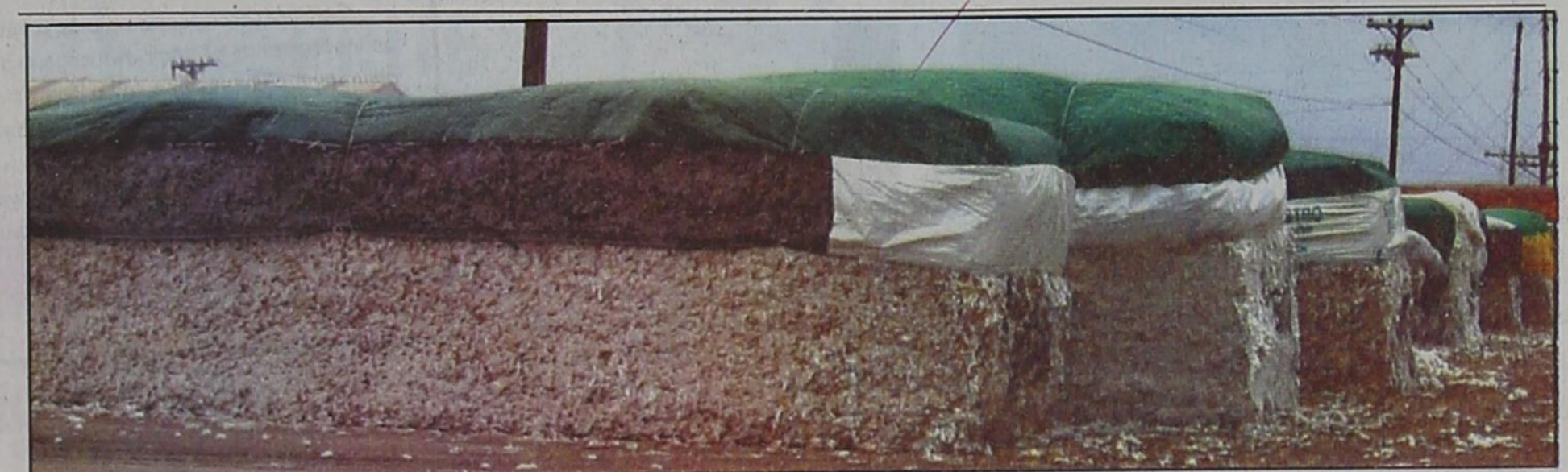
The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Dimmitt is accepting donations for Operation

Christmas Greeting, and proceeds from the fund raiser help the group buy special items for the hospital each year.

Any auxiliary member can accept donations, or you may drop off your donation at First United Bank in Dimmitt.

The Hart community greeting will benefit the Hart Cemetery Fund. Donations may be made at Hale County State Bank in Hart.

Nazareth's greeting card project will benefit the Holy Family Charity Fund. Donations may be made at Holy Family Church in Nazareth or by calling Vera Ramaekers at 945-2598.



ROWS AND ROWS OF COTTON MODULES can be found in fields and in gin yards around Castro County. Cotton gins are working around the clock now, turning out bale after bale.

Cotton harvest started in late September when the first field was stripped. Most of the cotton is off the stalk now, and gins hope to complete their end of the harvest by Christmas.

Photo by Anne Acker

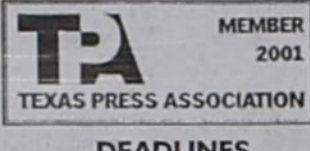
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# Naz News with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Christian Mothers held their annual Christmas party Sunday evening in the Community Hall with a really nice crowd attending.

Members and their husbands enjoyed a potluck supper.

Three mothers were received into the organization—Monica Mote, Traci Ramsey and Lori Wilhelm. Several nice door prizes were awarded and the mite box was given to the Robert Verkamp family.

Entertainment was provided by the Nazareth Swift Band's brass ensemble and director Fidelis Fetsch. Members of the ensemble were Kristi Ramaekers, Andrew Brockman, Candace Birkenfeld, Lacey Acker, Nathan Huseman, Craig Birkenfeld and Koty Huseman.

A nice crowd (52 in all) thoroughly enjoyed a program sponsored by Hospice "Celebrating the Holidays With Family and Friends" after losing a loved one.

Donna Charanza welcomed each guest. Vicky Buckley, director, gave a welcome address to begin the program and introduced a wonderful speaker, Chuck Ball, who is the Hospice Chaplain and minister of the Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

Also speaking were Dianne Townsend, the Hospice medical social worker; and RayPuentes, a social worker.

The Birkenfelds including Greg, Glenda, Jamie and Jason, entertained with several beautiful, appropriate hymns. This program was held at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Several very nice Christmas door prizes were given.

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swifts, who played Petersburg Friday in a Region 1-A semifinal game at Plainview.

We lost the game, but you are still winners to have gone so far into the playoffs. We are very proud of the team and their coaches, Ricky Peacock, Mike Scarbrough and Colby Pohlmeier.

The annual Santa Claus party held in the home of Cyril and Mitzi Brockman, was well attended and enjoyed Thursday evening.

Donations were given to Holy Family Charity Fund in memory of Leonard and Alma Conrad and Cecilia Herzog.

Our little city of Nazareth took on a whole new look Thursday morning as 19 large school buses started pulling into our school area to participate in our first-ever big basketball tournament in the new gym.

The tournament was sponsored by the Northwest Texas Sports Medicine Center. Teams came from across our area and from much farther away. Godley, Hamilton, Kopperl and Reagan County drove 400 or more miles. Three schools were Class A schools and the rest were larger schools.

The Nazareth Booster Club sponsored the concession stand, which everyone described as the best ever.

The coaches and their families really appreciated the two classrooms on the west end of the cafeteria that were transformed into hospitality rooms.

Winners in the girls' tournament were Nazareth, first; Hamilton, second; and Muleshoe, third.

Winners in the boys' tournament were Abernathy, first; Lockney, second; and Lipan, third.

Prayers are asked for Robert Verkamp, Francis Wilhelm, John Schacher, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Father Richard Scully and Father Jose Gomez.

Susie Jones and Stephanie Gerber recently enjoyed a very exciting trip to Sevilla, Spain. They went to visit Susan Jones, a Texas Tech student who is living with a host family and studying in the country.

Susie and Steph flew from Lubbock on Wednesday, Nov. 14, to Houston, then on to Newark, N.J., and finally to Madrid, Spain.

They arrived in Spain at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 14—it was a seven-hour time difference. They said the flight was long and tiring, but went very well and they had no trouble.

After arriving in Madrid, they took a train to Sevilla. This enabled them to see the beautiful country with lots of olive orchards and a few castles.

While in Sevilla, they visited the third largest Cathedral in the world. The Cathedral architect was very detailed and amazing. It held the tomb of Christopher Columbus, among others.

They visited the Basilica in Sevilla, its museum and the Royal Alcazar, an old place with its Royal Gardens. They also took a bus tour of the city and went into the bull fighting ring.

Susan Jones is in Sevilla with 20 other Texas Tech students and teachers. Susie and Steph enjoyed one evening dinner with Susan's host family and three other roommates.

They visited with some of her professors and a tour of her college.

They enjoyed souvenir shopping during the afternoons because of the siesta custom. Everything except for tourist shops would close from 2 to 5 p.m. People would go home for lunch and a nap. It was very frustrating at times—so was communication.

No one spoke much English, but Susan understood enough to be very helpful.

The Spaniards were all nice to them and so very easy going. It was so neat to just be there. Everything in the city is so much older than in the US. The sight-seeing was amazing. Susie and Steph returned on Nov. 21.

Susan has been in Sevilla since Sept. 9, and she will return on Dec. 20.

Jim, Sandee and Jake Hoelting enjoyed a trip to Coffeyville, Kan., on Saturday and Sunday as they watched Whitney Hoelting play in a basketball tournament for Seward County Community College.

While there, they enjoyed spending time with Gary and Donna (Hoelting) Herron and their daughter of Chanute, Kan.

They also enjoyed visiting with Jim's aunt, Cecilia (Sis) Porter in Oklahoma City. She is only 99 years old. They also visited relatives in Hinton, Okla., Jim and Alma Seurer.

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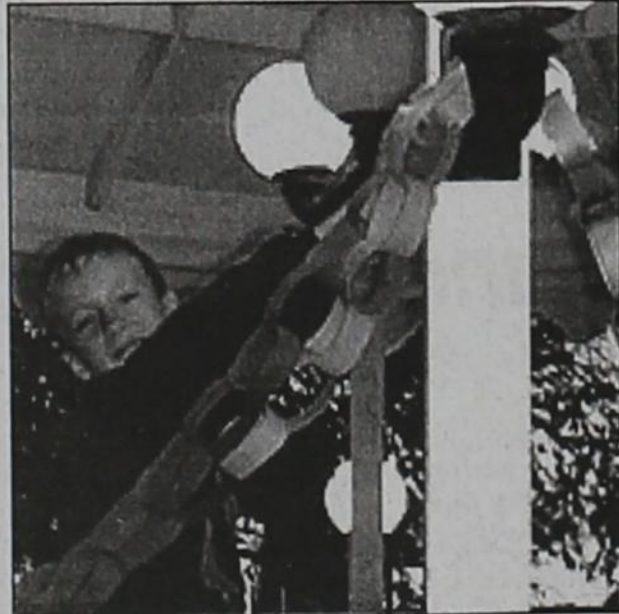
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- TXism: "neon light \_\_\_\_\_" (inspiration)
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- Comanche's "Old \_\_\_\_\_ courthouse"
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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ with who brung ya"

### Last Puzzle Solution

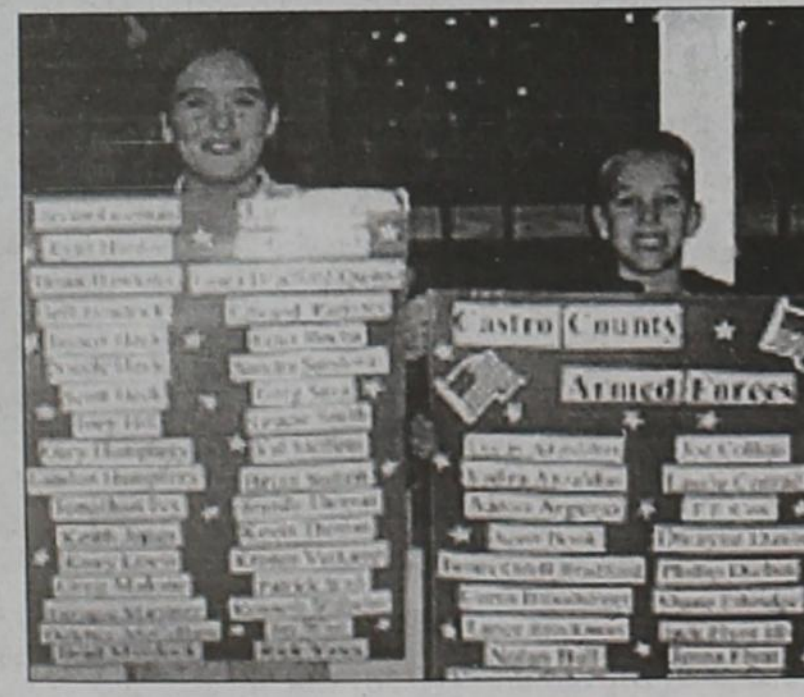
# ★ ★ ★ CARING ★ ★ ★



JENNIFER HOWELL (left) and Austin Heard (right) working on posters of Castro County residents who are serving in the Armed Forces. Posters and chains were displayed at the gazebo on the courthouse square Nov. 12 during Veteran's Day and Dimmitt's holiday kick-off.



SAM HAZEL, Dimmitt Middle School student, helps hang a paper chain around the Gazebo at the holiday kick-off affair Nov. 12. Each link of the chain was signed by a student. The chain represents our nation joining together to remain united during troubled times.



BRANDY STANLEY (left) and Shawn Mitchell (right) hold posters with names of Castro County residents who are serving in the Armed Forces. Posters were displayed at the gazebo on the courthouse square and at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

### Who Cares?

A caring person is a bright spot in a sometimes grim world where crime, anger, fear, hunger and loneliness have pushed even well-meaning people into isolation. We've moved, as a society, from the front porch to the back yard. We've gone from social visits to video games and the VCR. It's as if we're so overwhelmed by the needs around us that we've built invisible walls, blocked our vision of other people's problems, and focused on ourselves.

It's different with ethical people. They care. Caring is at the heart of an ethical person's character. It's a guideline for how an ethical person relates to the world and its people.

A caring person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous. A caring person always takes into account how decisions, words and actions are likely to affect other people.

### Why Care?

Why do people show consideration, kindness, compassion and generosity to others? Some help others because it makes them feel good. Some show concern because everybody else seems to. Some show kindness to avoid embarrassment, to earn recognition, to relieve guilt, or because it hurts them to see other people hurting.

Genuine, selfless concern for others is a sign of ethical maturity. A big part of maturity is the ability to think and care about someone besides oneself. Selfish motives and selfish actions are childish motives and childish actions.

Self-centered people tend to treat others simply as instruments of their own ends and rarely feel an obligation to be honest, loyal, fair or respectful.

Caring people, on the other hand, have progressed from selfish to selfless, from inward-focused to outward-focused, from me-minded to we-minded, and from a give-me approach to a give-you approach.

### The Golden Rule

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" translates the general principle of caring and concern into an operational standard which encourages people to maximize the good and minimize the harm done to others.

### Stakeholders

Stakeholders are the people, groups, or institutions likely to be affected by a decision, word, or action. A person who wants to be ethical has a moral obligation to think seriously about every possible effect his or her decisions will have on all stakeholders.

The too-common, self-centered, "It's my life, and I'll do what I want with it!" fails to recognize that every person, group, or institution impacted by a decision has a moral claim on the decision-maker.

### Caring vs. Duty

Caring requires us to be as considerate, kind, compassionate and generous as our duties and responsibilities permit. But sometimes even love has to be tough. Sometimes really caring requires difficult decisions that are unpleasant for a stakeholder initially, but best for him or her in the long run. Sometimes responsibility seems to conflict with caring.

### Caring Do's

- Show you care about others through kindness, caring, generosity and compassion.
- Live by the Golden Rule... treating others the way you want them to treat you.
- Think how every decision, word or action will impact every stakeholder.

### Caring Don'ts

A caring person lives with these reminders:

- Don't be selfish!
- Don't be mean!
- Don't be cruel!
- Don't be insensitive to the feelings of others!

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. I don't remember seeing so many houses decorated this early before. Dimmitt looks like one big Christmas tree.

