

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Holly Sugar to continue factory operations in 1997

Holly Sugar's beet processing plant in Hereford will continue to process beets in 1997, thanks to an "encouraging" response from area growers, including several in Castro County, who were asked to make acreage commitments for the next year.

Representatives from the Imperial Holly Corp. and the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association held a joint meeting last week to review acreage commitments received to date for the 1997 regional sugar beet crop.

Response from growers was good enough that Imperial Holly decided

to continue operating the Hereford factory next year.

Imperial Holly made its decision based on the level of commitments received and indications from growers who have not yet committed that they plan to grow beets for the 1997 campaign.

The Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association and Imperial Holly agreed that it is important that growers who have not finalized their 1997 crop plans should complete their commitments to ensure that the association reaches its committed level of 25,000 acres for the 1997 growing season.

"We are certainly pleased with the strong commitments given by regional farmers to plant sugar beets next year," said Kenneth Frye, president of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association. "Sugar beets have always been a sound alternative crop for us and it was essential that we maintain the ability to grow and market sugar beets in this area."

Sugar prices are expected to re-

main strong for 1997 due to the short crops produced in 1995 and 1996 and the resulting tight supplies of refined sugar. With the recent decline in grain prices, sugar beets offer a particularly attractive alternative crop for farmers, according to Frye. And recent changes to the sugar beet purchase contract provide a higher payment at harvest and offer the Panhandle and eastern New Mexico growers the best sugar beet contracts in the industry.

"The growers association and Imperial Holly have a good working relationship," said Frye. "We are very excited that the acreage commitments will help maintain that relationship."

Growers who have not yet committed acres are urged to send in a request which states their plans for growing sugar beets next year, or contact the growers association office in Hereford at (806) 364-6402, or the Holly Sugar Agricultural Department in Hereford at (806) 364-6475.



HEAVY DAMAGE, INJURIES—These two vehicles sustained heavy damage in an accident last Thursday morning in Dimmitt. Rescue workers tend Angelita Basquez Niabes of Hart, preparing to remove her

from her 1994 white Dodge Intrepid. Police said her vehicle turned into the path of a 1981 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jim Don Laurent of Dimmitt. Both drivers were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital.

Photo by Don Nelson

Early deadlines set for next week

The News has established early deadlines for its Jan. 2 issue.

The deadline for advertising and news for the Jan. 2 issue will be at 12 noon on Dec. 30. The Jan. 2 issue will be printed and mailed a day late, on Jan. 2, and also will be sold on routes and newsstands on Jan. 2.



WOOLLY CLAUS?—Anthony Fuentes, 5, and his brother Eric, 4, are fascinated by the animated antics of the "Woolly Bully Robot Band," which entertained Sheriff's Dept. employees and their families at a Christmas party in the courthouse basement last Thursday night. At right is band-

leader Delbert Morris of Tulia, a retired highway patrolman, who with his wife Tish takes the "Woolly Bully Band" throughout the area to entertain at teen dances, charitable events, etc. Anthony and Eric are the sons of Chris and Terri Fuentes.

Photo by Don Nelson

Chamber members elect four, Jim Wright is new president

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership meeting Dec. 18 and elected four members to the Board of Directors. In a separate, brief business meeting of the board, Jim Wright was named president, with Mike Bain as vice president and Carole Dyer as secretary/treasurer.

At the membership meeting, held at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church fellowship hall, members also voted to adopt the budget for the

new fiscal year and approved financial reports for 1996.

Directors elected to the board included Cheryl Pybus, Suzan Sanders, and Wright, who are serving their second three-year terms, and Bain. Outgoing director is Ray Bain, who had served two three-year terms.

Other directors include Charles Axtell, Gary Langford, Les Miller, Sandra Clark, Layne Myatt, Jerry Lilley, Avery Thrasher and Dyer.

The newly elected officers and directors will be installed at the annual Chamber banquet, set tentatively for Jan. 25.

The proposed budget for 1997 shows a planned deficit of only \$129, according to outgoing Chamber President Layne Myatt. He said that represented a better financial picture than some years the chamber has faced.

Projected income for the coming fiscal year was shown at \$54,975, with \$29,000 of that coming from membership dues, and another \$16,000 from projects. Planned expenses are set at \$55,104, with payroll representing the largest category at \$27,167. Projects are expected to cost \$10,025; and building pay-

ments of \$4,000 are due.

Projects planned in the budget include the Follies again this year, along with the annual Chamber banquet, the City Wide Garage Sale, Harvest Days, July Jubilee, and the annual Christmas promotions.

"I feel comfortable about the budget," Myatt said. "We don't want to be a profit-making entity."

The balance sheet for 1996 showed that the Chamber had a net income of \$931.72, even though a deficit had been projected for the year.

In his president's remarks, Myatt was complimentary to the Chamber staff.

"I can't say enough about what a great job they've done and how hard they have worked, especially in coping with the transition (in the position of executive director)," Myatt said.

In a membership report, it was noted that 12 new Chamber members were enrolled during 1996, although 12 also dropped out.

Board member Sandra Clark expressed appreciation to outgoing president Myatt, saying he had been "an excellent president and very pleasant to work with."

Weather

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Thursday	24	0	0
Friday	40	0	0
Saturday	50	13	0
Sunday	60	29	0
Monday	65	28	0

December Moisture05
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Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

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By Don Nelson

I hope you got what you wanted (or at least needed) for Christmas. And that you can exchange it if it isn't the right size or color. And that your credit card isn't maxed out until next October.

Notice: When you see someone driving an El Camino around here, it isn't me.

For more than 20 years, our company vehicle has been Chevy El Camino or its GM equivalent, a Caballero — first the yellow one, then the tan one, and in recent years the gray one.

When GM quit making El Caminos and Caballeros about 1986, I knew I'd have to go conventional sooner or later.

I held out as long as I could. But the "Old Gray Mare" is 12 years old now, with all the dents and rattles appurtenant thereto, and none of the proper ladies in the office want to be seen in it anymore. They just don't appreciate the fact that it's a classic vehicle.

So now I'm driving a white-and-gray Dodge Dakota pickup. The only thing still constant is the CC NEWS custom plate.

The Dakota is a great vehicle — roomy, and fancy, and stout.

But I still lament the demise of the El Camino.

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A BICYCLE FROM SANTA—Ryan Miller helps his sister, Jill, try out the new bike their dad, Les Miller, won in the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion sponsored by the Retail Merchants' Committee. Three other bicycles also were awarded—to Alfonso Longoria of Hart, and

Josie Garza and Cathy Mustain, both of Dimmitt. The winners were drawn on "Scrooge Night" last Thursday at the conclusion of the movie that was shown at the Carlile Theatre to keep local children occupied while their parents finished up their Christmas shopping.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

FSA taking applications for emergency farm loans

Castro County farmers may apply for emergency farm loans for losses caused by natural disaster through June 24, 1997, at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Dimmitt.

Castro County is one of seven Texas counties recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the natural disaster.

Ed Luebken said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75%.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," said Luebken.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crops Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 24, 1997, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season.

FSA is a credit agency of the US Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized

to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are US citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which US citizens hold a majority interest.

Rodriguez pleads guilty

Juan Carlos Rodriguez pleaded guilty Dec. 13 to charges of aggravated assault, a second degree felony. He entered the plea in 242nd District Court.

The charges alleged that on Oct. 6 Rodriguez had caused injury to Gabriel Hinojosa by striking him about the body and face.

Rodriguez was assessed a \$1,000 fine, \$1,060.75 in restitution, plus court costs. In addition, he was sentenced to the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice for five years. However, if he successfully completes a 90-day period at a Special Alternative Incarceration Facility ("Bootcamp"), that sentence may be suspended, and changed to five years of community supervision (probation).

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Merry Christmas!
 Geneva Justice celebrated Christmas early with two of her granddaughters: Juli Justice who is a sophomore at Texas Tech University and Jennifer and her husband, Tuey Rankin of Lubbock. Tuey is a coach at Monterrey High School and Jennifer teaches in another school. The girls are the daughters of Janet

Justice Ward and the late Ken Justice. They visited Geneva on Friday and Saturday.
 Dude McLaurin's family surprised her with a birthday luncheon and an afternoon of bridge playing. Her daughter, Syd Lynn of Dimmitt and her daughter, Jerri Lou Cook of Amarillo, and her son, George McLaurin of Wheeler, gave her a

dozen red roses. Hank Lynn's sister from Oklahoma sent a beautiful corsage. The luncheon was at San's Bed and Breakfast. She served a delicious luncheon to 15 of the Thursday Bridge Club members. The menu consisted of sliced ham, grit and cheese casserole, lime gelatin salad, cherry gelatin salad, and a spice cake. Candy was served while they were playing bridge. Dude reported that she is 80 years young!

Kate Beecher flew to Dallas recently and she and her daughter, Beth McLendon and her son Chase, drove to Toledo Bend, La., where they met Dan and Jo Prather of Jackson, Miss., for a few days. Chase was disappointed because it rained and he was unable to go fishing, but they all had fun in spite of the rain.

The Thursday Bridge Club met on Tuesday at the Wild Plum Inn at Olton for a luncheon and a day of bridge. The menu consisted of chicken wrapped in pastry, green beans with almonds, lime gelatin salad, and Christmas pie. Members enjoying the day were Lorann Hamilton, Emily Clingsmith, Virginia Crider, Dugan Butler, Ina Rae Cates, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Dude McLaurin, Edith Graef, Susie Reeves and Opha Burks.

Our sympathy to the families of David Bradley, Mark Broadstreet and Pete Dove.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dimmitt Middle School are (front, from left) Adam Guzman, Krystal Woolbright, Ernesto Olmos and Kelsey Welch; and (back, from left) Yvonne Sifuentz, Delia Arredondo, Carrie Meeks, Joe Birdwell and Ignacio Sifuentz. Not shown is Alex Castillo. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Amy Beck is one of 58 WT students who were selected as outstanding campus leaders for inclusion in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Beck is a senior reading major. She is the daughter of Dana Beck of Dimmitt, and a 1993 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Nominees were required to be full-time students with at least 60 hours of college credit and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional criteria included a demonstrated record of participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, service to the university and potential for future achievement.

Letter

'People sometimes forget how words, actions can hurt'

Dear Editor:

Small town USA. Normally its a "family," whether related by blood or not, to all the residents in the town and the surrounding community.

I have been blessed to have married "into" the community, and for the most part have felt welcomed by most, if not all the natives of the community. There are a number of small towns that have such a click going that new members never feel quite welcomed. For this I have been blessed.

I have become truly concerned of late, of how certain members of the community can spread gossip, or what have you, without knowing the truth or thinking of the individuals involved. The feelings and attitudes for themselves, can be devastated by so-called friends with all the idle talk.

The bible has the tale of "Those without sin, cast the first stone." I also believe we all forget sometimes how our words and actions can hurt another person. There was only one entity that was without sin.

We all make mistakes, and hopefully we all learn from those mistakes and continue to grow into better people and a better community as a whole. It is so easy to spread what is thought of as "news," but maybe we should think about what we ourselves have done before passing someone else's "story" around.

There are a number of things that have transpired in the Nazareth community that one would have thought that individuals of the community would have come together and console the people involved, maybe asking what could be done to help

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

I don't remember such a long winter storm before winter. It's been a lot colder than it is now, however. It was 16 degrees Tuesday morning at 5:30 with a good ground cover of snow and light snow still falling. The wind was high, too.

It was 10 degrees at 2:35 that afternoon. On Wednesday it was 8 degrees at 6:20 a.m. Thursday it was 4 degrees at 5:45 a.m. and on Friday it was 10 degrees at 6:45 a.m.

Rev. Edd and Ann Norris of Silverton, a former pastor of the church at Sunnyside lost their house and everything in it on a recent Saturday night to fire. They had a lot of important paintings and antiques.

Shaina Roye of Hobbs spent last week with her grandparents, David and Gay Sadler and attended the church services with them last Sunday. Gay took her to Lubbock Monday to meet her parents, Walter and Melody Roye of Hobbs.

Friday night Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright, Glenn and LaWanda Wilson, their daughter, Melinda and Brian Thomas of Plainview, Judy and Tracy Damron, Letisha and Jessie Reyes and Brandie Green, Verba Sadler and Gay Sadler planned to attend the Christmas pageant "Watch the Lamb" put on by

the Paramount Terrace Christian Church at the Amarillo Civic Center. They all have tickets.

Ezell and Verba Sadler went to the lake Wednesday to check on things weather-wise.

Ruth and Carl King of Hereford and Gay and David Sadler went to Stratford Saturday to have Christmas dinner with Brenda and Steve Johnson and their children, Bethany, Clayton and Jordan. They planned to spend Saturday night with the Johnsons and return home Sunday evening.

Coby and Connie Gilbreath and their children, and Matt and Rhonda Gilbreath and their children planned to spend Christmas day with Dorothy Gilbreath.

Verba and Ezell Sadler planned to have their Christmas dinner on Christmas eve with most of their family attending.

Robert and Frances Duke planned to have Christmas at their home on Christmas day. Sandra was expected Christmas eve to spend the night. They all were going to attend the candlelight service at the United

Methodist Church in Dimmitt on Christmas eve. Larry, Lori and the girls planned to come Christmas day to spend the night. Bob didn't get to come.

Billie and Emma Jean King had their sons and daughters-in-law, Marshall and Kaye King and Jimmy and Joan King of Hobbs, N.M., home on Christmas day.

Hershel and Retha Wilson had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Epperson and her family on Friday night and toured the trail of Christmas lights in Lubbock.

On Sunday evening they were with Mrs. Wilson and her family.

On Christmas day David and Dancan Travis and Austin came in from the Dallas area and they all had dinner with Lonnie and Renee and girls, and Flossie Jones.

On Dec. 27, Hershel and Retha will have dinner for all their family.

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 46 "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-___ Mom"

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 11 Ballinger sculpture: "The Cowboy and ___ Horse"
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 14 Cowboy Hall of Famer Bob
 15 troubles
 16 ex-Astro Caminiti
 17 TX vegetable: black-___
 21 Lampasses FM
 23 TXism: "trapped like a ___ possum"
 24 "Streets of Laredo" was a ___ make of "Texas Rangers"
 25 Mr. Neiman
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What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 26-Jan. 3.

DIMMITT
Preschool-First Grade Lunch
 Dec. 26-Jan. 3: No school.
Grades 2-12 Lunch
 Dec. 26-Jan. 3: No school.

HART
Elementary School
THURSDAY-WEDNESDAY: No School!
 JAN. 2: Choice of steak fingers, pizza or hamburger basket; wheat rolls, peaches, mashed potato, gelatin dessert, green beans, gravy, banana pudding and milk.
 JAN. 3: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or beef taco; salad, gelatin dessert, pears, refried beans, chocolate pudding and milk.

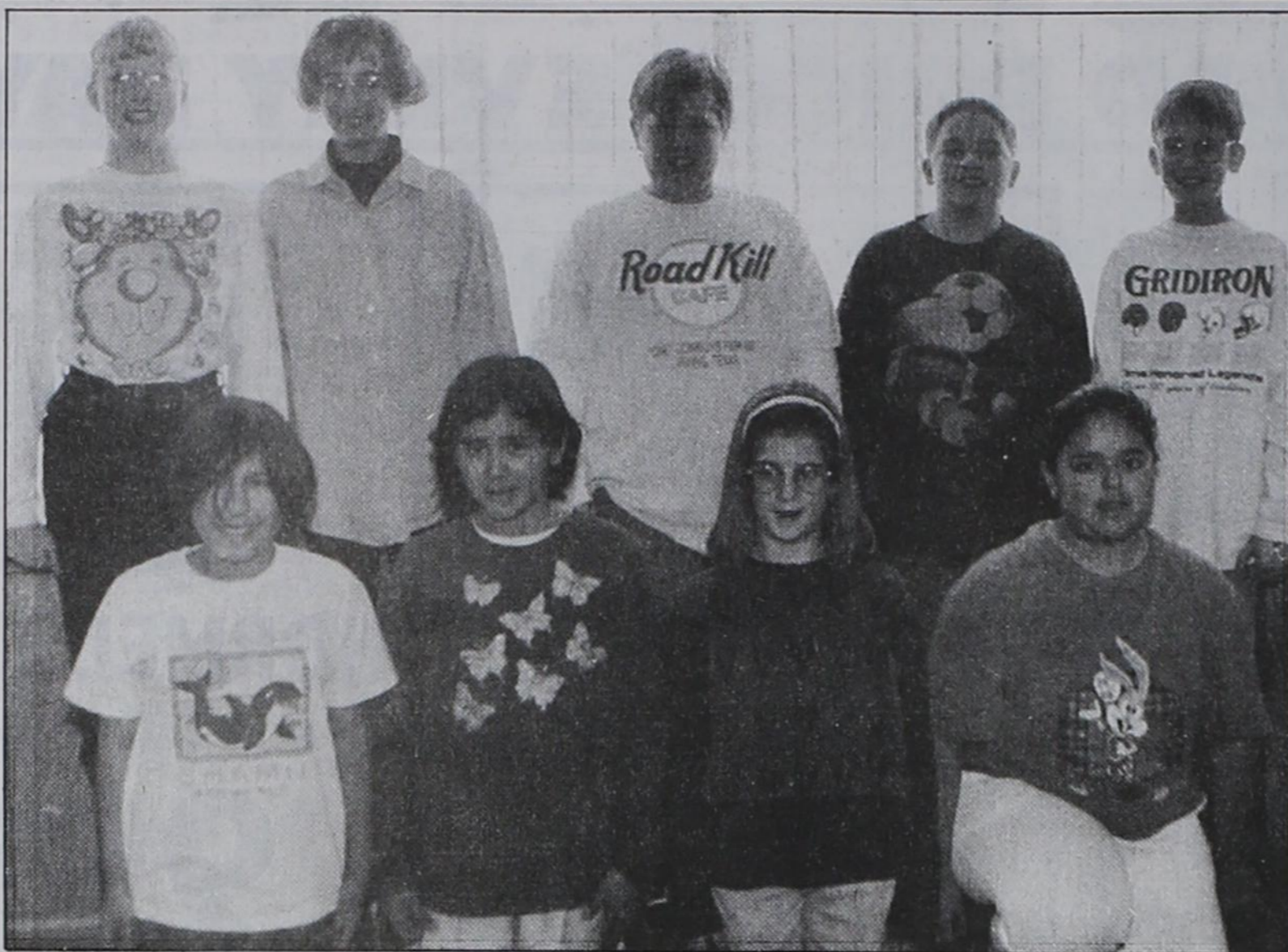
Junior High and High School
THURSDAY-WEDNESDAY: No School!

JAN. 2: Choice of burrito, steak finger basket or hamburger basket; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

JAN. 3: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or beef taco; salad, gelatin dessert, pears, refried beans, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school!
 JAN. 2: *Frito pie or corn dogs, green beans, salad, peaches, pears and milk.
 JAN. 3: *Spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk.

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



ACCELERATED READERS—Each of these Dimmitt Middle School students has earned at least 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program since the beginning of school, and the group was treated to a pizza party Monday. Pictured are (standing, from

left) Lyndee Behrends, Kelsey Welch, Caleb Dickerson, Matthew Sanders and Tyler Myatt; and (kneeling, from left) Brenda Ramirez, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Holly Gilliam and Delia Arredondo.

Photo by Anne Acker

Happy Holidays

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Pybus Christian School is now enrolling for the spring semester!

★ A new class has started for 18 month-olds through 2-year-olds—Monday and Tuesday; 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Carla Humphrey, teacher.

A few spaces are still available in our three and four year old classes—three-year-olds: five day or three day classes, four-year-olds: five or three day classes. School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Five day school: \$125 monthly
 Three day school: \$78 monthly
 Two day school: \$55 monthly

For more information, call Cheryle Pybus at 647-4226 or Shawn Sheffy at 647-4779.

Second enrollment period opened for Texas prepaid tuition program

The second enrollment period for the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* is currently underway, and those interested have until Feb. 18 to take part in the prepaid college tuition program.

"If you're one of nearly 1,000 Texas parents whose child will be born today, you should know that it could cost you more than \$46,000 to send your bundle of joy to college in 18 years," said State Comptroller John Sharp. "And that's just for tuition and required fees. Books and living expenses are extra.

"As tuition inflation continues to drive up the costs of a college education, the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* will

be the answer for people trying to save for their children's or grandchildren's futures."

The *Texas Tomorrow Fund*, first proposed by Sharp in 1994 and approved by state lawmakers during the last legislative session, allows families to lock in the cost of their children's future college tuition and required fees.

Sharp said Texans can find out more about the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* on his electronic bulletin board by dialing 1-800-227-8392, toll-free, or by visiting his Internet site at <<http://www.window.state.tx.us>>.

"If you buy a contract today for your newborn and pay for it in one lump sum, the price for tuition and required fees will be \$9,652.98—a savings of more than \$36,000," Sharp said.

"But if you're like most parents and don't have that kind of money sitting in the bank, you can buy a contract today on the installment plan," Sharp said. "For just \$82 per month until your child graduates high school in 18 years you can still save nearly \$30,000 from the price of his or her tuition and the required fees."

Newly issued contracts cover more credit hours than those sold during the program's first enrollment period earlier this year. Current contracts under the four-year public university plan have been expanded from 120 hours to 128 hours.

During the program's first enrollment period last spring, more than 41,000 families took advantage of the pay-now, learn-later program. Nearly 13,000 families have requested information on the program since then.