The First United Methodist Church Choir will present its annual Christmas Cantata this Sunday morning during the 11 o'clock worship service. It will be under the direction of Charles Axtell and is entitled *The Father's Love Begotten*. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hart's mayor, Marguerite McLain, and the Hart business community sponsored a *Promote Hart Day* Saturday. The aim was to encourage the Hart people to stay in town and shop. Several out of town people came to enjoy the festivities. The children were especially targeted for entertainment.

Dwayne Clevenger furnished a hay ride, and Lawrence McLain manned a train ride for the young ones. There was a parade for the children and by

the children that appealed to all ages. It included floats made by children, Santa Claus was there on a fire truck and lots of children participated.

The poker walk to benefit the town pavilion bathroom facilities was a real success. The Christmas goodie bake sale sold completely out. The Hart Banking Center furnished rides on a horse drawn carriage. There were also many food booths and games to play.

At the end of the mayor's letter of invitation she requested that everyone pray for pretty weather.

Saturday was a beautiful December day for the Hart happening.

To kick off the holidays the women and men's ministry groups of the First Baptist Church served a unity fellowship meal to the residents of Azteca, First Baptist members and others. Joe and Norma Franco, managers of the Azteca housing

complex, helped to invite the people and with the preparations. Dr. Leon Joplin sang gospel songs in Spanish and English, Margaret Eschevarria sang *One Day at a Time*.

Everyone enjoyed the music, food and fellowship.

The Kenneth Fries of the Frio community honored Greg and Meghan Gentry of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada Sunday with a gathering of Greg's school friends and family.

The Gentrys spent a few days with their family before returning home to Canada.

Patsy Hudman's son and wife, Alvin Eugene and Bilye Malone of Hereford, came by Dimmitt to get her for a Thanksgiving trip to Midland. They spent three days with Alvin's daughter and son-in-law, Stoni and Cavin Isom. They enjoyed visiting, and helping to warm the Isom's beautiful new home.

George and Carolyn Sides recently attended the 50th anniversary reunion of the 367 Bomb Squadron at the Mac Dill Airbase in Tampa, FL. George served three years there during the Korean conflict as an airplane mechanic of the 306 Bomb Wing. Out of the 80 squadron members that were located, 40 of the men attended.

Martha Jo Hyman and Dorothy Nutt attended the Hereford

Country Club board of Directors Christmas Party. There was a live band for listening and dancing and lots of good food.

Others from Dimmitt attending were Steve and Ginger Olson, Fran and Carl King and G.L. and Juanita Willis.

I made several mistakes in the

names that Mary Edna gave me in the news item about the Hendrix family Thanksgiving celebration. I will try to correct them: Dale and Lauren Feazell, Kevin and Neely Lankford's children are Adria, Matt and David. I would like to blame this on a computer, but I'm afraid that is not the problem.

## Hart Junior High is third in academic meet

Hart Junior High students accumulated 335.3 points in the recent UIL Literary district meet, and that was good enough for third place overall.

Springlake-Earth captured the district championship with 715.8 points while Farwell was second with 560.05 points.

Here's a rundown of how Hart students placed at the district meet:

**LISTENING SKILLS**  
Seventh Grade: 4. (Tie) Julie Centeno and Mirella Mendoza.  
Eighth Grade: 1. R. J. Valles; 4. Zane Farris.

**CALCULATOR**  
Seventh Grade: 3. Adrian Rosas; 4. Andrew Torres; 6. Roxanne Gonzales.  
Eighth Grade: 3. Kyle Johnson; 4. Olivia Vega.

**READY WRITING**  
Seventh Grade: 6. Lindsay George.  
Eighth Grade: 2. Kyle Johnson.

**ORAL READING**  
Seventh Grade: 1. Lindsay George; 4. Jayme Flores.

**MATHEMATICS**  
Seventh Grade: 5. (Tie) Julie Rodriguez and Julie Centeno.  
Eighth Grade: 4. Kyle Johnson.

**SCIENCE**  
Seventh Grade: 4. Andrew Torres.  
Eighth Grade: 1. Kyle Johnson.

**MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS**  
Seventh Grade: 3. Andrew Torres; 5. Adrian Rosas; 6. Andrea Pantoja.  
Eighth Grade: 3. Joey Martinez.

**NUMBER SENSE**  
Eighth Grade: 4. Kyle Johnson.

**SPELLING**  
Seventh Grade: 5. Josie Chia.



2001 ALCO CUTE BABY ... Brennon Jace Garcia

## Garcia wins baby contest

Brennon Jace Garcia, 9-month-old son of Richard and Sonia Garcia of Hart, was the winner of Alco's "2001 Cute Baby Contest."

Nine children were entered in the contest, which generated \$244.57 in donations for the Kids, Inc. program in Dimmitt.

## Rose Garden seeking items

The Rose Garden is a retail outlet of good, clean goods of all kinds, and as the holiday season approaches, organizers are hoping to see a rise in donations of goods.

"Here Comes Santa Claus—Don't we love to sing this melody around this time of the year?" said Jan Wishard.

"As you are thinking about others on your shopping list, please think about the families who shop at the Rose Garden. Visions of sugar plums dance in the heads of all children. We are in need of toys, games and clothes for children of all ages. Take the time and opportunity to teach your child the joy of giving—one who gives his best. It is always more blessed to give than to receive," Wishard said.

The Rose Garden offers an inexpensive outlet for many items from toy soldiers, baby dolls and adventure books to warm coats, sweaters and hats. Proceeds from the Rose Garden go to aid the families and individuals within Hospice service.

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# People



## Rotary Club hears from investment rep

The Dimmitt Rotary Club was pleased to have Tom Edwards of Edward D. Jones as a speaker at their last meeting.

Edwards spoke on the condition of the economy, how we got where we are today and what we can look for in the future.

According to Edwards, there has been an economic slowdown for the last two years. Technology issues carried the market to the record highs we experienced and by the same analysis, those very issues have caused the recession we are experiencing today.

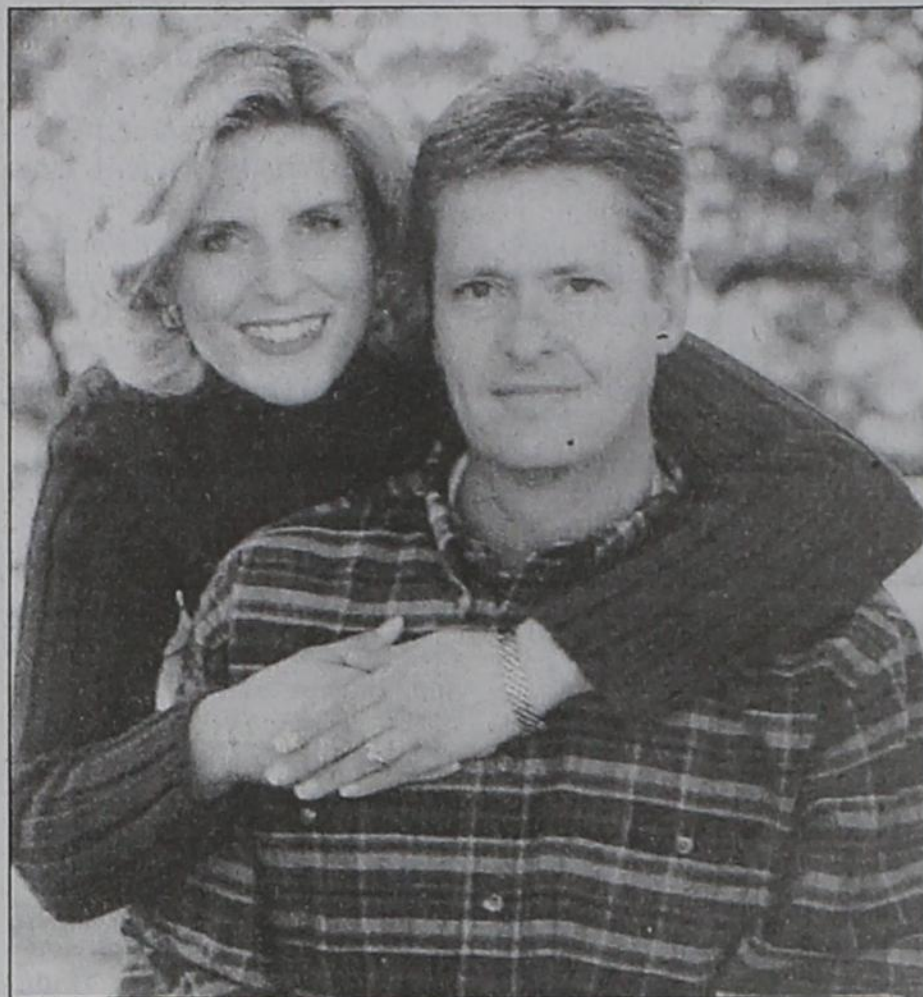
Edwards believes the rest of the world will pick up on the bargain-priced tech stocks as well as the technology itself. As this happens, the tech stocks will

again cause the market to grow. Not to be left behind, the United States will again invest heavily in technology and cause even further growth.

Edwards looks for interest rates to possibly drop one more time, but after that, creep slowly upward again as the economy heals itself.

The secret to accumulating wealth? Invest regularly, weekly if possible and invest for the long-term. And of course, there is that old investment secret... "buy low and sell high!"

The Dimmitt Rotary Club meets each Thursday at noon. Contact Jerry Heller at 647-5131 or any current member to attend a meeting as a guest or for membership information.



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## Newlyweds are home in Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. William Craig Jones are home in Abilene after a honeymoon in North Carolina, where they enjoyed a fall foliage tour.

The couple were married on Oct. 20 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene.

The bride is the former Kristina Elysia Horn, daughter of Phyllis Griffin of Abilene.

Parents of the groom are Bobby and Beth Jones of Dimmitt.

The groom owns Summit Auto Tint.

The bride is a development officer for Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc.

Both are graduates of McMurry University.

## Archer will give concert at First Baptist Church

Christian contemporary singer Steve Archer will give a concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Archer won a Grammy Award in 1980. He and his brother and sister, Tim and Janice, toured extensively in the US and

abroad, and have performed for President Jimmy Carter at the White House. The family has performed on many television shows, including Jerry Lewis Telethon, the Easter Seals Telethon, American Music, the Mike Douglas Show and their own half-hour television show produced and aired by Trinity Broadcasting Network.

In 1983, Archer released a solo album, "Through His Eyes of Love," where the title song became the number one Christian contemporary song. In 1985, the project "Action" featured a duet with Marilyn McCoo and the song, "Safe," soared to number two on the charts and was voted 1986's fourth-best song of the year.

Born and raised in California, Archer began to sing at age 9 with his brothers. By the time he was 13 he had placed second in a national teen talent search.

"Steve's heart is to see people changed and encouraged by the positive message of God's unconditional love," said a spokesperson.



### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Russel and Susan Birdwell of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Royce William Birdwell, who was born at 9:20 a.m. on Nov. 28 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has three older siblings including 10-year-old Devonee and 2-year-old Mason and Macy. Paternal grandparents are Kent and Mary Jo Birdwell of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Charlotte and Billy Phillips of Breckenridge and Bill and Ann Bray of Dallas.

## Wilhelm to present Book Club program

Author Staci Stallings will present the program Wednesday when the Dimmitt Book Club holds its regular monthly meeting.

The Book Club meeting will start at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Stallings a newly-published author, will present her program following a short business meeting.

In her non-literary world, Stallings is known as Stacy

Albracht Wilhelm. Both she and her husband, Damian, grew up in Nazareth.

She has recently published her second inspirational romance novel and will share her story of entering the world of writing with *The Long Way Home*, and *Eternity*.

The public, especially Stallings' friends and relatives, are encouraged to attend Wednesday's meeting.

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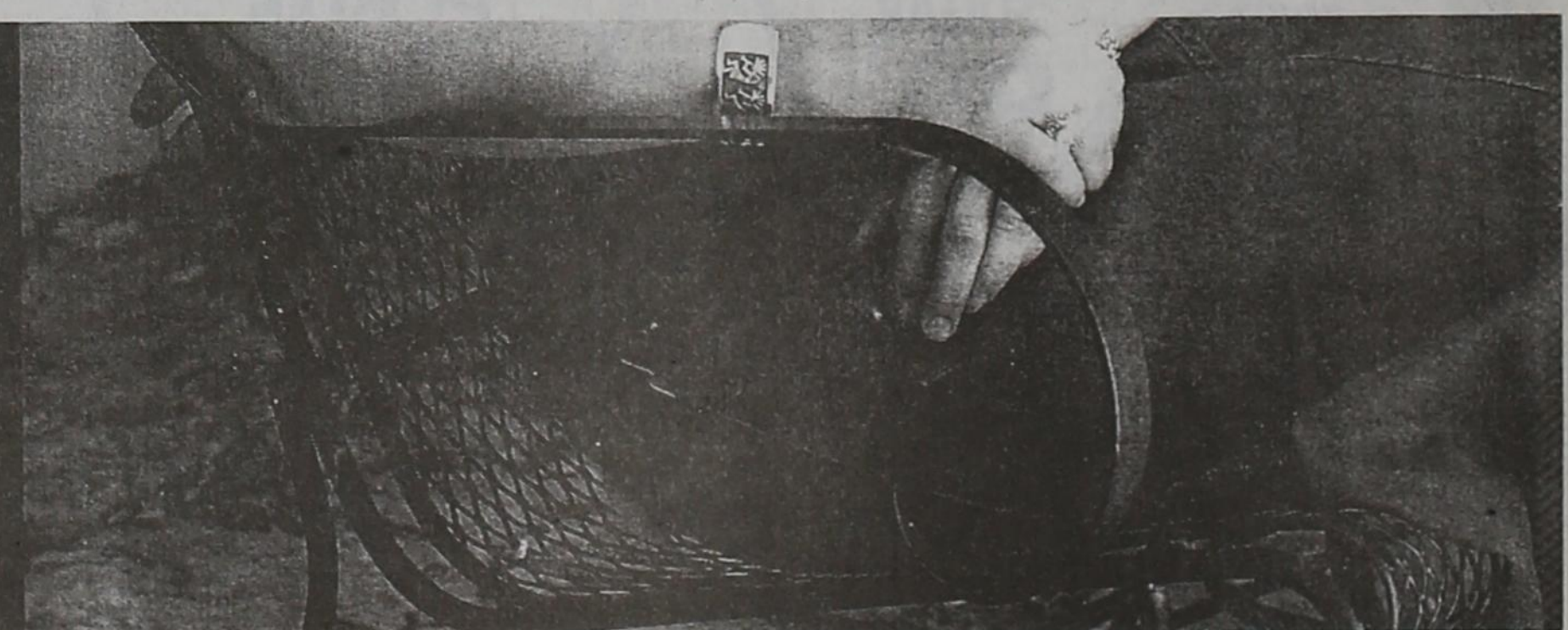


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# Students will receive books under RIF program

Richardson Elementary School students will be able to hone their reading skills with books of their own, and they'll receive the first of those books today (Thursday) during a special assembly at the school.

The school is holding its first

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book give-away today (Thursday), and the special assembly will include a short program presented by the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) group from Dimmitt High School.

The program will be presented for students in Early Childhood Education, Headstart, kindergarten and first grade from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Students in the second and third grade will enjoy the program from 9:20 to 9:45 a.m.

After the program, each student will be allowed to pick out a free book they can keep.

RIF is the nation's oldest and largest non-profit children's literacy organization.

In 1966, Mrs. Robert S. McNamara and a group of citizens in Washington, D.C., organized the first RIF project.

Their goal is to encourage children to read by showing them reading is fun and they do so by giving the children a chance to choose and keep books that interest them.

Parent involvement is encouraged, and organizers of the program hope parents will provide other activities that emphasize the fun of books.

Today there are thousands of RIF projects in the 50 states, and the book give-away at Richardson Elementary is one of those projects.

This is the eighth year that the school has received RIF money. With the \$3,412 received under the program, the school has purchased more than 1,700 books and will give at least three books to each child.

For more information about the RIF program, contact Diann Leatherwood at Richardson Elementary School.

# Steak meal is Saturday in Nazareth

The Nazareth Museum Group will sponsor a steak supper and raffle on Saturday, which is the opening day of pheasant season.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Cost for the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds from the meal and raffle will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

# Hart youths named to Who's Who

Several Hart High School students have been included in the 35th annual edition of Who's Who Among American high school students.

Hart students selected for the honor list are Trent Barnes, Trevor Barnes, A.J. Carrasco, Amanda Carrasco, Amy Carrasco, Vanessa Carrasco, Melanie Davis, Kathleen Diaz, Austin Dudley, Valarie Ellis, Maegan Farris, Zachary Farris, Geneva Finch, Kellie George, Millie Longoria, Logan McLain, Corey Moore, Aarica Ortiz, Fatima Rodriguez and Olga Vega.

Who's Who is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade-point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

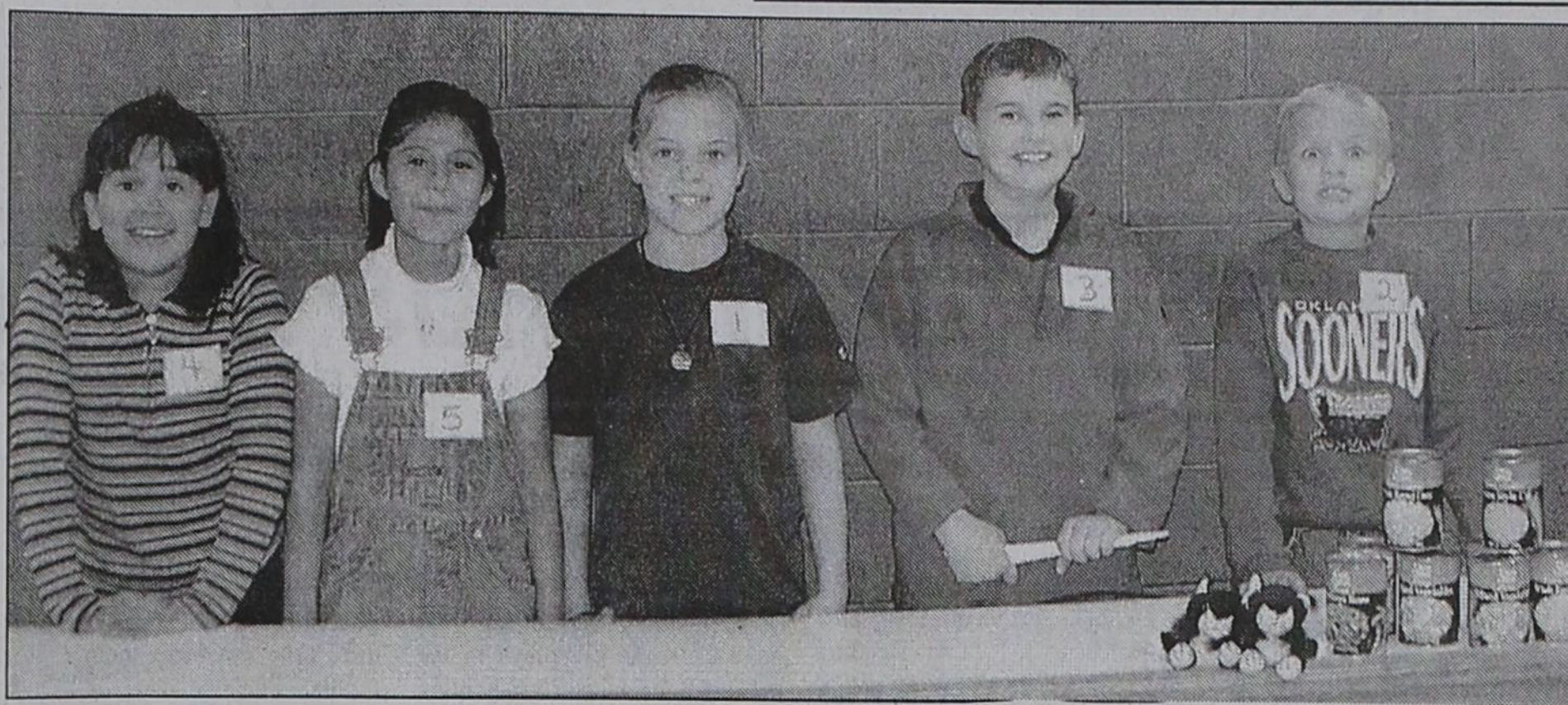
# Bennett inducted

Stacey Bennett of Hart has been inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, a national communication honor society.

Bennett was one of 10 students inducted on Nov. 12.

The honor society promotes and encourages professional development among communication majors.

Requirements for membership in Lambda Pi Eta include a 3.0 overall grade-point average, completion of 60 semester hours, completion of 12 hours of speech communication courses and a 3.25 grade-point average in all communication classes. Students also must be in the upper 35% of their class.



Pictured (L-R) are Beatrice Hinojosa, Katrice Perez, Heloise Cillie, Zachary Dunnan and Jesse Miller. These students are the new crew members of Richardson Elementary's KCAT-TV. These five third graders auditioned for the spot of 'anchor' for the station. Elaine Steinle and Brenda Porsch serve as KCAT facilitators. The students actually run the station and do all the work. Judges for the competition were Jennifer Howell, Katie Ivey and Chris Bradford. Photo by Chris Bradford

# Holly Lane attends National 4-H Congress

Holly Lane's record book on "Healthy Lifestyles" has taken her far this year—all the way to Atlanta, Ga.

Lane captured first place honors with her record book this summer at the State 4-H Roundup, and as a state champion, she earned a delegate position to the National 4-H Congress, which was held Nov. 23-27 in Atlanta.

Lane was one of 70 Texans who participated in National 4-H Congress.

They attended a welcoming ceremony and get-acquainted event the first evening. Speakers included Georgia Senator Max Cleland, 2002 Miss America Angie Harman, and motivational speakers Dan Clark, Robbie Melton and Dan Thurman. Entertainment was provided by illusionist Jeff O'Leary.

Participants attended workshops, an inspirational assembly, took tours and attended the Congress Gala.

Delegates for the national convention were chosen through an application process, said Toby Lepley, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist for 4-H. Members fill out an application and submit it along with an essay describing a community service plan. From these applications, a panel of judges choose finalists who are interviewed at College Station by a judging panel. Once this process is completed, delegates are announced at Texas 4-H Roundup in June.

Delegates are chosen based on their involvement and leadership in 4-H and the originality of their community service ideas, he said, adding that poise during the interview and ability to communicate are pluses.

First-place winners of the Texas 4-H record book program earn delegate positions based on their growth in 4-H, leadership and community service.

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The clinic will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection from several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

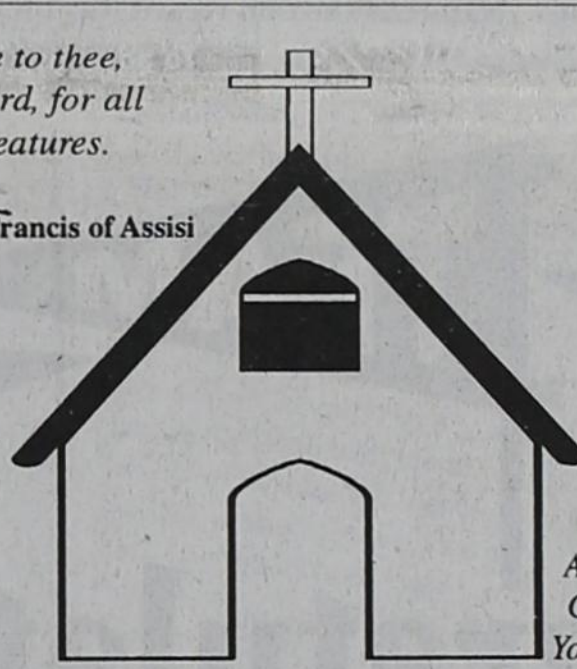
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# Sports



## Swifts' season ends in regional semis

**By MEGAN SCHULTE**  
A couple of turnovers by the Nazareth Swifts and virtually mistake-free football by Petersburg resulted in a 42-12 Buffalo win Friday at Plainview.

where they'll meet Stratford this week in Amarillo. "We ran into a hot team Friday night," Nazareth head coach Rick Peacock said. "Petersburg played super and we were just not up to the challenge." Defensively, Nazareth held the Buffaloes to 351 yards. Leading the defense attack were senior Aaron Kern, and sophomore Trey Robb, both making 12 tackles. Also contributing were

teammates Kade Wilcox and Adam Acker with 10 and 9 tackles, respectively. "They controlled the line of scrimmage on offense and were able to convert some big third down plays to keep our offense off the field," Peacock said. "We gave up some big plays in the passing game and they converted those plays into points. We played good—they just played better."

Offensively, Nazareth gained 259 yards, 144 from passing and 115 from rushing. Leading the passing attack was Jordy Rowland who passed for 144 yards. "Offensively we did some good things Friday night, we just did not convert them into points," Peacock said. "We had a chance before halftime to possibly cut the lead in half, but were not able to before time ran out."

took over on its own 46-yard line. The Buffaloes ran only three plays before scoring again. This time it was an 8-yard run by Vega which came with 1:22 left in the half. The kick was good and Petersburg led, 28-6. The Swifts had a good drive going in the final minute of the game, but time expired in the half before the Swifts could capitalize on their drive which ended deep in Buffalo territory. Nazareth had control of the ball to start the third quarter, and ran 14 plays, pushing towards the end zone.

yard touchdown. Cedillo's kick was good, and Petersburg won 42-12.

### Game at a Glance

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| First Downs     | 17      | 26     |
| Yards Rushing   | 115     | 235    |
| Yards Passing   | 144     | 116    |
| Total Yards     | 259     | 351    |
| Comp-Att-Int    | 13-20-1 | 6-10-0 |
| Fumbles-Lost    | 3-1     | 0-0    |
| Punts-Avg.      | 3-37    | 2-33   |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-39    | 2-15   |

### Scoring Summary

**First Quarter:**  
PETERSBURG—Miguel Vega 5 run (Anthony Cedillo kick)  
**Second Quarter:**  
NAZARETH—Aaron Kern 2 run (kick failed)  
PETERSBURG—Josh Bright 1 run (Cedillo kick)  
PETERSBURG—Marco Reyes 9 pass from Bright (Cedillo kick)  
PETERSBURG—Vega 8 run (Cedillo kick)  
**Third Quarter:**  
NAZARETH—Jordy Rowland 1 run (pass failed)  
**Fourth Quarter:**  
PETERSBURG—Vega 5 run (Cedillo kick)  
PETERSBURG—Jeremy Campos 1 run (Cedillo kick)



**JUST OUT OF REACH**—Kade Wilcox gets free in the end zone and is ready for a pass from Nazareth quarterback Jordy Rowland, but the pass is too wide and falls out of bounds Friday night in a Region 1-A semifinal game between

the Swifts and Petersburg. Nazareth fell behind in the first half and never recovered, ending their season with a 42-12 loss to the Buffaloes. Nazareth's season record was 10-3.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

After the opening kick off, Petersburg ran three plays before they were forced to punt. They then forced Nazareth to punt three plays later, and set up for a score.

Petersburg ran five plays before Miguel Vega scored the game's first touchdown, running into the end zone from five yards out. The point-after try (PAT) by Anthony Cedillo was good, and Petersburg led going into the second quarter, 7-0.

Nazareth drove to Petersburg's two-yard line, but time ran out in the first quarter before they could score.

Four seconds into the second quarter, Aaron Kern ran the two yards for a Nazareth touchdown.

The PAT by Wilcox was no good and the Swifts trailed Petersburg, 6-7.

The Buffaloes ran five plays before crossing the goal line once again, using a 1-yard plunge by quarterback Josh Bright for the scoring play. The kick was good, and Petersburg elevated their lead to 14-6.

Nazareth was forced to punt after four plays, and Petersburg set up for another score. This time the Buffaloes threw the ball, with Bright finding Marco Reyes for the 9-yard touchdown. The PAT was good, and Petersburg led, 21-6.

Nazareth was forced to punt again after failing to convert a third down play, and Petersburg

## Highland Park Tourney features Hart squads

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns are lacing up their basketball shoes in preparation for the Highland Park Tournament, which opens today (Thursday) at the Amarillo-area school.

In first-round action today (Thursday), the Longhorns will face Friona at 10:30 a.m., and the Lady Horns will play Friona at 3 p.m.

Each tournament features eight teams.

The boys' tournament also includes River Road, Canadian, Canyon, Highland Park, Claude and Adrian.

In the girls' tournament, Hart and Friona are joined by Claude, San Jacinto, Canyon JV, Canadian, Adrian and Highland Park.

If the Hart boys win today (Thursday), they'll meet the River Road-Canadian winner

Friday at 12 noon in the championship semifinals. Loser of the two games will meet Friday at 9 a.m. in a consolation semifinal.

The championship semifinal round for the Lady Horns will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and the Hart-Friona winner will meet the Adrian-Highland Park winner. The two first-round losers will play at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, the boys' tournament continues with the seventh-place game at 9 a.m., the consolation final at 10:30 a.m., the third-place game at 12 noon and the championship at 3 p.m.