Sharp said that 81% of the period contracts purchased during the program's debut enrollment period were for the senior college plan, covering tuition and required fees for up to 120 credit hours at any public senior college or university in Texas. Another 12% were for the junior-senior college plan, covering up to 64 credit hours at a public junior or technical college, plus as many as 60 credit hours at a public senior college or university, for a total of 124 credit hours.

The Comptroller said that 5% of the contracts purchased earlier this year were for the junior college plan, paying for up to 64 credit hours of tuition and required fees at a public junior or technical college. 2% were for the private college plan, covering the average cost of tuition and required fees for up to 120 credit hours at any of the state's private colleges and universities.

The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* is overseen by a board chaired by Sharp. Other members include John C. Anderson, president of Hale County State Bank in Planview; Michael D. Gollob, head of the Gollob, Morgan, Peddy and Co. accounting firm in Tyler; Dr. Roy McClung, former president of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview who is now retired and living in Lubbock; Charles Miller, chairman of Meridian Advisors, Ltd., an investment firm in Houston; Jere Pedersen, executive vice president of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston; and Beth Weakley, senior vice president of Frost National Bank in San Antonio.

Holiday fire safety is urged

The holidays are a time for brightly colored lights inside and out and neatly wrapped packages under the Christmas tree. But improper care, use and disposal of these holiday trappings can ruin the holiday season.

To help ensure happy holiday memories, the Texas Forest Service is encouraging all Texans to use proper fire safety precautions this holiday season.

"Christmas trees, holiday lighting and gift wrapping can add to the pleasure of the season, but they can also lead to destructive fires if not used safely or disposed of properly," said Gary Laco, assistant head of the TFS Fire Control Dept. in Lufkin.

Laco offers the following tips for a fire-safe holiday season:

- * Keep your Christmas tree watered and away from heat sources.
- * Inspect lights for frayed wire, broken plugs and sockets, and avoid overloading electrical cords that could deteriorate and cause a fire.
- * Use only non-combustible decorations.
- * Turn tree lights off when the tree is unattended.

* Be sure to remove your Christmas tree soon after the holidays and dispose of it properly. Consider community tree recycling projects. Possible uses of Christmas trees include mulching.

* Dispose of wrapping paper, boxes and other Christmas waste properly. Recycle these materials where practical.

* Residents who elect to burn their combustible waste should be sure to use a covered trash barrel or other covered burn container. Use of a metal screen or grid over the burn barrel will help prevent burning debris from blowing into nearby grass, brush or wooded areas or onto structures.

Killing frosts will send such vegetation into dormancy, making it extremely dry and highly flammable.

"While dormant vegetation—particularly grasses—will quickly become fire-prone during even a few days of dry, windy weather," said Laco, "careless burning of holiday debris could spark a wildfire that might quickly turn a joyous holiday season into a disastrous one."

New Year's dance is set

The Catholic Order of Foresters in Nazareth will sponsor a New Year's Eve Dance on Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

You must be 21 or older to attend the dance, and admission will be \$10 per person. Music will be provided by One Way Rider. Set-ups will be provided.

 The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food and the diet books tell you not to eat any of it.
 —Andy Rooney

Getting in Gear for the New Year

It's close to the end of December, And we'd simply like to remember, How wonderful this whole past year was, And what good friends you have been to us, So now we'd like to wish everyone, A fabulous new year filled with fun!

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TNRCC modifies, updates state outdoor burning rule

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has adopted new rules governing outdoor burning, and the new laws became effective Sept. 16.

Since Texas began regulating outdoor burning in 1973, the outdoor burning rule has been modified as specific needs arose, causing some ambiguity and inconsistency. To address this, the TNRCC went through a comprehensive analysis of the rule a year ago with an eye toward improving consistency and producing an updated, streamlined rule reflective of today's needs. The new rules were approved on Aug. 21, and became effective Sept. 16.

The principal underpinnings of the outdoor burning rule remain. Outdoor burning must not pose a nuisance, traffic hazards must be avoided and air quality must be protected. But the new rule does have some basic conceptual changes. First, fire is explicitly recognized as a viable management tool with no practical alternative for certain types of forest, range, and ecological management, and also for risk reduction for removal of fuel overloading. Also, the rule differentiates between fire used for disposal and fire used for management.

As with the old rule, there are general requirements regulating all outdoor burning, with the exception of fire training, certain domestic waste burning, disposal of diseased animal carcasses, and hydrocarbon burning from pipeline breaks and oil spills. These are as follows:

◆Before the start of prescribed or controlled burning for forest management, the Texas Forest Service shall be notified.

◆No burning is allowed within the corporate limits of a city or town unless municipal ordinances permit burning.

◆Burning shall be allowed only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptors, such as people with respiratory problems, sensitive vegetation or livestock, or anything negatively affected by smoke or heat.

◆If at any time the burning causes

or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.

◆Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the affected occupant.

◆Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction or demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

◆Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:

1. The initiation of burning shall begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day no later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires or smoldering objects continue to smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

2. Burning is not allowed if wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour or greater than 23 miles per hour during the burn or during periods of actual or predicted National Weather Service documented temperature inversions.

The new rule also contains exceptions for specific burn situations. The principal changes are:

Fire Training—Written notification to the appropriate TNRCC regional office must be made, but approval is automatic if not denied within 10 working days. Dedicated high-frequency (at least weekly) training facilities must submit to the regional office an annual letter of intent to continue training, but daily notification of training is no longer necessary. For facilities with less frequent training, an annual letter is required, as is notice 24 hours prior to burn.

Domestic Waste—Such burning is allowed if no governmental entity provides or specifically authorizes waste collection service. Domestic waste is waste generated on the site of a private residence and includes such things as kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves and branch trimmings. Examples of wastes not considered domestic wastes are tires, non-wood construction debris, furniture, carpet, electrical wire and appliances.

On-site Burning of Trees and Brush—If there is no practical alternative, it can be done for right-of-way maintenance, landclearing and

maintenance along water canals if there are no negative impacts on sensitive receptors. Only materials from the immediate property may be burned.

Crop Residue Burning—Such burning is allowed when there is no practical alternative and when there is no negative effect on sensitive receptors.

Governmental Off-Site Burning of Vegetative Matter—Trees, brush and other plant growth that pose a threat to public health and safety, but which cannot be burned at the location of origin because of a potential to cause a nuisance or traffic hazard, may be burned at another

governmentally-controlled site with approval from the regional office. Such burns are allowed only when there is no practical alternative and may not occur more frequently than once every two months. It is the governmental entity's responsibility to prove there is no practical alternative and there is a threat to public health and safety. This does not apply to landfill sites.

Coastal Salt-Marsh management Burns—It is no longer required that maps showing the location of a burn contain a legal land description, and burn areas are not limited to 640 acres. Proper notification maps require a USGS or equivalent map

showing landmarks. The landowner also no longer must provide transportation for TNRCC personnel.

Hydrocarbon Burning—Such burning is only for emergency remediation of a pipeline break or oil spill to prevent additional, more severe, environmental damage, and cannot be used for disposal of a petroleum product or clean-up wastes such as absorbents.

It should be noted that adherence to the outdoor burning rule does not absolve one of potential liability from burning, nor does it exempt one from complying with all other applicable laws, ordinances, regulations or orders.

New Year's Wishes

As a new year unfolds, we wish for you
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Water to be key issue at conference

Water, a vital element for any crop but especially critical for vegetable production, will be the focus of the High Plains Vegetable Conference in Hereford on Jan. 21.

"Water is our highest priority for the future of the High Plains vegetable industry," said Dr. Roland Roberts, vegetable specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and coordinator of the conference.

Speakers will be professionals representing all aspects of water resources and management in crop production.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center, located at 100 Ave. C and Park Avenue. It is sponsored by the Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment

Station, Texas Tech University, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA).

The program has been approved by TDA for five continuing education units to maintain certification of applicators of restricted use pesticides. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch.

This year's conference will examine the status of water sources, water requirements, irrigation scheduling, water purity, conservation, low energy precision application (LEPA) and drip irrigation systems, large scale mulching, use of heat units and the potential evapotranspiration (PET) network, and development of whole-farm water conservation plans

that meet state and federal requirements.

Keynote speakers will be Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Number One, and Dr. Edward Martin, Extension Service engineer with the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. Wyatt will address the present and future outlook for the area's water supply. Martin will report on his research on vegetable irrigation requirements and timing the application of vegetable irrigation with heat units.

Others on the program will be Leon New, Extension Service irrigation specialist; Mark Griffith, Extension assistant for water quality; Dr. Frank Dainello, Extension Service horticulturist; Dr. Greta Schuster, Extension agent for integrated pest management; Dr. David Bender, Experiment Station associate professor of horticulture; Levon Harmon, TDA pesticide specialist; and Roberts.

Twenty-five exhibits and educational displays will be presented by agribusiness professionals serving the vegetable industry.

High Plains irrigation conference and trade show slated for Jan. 8

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held Jan. 8 at the Amarillo Civic Center, presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Conference organizers plan a program where High Plains growers will hear timely information to help manage water and crop production, irrigation and chemigation systems, and pumping units and see the latest technology in equipment and methods.

The Industry Trade Show will feature the latest products from American Technical Services, Cobb Sales Company, Energas, Great Plains Meter, Inject-O-Meter, Nelson Irrigation, Oil-Vac, T-L Irrigation, Water Man Industries, and Wylie Manufacturing.

Program titles include: "What's Next for Pumps and Wells Idled by CRP?"; "Equitable Tenant-Landowner Agreement"; "Update on Satellite Remote Sensing to Monitor Crop Growth"; and "Managing Irrigation Capacity To Fit Crop Water Use."

Also, "How I Manage Crop Production with Current Technology"; "Opportunities to Utilize Herbicide Tolerant Crops"; and "Performance of Insect Resistant Crops."

The program has been approved

by the Texas Department of Agriculture for 2 CEU's to be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators. For more information, contact Leon New at 806-359-5401.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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Computer class to be held here next semester

Amarillo College will offer a class in computer concepts next semester in Dimmitt.

The course is open to the public and will meet one night a week. Cost for the course is \$15 for high school students and \$89 for adults. Those taking the course will earn three hours of college credit.

The course will deal in general application, theory and programming. The class will meet Monday and Wednesday nights beginning in January and continuing through May. A registration date has not been set yet.

Those interested in taking the course or any other college-level course should contact Shelly Nutt at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Sue Summers at Dimmitt High School, 647-3105.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Words of Wisdom XVII



It is nearly the end of another year. A year that is passing quickly as we move toward the end of not only a century, but also a millenium. What wisdom will the next thousand years bring? Perhaps, less than you might suppose.

Many of the words of wisdom we use to guide us and improve our quality of life have actually been around a millenium or two. Though many of the quotes in this column are attributed to more recent

philosophers and wordsmiths, I believe you'll find that most of this week's wisdom predates the more recent usage.