For the girls' bracket, Saturday's games begin with the seventh-place game at 9 a.m., followed by the consolation final at 10:30 a.m., the third-place game at 12 noon and the championship at 1:30 p.m.

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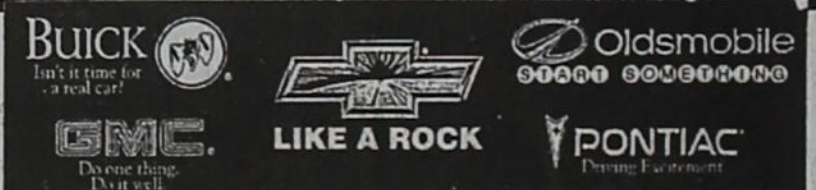
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# Plainview buzzer-beater sinks Cats in title game, 63-62

Plainview's Xavier Hall swished a three-pointer from the top of the key just before the buzzer sounded Saturday, and that shot boosted the Bulldogs over Dimmitt, 63-62, in the championship game of the Pioneer Classic.

The championship game was a see-saw battle from the opening tip. Dimmitt owned a 20-17 lead after the first eight minutes, but Plainview rebounded in the second quarter for a 30-29 halftime lead. The Bulldogs extended their margin to 47-43 after three quarters before Dimmitt came back to take a lead in the fourth—until Hall's last-second heroics.

Dimmitt's Austin Sherman, who led the Bobcats in scoring in all four of their tournament games, was selected to the all-tournament team.

Dimmitt knocked off Clint, Hereford and Borger to reach Saturday's championship game.

## Bobcats 80, Clint 65

Clint gave Dimmitt everything they could handle for two quarters, but the Bobcats exploded in the second half for an 80-65 victory.

Sherman poured in 23 points to lead Dimmitt while Brent Josselet added 14, Nicky Gauna contributed 12 and Matthew Wright chipped in 10.

The Bobcats drained four three-pointers in the first quarter—two each by Josselet and Sherman—and they led 21-13 at the end of the period.

Clint bounced back in the second quarter, trimming Dimmitt's lead to six by halftime.

During the quarter, Dimmitt got six points from Sherman and four from Wright and Gauna.

Dimmitt blew the game wide open in the third, outscoring Clint 25-13 behind the hot hands of Sherman, Josselet and Gauna.

Dimmitt rained four three-pointers in the stanza and the Bobcats couldn't miss from the field.

Josselet counted a three and pair of free throws in the quarter while Sherman added nine points and Gauna chipped in five. Wright and Matthew Gauna each picked up threes.

Dimmitt continued to roll offensively in the fourth quarter, tacking on another 20 points in the winning effort.

For the game, the Bobcats hit nine three-pointers and made 15 of 23 free throws.

## Bobcats 68, Hereford 56

Dimmitt's outside shooters were still on fire in the second round, sinking nine three-pointers enroute to a 68-56 win over Hereford.

The Bobcats were clinging to a one-point lead, 10-9, after the first quarter, but got a little breathing room in the second quarter and led 28-23 at the break. Dimmitt outscored Hereford 40-33 over the final 16 minutes for the victory.

Hereford's defense shut down Sherman in the first quarter, but he was unstoppable after that.

He connected on six threes in the second and third quarters, hitting three in each stanza. Sherman scored 13 of his game-high 31 points in the second quarter and added another 11 in the third. He capped the effort with a seven-point fourth quarter.

Nicky Gauna and Josselet contributed 10 points each, and most of their points came in the second half as the Bobcats gradually pulled away.

Dimmitt forced 22 Hereford turnovers while committing just 13 of its own.

The Herd won the board battle, 51-38, but couldn't squelch Dimmitt's offensive output.

Dimmitt connected on 28-of-66 shots from the field and finished 9-of-19 from three-point range.

## Bobcats 77, Borger 62

Dimmitt found itself playing catch-up after the first quarter of the game with Borger, but free throws helped in the effort and Dimmitt went on to claim a 77-62 win—its third of the tournament.

Borger jumped out to a 25-18 lead in the opening period behind five three-point shots.

Dimmitt gradually chipped away at the lead through the second quarter and was able to overtake the Bulldogs for a 40-36 lead at halftime.

Sherman, who was limited to a three and pair of free throws by Borger's defense in the first quarter, was fouled repeatedly by the Bulldogs in the second quarter.

He made Borger pay for the fouls, too, connecting on 10-of-

12 charity tosses in the quarter. He was able to add a three-pointer and another field goal as Dimmitt took control of the game. Sherman finished with 26 points to lead Dimmitt.

Dimmitt's free throws proved to be the difference in the game. The Bobcats sank 25-of-30 free throws in the game, compared with 18-of-25 made by Borger.

While Borger was attempting to shut down Sherman, Josselet was running wild, scoring 22 points.

Also helping the Bobcats to post the win were Wright, who had 13 points, and Nicky Gauna, who finished with 10.

Once again, Dimmitt lost the rebound battle, 27-34, but Dimmitt hit 60.5% of its shots from the field while Borger only connected on 31.6%.

The last-second shot by Hall was a hearbreaker for the Bobcats, who were just a second away from winning the first-place trophy in one of the most prestigious boys' tournaments in the area.

Sherman and Nicky Gauna were only Bobcats to score in double figures, posting 22 and 14 points, respectively.

Sherman had seven points in the first quarter while Wright added five, Josselet had four and Patrick Hunter and Nicky Gauna chipped in two apiece for a 20-17 Bobcat lead.

Reggie Williams took control for Plainview in the second quarter, scoring seven of his team-high 17 while the Bulldogs took a 30-29 edge into the locker room at halftime.

While Williams was scoring from all over the floor, Plainview's defense limited Sherman to a field goal and free throw, and the rest of Dimmitt's offensive production was limited to a three-pointer by Wright, a field goal by Nicky Gauna and a free throw by Lee Brown.

Plainview controlled the scoreboard 47-43 after three quarters, but Dimmitt battled back and regained the lead in the fourth quarter.

Sherman led the charge with six points in the fourth, four of which came from the free throw line. Five points by Matthew Gauna, four by Nicky Gauna and two each from Josselet and Hunter gave Dimmitt a two-point lead with the seconds rapidly dwindling in the game.

# Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

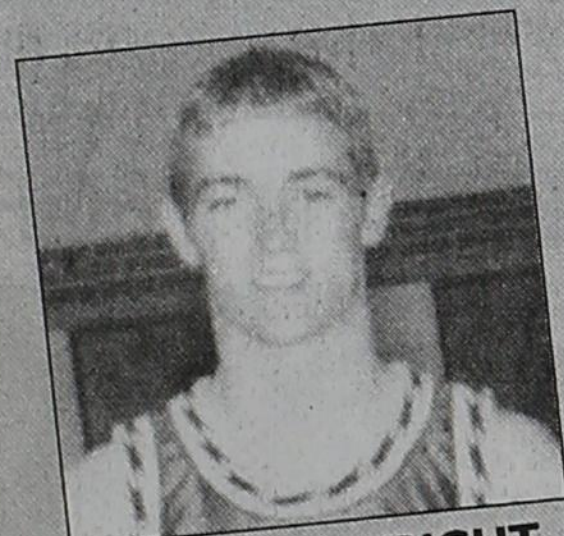
**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Big Spring Tournament**

**FIRST GAME: Bobcats vs. Hereford, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.**

**FRIDAY: Bobbies vs. Sudan, There**

**TUESDAY: Bobbies & Bobcats**

**vs. Abernathy, There, Starting at 6:30 p.m.**



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## Schedule and Scores

- Dec. 6-8—Big Spring Tournament (Boys), Big Spring
- Dec. 7—Sudan (Girls), There
- Dec. 11—Abernathy, There
- Dec. 14—River Road (Girls), Caprock
- Dec. 14—Caprock (Boys), There
- Dec. 21—Dalhart, There
- Dec. 27-29—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
- Dec. 31—Dalhart, Here
- Jan. 4—Tulia (Boys), There
- Jan. 4—\*Littlefield (Girls), There
- Jan. 8—\*Roosevelt (Girls), There
- Jan. 8—Amarillo (Boys), There
- Jan. 11—\*Shallowater, Here
- Jan. 15—\*Muleshoe, There
- Jan. 18—\*Cooper, Here
- Jan. 22—\*Littlefield, Here
- Jan. 25—\*Roosevelt, Here
- Jan. 29—\*Shallowater, There
- Feb. 1—\*Muleshoe, Here
- Feb. 5—\*Cooper, There
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### Bobbies

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- 30, Levelland 44
- 29, Borger, 52
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- 33, Plainview 71
- 45, Levelland 67
- 56, Hereford 58
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- 75, White Deer 46
- 57, Hamilton 63
- 62, Hale Center 49
- 47, Tulia 42
- Season Record: 4-7

### Bobcats

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# Swiftettes win Nazareth Tourney

The Nazareth Swiftettes knocked off a state-ranked Class AAA team and a couple of tough AA squads enroute to the championship of their own tournament this weekend.

The Nazareth Tournament, featuring 16 girls' teams and 11 boys' teams, was sponsored by Northwest Texas Sports Medicine of Amarillo.

The Swiftettes ousted Class AAA's eighth-ranked Muleshoe girls in the semifinals, then beat a tough AA squad from Hamilton for the championship on Saturday.

Abernathy captured the boys' title, beating the state-ranked Lockney Longhorns in the title game.

The tournament featured four county teams, including the host Swiftettes, Dimmitt Bobbies, and Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns.

The Bobbies won a pair of games in the tournament, but between those victories, they suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss to finalist Hamilton.

Hart's Lady Horns rebounded from back-to-back losses in the tournament by beat Kopperl in one of Saturday's games.

The Hart boys were pitted against Lockney in the first round and couldn't pull off the upset, falling to the tourney runners-up. Hart then lost a pair of games to Sudan and Dalhart by 10 points each.

## Bobbies

The Dimmitt Bobbies were on fire and used an up-tempo game as they raced past White Deer, 75-46, in first-round action last Thursday.

Dimmitt jumped out to a commanding 21-9 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

Balanced scoring enabled Dimmitt to post its early lead. Caitlin Buckley jump started the Bobbies in the first quarter by scoring eight of her 13 points.

That 21-9 Bobbie lead was extended to 39-24 at halftime and to 59-33 after three quarters.

Buckley was one of four Bob-

bies to finish in double figures.

Ashley Irons was the leading scorer for Dimmitt with 16 points. Sharla Kenworthy and Kelsey Welch each chipped in 12, Jenna Steinle added nine, Lauren Waggoner had six and Jill Merritt finished with five.

The Bobbies forced numerous Doe turnovers and converted the miscues into several layups.

The Bobbies blew a first-quarter lead against Hamilton, but were able to come back and regain the advantage, sending the game into overtime.

But the bonus period belonged to Hamilton, which came away with a 63-57 win Friday.

Dimmitt held a slim 10-7 lead in the first quarter, but Hamilton exploded with 27 points in the second period.

Fouls plagued the Bobbies in that second quarter. They sent Hamilton shooters to the line 16 times, and the Lady Bulldogs connected on 12 of the attempts. That helped turn Dimmitt's three-point lead into an eight-point deficit by halftime.

Dimmitt narrowed the gap to six in the third quarter, but The Lady Bulldogs were still on top, 47-41, headed into the final period.

Buckley and Kenworthy took over in the fourth quarter, scoring eight and six points, respectively, to force the overtime period.

The Bobbies went cold in the bonus, though, converting just one bucket while allowing Hamilton a pair of field goals and four free throws for the win.

Kenworthy pumped in 22 points to lead Dimmitt while Buckley finished with 12.

In Dimmitt's third and final game against Hale Center, Steinle had the hot hand in the opening quarter, scoring six of her 14 points as Dimmitt jumped out to a 19-10 lead before pulling off a 62-49 win.

Hale Center's perimeter game pulled the Owlettes close in the



**OUT OF BOUNDS**—Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel (left) and Dalhart's Jessica Bogart (30) battle for a loose ball near the sideline last Thursday in a first-round game at the Nazareth Tournament. The Swiftettes won that game, 65-

second quarter. They hit a trio of treys in the stanza, then added five free throws and another field goal and Dimmitt's lead was eight, 34-26, after two periods.

Kenworthy, who finished with a game-high 18 points in the game, hit a three and four free throws for the Bobbies in the second. She would make 11 of 12 free throws in the game.

Dimmitt outscored Hale Center 11-10 in the third quarter and

17-13 in the fourth for the big win.

Kenworthy, Steinle and Welch finished in double figures with 18, 14 and 12, respectively.

## Swiftettes

Nazareth had suffered a loss to Muleshoe earlier in the season, but they avenged that loss by handing the state-ranked Lady Mules a 46-27 loss in the semi-

nals on Friday.

The Swiftettes reached the semifinal round by knocking off Dalhart, 65-34 in the first round; then beating Hale Center, 54-28 in the quarterfinals. Both of those games were on Friday.

Triple threes by Mandy Hoelting in the first quarter against Dalhart helped boost Nazareth to a 15-6 lead and the Swiftettes coasted from there.

They opened up a 30-14 lead at halftime, and a 43-24 advantage in the third before outscoring Dalhart 22-10 in the fourth.

Stephanie Thiel finished with 21 points while Hoelting added 14.

Nothing Hale Center did could stop Thiel in the Swiftettes' second game last Thursday.

She shocked the Owlette defense for 14 first-half points as Nazareth jumped out to a 40-18 lead.

Nazareth held Hale Center to 10 points in the second half, and the early lead was a bonus because the Swiftettes' offense went dormant over the second 16 minutes.

Nazareth managed just four points in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth. Lesley Brockman hit a pair of threes in the fourth to help keep Nazareth in control

for the win.

Thiel led her team with 18 points while Brockman added 13.

Nazareth's defense limited the powerful Muleshoe offense to 11 points in the first half, and the Swiftettes worked the ball on offense, finding the open man for high percentage shots and the occasional three as they constructed a 31-11 halftime lead.

Brockman was often open against Muleshoe's pressure defense, and she killed the Lady Mules, striking for 14 points on four three-pointers and another jumper. Black added 11 and Thiel finished with 10 for the Swiftettes.

Brockman hit a big three early in the second, giving Nazareth an 18-6 lead.

A back-door play from Wendy Black to Hoelting put the Swiftettes up 20-9 and they rolled from there.

That play started a 13-2 run highlighted by a three and fast-break layup from Black, a pair of jumpers off of a penetration and baseline drive by Thiel.

Nazareth extended its lead to 20 with 2:20 left in the third quarter when Thiel hit a three-pointer, and Muleshoe couldn't overcome the deficit.

Nazareth won the tournament with a 67-36 win over Hamilton Saturday night.