Timeless Wisdom

♦God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest. —J.G. Holland

♦Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. —Theodore Roosevelt

♦No one knows what he can do till he tries. —Pubilius Syrus (first century B.C.)

♦I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker. —Helen Keller

♦He who neglects to drink of the spring of experience is likely to die of thirst in the desert of ignorance. —Ling Po

♦Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. —Ecclesiastes 9:10

♦The hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

♦It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage. —Henry Ward Beecher

♦I am still learning. —Michaelangelo (His favorite saying.)

♦Learn to unlearn. —Benjamin Disraeli

♦Learning is a treasure which will follow its owner everywhere. —Chinese Proverb

Thoughts for the new year

♦The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it. —John Ruskin

♦My father taught me to work, but he did not teach me to love it. —Abraham Lincoln

♦A great man leaves clean work behind him, and requires no sweeper up of the chips. —Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

♦Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way. —Booker T. Washington

♦... Government should do only those things the people cannot do for themselves. —Ronald Reagan

♦To be a success in business, be daring, be first, be different. —Marchant

♦Who begins too much accomplishes little. —German proverb

♦A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval. —Mark Twain

♦If we abide by the principles taught by the Bible, our country will go on prospering. —Daniel Webster

♦Time is really the only capital that any human being has and the only thing he can't afford to lose. —Thomas Edison

♦Do the best you can with what you have, where you are. —Unknown

♦A good example is the best sermon. —Herbert J. Taylor

♦The opportunity that God sends does not wake up him who is asleep. —Senegalese proverb

♦If I keep my good character, I shall be rich enough. —Platonius (First Century B.C.)

♦Don't talk unless you can improve the silence. —Vermont Proverb

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

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

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Farm Bureau outlines legislative program

Bob Stallman, Texas Farm Bureau president, outlined an aggressive legislative program in his annual address at the recent TFB convention held in San Antonio.

"Your Farm Bureau has made a firm commitment to tackle the school property tax monster that has devoured the tax dollars, business profits and home ownership dreams of many Texans," Stallman told the gathering of approximately 1,500 delegates.

Stallman, who served on Gov. George W. Bush's Citizens Committee on Property Tax Relief, said the property tax system could no longer

keep pace with the needs of the Texas educational system.

He cited information collected during the 14 public hearings held by the committee on which he served:

- ◆ Property taxes have increased by 144% in the last 10 years.
- ◆ The property tax base declined by 6% while personal income went up 74% and the gross state product increased 57%.
- ◆ Service and trade industries pay 17% of business property tax, yet generate 62% of the state's economic activity.
- ◆ Manufacturing and energy

companies pay 56% of all state and local business taxes, even though they represent only 25% of total state employment and 38% of the gross state product.

◆ Homeowners pay more than one-third of all property taxes. "The property tax system is not capable of matching our economic growth," Stallman said. "It is missing the target and has no hope of ever hitting it, unless tax rates are raised to unthinkable levels."

The Farm Bureau president said that Texas needs a new method of funding education, one that tracks economic growth and spreads the burden more evenly among the state's business community. He noted that much of the state's economic growth has been in the lightly taxed service industries.

Stallman said that agricultural use valuation, which taxes farm and ranch property on productive value rather than market value, has helped stave off disaster, but still leaves

Texas farmers and ranchers in an inequitable tax situation.

"Even with the agricultural use valuation, farmers and ranchers pay almost three times their fair share of taxes based on production agriculture's share of the overall state economy," Stallman said.

Stallman used the drought of 1996 to illustrate the situation.

"Many farmers and ranchers had no crop at all, or were forced to liquidate entire herds of livestock. There was no income, but property taxes are still due. The burden is the same, whether the crop year is good, bad or dreadful," he said.

Stallman said the Farm Bureau has backed the business activity tax as the most equitable solution for Texas' education funding problem. This tax was one of three alternatives studied by the Governor's work group that preceded the citizens' committee. The other alternatives were a gross receipts tax and modifications in state sales taxes.

much of agriculture.

Listing the achievements of TFB in 1996, Stallman named the new farm bill, changes in food safety legislation, some federal tax relief, and an 85% success rate for candidates endorsed by the TFB Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND).

Stallman also reported on "Project 2000," a special committee of Farm Bureau members that will conduct a study of the farm organization and its future.

Cotton Talks

Finding solutions to the problems that plague cotton producers is the ultimate goal of research conducted under the State Support Program administered by Cotton Incorporated.

For High Plains cotton producers, the Texas State Support Program is providing new and exciting insights into many of these problems.

Tackling everything from seedling disease to marketing, the State Support program, with the counsel and direction of cotton producers on the Texas State Support Committee, focuses directly on the issues of primary importance to producers.

Money to fund the research is derived from the Cotton Research and Promotion check-off program. A total of 5% of the money collected under this industry-wide program is returned to cotton growing states for the purpose of funding producer directed research projects.

"The great thing about this program is that it allows cotton producers the opportunity, working through

their own organizations, to focus much needed research efforts on the problems they face every day," said Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

"Right now research is being conducted that will lead to new products and cultural practices that provide solutions to many ongoing problems such as insects and disease."

Johnson notes that several projects also deal with the development of new machinery and management practices that will help producers stay as profitable and efficient as possible.

In addition to the Texas State Support Program, cotton growers also stand to benefit from a number of projects funded through the TxCOT program.

TxCOT, a research program focused on developing biotechnology as a tool for solving problems in cotton, is funded through the Texas legislature. The program is expected to provide many innovative solutions to problems facing cotton producers. Offshoots of the program also will enhance the knowledge and ability of researchers working on crops other than cotton.

Among the projects being conducted through the TxCOT program are efforts to increase fiber quality and to improve the ability of cotton plants to withstand the attacks of yield robbing pests such as nematodes and seedling disease.

County stock show entries due in January

The annual Castro County junior livestock show will be held Feb. 5-7, and the Dimmitt Young Farmers will be accepting entries for the show during the week of Jan. 13-17.

Entry fee is \$10 per head and youngsters may enter two barrows, two lambs and two steers. For entry forms, contact the Castro County Extension office or any FFA advisor from Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth.

Judges for this year's show will be Larry Gray, steers and heifers; Dale Schuffner, barrows; and Rex Stultz, sheep.

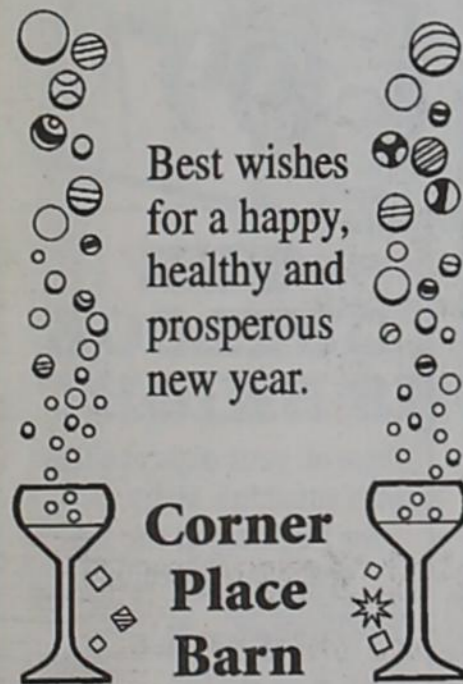
Animals should be in place at the Expo Building before 12 noon on Feb. 5. Animals will be weighed and sifted before 8 p.m. on Feb. 5.

The show will be held Feb. 7 beginning with the lamb show at 8 a.m., followed by steers at 11 a.m. The barrow show is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

The premium sale will begin Saturday at 1 p.m. and the number of animals that will be sold through the auction will be as follows: 125 barrows, 125 lambs and 40 steers, or 75% of the total number of animals weighed in in each division, whichever is smaller.

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Cheers To You!



Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

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After the stroke of midnight, Everything will seem like new, With an outlook very bright, For success and good fun, too, So now the time is just right, To send best wishes to you!

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Building a Better Dimmitt



Derrell Matthews, Treena Matthews, Linda Mitchell, Terry Widick and Larry Ross

Operating since 1984, Circle M Irrigation is the local dealer for Valley, the world's leading manufacturer of center pivot irrigation equipment. Owner Derrell Matthews lived near Muleshoe and started out driving back and forth to Dimmitt, operating out of a small office behind Willis Cattle Co. In 1990, he moved near Dimmitt, and began sharing space in the building occupied by Jones Ditching for a couple of years. In 1992, he moved the business to its present location on N. US 385. He opened a branch store in Kress in 1993. He plans to expand the Dimmitt location to make more room for parts.

Circle M offers complete sales and service for Valley products, and parts and service for all other brands of irrigation equipment. Matthews has six full-time employees, including bookkeeper Linda Mitchell, salesman Terry Widick, parts man Larry Ross, service man Abe Sanchez, and welder and service man Danny Dones; along with Clarence Christian, sales and service, and operator of the Kress store.

Diversified Financial, the company that handles most of the financing deals for Valley customers, named Circle M to its Million Dollar Club for arranging financing of over \$1 million-worth of irrigation equipment in 1995. The dealership

also has been named to The Quality Circle for 1996 by Valley, based on outstanding performance in the area of service, according to customer satisfaction reports and other criteria.

"Valley may be toward the high end of the price range on their irrigation equipment, but they do a lot of research, and they stand behind their product. They're easy to work with, and they're always looking for new ideas," Matthews said. He also said he appreciates his customers in Dimmitt and the surrounding area. "The people are tremendous. They are innovative and receptive. It is a credit to them that they are willing to change and try something new."

Circle M contributes to the local economy in many ways, besides the employees' paychecks. He said he uses a lot of concrete from Dimmitt Ready Mix, and purchases some parts and other items from Higginbotham-Bartlett and Hays Company. In addition, the business supports the local schools and their organizations, 4-H and youth sports organizations.

Derrell and his wife, Treena, have four children: two daughters, Brenna, 25, and Tory, a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock; and two sons, Zack, a junior at Dimmitt High School, and Zane, 8, a second grader.

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Sports



Cats open district play win win over River Road

Dimmitt blitzed River Road's boys in the second half to cruise to a 75-53 win to open District 1-AAA play on Friday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The Bobcats and Wildcats battled on even terms throughout the first half, with River Road claiming a 13-12 lead after one quarter. By halftime, Dimmitt had climbed back in front to post a 34-33 advantage.

Brandon Smith, who did not start in the game for disciplinary reasons, came off the bench to score seven points in the second stanza to boost

the Bobcats. It was his little brother, Casey, that gave Dimmitt the halftime edge with a running three-pointer from near mid-court with a second to go in the half.

Dimmitt never trailed after that, and turned up the offense and the defense in the last two quarters to pull away from the Wildcats. Dimmitt outscored River Road 41-20 in the last two periods, and forced nine turnovers by the rattled Amarillo squad in the second half.