In that championship game, Nazareth scored 11 unanswered points over the first three minutes to take a 13-2 lead, and six of those early baskets were fast-break layups created from the Swiftettes' full-court pressure defense.

Back-to-back threes by Thiel put Nazareth up 19-7 with 2:55 left, then Jackie Thiel scored on a penetration and left-handed layup. Another three by Black made it 24-7 with 1:26 left in the first quarter.

Nazareth went on to claim a 26-9 first-quarter lead and the Swiftettes owned Hamilton for the rest of the game.

Nazareth was up 41-19 at halftime and 54-30 after three quarters.

Stephanie Thiel led the Swiftettes with 26 points while Black finished with 17 and Hoelting added 10.

## Lady Horns

Hart stayed with Hale Center for the first half, but the Owlettes pulled away in the second half for a 60-37 win.

The Lady Horns trailed by just a point, 6-7, at the end of the first quarter; and by four at halftime, 14-18.

Hale Center couldn't shut down Hart's Crystal Diego in the first half. She finished with 19 points, and 14 of those came over the first 16 minutes.

Diego sparked Hart in the first (Continued on Page 9)

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half, scoring four points in the first and 10 in the second quarter.

Diego would add five in the third quarter, but when she was shut down by Hale Center's defense in the fourth, Lacie Curry and other Lady Horns picked up the slack.

It wasn't enough to overcome the big third quarter numbers posted by the Owlettes, though.

Hale Center turned its 25-20 halftime lead into a commanding 39-25 lead at the end of the third, then outscored Hart 19-12 in the fourth to claim the win.

If Hart could have erased the first and third quarters against Dalhart, the Lady Horns would have been in excellent shape, but those two stanzas proved to be Hart's downfall and they fell to the Lady Wolves, 52-32.

Dalhart opened up a 16-5 lead in the first quarter, but Hart came back to pull within five at the break, 22-17.

Dalhart iced the game in the third, limiting Hart to a single basket by Curry. Meanwhile, the Lady Wolves reeled off 19 points to take a commanding lead.

Diego finished with 11 points to lead Hart while Curry added 10.

Nothing Kopperl did could stop Curry in Saturday's game, and her 17-point performance lifted the Lady Horns to a 47-41 victory.

Curry hit three three-pointers in the first half, then topped her effort with six free throws over the next three quarters.

Diego also was on fire from the field, draining a pair of threes and sinking another two jumpers in the first half as Hart posted a 28-24 lead.

Hart outscored Kopperl 11-6 in the third quarter, then held off a late Kopperl rally in the fourth to claim the win.

Diego poured in 12 points to complement Curry's 17 points. Four other Lady Horns contributed to the winning effort.

## Longhorns

Hart held Lockney forward Brandon Alvis in check for three

quarters in first-round action last Thursday, but the senior found his mark in the second quarter, leading his team to an advantage it wouldn't relinquish.

After battling Lockney to a 13-point stalemate in the first quarter, Hart struggled through the next three periods and suffered a 67-45 loss.

Hart got six points from Jacob Reyna in the first period, while Keith Finch and Albert Velasquez added a bucket each and Joel DeLaFuente drained a three.

Finch and Reyna each added five in the second period, but the rest of the Longhorns were silent and that allowed Lockney to take control.

Alvis, who was limited to a single basket in the first quarter, opened the second with jumper after jumper and he had 16 points by halftime.

Hart was outscored 25-10 in the second quarter and the Longhorns found themselves down by 15 at halftime.

Lockney extended its lead in the second half, outscoring Hart 36-22 for the win.

Finch led Hart with 15 points, seven of which came in the fourth quarter. Reyna added 11.

Sudan jumped out to an early lead over Hart, and although the Longhorns made a valiant fourth-quarter comeback, they came up short on the scoreboard, losing to the Hornets, 67-57.

Hart struggled offensively in the first quarter, managing just eight points while allowing 14

on the opposite end.

Hart got balanced scoring in the second quarter and only trailed by five at halftime.

Sudan extended its lead to 12 after three quarters, though, popping three threes enroute to a 51-39 lead.

Finch, who was held to five points in the first half, caught fire in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter when he tallied 10 of his team-high 19 points. Velasquez added 12 for the Longhorns, who couldn't make up the lost ground.

Hart protected a slim lead over Dalhart in the first half, but the Golden Wolves mounted a second-half comeback and ran away with a 10-point win, 63-53, in the guarantee game.

Paced by Finch, Corey Moore and Reyna, Hart jumped out to an 18-17 first-quarter lead.

The trio continued to dominate in the second quarter, and between them, they had all but three of Hart's 35 points at the break.

Momentum shifted to Dalhart in the second half, though. The Golden Wolves shut down Reyna in the second half and limited Moore and Finch to four points apiece over the second 16 minutes.

Hart had other players step up and contribute in the second half, but Dalhart reeled of 36 points and held Hart to 18 for the win.

Finch had 16 points in the game while Reyna and Moore had 12 apiece.

## Bobcats will travel to Big Spring for tourney

The Dimmitt Bobcats will visit Howard College in Big Spring today (Thursday) through Saturday for the Best Western Crossroads Classic.

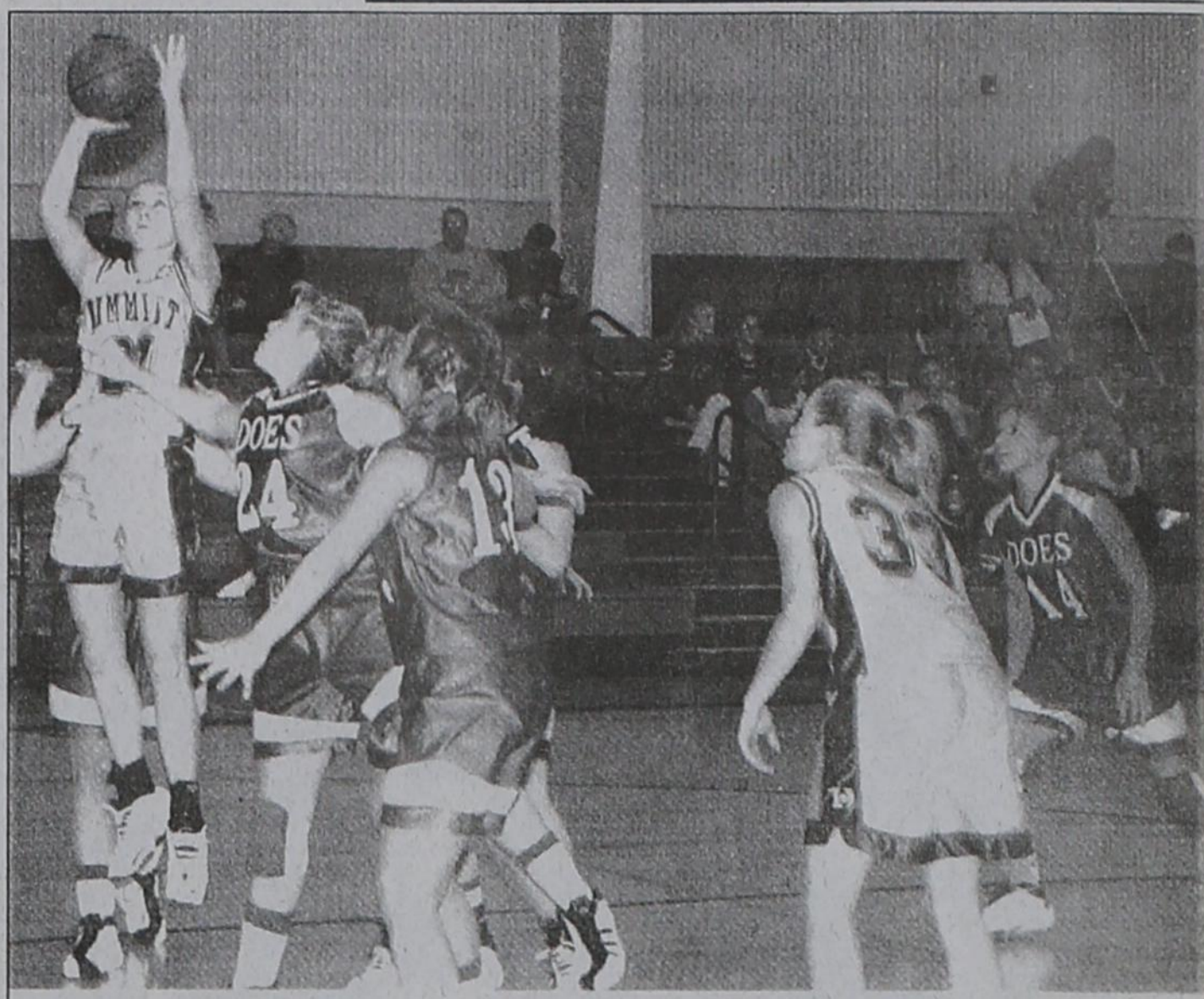
In first-round action of the tournament, Dimmitt will meet Hereford at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday).

If they win that game, Dimmitt will play either Clyde or Big Spring Friday at 8 p.m. The losers from the two first-

round games will meet Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Other first-round games in the tournament will feature Trinity Christian of Lubbock and Sweetwater, and Canyon against Merkel.

On Saturday, the tournament opens with the consolation finals at 3:30 p.m. The third-place game will start at 6:30 p.m. The championship will begin at 8 p.m.



**BASELINE MOVES**—Dimmitt's Ashley Irons (21) drives the baseline and scores on a short jumper executed in the middle of White Deer's defense in a first-round game at the Nazareth Tournament last Thursday. Irons led Dimmitt

with 16 points in the game. Moving into rebound position is the Bobbies' Lyndee Behrends (33). Does pictured are Holly Miller (24), Valarie Griffith (13) and Rebecca Warminski (14).

Photo by Anne Acker



**HART'S COREY MOORE** (33) gets a steal and dishes off to teammate Albert Velasquez (23) and Hart's fast break is on last Thursday in first-round action of the Nazareth Tournament. Hart had a rough outing against the state-

ranked Lockney Longhorns. Hart kept it close in the first half, but Lockney took control in the second half for a 67-50 win. Other identifiable players pictured are Hart's Keith Finch (21) and Lockney's Frankie Gonzales (23).

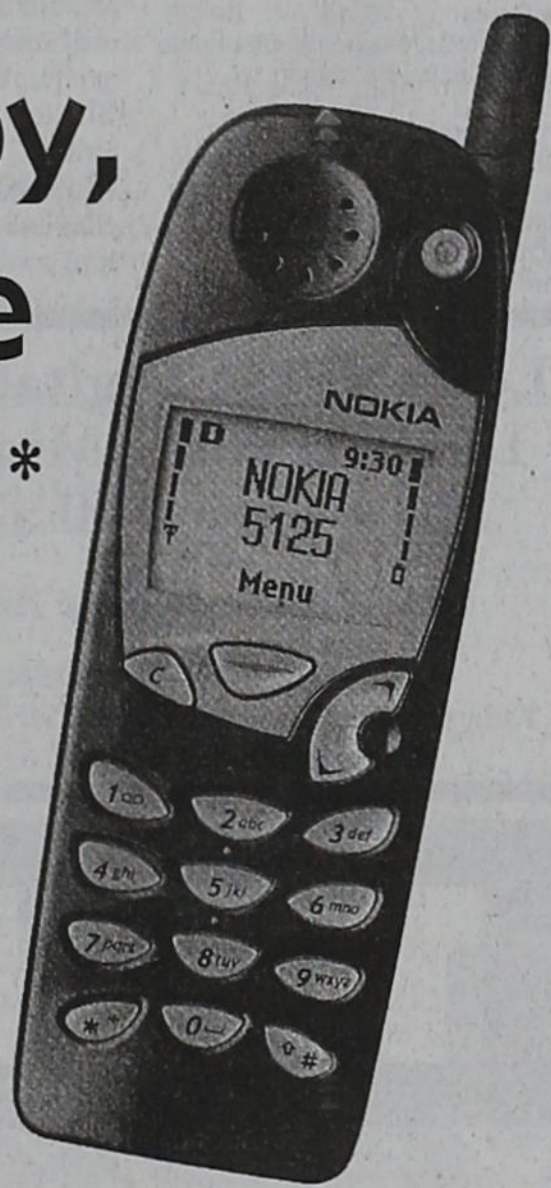
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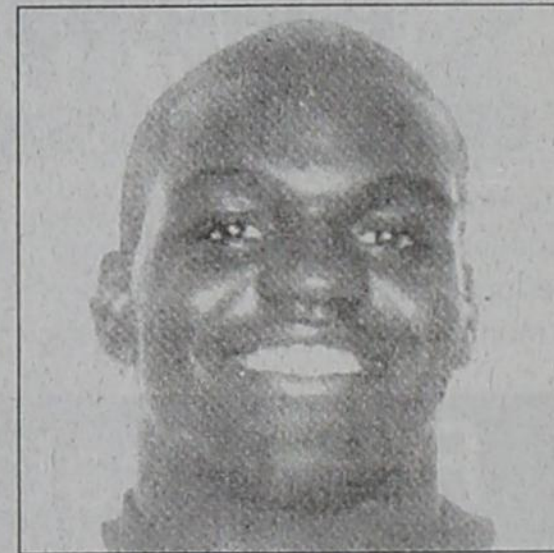
**BOY'S FIRST GAME:** Longhorns vs. Friona, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

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**TRAPPED!**—Hale Center's Ariel Watson (32) finds herself surrounded by Hart Lady Horns and she turns the ball over last Thursday at the Nazareth Tournament. Helping to force the turnover are Hart's Jessica Guerrero (35) and Cynthia Gonzales (42). Hale Center posted a 60-37 win. *Photo by Anne Acker*



Members of the Dimmitt High School Bobcat basketball team pose with their second place trophy earned at the Pioneer Classic played at Wayland College in Plainview this past weekend. The Bobcats pushed the Plainview Bulldogs to the wire before Plainview sank a three point shot with two seconds left on the clock to win 63-62.

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Bobcats 68, Hereford 56  
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**Championship Semifinals**  
Bobcats 77, Borger 62  
Dimmitt 18 22 16 21—77  
Borger 25 11 8 18—62  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 26, Brent Josselet 22, Matthew Wright 13, Nicky Gauna 10.

**Championship**  
Bobcats 62, Plainview 63  
Dimmitt 20 9 14 19—62  
Plainview 17 13 17 16—63  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 22, Nicky Gauna 14.

**NORTHWEST TEXAS SPORTS MEDICINE INVITATIONAL**  
at Nazareth High School

**First Round**  
Bobcats 75, White Deer 46  
Dimmitt 21 18 20 16—75  
White Deer 9 15 9 13—46  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Ashley Irons 16, Caitlin Buckley 13, Sharla Kenworthy and Kelsey Welch 12.