Brad Beck, who drew the starting nod over Brandon Smith on Friday,

started the Bobcats' big run in the third quarter with a basket with 4:10 to go that lifted Dimmitt to a 40-37 lead. Cameron Lust had five points and Brandon Smith added seven as Dimmitt grabbed a 50-40 lead after three quarters.

Lust led Dimmitt to a 25-point fourth quarter with six points down the stretch. Albert Ewing came off the bench to add five more for the Bobcats in the last eight minutes.

Brandon Smith led Dimmitt with 20 points, while Lust added 15 and Charley Sanders chipped in 10.



GETTING DOWN — Dimmitt's Heidi Weaver, surrounded by River Road players, fights for control of the ball during the third quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA opener here. The

game was close until the visiting Lady Wildcats broke it open in the fourth quarter to take a 70-54 victory. Photo by Don Nelson

Hart teams to compete in Littlefield meet

The Hart girls will meet Tulia and the Longhorns will take on Idalou Friday in first-round action of the Wildcat Christmas Classic in Littlefield.

The Lady Horns and Tulia will tip off at 9:30 a.m. Friday while the Longhorns and Idalou are slated to begin their game at 11 a.m. Friday.

The three-day tournament will continue Saturday and Monday.

If the Hart girls beat Tulia, they will take on the Denver City-Olton winner Saturday at 3:30 p.m. If Hart loses to Tulia, the Ladyhorns will face the Denver City-Olton loser Saturday morning at 9:30.

The Longhorns will play either Petersburg, Olton or Littlefield for their second-round game. The Petersburg-Olton winner will take on Littlefield, which drew a first-round bye, and the winner of that game will meet the winner between Hart and Idalou. That championship semifinal will be played Saturday at 8 p.m. If the Longhorns lose to Idalou, they will meet the Petersburg-Olton loser Saturday at 8 a.m.

The tournament will conclude Monday with the third-place, consolation and championship games. The girls' consolation championship is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. with the third-place game starting at 3:30 p.m. and the championship beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The boys' bracket features the consolation game at 11 a.m. Monday, followed by the third-place game at 5 p.m. and championship at 8 p.m.

Slow fourth quarter results in Bobbies' first district loss

River Road broke open a close game in the fourth quarter Friday to take a 70-54 win over the Dimmitt Bobbies at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The game between the District 1-AAA co-leaders moved the Lady Wildcats to 3-0 in the conference and 11-4 overall. Dimmitt is in second at 2-1, and is 8-8 for the season.

River Road's veteran unit, which went to the regional finals last year, held the Bobbies to just two baskets in the second quarter. Dimmitt hung close at the free throw line for a while, but sub Stacy Worthen hit two key baskets down the stretch to help power the Lady Wildcats to a 31-21 lead at halftime.

Dimmitt never got closer than six points after that. The Bobbies took several charges at River Road in the

third quarter as Jacy Buckley hit seven of her 12 points and Heidi Weaver scored all four of hers in the third period.

Meanwhile, 6-4 River Road post Becky Gregory held Dimmitt's 6-0 post Amber Matthews scoreless in the second half. Both played through foul trouble in the second half, and each eventually fouled out.

Dimmitt last got within six points with 35 seconds to play in the third, on a Buckley basket that made it 45-39. River Road added two points in the last 30 seconds to claim a 47-39 lead at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth, Carrie Bradley hit a basket with 6:15 to play to make it 49-42, but River Road went on a huge run to ice the game. Mary Adams hit nine points in the fourth to scoot River Road to a 63-46 lead.

Bradley and Buckley had three-pointers late, but River Road held off any thoughts of a Dimmitt rally and cruised to the 16-point win.

Bradley led Dimmitt with 19 while Buckley had 12.

Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Bobcats 75, River Road 53

Dimmitt	12	22	16	25	75
River Road	13	20	7	13	53

Scoring: DIMMITT—Brandon Smith 20, Cameron Lust 15.

Bobbies 54, River Road 70

Dimmitt	10	11	18	15	54
River Road	11	20	18	21	70

Scoring: DIMMITT—Carrie Bradley 19, Jacy Buckley 10.

Longhorns 44, Lazbuddie 74

Hart	7	11	14	12	44
Lazbuddie	18	19	19	18	74

Scoring: HART—Dusty Ortiz 18, Moses Reyna 12.

Lady Horns 46, Lazbuddie 57

Hart	7	13	15	11	46
Lazbuddie	16	15	9	17	57

Scoring: HART—Ysa Rodriguez 15, Tylene Garcia 11.

Swifts 87, Spade 39

Nazareth	12	27	24	24	87
Spade	13	15	4	7	39

Scoring: NAZ—Bryan Braddock 23, Jerad Birkenfeld 13, Barry Hoelting 12, Nathan Hoelting 10.

JV Swifts 60, Spade 35

JV Bobcats 68, River Road 39

JV Longhorns 35, Lazbuddie 40

JV Lady Horns 35, Lazbuddie 43

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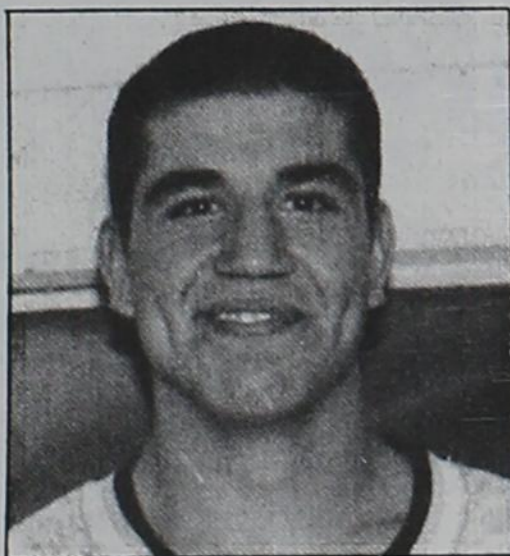
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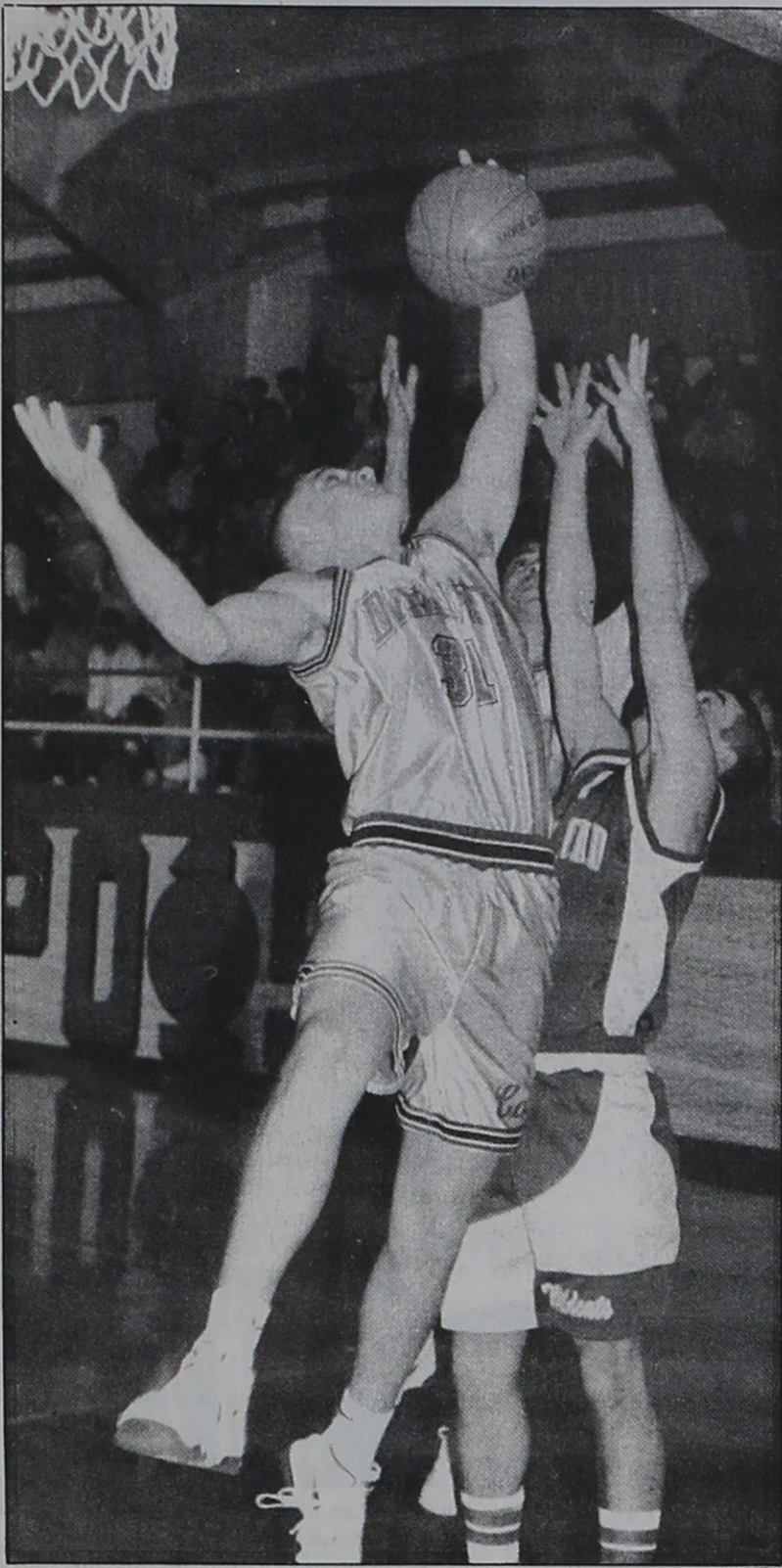
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CHARLEY SANDERS snares a defensive rebound for Dimmitt in the first quarter of the Bobcats' District 1-AAA opener against River Road here Friday night. Sanders was big on the boards and also scored 10 points as the Bobcats overcame a sluggish start and downed the Wildcats, 75-53. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Dimmitt teams entered

Big Caprock ABC Tourney kicks off today in Lubbock

Dimmitt's boys may be looking at an early matchup with rival Seminole, while Dimmitt girls' coach Jan Newland may be leading her Bobbies against her alma mater and some kinfolks at the annual Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament, today (Thursday) through Saturday in Lubbock.

The Bobbies will open their post-Christmas schedule with a noon matchup today (Thursday) at Lubbock High against Panhandle. If Dimmitt wins, it will play the winner of the Claude-Abilene match at 7:30 that night at Coronado. If the Bobbies lose, they play the Estacado-Shallowater loser at noon Friday at Monterey.

Newland is a native of Claude and has a niece playing on the powerful Class A team this season.