**Swiftettes 65, Dalhart 34**  
Nazareth 15 15 13 22—65  
Dalhart 6 8 10 10—34  
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 21, Mandy Hoelting 14.

**Lady Horns 37, Hale Center 60**  
Hart 6 14 5 12—37  
Hale Center 7 18 14 19—60  
SCORING: Hart—Crystal Diego 19, Lacie Curry 7.

**Longhorns 50, Lockney 67**  
Hart 13 10 11 11—50  
Lockney 13 25 16 20—67  
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 15, Jacob Reyna 11.

**Consolation Quarterfinals**  
Lady Horns 32, Dalhart 52  
Hart 5 12 2 13—32  
Dalhart 16 6 19 11—52  
SCORING: Hart—Crystal Diego 11, Lacie Curry 10.

**Championship Quarterfinals**  
Bobcats 57, Hamilton 63 (OT)  
Dimmitt 10 16 15 14 3—57  
Hamilton 7 27 13 8 8—63  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Sharla Kenworthy 22, Caitlin Buckley 12.

**Swiftettes 54, Hale Center 28**  
Nazareth 21 19 4 10—54  
Hale Center 5 13 7 3—28  
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 18, Lesley Brockman 13.

**Consolation Semifinals**  
Longhorns 57, Sudan 67  
Hart 8 15 16 18—57  
Sudan 14 14 23 16—67  
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 19, Albert Velasquez 12.

**Championship Semifinals**  
Swiftettes 46, Muleshoe 27  
Nazareth 15 16 9 6—46  
Muleshoe 6 5 11 5—27  
SCORING: Nazareth—Lesley Brockman 14, Wendy Black 11, Stephanie Thiel 10.

**Guarantee Games**  
Bobcats 62, Hale Center 49  
Dimmitt 19 15 11 17—62  
Hale Center 10 16 10 13—49  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Sharla Kenworthy 18, Jenna Steinle 14, Kelsey Welch 12.

**Lady Horns 47, Kopperl 41**  
Hart 18 10 11 8—47  
Kopperl 7 17 6 11—41  
SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 17, Crystal Diego 12.

**Longhorns 53, Dalhart 63**  
Hart 18 17 12 6—53  
Dalhart 17 10 19 17—63  
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 16, Jacob Reyna and Corey Moore 12.

**Championship**  
Swiftettes 68, Hamilton 37  
Nazareth 26 15 13 13—68  
Hamilton 9 10 11 6—37  
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 26, Wendy Black 17, Mandy Hoelting 10.

**PLAINVIEW JV TOURNEY**  
First Round  
JV Bobcats 44, Canyon 54  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Eric Ward 16, Tyler Myatt 11.

**Consolation Semifinals**  
JV Bobcats 55, Lubbock 50  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Eric Ward 20.

**Consolation**  
JV Cats 36, Lubbock Coronado 66  
SCORING: Kris Lindsey 9.

**VALLEY VIEW TOURNEY**  
First Round  
9th Bobcats 52, Valley View 34

**Championship Semifinals**  
9th Bobcats 46, Canyon 51

Third Place  
9th Bobcats 54, Hereford 50

**MONDAY**  
9th Bobcats 72, Muleshoe 39  
Dimmitt 14 16 24 18—72  
Muleshoe 10 18 5 6—39  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Charlie Saenz 19, Ricky Reyes 16.

**TUESDAY**  
Bobcats 79, Tulla 62  
Dimmitt 22 22 20 15—79  
Tulla 15 14 11 22—62  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Brent Josselet, Nicky Gauna and Austin Sherman 15.

**Bobcats 47, Tulla 42**  
Dimmitt 9 18 10 8 8—47  
Tulla 7 6 14 12 3—42  
SCORING: Dimmitt—Ashley Irons 13, Caitlin Buckley 10.

**Swiftettes 73, Trinity Christian 53**  
Nazareth 18 16 23 16—73  
Trinity 9 17 14 13—53  
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 21, Wendy Black 17, Jackie Thiel 11.

**Swifts 76, Trinity Christian 74**  
Nazareth 14 23 22 17—76  
Trinity 20 20 19 15—74  
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 24, Ky Wilcox 20.

**Longhorns 85, Happy 92**  
Hart 12 16 20 27 10—85  
Happy 26 23 11 15 16—92  
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 38, Jacob Reyna 18, Albert Velasquez 13.

**Lady Horns 43, Happy 81**  
Hart 7 10 11 16—43  
Happy 25 18 14 24—81  
SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 12.

**JV Lady Horns 28, Happy 31**  
JV Bobcats 30, Tulla 24  
JV Bobcats 53, Tulla 45  
JV Longhorns 50, Happy 22

## Nazareth squads will play in Abernathy Tourney

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes will be playing in the Abernathy Tournament this weekend.

The Swifts' first game will be today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. against Muleshoe.

The Swiftettes will meet either Littlefield or Tulla following the boys game, and tip-off in that game is slated for 6:30 p.m.

The boys' tournament features a field of nine teams, and Sundown drew a first-round bye. Other first-round games scheduled are Sudan vs. Abernathy, Crane vs. Littlefield and Tulla vs. Shallowater.

If the Swifts win their first game, they'll meet the Tulla-Shallowater winner at 3:30 p.m. Friday. If Nazareth loses to Muleshoe, they'll play the Tulla-Shallowater loser Friday at 9:30 a.m.

The girls' bracket features 10 teams, with Wall and Nazareth drawing first-round byes. The schedule of first-round games includes Hedley vs. Idalou, Abernathy vs. El Paso Andress, El Paso Jefferson vs. Sundown and Littlefield vs. Tulla.

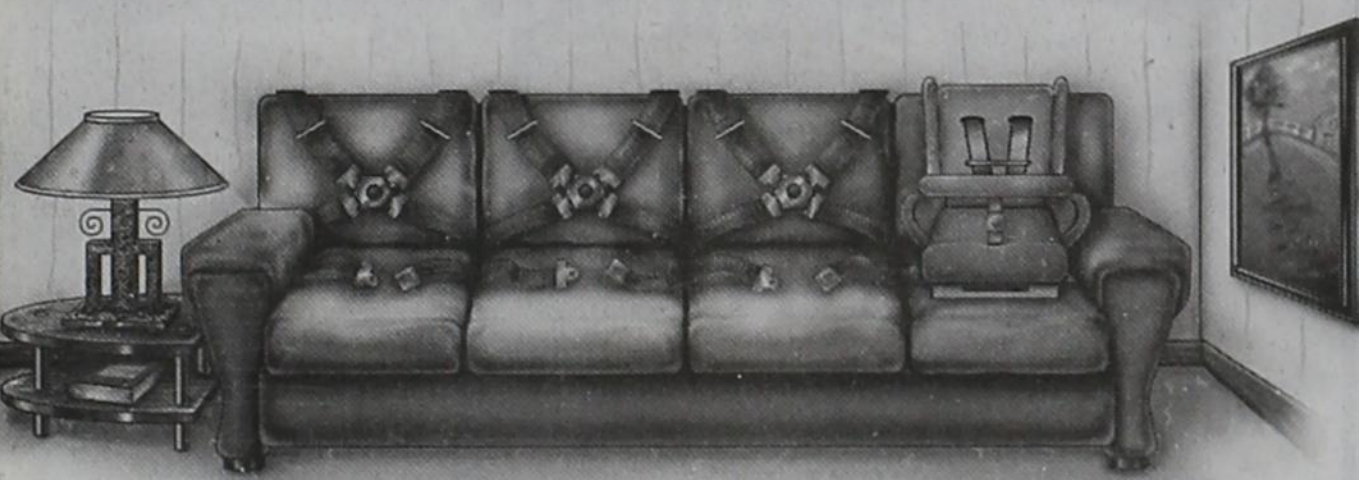
The Swiftettes will face the Littlefield-Tulla winner at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday).

If they win that game, the Nazareth girls will play the winner between El Paso Jefferson and Sundown, and that game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday. Losers of those two games will play at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the third-place game.

Saturday's girls' schedule also has the fifth-place game at 12:30 p.m. and the championship at 6:30 p.m.

The boys' schedule on Saturday includes the third-place game at 5 p.m. and the championship at 8 p.m.

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*This is not to defend the devil, but in all fairness it must be said that all the books about the devil were written by God's friends.*

# TUNE IN!

**AGRICULTURAL NEWS**..... 6 to 7 a.m.  
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Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, American Folk Song, school lunch menus, Good Neighbor

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Nicky Gauna (23) skies above members of the Plainview Bulldogs in the championship game of the Pioneer Classic played at Wayland College this past weekend. Looking on is all-tournament selection Austin Sherman (12). Plainview won the game, 63-62. Photo by Chris Bradford

## Waterfowl outlook taking shape

Duck hunters take notice. If you see one of those marvelous-looking grayish white birds with a burnished red head and pointed black bill coming into your spread before Christmas, sit back and enjoy the view.

For the first time since the mid 1980s, canvasbacks will be off limits to Texas duck hunters—at least until after Christmas. But that shouldn't deter Texas's 130,000 waterfowlers from enjoying in the spectacle of this prized diving duck this fall while taking some of the more prominent and abundant migratory game birds that take up winter residency in the state.

This year, Texas Parks and Wildlife is allowing hunters to take canvasbacks only during the last 25 days of the season, from Dec. 27 to Jan. 20, 2002, statewide. The restriction on canvasback ducks follows a slight drop this year in population estimates.

Historically, population declines have resulted in closure on all canvasback harvest, but because canvas-back numbers are still above the long-term average and goals established under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the option for a restricted season was made available as a conservation measure to protect next year's projected breeding population at levels above 500,000 birds.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife waterfowl program leader Dave Morrison, the restriction should not have a big impact on hunter success in Texas.

"Canvasbacks are not a heavily sought after bird in Texas mainly because they are late migrants and typically only found in those counties around Toledo Bend," he noted. "They are a prized bird, and some hunters pursue them specifically."

with the weather, it's difficult for wildlife biologists to make a long-term forecast.

To keep hunters up to date, TPW is preparing a weekly report of conditions around the state.

The latest information from the field is available online at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/news/migratory.htm> each Wednesday throughout the migratory game bird season.

In the High Plains Mallard Management Unit, which extends across the Texas Panhandle and Trans Pecos ecological regions, duck season will remain open through Jan. 20, 2002.

Duck hunting in the North Zone, which extends from the Hill Country across much of East Texas, will run through Jan. 20, 2002.

In the South Zone, which covers the Texas coast and South Texas, duck hunting season will run through Sunday and will reopen Dec. 8 through Jan. 20, 2002.

The daily bag limit will remain six ducks statewide, including no more than five mallards (no more than two hens), three scaup, two wood ducks, two redheads, one mottled duck, one pintail and one canvasback (during the last 25 days of the season only). Hunters are reminded that in addition to a valid Texas hunting license, a Texas Waterfowl Stamp, a Federal Duck Stamp, and HIP

Certification are required of anyone 16 years and older in order to hunt waterfowl.

Prospects for geese this year should be better than last year when harvest statewide dropped from 500,000 to 200,000 birds, according to Morrison.

"I'm not sure what happened last year, aside from the fact that the Panhandle froze up by Christmas. I know there were more wary adult birds in the mix last year, which limited opportunity. This year it appears the snow goose production improved, which should mean more young birds."

The goose season in the Western Goose Zone will run through Feb. 10, 2002. Daily bag limits in the West Zone are 20 light geese in the aggregate and five dark geese in the aggregate to include no more than one white-fronted goose.

Goose season in the East Zone will run to Jan. 20, 2002, for both light and dark geese with a daily bag limit of 20 light geese in the aggregate (snow, blue, Ross); two white-fronts and one Canada goose.

TWP is establishing a Light Goose Conservation Order that begins Jan. 21, 2002, in the East Goose Zone and Feb. 11 in the West Goose Zone. The conservation order will close on March 31, 2002, in both zones. During the special season there is no bag limit on light geese.

Of the 1.3 million ducks taken by hunters in Texas last year, canvas-backs accounted for only about 1% of the total harvest, said Morrison. The remaining 99% will be up for grabs; however, and hunting prospects are looking good for the upcoming season in some parts of the state.

"We're seeing better conditions along the coast than last year when we didn't have any water and it was feast or famine for duck hunters," said Morrison. "This year, we may have too much water in some areas."

Because waterfowl hunting conditions in Texas change



## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 6-14.

**DIMMITT**  
**Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
**Grab-and-go breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Fruit Loops Cereal, peaches and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pancake on a stick with sausage, fruit cocktail and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Blueberry mini loaf, peaches and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Teddy grahams, apple juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Fresh Donuts, fruit cocktail and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Egg and cheese hot pockets, peaches and milk.

**Lunch**  
**Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken strips, French fries, orange fruit cup, hot cheese rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, peaches, and chocolate milk or white milk.

**MONDAY:** Bean chalupas, vegetable medley, Spanish rice, taco condiments and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Fish nuggets, broccoli with cheese, tossed salad, watermelon, hot rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Corn dogs, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, chilled fruit cocktail, birthday cake and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Nachos with cheese, vegetable medley, Fideo Mexicano, orange gelatin surprise and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pepperoni pizza, corn on the cob, tossed salad, applesauce, and chocolate milk or white milk.

**2nd-12th Grades**  
**THURSDAY:** Choices of chicken strips, enchilada casserole or chicken pot pie; French fries, frijoles refrito or peach cobbler; tossed salad, jellied cranberry sauce or orange fruit cup; hot cheese rolls, arroz Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**FRIDAY:** Choices of hamburger, chicken enchilada or beef stir fry; potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or Mexicali corn; tossed salad, hamburger salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or peaches; assorted muffins, old fashioned cornbread or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**MONDAY:** Choices of bean chalupas shrimp poppers or Italian lasagna; southern collard greens, vegetable medley or great northern beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or coleslaw; Spanish rice, tortilla chips or garlic bread; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**TUESDAY:** Choices of fish nuggets, Chili Fritos or pork tamales; broccoli with cheese, scalloped corn or savory green beans; tossed salad, watermelon or

fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or Frito corn chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choices of corn dogs, fried chicken or Chinese plate; potatoes au gratin, summer squash or butter beans; tossed salad, potato salad, pasta salad or chilled fruit cocktail; birthday cake, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**THURSDAY:** Choices of nachos with cheese, tuna and noodles or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, baked potatoes or sweet potatoes and apple; tossed salad, honeydew melon or orange gelatin surprise; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choices of pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese sandwich with soup or red beans and rice; potato wedges, corn on the cob, broccoli and cauliflower, tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or applesauce; angel flake biscuits, cornbread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**HART**  
**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple, and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or hamburger with potato chips, dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza, lettuce, tomato and pickles, assorted fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Turkey, bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, pumpkin bar, sweet potato, fruit salad and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or deluxe burrito; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or lasagna with ground beef; salad, green beans, wheat

rolls, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, white cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of hot dog on a bun, chili, burrito or corn dog; potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH**  
**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, black-eyed peas, peaches, gingerbread and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Chicken pot pie or chef's salad, tossed salad, cooked carrots, apples, dessert and milk or juice.  
**MONDAY:** \* Nachos and roll or corn dog, tossed salad, peas, pears, peach cobbler and milk or juice.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, pork and beans, pineapple, cookies and milk or juice.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Chicken spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, Jell-O and milk or juice.  
**THURSDAY:** \* Fish or chef's salad, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, peaches, orange cake and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, cooked broccoli, fruit cocktail, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.

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

## RES group will perform

Second graders from Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will present a Christmas concert for the residents at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt on Wednesday. The concert will begin at 1:25 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

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# Cotton Talks

**By SHAWN WADE**  
Action on the Senate version of Farm Program legislation is still unfinished as other issues take precedence.

Knowing that a considerable amount of legislation remains to be completed in the next few weeks, time has always been considered critical to getting a new Farm Bill approved this year.

At this time it appears that the earliest the Senate's Farm Bill (S.1731) will be able to be taken up is Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The Bill was officially reported to the Senate Nov. 27 and received its official Congressional Budget Office score Nov. 29.

Congressional Budget Office projections for the cost of the Bill have not yet been reviewed in detail, but it appears that the measure has undergone significant modifications to keep it under the allowed budget allowance.

CBO estimates of the House and Senate offerings indicate little overall difference in total expenditures over the ten-year projection.

The big differences, however, appear in the first five years over which the Senate Bill is designed to operate. Over that time frame the Senate Bill is some \$5 Billion more expensive than the House version, presumably as a direct result of the costs associated with higher loan rates and updated yields and acreage bases.

The good news is that the Senate CBO score is in line with the Budget agreement and should not be vulnerable on that

front when it gets to the Senate floor for debate.

Growers and allied industry members are watching the developments closely. Growers are encouraged to contact their Senate members to ask for their help in moving the process forward.

It is estimated that a Conference Committee to reconcile the House passed Farm Security Act of 2001 and the Senate's final version would take about a week.

After that the measure would have to go back to both House's for final approval and then be sent to the President for his signature.

Final ruling by the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency on updating T-yields has been announced.

Efforts to modify the calculation to relate to yield per harvested acre were unsuccessful. As it stands now T-yields in effect for the 2002 crop year will be based on the average yield per planted acre for the 1991-2000 crop years.

PCG and other cotton groups concerned about the update and its effects were able to persuade RMA to modify the final ruling and allow growers to retain previous T-yields substitutions at the 2001 level.

Growers have been concerned about the RMA's decision to update cotton T-yields due to the fact that these yields are used to calculate substitute yields plugged into a producers Actual Production History (APH) yield calculation for

years in which no crop was harvested and a zero yield exists.

Growers are allowed to substitute 60 percent of the County T-yield following changes made a couple of years ago.

The concern of growers was that in many areas that have experienced significant crop losses for several years the new calculation would significantly lower the County average yield and subsequently lower the substituted yields in their APH calculations, especially since early indications were that the substitutions were to be done dynamically each year based on the current T-yield value.

The potential impact of the situation would have been a significant reduction in coverage levels for many growers.

## Gardner sentenced to TDCJ after violating parole orders

Lois Dean Gardner was sentenced on Nov. 29 to serve two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice after he was found guilty of endangering a child from an incident in August 1996.

The case was heard in 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court by Judge Ed Self.

Gardner had been on probation, but that order was revoked after he was charged with driv-

ing while intoxicated. He also violated his parole by failing to work, failing to be at home each night by 10, failing to pay restitution and for not refraining from using alcohol and/or drugs.

He also was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs and other fees.

Sabas Leyba Flores pled guilty to driving while intoxicated,

third or more offense, on Nov. 29.

He was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, and that was reduced to probation.

Flores was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$539.80 in attorney fees, \$272.25 in court costs and \$50 to Castro County Crime Line.

## CRP grazing is extended

Emergency grazing authorization of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres has been extended in Castro County through Dec. 31.

This emergency authorization does not include haying of CRP land.

The required payment reduction is 25% of the per-acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed.

No additional payment reduction will be charged to participants who previously grazed CRP acres and incurred a 25% payment reduction, as long as the exact same acreage is being grazed.

If you are already grazing CRP acreage, please take measures to assure that this acreage is not over-grazed. Any re-seeding of grass will be at your own expense.

Emergency grazing is not authorized for temporary cover or dead or dry litter crops.

CRP participants must file a request to graze CRP acreage before grazing begins.

## 4-H campers must meet requirements

Leader Lab, Electric Camp and County Camp are enjoyed by Castro County 4-H'ers every year, and those who plan to attend one of these during the next year must meet new requirements that have been adopted.

All new 4-H members are allowed to attend any camp for the first year with no restrictions.

4-H veterans must compete in a district event in order to get half of their way paid by the Parent Leader Association. If you do not wish to compete in a district event, you can pay your own way.

"This means you have a great opportunity to participate in the fashion show, judging competitions, method demonstrations and quiz bowls," said Castro County 4-H Extension Agent Suzanne Gibbs.

"If you plan to attend one of the great camps offered next summer, please let us know what you are interested in, so we can get you set to win," said Gibbs.

## Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Joyce Davis at 647-5362, or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519.

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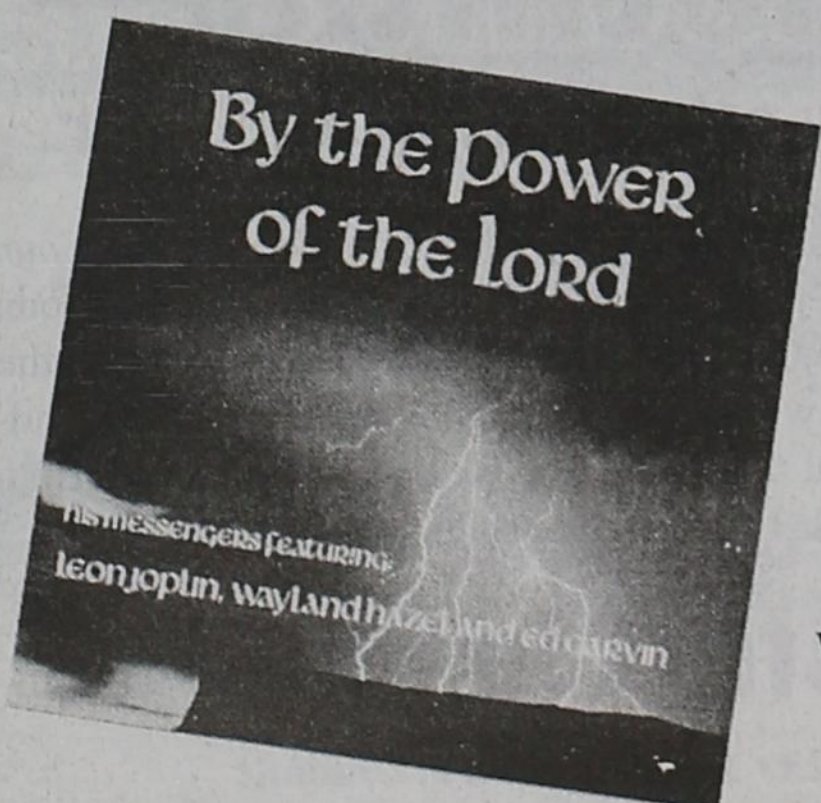
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# Pakistan native to be guest speaker for Extension meeting

The Rev. Dr. Lamuel G. Salik, a native of Pakistan, will discuss "The War on Terrorism and How It Affects Us" Tuesday when he gives a special address in Dimmitt.

Father Salik, who is rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hereford, will speak at the annual meeting of Texas Cooperative Extension Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Father Salik and his family came to Hereford in mid August from New Jersey, but his story encompasses many miles, many years and a miraculous trial of faith, according to Becky Thorn, Lifestyles editor for the *Hereford Brand*.

Thorn wrote a feature about Father Salik back in October, telling his story. Here's his tale, as told by Thorn.

Father Salik was born in 1941 in a small village in the district of Sahiwal (then India), now Pakistan. He worked as a book salesman, an industrial chemist, a gemstones dealer and a social worker.

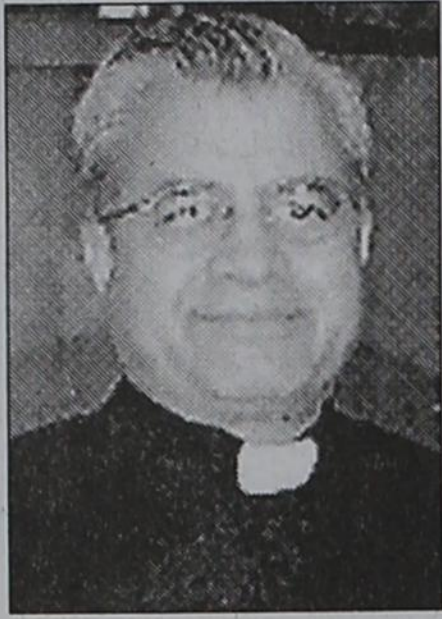
But according to Salik, a great change came in his life when he met Bishop Candu Ray of Karachi in 1967. Bishop Ray was a convert to Christianity from high-caste Hindus.

"The Rev. G.M. Naaman, who was a convert from Islam, introduced me to the bishop and we stayed in few days of fasting and prayer," Salik said. "During that period, I felt the call for the Lord's service and immediately resigned from my secular job and proceeded to the Seminary in Gujranwala, Pakistan."

After completing his seminary education, Father Salik worked as a curate at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Karachi, and as a vicar at St. John's Church in Sanghar, Sind, Pakistan.

"In the month of September, 1974, while visiting Istanbul, Turkey, I had an experience of physical persecution because of my faith in Christ," Father Salik said. "Four Muslim fundamentalists argued with me about my faith and the superiority of Islam to all other religions."

These men blamed Father Salik for converting Muslims to



Rev. Dr. Lamuel G. Salik

Christianity in Pakistan and demanded that he recite the "kalima," or Islamic creed, in an attempt to convert him to Islam.

When he refused to recite the creed, they started beating him and threatened to kill him.

"On my persistence of refusal, they became furious and demanded that I denounce Jesus and embrace Islam. Though no bone was broken, bruises were all over because of the blows and kicks received to my body. Persistence to my Christian faith infuriated them even more, and the blows to my body became more severe," Salik said.

"Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord, miraculously kept me alive and saved me from those brutal people and death. After two days, I traveled to Athens, Greece and received comfort and treatment.

"I don't have hatred or ill feelings for the religion of Islam or followers of Islam. I have very good Muslim friends and I enjoy witnessing among them. And I would like to say I have forgiven the people who tortured me."

After Father Salik's tormentors had locked him in a room and left him for dead, he was assisted by a man from Pakistan who knew Salik's uncle, the headmaster of the man's native village. Father Salik was able to escape and get back to his hotel, but he has never heard the fate of the man who helped him.

But the miracle does not end there.

All of Salik's money had been taken by the men who tortured him, but just as he returned to his hotel he received a phone call from the Turkish State Bank.

"The bank officer said 'Bring your passport and take your money.' I went to the bank, showed my passport and took \$1,000 which somebody from America sent. How somebody would know I am staying there with that passport number? It was just like Jesus Christ miraculously sent me the money and I receive it," Salik said.

In September 1977, Father Salik went to Birmingham University in England where he studied in the Department of Theology for a diploma in pastoral studies.

He then came to the United States and worked for the World Relief Friendship Foundation and as a volunteer priest in different churches.

He was rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodstown, N.J., from 1991 to 1993.

From 1993 to July 1999, he worked as a supply priest in several different churches in the Diocese of New Jersey and during this time he continued his education. He attended the Parish Development Institute at General Theological Seminary in New York and the College of Preachers in Washington, D.C. From May 1996 to June 1998 he studied at Faith Theological Seminary and completed his Doctor of Religious Education degree.

"Though it is a big change to move from the East Coast to Texas, I am enjoying the new challenge as the people and clergy of the diocese and town (Hereford) are hospitable, cooperative and willing to progress," Father Salik said.

Salik and his wife, Rose, have two children, Sarah and Simon, who attend Hereford High School.

# Farm Service Agency Notes

By FSA COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRISH ELLIOTT

The deadline for submitting applications under the 2000 Quality Loss Program and 2000 Crop Disaster Program is Jan. 18, 2002.

If you think you qualify for either of these programs, please call 647-2153 to schedule an appointment to sign-up.

Crops that cannot be insured by crop insurance companies may be considered NAP crops.

Policies for NAP crops cost \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per person or \$900 for producers with interest in multiple counties.

These policies are similar to the catastrophic policies for insurable crops.

NAP coverage is computed at 50% of the yield and 55% of the rate with a \$100,000 payment limit.

To be eligible for NAP, a producer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

NAP crops include small grain grazing, grass, dual-purpose grain sorghum, forage sorghum, and fruits and vegetables.

Please call for an appointment to purchase a NAP policy. The \$100 per-person, per-crop fee is a small price to pay for protection on your non-insurable crops.

Remember, if a loss occurs, a notice of loss must be filed within 15 days of the date the loss becomes apparent.

Small grains grazing crops including wheat, oats, barley and triticale, should be certified 15 days prior to grazing.

If you have a loss, are eligible for NAP, and haven't certified your acreage before grazing begins, you must file a late-filed report and pay the applicable late filing fee before the Farm Service Agency can take the

acreage certification.

Year-round native and improved grass pastures should be certified by Dec. 17 if grazing will start on Jan. 1, 2002.

Acreage must be certified 15 days before grazing begins.

Farmers in the PFC, a seven-year program, recently received a multiple-page letter from the FSA office.

If your 2002 payment shares are listed as 0.0000, your contract needs to be updated before payment is issued.

Even if shares are updated, you need to send back the letter that tells us when you wish to receive your payment.


The letter will also answer questions you have concerning rented land, payments and changes in farming operations.

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## Chamber Singers will perform

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present "Joyous Sounds of Christmas," a community choral concert, Saturday and Sunday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 500 N. Main in Hereford.

Saturday's show will start at 7 p.m. and Sunday's matinee performance will begin at 3.

The Hereford Chamber Singers includes Dimmitt residents Charles Axtell, Trish Elliott, Carolyn Jansa and Jerry Jansa.

Saturday's show will be a "dessert soiree" with music to warm your heart, and pies, coffee and tea to warm your stomach.

Tickets for Saturday's performance are \$5 each and will be available at the door.

On Sunday, the matinee performance features choral music and tickets will be \$5.

The Hereford Chamber Singers is a non-profit community choir established in 1974. While most of the group are from Hereford, the Chamber Singers also boasts members from Dimmitt and Friona.

Over the years, the group has performed for the Texas governor and has toured Australia and Romania. Most recently, the Chamber Singers did a series of benefits in Dimmitt, Hereford and Muleshoe to raise money for the New York City and Washington, D.C., disaster relief efforts.

## DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

### CALENDAR EVENTS

- Thursday, Dec. 6**
- RES - RIF day in the library
  - DHS Student Council Meeting - 12:00
  - DHS Reading Academy Parents Meeting - 6:00
  - Basketball: DHS Varsity Boys @ Big Spring Tournament
  - 8th grade Girls @ Hereford Tournament
- Friday, Dec. 7**
- Basketball: DHS Varsity Girls @ Sudan
  - DHS Varsity Boys @ Big Spring Tournament
  - 8th grade Girls @ Hereford Tournament
  - 7th & 8th grade Boys @ Canyon Tournament
- Saturday, Dec. 8**
- DHS School ACT Test - 8:00 - 12:00
  - Basketball: DHS Varsity Boys @ Big Spring Tournament
  - 8th grade Girls @ Hereford Tournament
  - 7th & 8th grade Boys @ Canyon Tournament
- Monday, Dec. 10**
- Basketball: 7th, 8th, & 9th vs. Lubbock Cooper - (Boys - There) (Girls Here)
- Tuesday, Dec. 11**
- DHS - End-of-Course English Test - 8:30
  - Basketball: DHS JV & Varsity Boys & Girls vs. Abernathy - There - 5:00, 6:30, & 8:00
- Wednesday, Dec. 12**
- 4th, 5th, & 6th grade G/T fieldtrip to Hereford
  - DHS - End-of-Course Biology Test - 8:30

### CAMPUS EVENTS

- RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY**
- Second grade students will be singing Christmas songs at the Nursing Home
  - RIF (Reading is Fundamental) will take place all day Thursday, December 6 in the Library.
- DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- 4th, 5th, & 6th grade G/T classes will be going on a fieldtrip to Hereford on Wednesday, Dec. 12.
- DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL**
- All FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) members are collecting items to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.
  - All Family Consumer Science students are conducting mock meetings to learn Parliamentary Procedures

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**City Council...**

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to the reporting form that would ask the reporting establishment to attest that the information reported is correct to the best of their knowledge.

Sava also asked the council to consider increasing the price that is charged for rental of the Expo building to out of town companies that come into Dimmitt and sell goods that are available through local merchants.

"They are currently charged \$100 for the building and they come into town and take a ton of local business away from our local merchants. I would like to see them have to pay more for the building when it is used for commercial purposes", said Sava.

The council agreed to consider the proposal in the future.

Another problem Sava brought to the council was that of out of town vendors. These

people come into town and go door to door selling different merchandise. Again, Sava is "concerned with the impact these people have on local merchants as well as the nuisance they cause".

This sales force is permitted by the city to sell wholesale. Sava says they are not selling wholesale, but in fact are retail. Retail transactions are subject to state sales taxes, but these people do not charge the tax. The permit also restricts them to sell only to businesses but Sava reports they have been "caught in residential areas".

The current permit issued by the city is patterned after the Green River, Wyoming permit which is the most restrictive around. According to Mayor Collins, "realizing that these people make no contribution to our community or economy, we tried to keep it as restrictive as possible".

**Applications due Friday for Project Angel Tree**

Panhandle Community Services and Castro County Ministerial Alliance are coordinating Project Angel Tree again this year and for the program to be successful, generous community support is a must.

Project Angel Tree is designed to help families in financial need supplement their holiday season by providing a Christmas gift for their children. The goal of the project is to provide one Christmas gift for approximately 100 less fortunate children living in the county.

Applications are currently being accepted from families who wish to be included in the project, and application forms may be picked up at Panhandle Community Services at 108 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Dimmitt. Completed applications must be returned to the PCS office before Friday.

For families to qualify, there

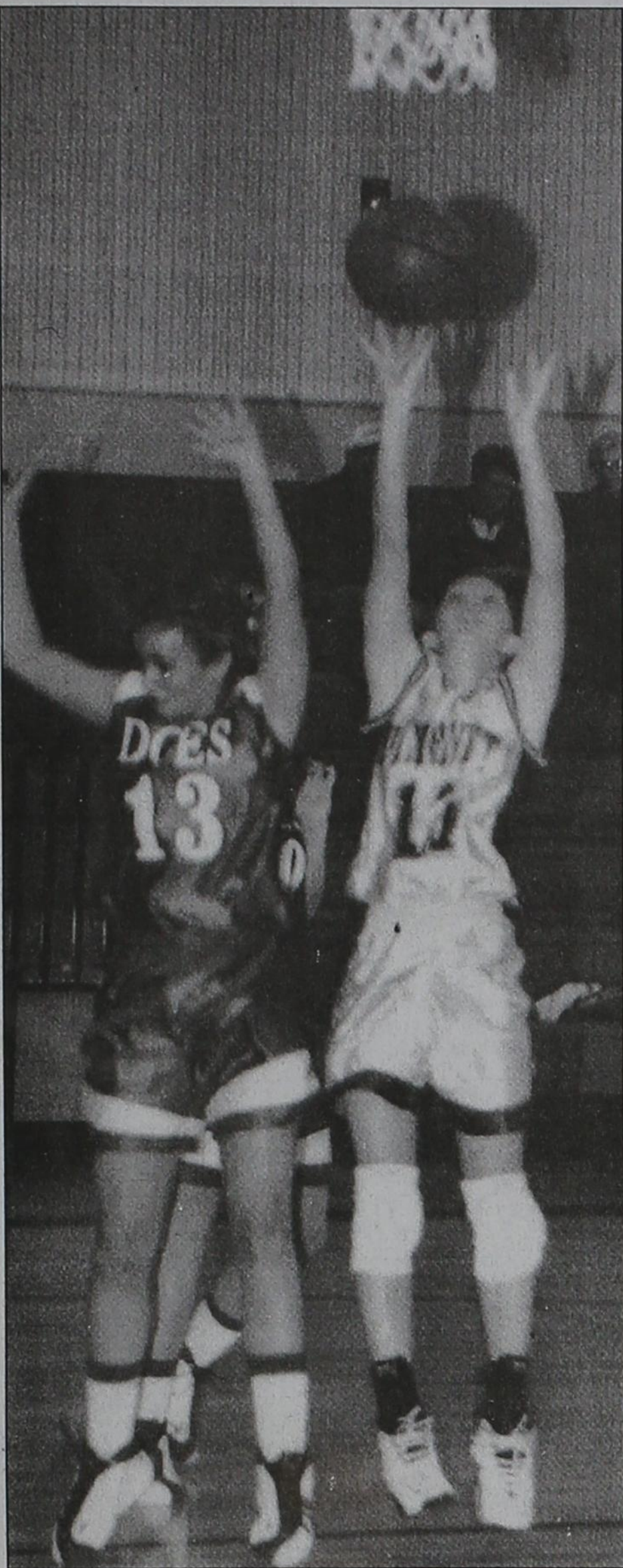
must be a financial need and the child must be under 10 years old.

Christmas trees will be erected in each of the banks in Dimmitt, including First United Bank, First Bank—Dimmitt Branch and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

Each tree will include an assortment of "angels," which will include a child's first name, age and the gift he or she desires.

Those interested in helping ensure that a child has a Merry Christmas may select one or more "angels" from the tree and purchase the requested gift, which will be within a \$20 price range.

The gifts should be wrapped and returned to Panhandle Community Services, along with the "angel" card, by Dec. 17. Families will pick up the gifts from PCS on Dec. 21.



DIMMITT'S CAITLIN BUCKLEY (11) pulls down an offensive rebound and puts it back up and in for two of her 13 points last Thursday in a first-round game against White Deer at the Nazareth Tournament. The Bobbies beat White Deer, 75-46, but lost to tourney runner-up Hamilton in overtime on Friday. The Bobbies rebounded by blowing away Hale Center Saturday.

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# Pheasant season . . .

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shelled out \$150 for the privilege of hunting on opening weekend through Dec. 23.

"We are full for the first weekend, but we will still take reservations from hunters who wish to hunt Monday through the end of the season," said Bob Reed.

Hunters can search the Hart Lions Club's designated land from Monday through Dec. 23 for \$100 per gun, Reed said.

Those paying for full season privileges will receive a free breakfast, cap and a map of posted lands (around 30 sections) on Saturday morning, Reed said.

The breakfast, which will be served at the Hart School Cafeteria, will include eggs, bacon, sausage, gravy, orange juice and coffee.

Those not signed up for the Hart Lions' hunt may enjoy the breakfast for a fee, but hunters will be served for free.

The Hart Volunteer Fire Dept. is sponsoring a raffle for a shotgun, and tickets will be available at the breakfast, Reed said.

A group of Hart ladies will be serving chili for lunch at Bill Rich's barn, located 1-1/2 south of Hart on FM 168.

Cost for the meal is \$5 per person, and the menu will feature chili, beans, cake and a drink.

**Nazareth**

The Nazareth Lions Club is expecting 105 hunters on opening day, and they have closed the hunt to any more marksmen. "We are full," said N. Dean Johnson.

Each hunter paid \$175 to hunt on the Lions Club's posted land, and members of the Nazareth Lions Club and Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept., will provide guide service on Saturday. Hunters can continue to hunt on the reserved land Sunday, but they will be on their own (no guides will be available).

Those signed up for the club's hunt will be served a free breakfast and lunch on Saturday, Johnson said.

The full breakfast will be catered by the Nazareth American

Legion Auxiliary and it will feature German sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.

Hunters can enjoy the breakfast beginning at 6 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Those not signed up for the club's hunt can eat breakfast, too, but they will be charged \$6 per plate.

For lunch, hunters will enjoy a barbecued brisket meal catered by the Nazareth Band Parents.

The noon meal also will be served at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Non-hunters can eat for \$7 per person.

On Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9, the Nazareth Museum Association is sponsoring a steak dinner at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Cost for the steak dinner will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

**Dimmitt**

Each year, the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club cooks up a breakfast feast that is enjoyed by hunters from around the area, and this year's event will be served from 5:30 to 7 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee will be on the menu and cost for the meal is \$5 per person.

The Kiwanis also will be selling chances on a 12 gauge, 870 pump Remington shotgun, which will be given away at the breakfast.

Tickets may be purchased at the door and will be \$2 each or three for \$5.

**Easter**

The Easter Lions Club is also expecting hunters for opening weekend, and each paid for the privilege of tracking their prey.

Hunters will be entitled to hunt on lands reserved by the Lions Club during opening weekend.

Each hunter will be treated to donuts and coffee on Saturday morning, and to a hot lunch Saturday at noon at the Easter Community Building.

Two thefts were reported this week by individuals in Dimmitt.

Roy Gonzales told police that someone had taken a hunter green Highlander bicycle from his residence at 224 Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> St. in Dimmitt sometime on Saturday.

Gonzales valued the bike at \$125.

On Nov. 25, Lisa Ramirez Jackson reported to police that someone had taken an Aiwa stereo and speakers, a Panasonic Omnivision and Nintendo 64 with game controllers from her residence at 609 SW Third St. in Dimmitt.

Since she reported the theft, police have recovered the Omnivision and the Nintendo.

Assault reports kept officers busy this week, too.

On Sunday, a Dimmitt woman

# Police Calls

told police she had been assaulted at her home in the 100 block of Northeast Seventh St. The case was treated as family violence.

A Dimmitt High School student reported that she was assaulted on Nov. 28.

Deputies arrested a 28-year-old man on charges of assault causing bodily injury on Nov. 27, after taking a report from the victim. The incident occurred in Nazareth.

Law enforcement officers arrested several people on alcohol-related charges during the past week.

✓ A 42-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested Sunday for public intoxication.

✓ A 25-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

✓ A 31-year-old Muleshoe man was charged with driving while intoxicated, third or more offense; and with assaulting a public servant on Monday.

✓ A 23-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Monday.

Forger charges were filed against a 26-year-old Dimmitt woman on Monday.

Two Dimmitt people were charged with burglary of a habitation.

The first arrest was a 21-year-old Dimmitt woman who was arrested on Nov. 29 and charged with burglary of a habitation.

The second, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man, was charged with burglary of a habitation and forger of a financial instrument. He was arrested on Nov. 30.

Several other individuals were retained on outstanding warrants.

*You may outgrow your parents' laps, but you'll never outgrow their hearts.*

*I pray for the hungry, Dear Lord. I ask that you press me into helpful action such as being a supplier to the food shelves. Amen*

*You know the tax loopholes are too large when you see people driving their fortunes through them.*

*Fresh flowers are acceptable. Fresh mouths are not.*

## More about Hospital . . .

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indigent patients who fall in the category that lies within a range of 100-200% of the federal poverty level. Patients whose situation places them below the poverty level will not be charged the co-pay. This program will take affect immediately.

## Obituary

### Ricardo Oltivero

Funeral services for Ricardo Oltivero, 37, of Dimmitt, will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Fern Couture, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

A vigil service was held Wednesday evening at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mr. Oltivero died Monday at 10:53 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

He was born Dec. 15, 1963, in Raymondville. He married Susie Perez on June 20, 1992, in Dimmitt.

He grew up and attended school in Dimmitt. He was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include his wife; five brothers, Juan Oltivero, Estevan Oltivero, Reynaldo Oltivero, Santos Oltivero and Jesus Oltivero, all of Dimmitt; and four sisters, Lupe Zuniga of Weslaco, Juana Ruiz of Dallas, Rosa Sepeda of Bay City, Mich., and Mary Juarez of Dimmitt.

## More about

# CPS . . .

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quested Shoo-Shoo babies, size 6 clothes, size 12 tap shoes, dolls and doll accessories, Barbie and Barbie accessories, Power Wheels cars and size 12 pink and purple shoes.

A children's Bible is on the Christmas wish list from a 3-year-old girl. She also requested snow boots and/or girls boots in size 6-1/2, dress-up clothes and shoes, size 3T clothes, dolls and doll accessories.

If you would like to help the Child Protective Services board by donating one of these gifts, please contact Dianne Wilhelm at 945-2589 or 945-2285.

Wilhelm said she would like for donors to call and specify what they wish to donate before they purchase the item so that duplication of gifts can be avoided.

Those donating gifts are asked to purchase the items and return them to Child Protective Services by Dec. 14.

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