Dimmitt's boys will meet Slaton at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) at Coronado. If the Bobcats win, they will face the Seminole-Abernathy winner at 7:30 that night at Monterey. If the Bobcats lose, they play at Monterey at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

The tournament will be a paradise for high school basketball fans, with 108 games scheduled at six venues over the three days. The field in-

cludes defending Class AAA state champion Groesbeck, Class A power Happy, Class AAAA toughie Randall and other good teams on the girls' side. The boys' side, besides the Bobcats and Indians, includes good squads from Sweetwater, Coronado, Canyon, Frenship, Shallowater and Lamesa.

The tournament finals will be held Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. After the final game, the Kenneth Cleveland Sportsmanship Awards will be given to deserving teams. Cleveland led teams to the tournament championship eight times, and over two dozen Bobbies and Bobcats have been named to the all-tournament teams in the past 38 years.

The tournament is sponsored by the Caprock Chapter of the American Business Clubs, and proceeds fund scholarships and other endeavors of the organization.

Classifieds gets results



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FIRST GAME: Bobcats vs. Slaton, Thursday, 9 a.m., at Coronado
FIRST GAME: Bobbies vs. Panhandle, Thursday, 12 noon, at Lubbock High



TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Cooper, There, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.



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Schedule and Scores

Dec. 26-28—Caprock Tournament (Girls and Boys), There
Dec. 31—Cooper, There
Jan. 3—*Dalhart, Here
Jan. 7—*Muleshoe, There
Jan. 10—*Sanford-Fritch, Here
Jan. 14—*Friona, There
Jan. 17—*Perryton, Here
Jan. 21—*Tulia, Here
Jan. 24—*River Road, There
Jan. 28—*Muleshoe, Here
Jan. 31—*Sanford-Fritch, There
Feb. 4—*Friona, Here
Feb. 7—*Dalhart, There
Feb. 11—*Tulia (Boys), There
Feb. 14—*Perryton (Boys), There

* Denotes District Games

Bobbies

41, Randall 50
43, Levelland 64
56, Borger 46
71, Lockney 34
45, Hereford 50
Frenship Tournament
53, Lubbock High 56
56, Shallowater 60
52, Muleshoe 48
41, Hereford 59
Levelland Tournament
19, Slaton 29
89, El Paso Ysleta 47
42, Levelland "Red" 33
Consolation Champs
77, Perryton 65
58, Tulia 48
54, River Road 70
District Record: 2-1
Season Record: 7-8

Bobcats

85, Randall 78
84, Levelland 62
69, Borger 62
64, Palo Duro 76
57, Abernathy 54
67, Hereford 57
Plainview Tournament
73, Lubbock Estacado 65
69, Sweetwater 62
66, Plainview 60
Champions
63, Caprock 61
Seminole Tournament
66, Denver City 59
64, Clint 61
45, Andrews 47
50, Seminole 57
Second Place
75, River Road 53
District Record: 1-0
Season Record: 12-3

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Swifts draw Friona first in Clarendon

The Nazareth Swifts will take on Friona at 2 p.m. today (Thursday), in first-round action of the Salt Fork Classic at Clarendon College.

Nazareth and Friona are the first teams to play in the tournament. Other first-round games will feature Wichita Falls vs. Quanah, Sanford-Fritch vs. Dumas and Clarendon vs. River Road.

If Nazareth beats Friona, it will take on the Wichita Falls-Quanah winner Friday at 6 p.m. The losers between Nazareth-Friona and Wichita Falls-Quanah will square off at 2 p.m. Friday.

The final day's schedule on Saturday opens with the seventh-place game at 2 p.m., followed by the third-place game at 4. The consolation championship will begin at 6 p.m. and the championship finals will tip off at 8.

Naz girls switch to Slaton tourney

For the past couple of years the Nazareth teams have played in the Caprock Holiday Tournament after Christmas, but this year, the Swifts elected to play in a tournament at Clarendon while the Swiftettes will be in the West Texas Girls Invitational at Slaton.

The Swiftettes will take on Abilene Cooper today (Thursday), at 2 p.m. in first-round action and if they win that game, they will play River Road at 12 noon Friday. If Nazareth loses to Abilene, the Swiftettes will earn a bye in the consolation bracket, they will play either Slaton or Dumas at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

The nine-team field also includes Levelland, Pampa, Childress and Abilene Wylie.

The championship bracket on Saturday will have a third-place game at 3 p.m. and finals at 4:30 p.m. In the consolation half of the bracket, the seventh-place game will begin at 12 noon followed by the consolation championship at 1:30 p.m.

A BOX ON ONE?—Hart's Sergio Martinez (33) is trapped in a corner by a group of Lazbuddie defenders during action Friday night in Hart. Lazbuddie won the battle between the two Longhorn teams, 74-44. Hart was led in scoring by big post man Dusty Ortiz, who finished with 18 points. Teammate Moses Reyna also finished in double figures with 12.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Early voting starts Monday

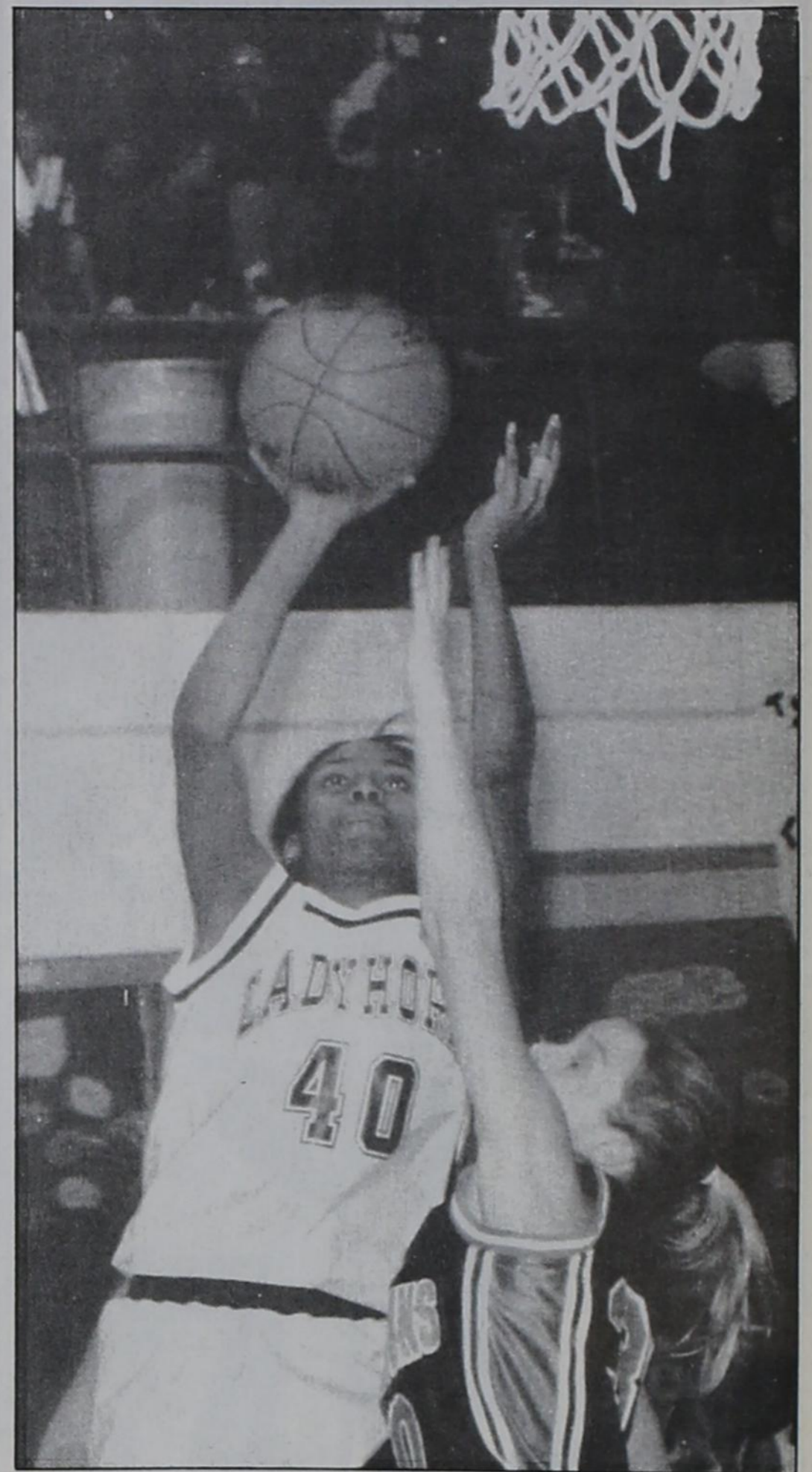
Early voting starts Monday in the special election set for Jan. 18 to fill the unexpired at-large position on the Dimmitt City Council.

Candidates are Lyman Schroeder and Rosa Jimenez.

Vacated by council member Johnny Ethridge, who moved away, the position has a five-month term remaining before it expires.

Early voting will be at the City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, continuing through Jan. 14.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 18, a Saturday.



IN YOUR FACE—Hart's Charbra Lee (40) isn't worried about the Lazbuddie Lady Horn defender with a hand in Lee's face, Charbra just scores over her opponent's outstretched arms. Lee and the Hart girls put up a tough fight, but were edged in the fourth quarter, 57-46. Ysa Rodriguez was Hart's top point getter with 15. Photo by Neoma Williams

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Lubbock, and Levelland. For information, call the District 3 Office of the ACS at 806-792-7126, or order by mail by calling 1-800-ACS-2345.

Local sales tax rebates jump

December sales tax rebates paid to the cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth rose sharply when compared with the rebate issued for the same period a year ago.

Dimmitt's rebate jumped 81.68% while Nazareth's was up 63.20%. The rebate issued to Castro County also reflected a major increase—104.26%

A year ago, the county's 50% portion of the sales tax earned it \$6,212.07. This year, the same percentage raised \$12,688.88. For the year, Castro County has earned rebates totaling \$122,780.92, up 5.39% from the 1995 total of \$116,498.85.

The city of Dimmitt's portion of the local sales tax is 1.5%, and that earned the city a rebate of \$26,963.91, a big improvement from the \$14,840.67 paid in December 1995. Dimmitt's year-to-date total of \$281,989.40 is 3.92% better than the \$271,344.74 from January through December 1995.

Nazareth received a December rebate for \$1,070.84 from its 1.5% sales tax portion. Last year, the city earned \$656.14 for its December rebate. For the year, Nazareth has received \$10,122.50 in rebates, compared with \$10,222.77 a year ago.

Hart didn't receive a rebate check a year ago, and this year the city received \$1,893.94. That brings its yearly total to \$14,678.06, up 10.71% from the 1995 total of \$13,257.60.

December payments issued to cities and counties in Texas includes sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the comptroller in November.



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Good Luck, Swifts in the Clarendon Tournament!

FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Friona, Thursday, 2 p.m.

MONDAY: Swiftettes vs. Muleshoe, Here
MONDAY: Swifts vs. Floyd, NM, There

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Ni-cad battery recycling begins

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is bringing a nationwide battery recycling program to Texas.

"Charge Up to Recycle" will help Texans conveniently recycle nickel-cadmium (ni-cad) rechargeable batteries.

Ni-cad batteries are used in products such as cellular phones and cordless telephones, cordless power tools, camcorders and remote control toys. Under the program, Texans can take ni-cad batteries for recycling to participating retail stores and community recycling sites. The program also will collect ni-cad batteries from businesses and public agencies, such as hospitals and fire departments.

The TNRCC is working with the non-profit Rechargeable Battery Recycling Cooperation (RBRC) that operates the recycling program. By participating in the program, Texans are conserving the earth's natural resources by preventing ni-cad batteries from entering landfills throughout the state.

Batteries collected under Charge Up to Recycle are shipped to a state-of-the-art recycling facility in Ellwood City, Penn. The recycled nickel and iron are used to make stainless steel. The recovered cadmium is used to make new rechargeable batteries.

To find out where to take ni-cad batteries for recycling, call the TNRCC toll-free at 1-800-64TEXAS or call Charge Up to Recycle at 1-800-8-BATTERY. More information also is available on the Internet at www.rbrc.com.

\$1.4 million in tax refunds are unclaimed

A total of 2,795 North Texas taxpayers have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season.

The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,369,617 million in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$23,378. Nationwide, more than 96,400 taxpayers have yet to receive their 1995 refunds which total about \$62 million.

These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. Many taxpayers move and do not give the IRS their new address or their returns have an incorrect name and address. Tax payers who are due a refund can call 1-800-829-1040.

"Taxpayers can eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing Direct Deposit," said North Texas District Director Bobby E. Scott.

Although thousands of refunds are not delivered each year, that number is small compared to the refunds that are delivered. Last filing season, almost 79 million refunds were delivered, an average amount of \$1,227 each.



DIMMITT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Board of Directors members elected at the chamber membership meeting held last week include (from left) Suzan Sanders and Cheryl Pybus. Also voted in were Mike Bain and Jim Wright. The meeting was held at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, and decorations were provided by the Republican Organization for Women and the GA girls from the First Baptist Church. Financial reports were accepted, along with the budget for next year.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Non-point source meeting slated Jan. 16 in Lubbock

The South Plains Agricultural Nonpoint Source Conference is set for Jan. 16 in Lubbock, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q.

Registration cost is \$15, which includes a catered noon meal and break time refreshments. Sign-up deadline is Jan. 8. Late registration will cost \$25, and does not guarantee lunch. Registration forms may be obtained by calling Charley Rodgers, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Regional Manager, at 806-839-1030, or Beade Northcut at 817-773-2250.

"The conference will offer factual and current information on water quality issues that are important to agricultural operators today," said Northcut, an engineer for TSSWCB. "It also will offer continuing education units (CEUs) for individuals wishing to renew their private pesticide applicator's license through the Texas Dept. Of Agriculture."

The agenda for the conference has been formed from the most commonly asked questions by producers. Agricultural agency officials, university researchers and agricultural specialists will address essential issues such as nonpoint source water pollution and the need for certified water quality management plans, as specified in Senate Bill 503 by the 73rd Texas Legislature.

Several South Plains area producers will serve as panelists for discussions on the practical and economic benefits associated with water quality management plans, as well as take questions posed by members of

the audience. Commissioner John Baker of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission will serve as the keynote speaker at the conference; and Mark Smith, special assistant to the Speaker of the House for natural resources and agriculture, will speak on statewide agricultural water quality issues.

Castro County 4-H Show results listed

On Dec. 7, approximately 50 4-H youth exhibited their livestock projects at the annual Castro County 4-H Show. Cody Hill, Parmer County Extension Agent-Agriculture, was the judge.

The winners are:

STEERS

English Breed Champion: Justin Sutton
 English Reserve Breed Champion: Carol Summers
 Exotic Breed Champion: Justin Sutton
 Exotic Reserve Breed Champion: Reece Hales
GRAND CHAMPION STEER: Justin Sutton
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER: Justin Sutton
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Justin Sutton
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Reece Hales

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Berkshire Breed Champion: Raynee Bradley
 Berkshire Reserve Breed Champion: Jared Griffitt
 Chester Breed Champion: Charley Nutt
 Chester Reserve Breed Champion: B. J. Kern
 Duroc Breed Champion: B. J. Kern
 Duroc Reserve Breed Champion: Jeff Stovall

Hampshire Breed Champion: Keli Schulte
 Hampshire Reserve Breed Champion: Haley Heard
 Poland Breed Champion: Jeff Stovall
 Poland Reserve Breed Champion: Susan Kern

Spot Breed Champion: Jody Stovall
 Spot Reserve Breed Champion: Aaron Kern

Yorkshire Breed Champion: Keli Schulte
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GRAND CHAMPION BARROW: Keli Schulte
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW: Jody Stovall
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Jeff Stovall
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Corey Lane

LAMBS

Finewool Breed Champion: Jennifer Wilhelm
 Reserve Breed Champion: Meggie Lemons
 Finewool Cross Breed Champion: Ross Hunter
 Reserve Finewool Cross Breed Champion: Jennifer Wilhelm
 Medium Wool Breed Champion: Lauren Waggoner
 Medium Wool Reserve Breed Champion: Raynee Bradley
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB: Ross Hunter
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB: Jennifer Wilhelm
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Shane Furr
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Jeremy Furr

Other 4-Hers who showed are Garrett Behrends, Lyndee Behrends, Brandon Furr, Kellie George, Tanner Griffitt, Lyndsey Heard, Evan Huseman, Kendra Huseman, Bridget Hochstein, Kelsey Hochstein, Ryan Hunter, Mathew Kern, Heath Lunsford, James Lunsford, Kristin McClure, Rusty McDaniel, Bryce Pohlmeier, and Tyler Waggoner.

"We want to thank the local busi-

nesses and individuals who donated money for buckles and banners. It wouldn't be possible without them," a 4-H spokesperson said.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Before the Old Year is Gone...

We want to say, "Thanks, and have a happy new year!"

Nazareth Feed & Supply



HAVE A GREAT TIME!

Here's hoping your celebration lasts well into the new year!

Many thanks to our loyal customers for giving us good reason to celebrate.

El Sombrero Restaurant
 Floyd Lopez and Son

Start Celebrating!

We hope you'll have occasion to celebrate often throughout the year, just as your kind patronage has given us plenty of reason to rejoice.
 We look forward to your visits all through '97!

Happy New Year, everyone!

Jerry's Automotive & Machine

Have A Happy New Year!

A new beginning is certainly something to celebrate, but drinking and driving could spell the end of the festivities for a lifetime. That's why we urge everyone to follow these important guidelines for a safe and happy new year.

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year From All Of Us!

- 1 Host an alcohol-free party of your own, substituting exotic fruit drinks and fun activities for alcohol.
- 2 If you must drink, use common sense and eat plenty of food. Limit alcohol intake to one drink per hour.
- 3 Make driving arrangements beforehand. Appoint a designated driver, arrange for a taxi or make sleep-over plans.
- 4 Be a pal. Offer a lift to intoxicated party-goers or call a cab, but don't let them drive.
- 5 Watch out for the other guy. Report any suspicious driving at nearest toll booth or police phone.

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Here's To A Very Good Year!

And here's to you, our loyal customers. We really appreciate all your visits and hope your year is a sparkling success.

With thanks and best wishes from all of us.

Terra International

Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT
County Executive Director

The results of the 1996 Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee election for LAA-2 are Shari Willis Bradley, COC member; Ronald Gfeller, first alternate COC; Donny Carpenter, second alternate COC; and J.H. Myatt, community committee member.

The new term of office will begin Jan. 1, 1997.

Emergency loans

Castro County was declared eligible for FSA disaster emergency loans on Nov. 15. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to a natural disaster are eligible for FSA loans.

FSA Ag Credit manager Ed Luebken is urging farmers who are interested in applying for an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible. The deadline is June 24, 1997.

For more information call 647-5141.

Dairy refund payment

Producers who reduced their 1996 calendar year marketings compared to 1995 calendar year milk marketings must apply for their refund between Jan. 2, 1997 and March 17, 1997.

The refund payment amount will be assessment withheld from the producer's proceeds from Jan. 1 through April 30.

Producers must bring their printout from American Milk Producers, Inc. showing the milk marketings (by month) for both years and the amount withheld from the Gram-Rudman Assessment for each month.

Production flex contracts

We are in the process of updating shares for 1997 AMTA contracts. If you have a year to year crop lease, then you will need to designate the shares on the contract for 1997 before advance payments can be made.

We have made requested Dec. 15 advances for designated shares, and will make Jan. 15 advance payments for those who have updated their

contract by that date. If contracts are not updated by Jan. 15, 1997, the entire payment will be issued on Sept. 30, 1997 (if shares are designated).

If you have any doubt about the status of your AMTA contract, call the FSA office.

Crop insurance update

The final date to report 1997 small grain planted acreage for catastrophic insurance purposes is Tuesday.

The \$50 per crop administrative fee must be paid at the time of acreage certification.

Appointment times have been made and sent to applicable producers. If you have catastrophic insurance with FSA and have not received an appointment card, call 647-2153.

Producers who do not have a catastrophic policy for small grains through the FSA office have until May 15, 1997, to certify.

Farm record changes

If you have sold, purchased, leased or rented land recently or made any other changes in your farming operations, contact the FSA office so your farm records can be updated.

Updating records will enable FSA to serve producers more efficiently and accurately in the future.

Payment limit requirements

No program benefits subject to limitation may be provided to any producer until the necessary payment limitation determinations are made. The producer will be ineligible until all required forms are provided to the county committee.

Statutory provisions require entities earning program benefits that are subject to a limitation to provide the names, addresses and identification numbers of the entities' members to county committee and entities' members must designate "permitted entities."

All farming operating plans and all permitted entity designations are subject to spot check through the end of the year review process. If selected, you will be required to submit documentation to show that the farm plan was carried out as certified. Documents such as loan

documents, equipment invoices, equipment listings, equipment and land leases, payroll ledgers, invoices for supplies, chemicals and seed, sales documents and copies of checks are some of the documents that are required for the review.

Spouses may be considered separate "persons" for payment limitation purposes if this determination is requested and the applicable requirements are met.

A determination of not "actively engaged in farming" results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring this

determination.

If you only receive payments under the AMTA program and/or CRP, you are not required to complete or update Form CCC-502 after the initial "person and payment eligibility determinations have been made unless there is a succession in interest or any other occurrence whereby a new producer becomes eligible to earn benefits subject to limitation on an existing contract; there is a change in share on an existing contract; there has been a change in shares or members; and/or COC considers it to be necessary or appropriate in a particular case.

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Many thanks!

Pro-Ag, Inc.

To Old Acquaintances AND NEW ONES, TOO!

We'll never forget the kindnesses of the many good friends and neighbors we've had the privilege to serve this past year.
Happy New Year to all of you.

**Schaeffer, Sutton,
Schaeffer & Myatt**



TIME TO CELEBRATE

We don't want to let another minute go by without letting you know how much we appreciate your friendship and support.
Happy New Year and many thanks.

Zockhart Pharmacy
107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-3392



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here's hoping it's filled with wonderful days. Thanks, friends!

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The future looks great, thanks to you. May you and yours enjoy good fortune this year and beyond!

**Hereford Texas
Federal Credit Union**



TIME OUT TO SAY "THANKS!"


Warm wishes for a happy and healthy new year to all our customers, neighbors and friends.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

Welcome to the New Year

The time to celebrate is here. For it is the first of the year. Our spirits are running so high. Hoping that you'll be stopping by. So we can wish all of our friends, A year with fun that never ends!

Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US

The air is ripe with anticipation, Plus our best wishes and admiration For all of you who have made our year A cause for celebration and good cheer.

Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply

HAPPY NEW YEARS 1997

THE WAITING IS OVER!

1997 is finally here, and before another minute goes by, we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our friends around town for their valued patronage!

Ernie's Bar-B-Q
From Earnest and Eva and Family

Obituaries

J.W. Benson

Services for J.W. Benson, 86, of Hereford, were held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, and Bonnie Dunnsouth, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Benson died last Thursday, Dec. 19, in Westgate Nursing Home.

He was born July 17, 1910, in Comanche, Okla. He married Gladys Jones in 1932 in Clovis, N.M. He moved to Dimmitt in 1944 and to Hereford in 1995.

He was a Texaco wholesaler and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Myrna Kay Benson, in 1949.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Susan Royal of St. Thomas; and a granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to King's Manor/Westgate in Hereford.

Gerald Ray Greathouse Sr.

Gerald Ray Greathouse Sr., 79, of Roswell, N.M., father of Cheryl Lynn Pybus of Dimmitt, died Sunday.

Services will be held today (Thursday) at Blackburn-Shaw Chapel's downtown location in Amarillo with Rev. Blaine Barber of Agape Baptist Church of Potosy, Mich., officiating. Burial will follow at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with military graveside rites. Arrangements will be handled by LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Greathouse was born Dec. 26, 1916, in Amarillo. He married Adalene Snow on Feb. 2, 1941, in Hereford. He moved to Roswell, N.M., in 1988.

He was in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. He was employed as a butcher for the Civil Service for 20 years, working at Amarillo, at the Navajo Army Depot in Flagstaff, Ariz., and Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M., until his retirement. He was a member of the VFW in Amarillo and of the Baptist Faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmons and Mamie Ethel Tubbs Greathouse, and two brothers, Elmer Lee Greathouse and Wayne Greathouse.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Gerald Ray Greathouse Jr.; four daughters, Gaye Lynette Keaton of Canyon, Cheryl Lynn Pybus of Dimmitt, Ira Jean Fendley of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Jo Ellen Rush of Clovis, N.M.; a brother, Myrle E. Greathouse of Abilene; two sisters, Nettie Campbell of Amarillo and Betty McKinney of Decatur; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons including Bradley Fendley, Bobby Fendley, Clinton Greathouse, Jason Greathouse, Kyle Greathouse, Eric Keaton and Dustin Rush.

The family requests memorials be to Roswell Hospice in Roswell, N.M.

Renford Norrell

Services for Renford Norrell, 75, of Ropesville, mother of James Norrell of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at Fellowship Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Horn, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Idalou Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Norrell died Saturday at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

She was born March 11, 1921, in Kauffman County. She moved to Hockley County from Morton in 1945. She married Kelcie Norrell on Aug. 1, 1940, in Van Zandt County. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, James Norrell of Dimmitt; a daughter, Brenda Snider of McBee, S.C.; a brother, Lloyd Bryant of Swan; two sisters, Mable Easterly of Corsicana and Dollie B. Fowler of Canton; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Computer classes are continuing

Richard Spears of Dimmitt is conducting a series of computer classes offering professional hands-on training designed for beginners. Cost will be \$20 per class.

All classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be held in the Dimmitt High School computer lab with Spears as the instructor.

The next session will be Jan. 6, 7 and 9. The class subject will be Introduction to the Internet.

Jan. 13, 14 and 16 will cover Basic Word Processing.



GIFT GIVING—Students in the third grade class taught by Linda Koch give \$56.70 to Donna Stump, Child Protective Services worker, to benefit local foster children at Christmas time. The class members voted unanimously to donate the money they would have spent buying gifts for each other and give it to CPS instead. Some of the children also had money-raising projects to add to the fund. Koch teaches at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Here are some of *Time* magazine's listings of "The Best and Worst of 1996." See if you agree:

Best Cinema: (1) "The English Patient," (2) "Big Night," (3) "Trainspotting," (4) "Lone Star," (5) "Chungking Express."

Best Television: (1) "EZ Streets" [CBS], (2) "Seinfeld" [NBC], (3) "Pride and Prejudice" [A&E], (4) "Murder One" [ABC], (5) "Politically Incorrect's" Election Coverage [Comedy Central].

(I disagree. For my money, "Law & Order" [NBC] is still the best series on TV.)

Best Music: (1) *New Moon Daughter*, jazz vocal by Cassandra Wilson [Blue Note]. (2) *Bernard Herrmann: the Film Scores*, The Los Angeles Philharmonic, directed by Esa-Pekka Salonen [Sony Classical]. (3) *The Score*, by the Haitian-American rap trio The Fugees [Ruffhouse/Columbia]. (4) *The Trouble With the Truth*, country/soul vocals by Patty Loveless [Epic]. (5) *Night Song*, Pakistani Sufi religious music by Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Michael Brook [Real World/Caroline].

Best Advertising: (1) Nissan "Toys" animated commercial featuring GI Joe and Barbie look-alikes, (2) Levi's Wide-Leg jeans "Elevator Fantasy" commercial, (3)

Lipton Brisk Iced Tea "Frank Sinatra" animated commercial, (4) print ads for fashion clothing by German designer Jil Sander, (5) Hewlett-Packard's "Sibling Rivalry" commercial for its home PC computers.

Best Design: (1) National Nederlanden Building in Prague, Czechoslovakia. (2) Calvin Klein Cut-Out Dress. (3) Book design for "S,M,X,XL" by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas and Canadian graphic designer Bruce Mau. (4) Aro-noff Center for Design and Art in Cincinnati, designed by architect Peter Eisenman. (5) Canon ELPH 490Z aluminum-bodied point-and-shoot camera.

Best Sports Phenoms: (1) Golfer Tiger Woods, (2) Seattle Mariners shortstop Alex Rodriguez, (3) the Carolina Panthers, NFL expansion team that made the playoffs in their second season, (4) pro tennis newcomer Martina Hingis, 16, (5) ice hockey player Paul Kariya, 22, of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

(I disagree again. Olympic gymnast Kerri Strug was listed 7th and world-record sprinter Michael Johnson wasn't listed at all.)

Worst Performances: (1) Bob Dole presidential campaign. (2) President Clinton, during a press conference in Canberra, Australia, responding to allegations of illegal campaign contributions solicited by

former Democratic party fund-raiser John Huang. (3) John Tesh's commentary during NBC's telecasts of the Olympic gymnastics. (4) The public rivalry between Rupert Murdoch (Fox Network) and Ted Turner (Turner Network). (5) Pierre Salinger's announcement that he had proof that TWA Flight 800 was accidentally shot down by a US Navy missile; his proof turned out to be an elaborate Internet rumor.

Best Books: "The Moor's Last Sigh," novel by Salman Rushdie [Pantheon], (2) "Infinite Jest," novel by David Foster Wallace [Little, Brown], (3) "The Tailor of Panama," mystery novel by John le Carré [Knopf], (4) "Ants on the Melon," poetry by Virginia Hamilton Adair [Random House], (5) "The Odyssey," Robert Fagles' new contemporary English translation of Homer's epic tale.

1996 has been, generally, a good year for most of us. I hope 1997 will be a year of "bests" for you!

Police Calls

Two people were injured in an accident last Thursday morning at the intersection of Jones and Broadway in Dimmitt.

Both were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where they both were treated and released.

Police reported that Angelita Basquez Niabes, 63, of Hart had been heading north on Broadway and attempted to turn left onto Jones Street. Her 1994 Dodge Intrepid turned into the path of a 1981 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jim Don Laurent, 19, of Dimmitt, who was heading south on Broadway. Both vehicles were listed with heavy damage.

Niabes was ticketed for failure to yield right of way turning left. Laurent was ticketed for not wearing a seat belt.

An accident Dec. 17 resulted in moderate to light damage to two vehicles in the ALCO parking lot.

Police reported that Elva Angelica Murillo, 23, of Dimmitt, was backing her 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier out of a parking space and struck an unattended, parked pickup belonging to Lester Womack of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported.

Two Dimmitt people, a 38-year-old woman and a 19-year-old man, were booked into the jail Dec. 18 on charges of assault/bodily injury to a family member. Reportedly, the two assaulted another family member.

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Screening set Jan. 2

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Jan. 2 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

The screening costs \$70. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.



LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

We really appreciate your calling on us and look forward to seeing you again next year. Happy New Year!

Alvin's Drive-In Cleaners

Cargill is now accepting scholarship applications

The Cargill Foundation is accepting applications for 250 \$1,000 scholarships, which will be awarded to high school seniors from farm families.

The Cargill Scholarship for Rural America is open to all high school seniors who will graduate in the spring. The seniors must come from families that derive at least half of their income from farming. Scholarship candidates must enroll full-time next fall at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

In the past, several Castro County students have been awarded the scholarships.

Information and application forms may be obtained at any Cargill office or high school FFA department. Students may also request forms from the Cargill scholarship coordinator, National FFA, PO Box 45205, Madison, Wis., 53744-5205. Application deadline is Feb. 15.

The Cargill Foundation established the program in 1986 to recognize and encourage academic achievement, accomplishment and talent among rural youth. So far, Cargill has presented 2,250 awards for a total of \$2.25 million.

The National FFA selects the scholarship winners, although appli-

cants do not have to be members of FFA. The organization bases its selections on academic record, leadership, extra-curricular accomplishments and financial need.

"The program has helped to honor academic achievement among rural students," said Ernest Micek, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cargill. "It's an endeavor which continues to receive enthusiastic responses by families in rural communities. It has become a favorite and well-established tradition."

Together We Can

TIME'S RUNNING OUT...

As 1996 comes to an end, we'd like to say "Happy New Year and thanks for being our friend!"

Dale's Auto & Salvage Nazareth



Happy New Year, Friends!

We've gathered here today, To send our best your way. Plus enough goodwill and cheer... To last throughout the year!

Thank you for giving us something to celebrate. See you next year.

Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc.