

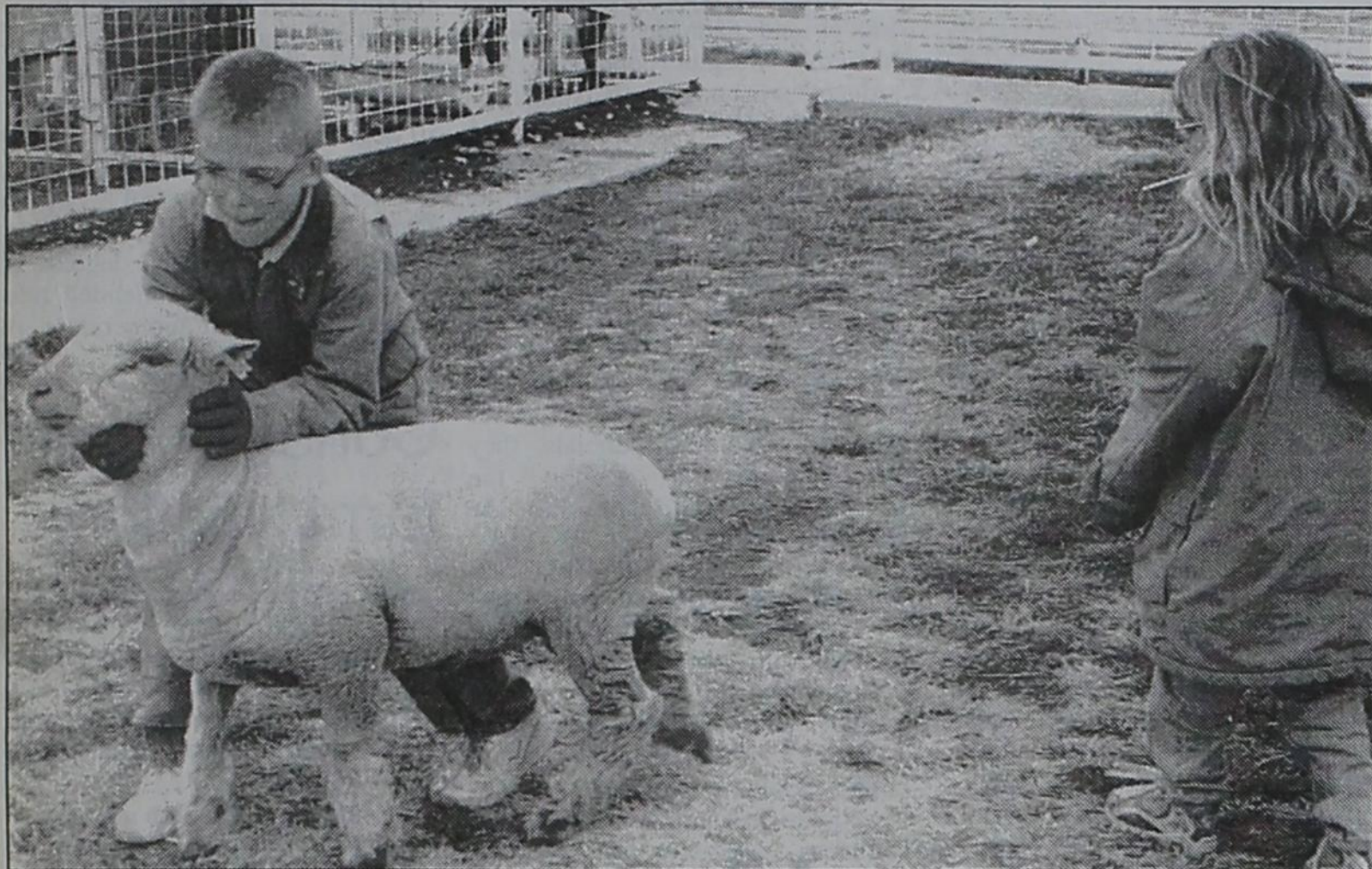
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**WORK-OUT TIME**—Dustin Thomas works with his Southdown lamb, named "Chops," in preparation for the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which is slated for Feb. 10-12 at the Expo

building and grounds in Dimmitt. Thomas, 9, is a member of the Dimmitt Junior FFA. He is the son of Jimmy and Julia Thomas. Watching his efforts is his sister, Carle.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Greenbugs are sucking the life out of area wheat

Greenbugs are causing a problem for wheat growers throughout most of Castro County, according to County Extension Agents Johnna Patterson, Integrated Pest Management, and Pammy Millican, Agriculture.

They also have been a problem in Lamb County, according to Patterson.

Greenbugs are not like other aphid-like insects, in that they do not just suck the juices out of plants, they also cause plant tissue damage, sometimes causing plants to die.

"Growers can't afford to spray right now," Millican said. "But if they don't it can hurt their situation with their crop insurance."

"But once they start spraying, the insects can build resistance, too."

Many growers are allowing grazing on wheat crops right now, and the grazing pressure is helping keep the greenbug numbers down, Patterson said.

A big consideration in deciding whether to spray or not to control the pests is the value of the crop and prices are down right now.

Millican and Patterson said many growers will not spray unless they think they will try to harvest the crop, in which case they may spray later in March or April.

The milder weather so far this winter also has not been cold enough to do much damage to the bugs, Patterson said.

There is a reduction in the amount

of forage produced and there may be a yield loss due to the greenbugs, but there are no signs of any crops being "wiped out" yet, the two noted.

Information from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service on greenbugs follows:  
**Nature of Damage.**

Greenbugs are aphids that suck plant juices and inject toxins into the plants. These aphids are pale green, approximately 1/16-inch long, with

a characteristic dark green stripe on the back. Greenbugs develop in large numbers under favorable conditions and may cause economic losses.

Greenbugs reproduce rapidly at temperatures between 55 and 95 degrees F. Natural enemies, however, reproduce slowly when temperatures are below 65 degrees F. Thus, in cool weather the greenbug may increase to enormous

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## Commissioners discuss space for extension offices

The Castro County Commissioners met in a called session Tuesday to discuss new facilities for the County Extension office, and set another meeting for Monday at 10:30 a.m. to receive additional information.

Allan Foster, a representative of Energas, spoke with the commissioners regarding the former Energas office in Dimmitt, next door to First United Bank. He said the Energas lease on the building will expire in September.

He said that Energas could vacate the building by March 1 if it is approved for the building to be subleased to the county. He said he thought the lease could be set at about \$450 per month.

Foster told the commissioners that the building is owned by the Gilliland Group in Amarillo, and gave them the name of a contact person.

County Judge Irene Miller called the company and was told that they had no plans for the building after the lease with Energas expires in September.

Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent-Home Economics, was injured recently in a fall on the outside stairs leading to the basement offices of the Extension Service.

She told the commissioners Tuesday that although her doctor may release her to return to work soon, he told her she will not be released to navigate stairs.

Neal told the commissioners that alternate facilities have been needed for quite some time, since many of the patrons of the Extension office

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## New UIL rule will split Class A into two divisions for basketball

Hart will be a big school and Nazareth will be a small school in Class A as far as the basketball season goes during the 2000-2001 school year.

And under the new rules adopted by the University Interscholastic League, the two teams, which are 12 miles apart, could theoretically meet in Austin in March 2000 to play for the Lone Star Cup—an overall Class A state championship.

One of the UIL's newest and most controversial rules splits the 310 Class A schools into 64 districts—32 Division I or "big" schools and 32 Division II or "small" schools.

In the playoffs, teams will play only schools in their respective divisions through the state semifinal game.

Hart will compete in District 3-A, Division I, with Bovina, Springlake-Earth, Farwell, Kress and Sudan. Nazareth will play Happy, Silverton and Turkey Valley in District 4-A, Division II.

There will be a state champion in each division—the winners of the state semifinals—then those champions will square off in a game to decide the Class A Lone Star Cup Champion.

This change was passed by a referendum ballot of member school districts.

Two representatives from each district will still advance to the playoffs. A bi-district round will still start the playoff run, with those winners advancing to a "sectional playoff" tournament.

The top two Region 1-A teams from that sectional tournament will advance to a "state semifinal" tournament and will compete with the top two teams from Region 2-A for

the right to advance to the state tournament in Austin.

The same format will be observed to select a winner from Regions 3-A and 4-A.

Four teams in the state will reach the Austin tournament—two from Division I and two from Division II.

Each division will hold its state championship game first, then winners of those games will meet in a game that will decide the overall conference champion.

"The basketball playoff format will definitely be a change from what it is now," said Nazareth Swifts' Coach Mike Scarbrough. "Now the winner of Region 1 has to beat the winner of Region 2 to get to Austin. They've turned it into an East Texas vs. West Texas thing."

"I think a lot of people think that the competition level will drop, but I don't see that, at least not among the boys' teams. If you look at the Divi-

sion II teams, you've got Brookeland, Laneville and Calvert—all those teams have won state championships and a lot of them are ranked highly now. There are a lot of teams with good, rich traditions. You'll still have to play well throughout the playoffs if you want to get to Austin."

Scarbrough said for a team to reach the state tournament in Austin, it will still have to play the same number of playoff games it does under current rules.

"It's new and I think it's going to be exciting," Scarbrough said.

Nazareth Swiftette Coach Matt Garrett said there are good points and bad points to the new alignment.

"It's six one way and a half-dozen the other," Garrett said.

"I don't think our competition will be quite as strong overall because we won't be playing bigger schools like

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## UIL realignment

# Dimmitt fans will save gas

Marathon road trips to destinations within their district are history for Dimmitt players and fans, thanks to the University Interscholastic League's (UIL) new realignment, announced Tuesday morning.

Gone from the Dimmitt district schedule are the distant District 1-AAA schools of Perryton and Dalhart; along with Tulia, Sanford-Fritch and River Road.

Under the new realignment, which will be in effect for the 2000-2002 school years, Dimmitt will move to District 2-AAA, joining Littlefield, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Roosevelt, Muleshoe and Shallowater.

That district lineup will be in force for the 2000-2002 football seasons and for the 2000-2001 basketball season.

Replacing Dimmitt in the 1-AAA slot for those years will be the Childress Bobcats.

"Travel-wise, it's better for us because it's going to be easier to go to Lubbock than it is to Perryton, but competition-wise, I'd say the two districts are about equal," said Dimmitt Supt. Les Miller.

"Both District 1-AAA and 2-AAA have always had very strong competition, so there's very little difference in that area," Miller said.

Miller said Dimmitt moving into District 2-AAA was a surprise to him.

"I really expected us to stay in 1-AAA. But when Friona dropped to AA, they decided to move us into the south district. We'll be the only newcomer in 2-AAA," Miller said.

While no area AA schools moved up from Class AA to Class AAA, a couple of Region 1-AAA schools

dropped into the Class AA ranks, including Friona, Colorado City and Comanche.

"We haven't met with officials from schools in the new district yet to determine policy changes like what time district games will be played and things like that," Miller said. "But we have already drawn up a district schedule for the 2000-2001 year."

Under the new realignment, all schools with an enrollment between 345 to 844 were grouped in Class AAA and there are 215 of them in 32 districts across the state.

## 2000-2002 Football District Alignments

### District 2-A

Boys Ranch  
Hart  
Kress  
Nazareth  
Stratford  
Vega

### District 2-AAA

Dimmitt  
Littlefield  
Lubbock Cooper  
Lubbock Roosevelt  
Muleshoe  
Shallowater

## Friday is last call for Valentine brags

It's time for grandparents to pull out those cute pictures of their grandchildren and show them off on the News' Valentine Brag Page, which will be printed next Thursday, Feb. 10.

Just bring us a photo of your grandchild to our office at 108 W. Bedford in Dimmitt and we will place it in a special display frame with your grandchild's name and yours for a \$10 fee. Pictures must be received by Friday to be included on the Brag Page.

For more information, call the News office at 647-3123.

## Census seeks local workers

The US Census Bureau is seeking workers to help count the population in Castro County, and testing and training is provided.

Testing of applicants will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall each Tuesday at 9 a.m., and each Wednesday at 3 p.m. Also, testing will be held at the Hart American Legion Hall every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

The jobs are for part-time workers with flexible hours, paying from \$9 to \$11 per hour. Workers are paid weekly, including for training. Also, a mileage reimbursement of 32 cents a mile is given.

Lorenzo Trevizo, a recruiting assistant of the Census Bureau, will be administering the local tests.

"We need hundreds of people to do the job in this area," Trevizo said. "No specific work experience is needed, but some areas require people with bi-lingual skills."

Trevizo said that Census takers will receive an official identification badge and are able to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends.

"You'll be asked to work at least 20 hours a week for up to eight weeks," Trevizo said.

"It is important that all Americans are counted in Census 2000, so pick up the phone and call your local Census office today," Trevizo said.

The area Census office is in Amarillo at 371-9317, ext. 115, or 1-888-325-7733.

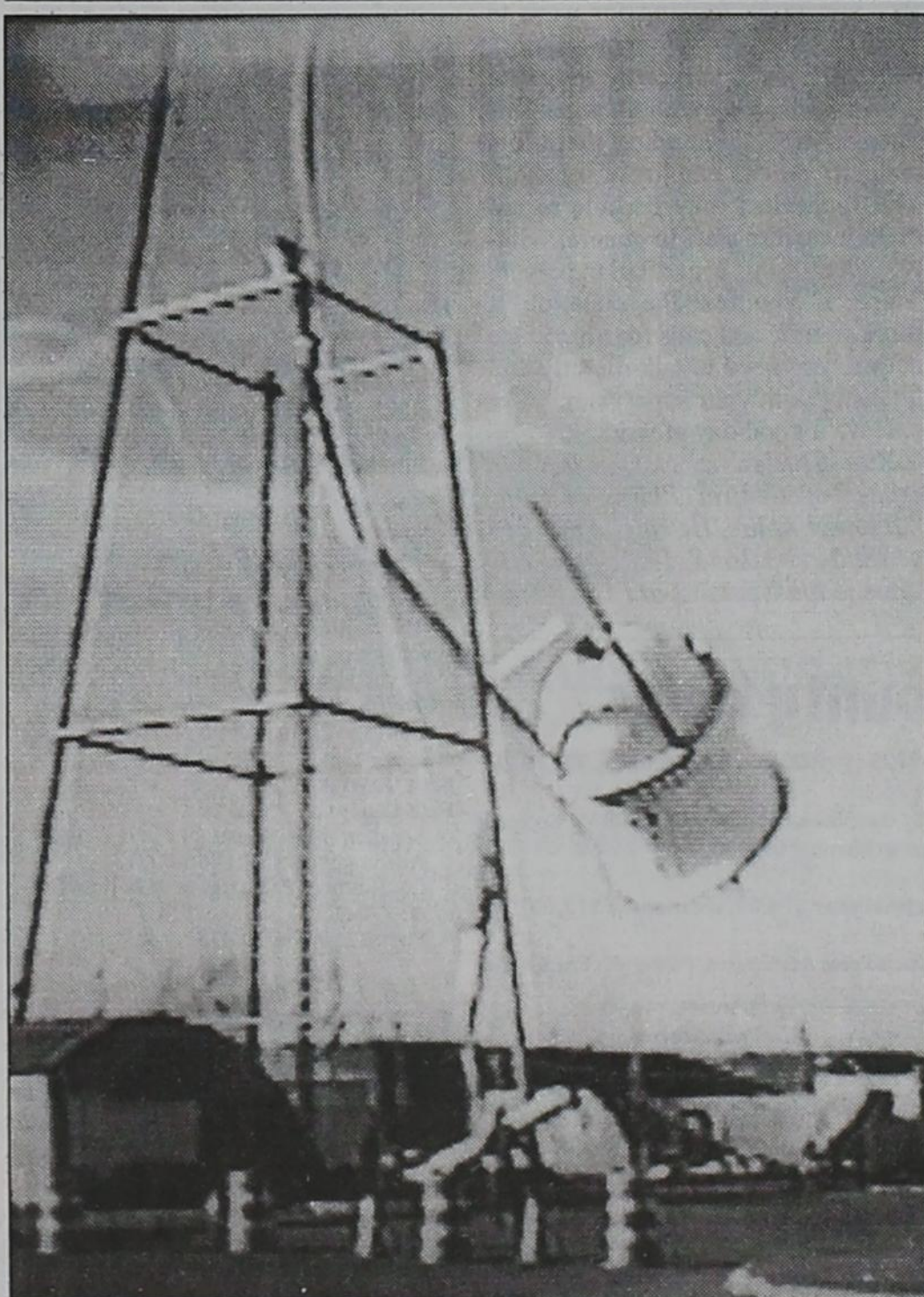
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## Weather

|                             | High | Low | Pr. |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|-----|
| Thursday                    | 37   | 19  | .07 |
| (just under 1 inch of snow) |      |     |     |
| Friday                      | 28   | 20  |     |
| Saturday                    | 37   | 12  |     |
| Sunday                      | 44   | 11  |     |
| Monday                      | 49   | 13  |     |
| Tuesday                     | 44   | 13  |     |
| Wednesday                   | 47   | 17  |     |

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| January Moisture  | 0.07 |
| February Moisture | 0.00 |
| 2000 Moisture     | 0.07 |

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



**HUNTER DEMOLITION** of San Antonio used a crane to pull the top off the old water tower in southeast Dimmitt, after severing it from the legs. Erected in 1929, the tower came from Chicago Iron and Bridge Works. The demolition began at 6 a.m. Jan. 26, and the tower was pulled down just before 5 p.m. Cleanup continued for two days. This photo was shot from a video taken by City Manager Don Sheffy, using a video camera loaned by Kittrell Electronics.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Op-Ed

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25 years ago

## That championship season

(Editor's Note: Steve Myatt was an all-state post forward on Dimmitt High School's state championship boys' basketball team in 1975. He now coaches varsity girls' basketball at Gruver. He is the son of J. H. and Earlene Myatt.)

**Dear Editor:**  
On March 11, 2000, the 1975 Dimmitt Basketball State Champions will be honored at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

It has been 25 years since our championship run, but it seems like only yesterday. To this day I can close my eyes and see it all.

Gregory Gym. Crowds getting to the gym at 3 in the afternoon to see us play at 8 p.m. for the Friona and Morton games.

The crowd at Levelland. Three overtimes (against Friona in the district playoff game). J. H. Myatt showing me the first fist-pumping I had ever seen when the game against Van Vleck was decided. Being six feet from the official while he blew his whistle and NOT being able to hear it! Bill Sanders yelling, "Get on the boards, Myatt!" Beating Abernathy five, count 'em, FIVE times! Brad Sanders' floor generalship, leadership, and passing. Jim Birdwell's high-flying jump shot with feathery touch. Craig Williams' rainbow shots from the corner. The Hampton brothers' (Johnny and Travis) poise and intelligence under pressure. Wayne McKee's athletic drives to the hoop. Dudley Wooten's incredible hustle. Danny Vaughan's sense of humor. Cliff Parker's brains. Robert Calhoun's way of always being ready to play, and his harmonica playing. Terry Young's smile. Kelly Moore's positive attitude and putting the team first. All of our parents supporting us so much. These are just a few of the special memories I have.

There are three who aren't with us

anymore. The most important memories I have are those of our coach,

When Kenneth died a few years ago, some of our heart died also. I am still so proud that gym is named after him. It is so comforting seeing his name up there. We were his first state championship team.

While there can be debate about the best team he ever coached, there is no doubt that we were his team of destiny. Kenneth Cleveland was the master motivator and strategist, but he was so much more. I am not sure it can be put into words what the feeling was like having him as our coach. His calmness and poise, combined with the way he seemed to know us so well, was always there whenever we happened to need him. One look at him and we just knew that it would be all right. I honestly believe that no team ever believed in their coach more than we did.

Robert Calhoun's contributions to this team are probably the most underrated of all. Robert died the winter break of our first year at college, and we still miss him. He was always ready to play well in the big games. When you have a senior like Robert coming off the bench, you know you have a special team!

Danny Vaughan's best basketball would be played when he was a senior the next year. Danny died a few years later and had an absolutely beautiful family. He was a quality player and a fine young man and he gave us the lighter perspectives of what we were going through together.

Seeing Amber Matthews play in the regional finals for the Bobbies two years ago showed me personally how much meaning his life truly had. This young lady is so beautiful and full of life. How proud Danny must be in heaven as he watches her grow and mature. She is truly a miracle child and her life is very special!

No one who knew our team can go

for very long without mentioning the lady who held it all together. Libby Cleveland fed us, bandaged us, loved us, and believed in us as our second mom. In many ways I wanted to please her more than Kenneth. They were so close. Libby was the ultimate coach's wife. The comfort and love she gave Kenneth was so evident that every boy on this team couldn't help but love her too.

If you are too young to remember us, just watch the movie "Hoosiers." But we didn't have one star. We each had a role and filled our roles with honor. This was truly a TEAM in the truest sense of the word. No one more important than the other. We didn't care who scored (we just knew it would be Craig or Jim), we just wanted to win together.

As our team makes preparations to visit Austin and be the honor team, we invite ALL of Dimmitt to come see us. The love and support that this community gave us is something that has stayed with us our entire adult lives. We thank you so much.

Earlene Myatt gave me one of the most special presents I have ever received about two months after we won the championship. It was two scrapbooks. One with mostly pictures taken by M.L. Simpson and the other with EVERY scrap of paper relating to our team—newspaper articles, headlines, handouts from the coach, etc. If anyone ever wants to view these, please let me know.

I cannot come to Dimmitt or see one of my old teammates and not just for a moment think back and remember.

Do you remember the team of '75? Can you still remember the special team we had? I can still to this day close my eyes and, with love and special memories of Bobcat basketball, I know the magic is still there. At heart, I will always be a Bobcat.

STEVE MYATT

Proud member of the '75 Bobcats

## More about

# Greenbugs killing wheat . . .

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numbers while its natural enemies multiply slowly. The average temperature must be below 20 degrees F for at least a week to kill 99% of the greenbugs. The population also must be without protection from snow cover.

During the winter, infested fields may have yellowed spots preceding the appearance of small, deadened areas. Later, greenbugs in these spots may increase and spread throughout the field. Greenbugs cause more damage when small grain crops suffer from deficient moisture during a mild winter and a cool spring. Greenbug damage may be confused with moisture stress, nitrogen deficiency or foot rot.

The extent of greenbug damage is dependent upon greenbug numbers, plant size, vigor and stage of plant growth, moisture conditions and effectiveness of parasites and predators.

**Sampling for Greenbugs.**  
While walking diagonally across the field, make a minimum of five random counts per 20 acres of field area, each consisting of one linear foot of row. Greenbugs can be counted on small plants. On larger plants, slap the plants against the ground to jar greenbugs loose for counting. If greenbugs are numerous, estimate the number present.

Make counts during the warmest part of the day when greenbugs are most likely to be exposed on the above ground parts of the plants. During periods of cool, dry weather, greenbugs may congregate in loose soil at the bases of plants, making detection and chemical control difficult.

**When to Treat.**  
The need to apply insecticide depends on the number of greenbugs present, the size and vigor of plants, the temperature, time of year, moisture conditions, stage of plant growth and effectiveness of parasites and predators. Irrigated small grains can withstand larger greenbug populations than dryland small grains.

Greenbug populations may be reduced by predators and parasites, including lady beetles, parasitic wasps, spiders, damsel bugs, lacewing larvae and syrphid fly larvae. However, cool conditions greatly limit the activity of these beneficial insects. The convergent lady beetle and the parasitic wasp *Lysiphlebus testaceipes* are the most important beneficials. They are able to reproduce during warmer periods of the growing season, and under conditions favorable for their development they can suppress greenbug infestations.

It is impractical to outline specifically all conditions under which insecticides should be applied for green-bug control. However, the following information may serve as a general guide in determining the need for treatment.

| Plant height (inches) | No. of greenbugs per linear foot |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3-6                   | 100-300                          |
| 4-8                   | 200-400                          |
| 6-16                  | 300-800                          |

The appearance of dead plants caused by greenbug feeding in spots within the field also may indicate a

need for treatment. Occasionally, populations of 25 to 50 greenbugs per foot of drill row in very young, small grain plants may warrant treatment.

Heavy, rapidly increasing greenbug infestations can cause excessive damage; however, lady beetles and parasitic wasps, under favorable weather conditions, can reduce greenbug populations to below the treatment levels given above. Where there are one to two lady beetles (adults and larvae) per foot of row or 15 to 20% of the greenbugs have been parasitized, control measures should be delayed until it can be determined if the greenbug population is continuing to increase. When weather conditions remain favorable for a high level of activity by these beneficials, they will significantly reduce the greenbug populations during the following week.

### Insecticide Resistant Greenbugs.

Greenbug resistance to registered insecticides has created problems for small grain producers in the Texas High Plains. An extensive 1992 survey in Texas High Plains sorghum found insecticide resistant greenbugs in 14 counties, especially north of Amarillo. Insecticide resistant greenbugs are known to overwinter in small grains. Insecticide resistant greenbugs are also known to develop following an insecticide treatment for Russian wheat aphids.

Every effort should be made to limit insecticide applications to fields where economic thresholds have been exceeded. Producers have no choice but to begin to settle for a lower degree of control. In most situations, the most one can now accomplish is to lower the

infestation pressure until weather or other natural factors intervene.

**Control Techniques.**  
Low temperatures will slow the activity and effectiveness of most insecticides. It may take twice as long for an insecticide to kill at 45 degrees F as it would at 70 degrees F. For best results, apply insecticides when temperatures are above 50 degrees F. If temperatures are below 50 degrees F, apply the highest rate recommended.

Greenbug control with chemicals is more effective when temperature is above 50 degrees F. Use the highest recommended rate on the label when temperature is below 50 degrees F.

## Consignment farm auction is set Feb. 19

A consignment farm equipment auction will be held Feb. 19 at the Nazareth leg of AgriFarm Industries, one-fourth a mile west of Nazareth on SH 86.

For more information about the sale, contact Brian Ramaekers at 945-2331 or 647-7307 (mobile); Mike Huseman at 945-2366 or 647-5169 (work); Lonny Huseman at 945-2458 or 647-7663 (mobile); or Alan Birkenfeld at 945-2218 or 647-6884 (mobile).

The auction is sponsored by the Nazareth Knights of Columbus with the help of Five Star Auctioneers.

The word *racecar*, *kayak*, and *level* are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

## Violence in the workplace



**By RON TRUSLER**  
Executive Director  
Central Plains Center

Recent events have made us nervous about the possibility of violence at work. There is nothing an employer can do to guarantee the work place to be perfectly safe.

The key is to be aware of warning signs. The following signs will mean you would have to be fairly familiar with an individual. If you have an angry person, and in addition to that, you have the following, then violence in the workplace is more likely.

**1. A history of violence.** Past behavior is a good predictor of future behavior. It is as though violence begets violence. Once a person has developed the habit of using violence to get their way, the more likely they will continue.

**2. Substance abuse.** Even a small amount of alcohol will lower inhibitions. When substance abuse is combined with anger and a history of violence, it can be very explosive and lethal.

**3. Frequent contacts with law enforcement.** Most of us have had some type of contact with the law, but it has changed our behavior and our thinking. There are those, how-

ever, who do not change even after repeated contacts with law enforcement. They only seem to get smarter in their misbehavior, not better.

**4. Inability to identify any emotion except anger.** Anger is normally not the only emotion involved. There is hurt and fear usually associated with a situation. Some individuals only know how to express anger and they may not do a good job of that. Anger may be the only emotion they are aware of. They do not admit to being hurt, afraid, depressed, etc.

**What do you do if there is someone where you work that you believe has the above symptoms?**

I would suggest first that you find a way to personally help or befriend that person by looking for ways to provide encouragement and support. Secondly, it might be wise to talk to a trusted supervisor about what protocol is acceptable when there is a concern on an employee's behalf. The supervisor may be able to address the entire staff in general without identifying a particular person. Third, if you feel the situation is more volatile and calls for immediate action, you need to talk directly and honestly with your supervisor.

Have a good day at work.  
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### Keeping an eye on Texas

**Texas then and now**

Since the turn of the last century, population trends and demographics have changed drastically in Texas.

| Texans' median age | 1900       | 1998*      |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Males              | 19.3 years | 31.8 years |
| Females            | 18.2 years | 34.0 years |

| Texas population by sex | 1900                | 1999*              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Males                   | 1.6 million (51.8%) | 10.0 million (50%) |
| Females                 | 1.5 million (48.2%) | 10.0 million (50%) |

\*Year of most recent figures  
SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), and U.S. Census Bureau.

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- TXism: "worthless as a four-\_\_\_ flush"
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- home of Dyess Air Force Base
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- TXism: "write slow 'cause he \_\_\_"
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- lopsided Friday night victory
- TX high school sports org.
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# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Senior Citizens Bridge Club met last Thursday and there were three tables playing, with Louise Mears as hostess. Guests playing were Wanda Kay, Martha Dannevik and Ben Hill. Wanda was high scorer and Carol Lantz was second high.

On June 10, 1999, Butch and Linda Merritt did one of the hardest and best things they had ever done. They took their oldest son, Josh, 18, to the Dallas-Fort Worth airport and put him on a plane to go to Cuiaba, Brazil, to be an apprentice missionary. Josh is one of a group of young people who have been studying in the AIM (Adventures In Missions) Program at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Josh's team of eight young people was sent to Brazil (they spell it Brasil) to help teach people about Jesus. Josh chose Cuiaba as his field. There are several places over the entire world where AIMers are currently serving.

In November, Linda was privileged to get to go visit Josh in Cuiaba. After a 10-hour flight from Dallas to Sao Paulo, and a 2½-flight to Cuiaba, 24 hours after Linda left Lubbock, she got to see Josh.

Linda said Cuiaba is famous in Brazil for being one of the hottest places in the country. It is not uncommon for the temperature to be 100 degrees and over—sometimes 115 degrees with a lot of humidity.

Linda said she walked and took the city buses almost everywhere she went. The city is modern, but after riding their buses Linda said she now knows how cattle feel crammed on a truck.

The language is Portuguese and the people are very friendly. One of the Brazilian customs that was difficult to get used to is that Brazilians don't touch their food with their hands at all. They use a knife and

fork to eat a banana. When a sandwich is served, a box of tissues is served with it. The tissues were okay, but they didn't make very good napkins. She said it was fun trying to remember not to touch the food.

They also serve coffee with everything. The tiny little coffee cups hold coffee that is very strong and very sweet.

Linda said the food was wonderful. Their main foods were beans and rice and a topping called fahrafa made of ground manioc root, which is browned. Josh's team mates laugh and call it "saw dust." They also have lots of beef, and boy, do they know how to barbecue, Linda said.

The cheese rolls were out of this world. A juice-to-go was given to them in a long, slender plastic sack with a straw going all the way to the bottom. Needless to say, they would drink all of it before setting it down.

Linda went to two different shopping malls and was very impressed with how modern they were. They had stores comparable to all of ours, she said, and in the center there were vendors, which included a large candy store. Linda got tickled because the sign at the top said "Sugar Sugar!" She thought that was right, and we disguise it by calling it candy.

One of the unique things she saw was large tails of salted cod hanging at the supermarket. It didn't smell too appealing to her.

The traffic was also a bit scary. They do not believe in the pedestrian having the right of way. If you get run over, it's your own fault.

About an hour away from the city, there is a beautiful park called Chapada, with some of the most beautiful waterfalls Linda said she had ever seen. They swam in the river and it felt so good, because they had to walk to get where they could see them.

Josh is working with four missionary families—two American and two Brazilian. They are all an outstanding group of people. This has truly been a life-changing experience for Josh. He was able to go and work in Brazil with the help of the Hart Church of Christ, Dimmitt Church of Christ and Friona Church of Christ, and several individuals who are supporting him.

Josh will probably stay until the fall, possibly longer if he chooses. Brazil is a wonderful place to visit, so everyone should go if they get the chance. Butch and Linda plan to take their whole family to go visit Josh in the spring.

Bruce and Monica Bryant of Happy are the proud parents of Bailey Brooke Bryant. She was born Jan. 28. Marvin and Gwen Bryant of Dimmitt are the paternal grandparents. Bruce was a graduate of Dimmitt High School and is now head football coach at Happy.



**POST-GAME FEAST**—Members of Perryton's girls' basketball team line up against the teller windows at the First United Bank to enjoy their fajitas after Friday night's games here. The bank set out a big spread in its lobby, put up extra chairs and tables, and served approximately 300 after the game, including players, parents and

fans from both Perryton and Dimmitt. Many of the bank's staffers worked most of the day Friday cooking and preparing the fajita feast, and came back after hours to serve it. Perryton's players were also given sacks of cookies to munch on during their three-hour ride home.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Camp will help 4-H'ers with recreation

Registration fees are due Feb. 10 from Castro County 4-H'ers planning to attend the 4-H Recreation Team Training Workshop, which will be held at the Texas 4-H Center March 3-5.

There is a \$20 deposit due for each team member and all adult leaders and agents who plan to attend. The deposit is non-refundable, but can be transferred if substitutions have to be

made on your team. Balances will be due upon arrival at the Texas 4-H Center.

The purpose of the workshop is to train and equip 4-H members, adult volunteers and Extension staff members with recreation skills to meet the objectives of the recreation project.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$73 per person for those planning to arrive on March 3. That includes

lodging, four meals, facilities and other resource materials. No linens will be furnished.

Team members should be 13 years of age as of March 3, 2000. Counties are encouraged to have a minimum of four youngsters on a team to enable the team to participate and implement the recreation project in their county.

## Medical fund set for Kayla Lively

Kayla Lively, 7, daughter of Ty and Dixie Lively of Dimmitt, has been having heart problems, and has been referred to specialists in Lubbock and Baylor Medical Center.

A medical fund to help the family defray the cost of her treatments has been set up at Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

## Carlile Theater will offer art, theater classes

Creative classes for children ages 5 through 16 will be offered at the Carlile Theater beginning Tuesday.

The two-hour classes will start at 4 p.m. each Tuesday, and will include all the creative arts, such as drawing, painting, singing, dancing and acting. The tuition fee is \$25 per month, per child.

The program, called Creative Kids, will be tailored for each individual, depending on the age and interests of the student. The main goal of the program is to develop skills to bring out the student's creativity and help build self-esteem and confidence, and to let them have fun in a productive and rewarding way. All students will have the opportunity to participate in either a talent show or musical production in the spring.

Application forms may be picked up at the Carlile Theater on Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings. Also, participants may sign up Tuesday at the first session.

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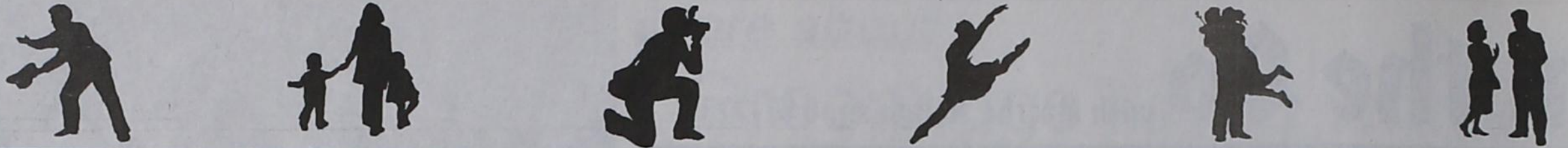
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## Cancer Center sets lymphedema clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo is working with Baptist St. Anthony's Healthcare System to provide a Lymphedema Clinic through the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center.

The clinic sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., and will provide patients with initial evaluation and a treatment plan.

Lymphedema is a build-up of lymphatic fluid, which causes swelling in the arm and hand, and occasionally in the chest or breast on the same side as a surgery. When the lymphatic system is damaged, fluid collects in the tissue of the affected area, causing swelling.

For more information, contact Jennifer McElreath, director of community relations for the Harrington Cancer Center at 356-1913.



**POST-GAME TREAT**—Gary and Rhenea Webb (left) of Dimmitt join other basketball fans and players at one of the fajita assembly lines in the First United Bank lobby following Friday night's Dimmitt-Perryton games. The bank served approximately 300

players, parents and fans from Perryton and Dimmitt. The post-game treat made the late-night, three-hour trip home easier for Perryton's crowd, and gave folks from both cities a chance to get better acquainted.

*Photo by Don Nelson*

## Shot clinic will be held in Dimmitt today

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

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

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

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## Former Hart resident retires from WTAMU

Lynda Tinsley, director of West Texas A&M University's student financial services since 1986, has announced her retirement, effective Feb. 29.

Tinsley, who graduated from Hart High School in 1968, has been a member of WTAMU's financial aid staff for more than 30 years. She started working in the financial aid

office when she was a freshman at the university. She earned her bachelor's degree in education in 1972 and accepted a loan clerk position later that year. Tinsley won the Staff Council Staff Excellence Award in 1999.

"There's never a good time for something like this, but there are

some personal things I've been neglecting that need my attention," Tinsley said. "This was a hard decision. My entire working life has been spent in the financial aid office."

"I only planned to stay until my husband graduated," Tinsley said. "But he graduated, and I stayed. One thing led to another and here I am 32 years later."

"Financial aid regulations are complicated and ever-changing," said Dr. Don Albrecht, vice president of student services at WTAMU. "Lynda has worked 80 to 90 hours a week for many, many years. That kind of experience and dedication will be difficult to replace."

Another long-time employee, Jeanette Head, will serve as interim director until a permanent replacement is named, according to Albrecht.

The office administers approximately \$16 million in federal and state financial aid programs, need-based scholarships, long-term loans, grants and part-time employment programs to more than 3,500 WTAMU students each year.

In lieu of the traditional retirement reception and gifts, Tinsley has requested that donations be made to existing scholarship funds.

Tinsley and her husband, Michael, will continue to reside in Canyon.



**Barbara Hill Moore**

## Amarillo Opera sets spiritual concert Saturday

The Amarillo Opera's 6th Annual "Lift Every Voice" Spiritual Concert will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Special guest artist will be the world-renowned soprano Barbara Hill Moore. Also featured will be Ramone Diggs, Derick Amos, and Afton Battle. The "Lift Every Voice" Choir, conducted by Donnell Hill, will present spirituals and gospel music.

Tickets for the event will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and may be purchased through the Civic Center Box Office, 378-3096.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Amarillo Opera Outreach/Education Programs.

"Don't miss this exciting evening of some of the best spiritual and gospel music you will ever hear," said Mila Gibson, Amarillo Opera Founder/Director.

## CCADA to hear Marilyn Neal

The Castro County Autoimmune Disease Association will meet Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent-Home Economics, will present a program on diet and nutrition.

"We had an excellent program last month with Michelle McGrorey, RN, talking to us about diabetes," said CCADA member Linda Maxwell. "Marilyn will continue the subject with more specific details about diet."

Maxwell said McGrorey talked about the importance of watching

sugar for diabetics, but also noted that carbohydrates can have a big affect on blood sugar levels.

Neal will talk about carbohydrate content in foods and will give out recipes that are low in sugar and carbohydrate content. She also plans to prepare some foods from the recipes that those attending will be welcome to sample.

Knowing more about foods and their affect on health can be an important tool for those who suffer from chronic diseases, including diabetes, Maxwell said. She added that all interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting.

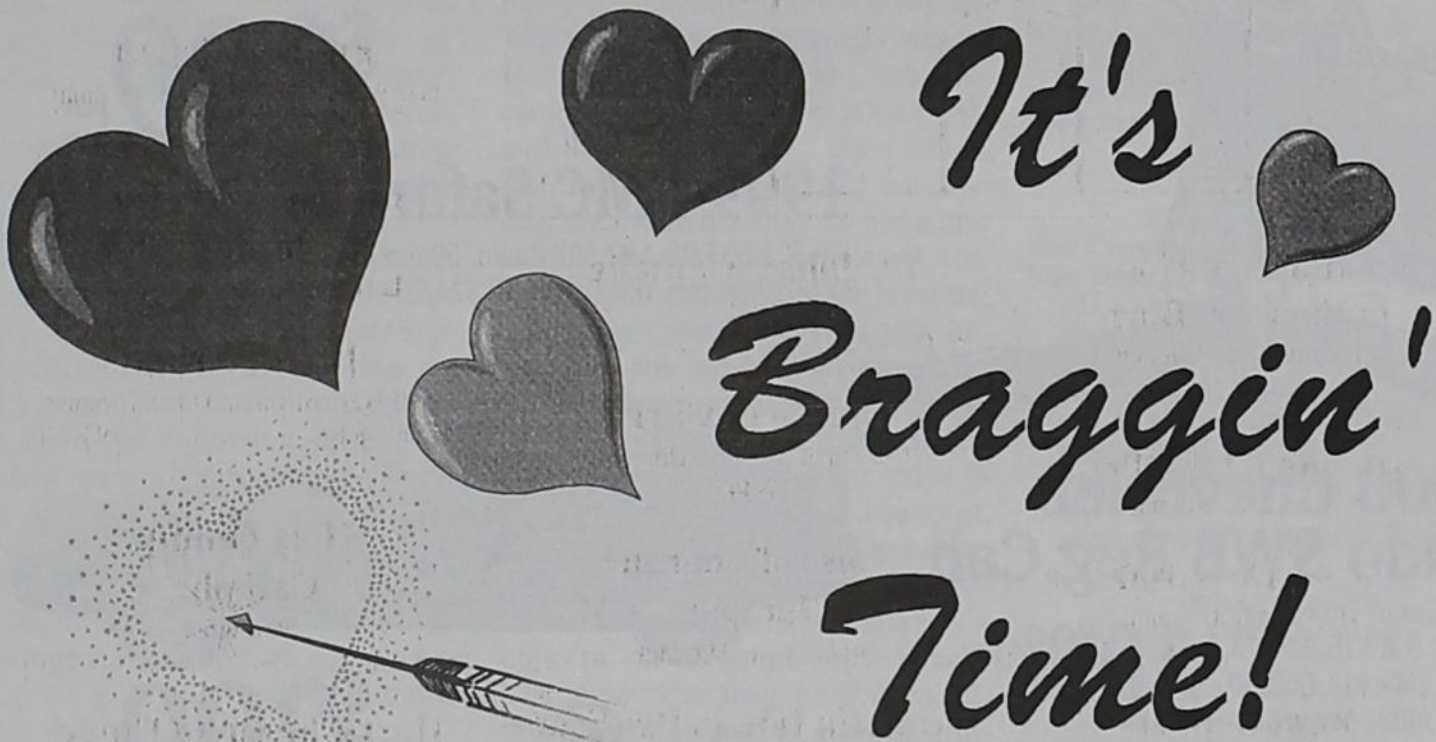
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## Band boosters to meet Monday

The Dimmitt Band Booster Club will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the Dimmitt High School Band Hall.

All parents who have children in the band are urged to attend this meeting.

"We will be discussing items that affect all band students," said a spokesperson for the group.

Upcoming events for the band include the spring concerts, contests and festivals; the band banquet set for May 6; and the scholarship requirements.

"Come and support the band at this meeting so we can continue to see growth in the band program," the spokesperson said.

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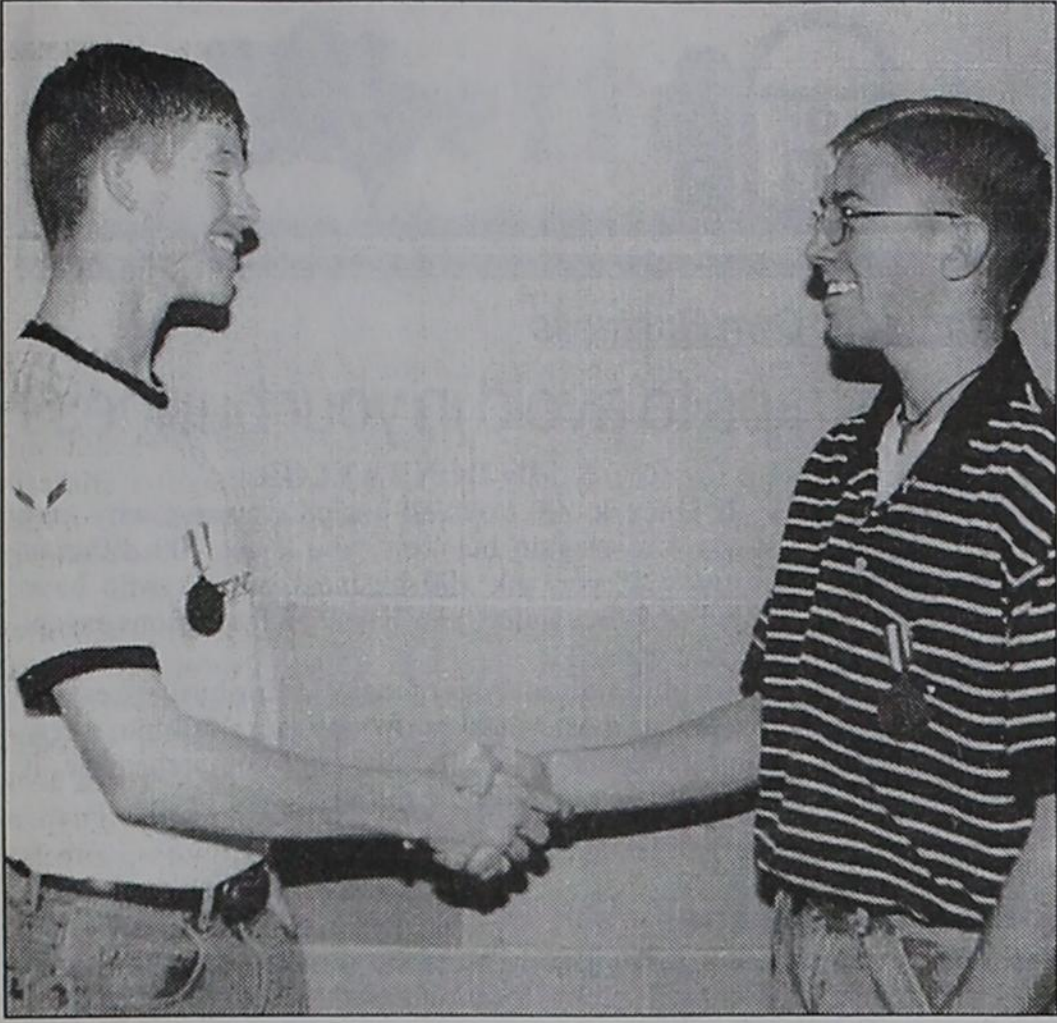
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# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669



STATE QUALIFIERS IN UIL CROSS-EXAMINATION  
... Nazareth sophomores Jase Merritt (left) and Trinity Robb

Photo by Anne Acker

"Finding a place in this world" was the theme for a high school retreat Saturday and Sunday at Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp.

Forty-three high school students and sponsors from the Yacht Club and Darlene Fetsch enjoyed the weekend.

Grandparents of all Nazareth junior varsity and varsity basketball players and cheerleaders were recognized before the varsity games with Vega began Tuesday evening.

All grandparents were admitted to the games for free and also received a free drink at the concession stand.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Lori Huseman, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman, Gene Schacher, Leonard Gerber, Virgil Brockman, Paul Venhaus, Dianne Huseman, Ann Heck and Margaret Brockman, who is now home to recuperate after having back surgery.

Father Peter Otto is leaving Friday for an expedition trip to Australia. He will return on Feb. 24. We hope he will have a safe trip.

A surprise 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held Saturday evening at the American Legion Hall for James and Jerry Wilhelm.

Children and family members attending were Juanita Barker of Lubbock; Paul and Vickie Chester of Midland; John and Evelyn Rankin of San Antonio; Shawn and Charlynn Wilhelm of Houston; Angie Wilhelm of Hereford; Nazareth residents David and Mary Olvera, Tim and Monica Wilhelm, Clyde and Jeanie

Birkenfeld, Dale and Janette Wilhelm, Kevin and Christine Acker, Wayne and Melanie Wilhelm and Brent Wilhelm; Keith and Margie Barlow of Midland, Elaine Hillin of Arlington; Greg and Liz Matos of Amarillo; and Harold and Faye Wilhelm of Amarillo.

Unable to attend were Kenneth Wilhelm, who is stationed with the US Navy in Japan; Weldon Wilhelm of Arnold, Neb.; and Franklin Wilhelm of Luling.

Friends and relatives enjoyed an evening of memories and visiting.

Florene Leinen and Dolores Heiman recently returned from a visit to Tampa, Fla., where they visited with Florene's daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Darrell Pope, and her grandson, Curtis Pope.

The Pops gave them a wonderful tour of Tampa, which is a really wonderful city. They drove across an eight-mile gorgeous bridge to the pier on the Tampa Bay. They loved feeding the pelicans and went through the aquarium there. They also went to the docks, watched the sponge divers and ate delicious Greek food.

On another day they enjoyed strawberry shortcake at the beautiful strawberry festival.

The most unusual thing they saw was a poinsettia plant (tall as the house) in full bloom. Shirley said everyone plants poinsettias outside after Christmas. It was beautiful. They really had a great time.

Mark Gerber was the honoree of a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Saturday at the home of Kenny and

Cince Schulte. The "Old Geezer" was treated to a "This is Your Life" roast by family members, close friends and a few lady friends from the past.

Special out-of-town guests were Glenn and Charlotte Warren of Dallas, Werner and Kay Halfmann, Mike and Sandy Halfmann, and Rhonda and Barry Legg of Lowake, and Francis and Frieda Schulte and the glamorous "Lucy" of Hartington, Neb. A good time was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday at noon, Francis and Frieda Schulte treated the children and spouses of Albert Schulte, Ray Schulte and Edna Schulte of Hereford to a fish fry with fresh fish from the Missouri River. They finished off the weekend by watching the Super Bowl with friends and family.

Hugh Acker and Ronnie Huseman were recently honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday at K-Bob's in Dimmitt. Thirty-five family members and friends enjoyed the gathering.

E2 Kenneth Wilhelm, son of Jerry and Nellie Wilhelm of Nazareth, has been stationed in Yokuska, Japan, and was deployed there for four months.

He left Japan on Jan. 5 for the Gulf, and docked at Singapore.

A group called Navy League took the Navy personnel out for the evening and Kenneth got to go to a private home. His hosts asked where he was from. He told them that he was from a small town in Texas south of Amarillo called Nazareth.

That's when he found out that he was in the home of Ann Golding of Dimmitt, whose mother is Edna Golding.

Ann Golding's husband has been employed in Singapore with Phillips Electronics for the past four years. Kenneth said he is also with a Johnson boy from Hart, whose father was the Hart chief of police.

On Sunday, Kenneth e-mailed his parents that he is now in the Gulf and that he spent Sunday in Buhrain.

Virgil and Rosalie (Schacher) Davis and family of California came to Nazareth over the weekend to visit with family and friends. While there they traveled to Lazbuddie to see Gene and Vernie Schacher.

On Saturday, Rosalie was honored with a surprise 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party in the Nazareth Community Hall. The party was hosted by her husband, brothers and sisters. Rosalie was truly surprised and a good time was had by all.

Haegen Zach Albracht, son of Dale and Tami Albracht, was baptized Sunday by his great-uncle, Deacon Al Maurer. Godparents are Chris and Twila Williams.

His grandparents, Rose and Darryl Ball and Sam and Margie Albracht, attended the baptism along with several family members.

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## NHS qualifies two for UIL state meet

# Robb's and Merritt's 'cross-examination' is top in district meet

Trinity Robb and Jase Merritt, sophomores at Nazareth High School, have qualified for the 2000 University Interscholastic League (UIL) state cross-examination meet.

Robb and Merritt teamed to win the district title in a contest Saturday at Amarillo College.

Their district finish earned them a trip to the state meet, which will be held March 12-18 at the University of Texas in Austin.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL debate director. "This year's cross-examination debate topic required students to research extensively in order to examine educational policies designed to increase academic achievement in secondary schools in the United States.

"Learning to analyze the issues surrounding problems, process information and effectively communicate ideas through the debate forum has challenged students and increased their awareness," Riggins said. "Such an activity promotes the very leadership skills necessary for success in our society."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 637,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

Through participation in the state meet, Robb and Merritt will qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$13.2 million to approximately 11,600 students. This year, TILF expects to award an estimated 624 new and renewed grants, valued at approximately \$1,052,000. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or overhead expenses are deducted.

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St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, with serving time set for 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

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## Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference set in Hereford

By DENNIS W. NEWTON, Deaf Smith CEA-ag, TAES  
Cotton producers will have the opportunity to hear the latest information on cotton production and marketing at the Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference on Feb. 11, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn in Hereford.

The conference will feature presentations on cotton management, irrigation management, weed control, Insect control GMO cottons, selection of seed treatments, cotton marketing opportunities, cotton fertiliza-

tion, cotton physiology, controlling herbicide drift, safe handling of pesticides and risk management.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10 which covers the noon luncheon, refreshments and hand out materials. Dennis Newton, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent-Agriculture, asked all persons planning to attend to please contact the Deaf Smith County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at (806) 364-3513 so that the event planners might have an indication of the number of persons planning to attend. Persons needing more information should call the Deaf Smith, Randall, Potter or Oldham County Extension offices.

The program will feature presentations by experts from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agriculture Experiment Station, Texas Tech University and private industry.

Featured speaker for the day will be Dr. Carl Anderson, Professor and cotton marketing specialist, from Texas A&M University at College Station. He will provide information on marketing strategies and an outlook for cotton prices.

Other presenters for the event will be: Dr. Randy Roman, associate professor and TAEX cotton specialist, who will discuss cotton management for profits; Dr. James Leser, professor and TAEX cotton entomologist, will cover cotton insect identification and integrated pest management; Dr. Wayne Keeling, associate professor and weed and herbicide researcher with the TAES in Lubbock, will discuss management and weed control strategies; and Leon New, professor and TAEX irrigation specialist will discuss irrigation management.

Other speakers will include Ken Ferreira, agronomic research man-

ager with Monsanto Agricultural Sciences Company, will discuss the future of genetically modified cotton and what the future holds for GMO's; Texas Tech University's Dr. Cary Green, assistant professor of soil chemistry and fertility, will cover fertilizer selection, soil testing and plant nutrient usage; and Dr. Dan Kreig, professor of crop physiology will discuss how cotton plants develop and how the environment affects this development.

Also, Jack LeClair, product development manager with UAP Southwest in Dallas, will cover methods of controlling herbicide drift in cotton; and Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and TAEX farm management economist, will cover techniques that cotton producers can use to better manage their financial resources.

In addition to the presentations, there will be a trade show, displays and poster presentations from agricultural support industries, universities and other organizations.

Newton said, "We feel that we have an event planned that will provide both old and new cotton producers with an opportunity to learn more about producing, marketing and risk management as it pertains to cotton". He also stated that application has been made to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for five hours of CEU credit for both private and commercial pesticide applicators. Application has also been made for CEU's for Certified Crop Advisors.

The event is sponsored and planned by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Deaf Smith County Extension Crops Committee, the Randall County Crops Committee, the Deaf Smith, Randall, Potter and Oldham County Extension offices and Hereford Farmers Gin, Inc.

### Minding Your Own Business

#### Seven traps to avoid in your business



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR  
If you ask 100 troubled business owners why they struggle to stay in business, you'll get 100 different answers. If you ask 100 business owners who have failed why they failed, you'll hear all the reasons except the real ones.

An objective analysis of many failing businesses will reveal that most mistakes owners make fall into a few common areas. While this list isn't comprehensive, it may help you avoid some pitfalls.

#### Avoiding the traps

● **The wrong location trap.** This is a classic mistake for many small business owners. Retailers will pick a location based on low rental rates or immediate availability. Service business owners may select a very prestigious office location to impress future customers and consume all their capital in the first year's rent. In choosing the right location, consider the following items as a minimum: your target customers, traffic patterns and flow, parking, safety issues, competition, total lease or purchase costs, room for growth and consistency with the image you wish to project.

● **The wrong partner trap.** All too often, going into business with a friend means the end of a good friendship. Friendships are based on emotions, while businesses operate on accurate, straightforward information. I'm not saying it can't work, but most fail. If you must take on a partner, put the entire partnership in writing. Tips for springing this trap: 1. Find someone who balances out your strengths and weaknesses; 2. Make sure your partner is a good communicator and is cooperative; and 3. Look for a past history of success.

● **The sloppy records trap.** If your idea for record keeping is a box for bills and a checkbook, you're about to fall in the pit. Adequate records are a prerequisite to success. You'll need good records for the Internal Revenue Service, for future borrowing needs and to know how you're doing. The minimum records include tracking sales, expenses, accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll activity, a fixed asset schedule and a record of the money you withdraw from the business.

● **The financial management trap.** Once you have all the records you need, you still must combine them to get a good picture of what is happening in your business. Financial statements—income statements, balance sheets and cash flow statements—bring all your records into a format that you can easily compare with previous statements to see how you're doing.

● **The wrong price trap.** The right price is found by analyzing your competition, costs and the value you deliver. If you ignore any of these elements, you'll be caught in the wrong price trap. You must cover all your costs with your price, but you may still be undersold by companies who control their costs more effectively. So eliminate waste, focus on delivering something extra and charge what you're worth.

● **The wrong people trap.** Want to fail fast? Surround yourself with people who know less than you do, pay them poorly, give them minimal training and spend a lot of time away from your business. I'll guarantee quick failure. To avoid this trap, look for good people before you need them, and train your folks continuously.

● **The not-time-to-plan trap.** Too busy to plan? Then you're too busy to see the trap you're about to step in. Growing, thriving companies take time to plan. It doesn't have to be long, but you'd better have a plan. There are three simple steps in good planning: 1. Find out where you are; 2. Decide where you want to go; and 3. Lay out short steps to get from one to two.

Watch for these traps. The best way to solve problems is to anticipate them.

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



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## CRP program sign-up continues through Feb. 11

Producers who would like to sign up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) may do so through Feb. 11.

The CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible land.

Annual rental payments are made based on the agriculture rental value of the land and cost-share assistance is provided in an amount equal to but not more than 50% of the participant's costs in establishing approved practices.

The duration of the CRP contracts is from 10 to 15 years.

CRP Sign-up 20 is the fourth general CRP sign-up since enactment of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

To be eligible for the CRP, land must be:

1. Crop land that has been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity in two out of the last five crop years from 1995 to 1999 that is also physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity.

2. Certain marginal pastureland enrolled in the Water Bank Program.

In addition to basic crop land eligibility requirements, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

1. Land must be considered highly erodible according to the conservation compliance provision or, if a

portion of a field, have a weighted average erosion index of 8 or higher.

2. Land must be considered a cropland wetland.

3. Land must be subject to scour erosion.

4. Land must be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area.

5. Land must be associated with non-cropland wetlands.

Under CRP Sign-Up 20, all eligible offers will continue to be evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the environmental benefits expected to accrue if the land is enrolled in the CRP.

The Sign-Up 20 EBI is very similar to the EBI for Sign-Up 18, except that the federal or state-listed threatened and endangered species subfactor of the wildlife habitat component has been strengthened and clarified. The five-point category was eliminated. In some states, water quality area designations have been modified, and a few additional state conservation priority areas may have been approved.

Use of the EBI ensures that only the most environmentally sensitive lands are selected and that all offers are considered fairly and equitably.

Data is collected for each of the EBI factors based upon the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Offers are then ranked in comparison to all other offers, and selections are made from that ranking.

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# Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

What Congress provides, the US Dept. of Agriculture can take away. That's apparently the case for the US cotton industry that has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of much-needed cotton assistance program funds approved by Congress last year.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that USDA has cut the amount of money being made available to the cottonseed assistance program by as much as 25% in order to comply with a congressionally mandated cut in spending for all agencies of .38%.

Unfortunately for cotton it appears that much of the USDA budget axe fell on the cottonseed assistance program and boll weevil eradication.

As it stands now, USDA may well be close to announcing the regulations governing distribution of the slimmed down cottonseed assistance package as early as next week. The bad news is that instead of having some \$100 million to divvy up the pot will likely contain only about \$75 million. The revision translates into \$7 to \$10 per ton in assistance, less than what the industry had

hoped for but still needed and appreciated.

Also hard hit was funding for the national boll weevil eradication program. This program, severely neglected by USDA over the past few years, had only been budgeted some \$17.757 million for Fiscal Year 2000 and some \$2.66 million was cut from that allocation. The cut could equate to a loss in funding for Texas of as much as \$700,000 this year.

Additional information concerning the cottonseed assistance program and rules covering issuance and availability of generic certificates will be published as soon as they are

The initial Risk Management made public.

The USDA Risk Management Agency has recently announced an increase in the maximum upland cotton price elections for the 2000 crop year. The change resulted in a 5¢ per pound increase across the board from the preliminary announcement made Dec. 1, 1999, and will allow producers to choose a maximum price level of 59¢ per pound.

Agency price elections were changed after comment and input from Plains Cotton Growers and other cotton organizations to House Ag Committee staff members and the Risk Management Agency.

PCG's input stressed the fact that the initial price election determination was not accurately reflecting the long-term value of the crop.

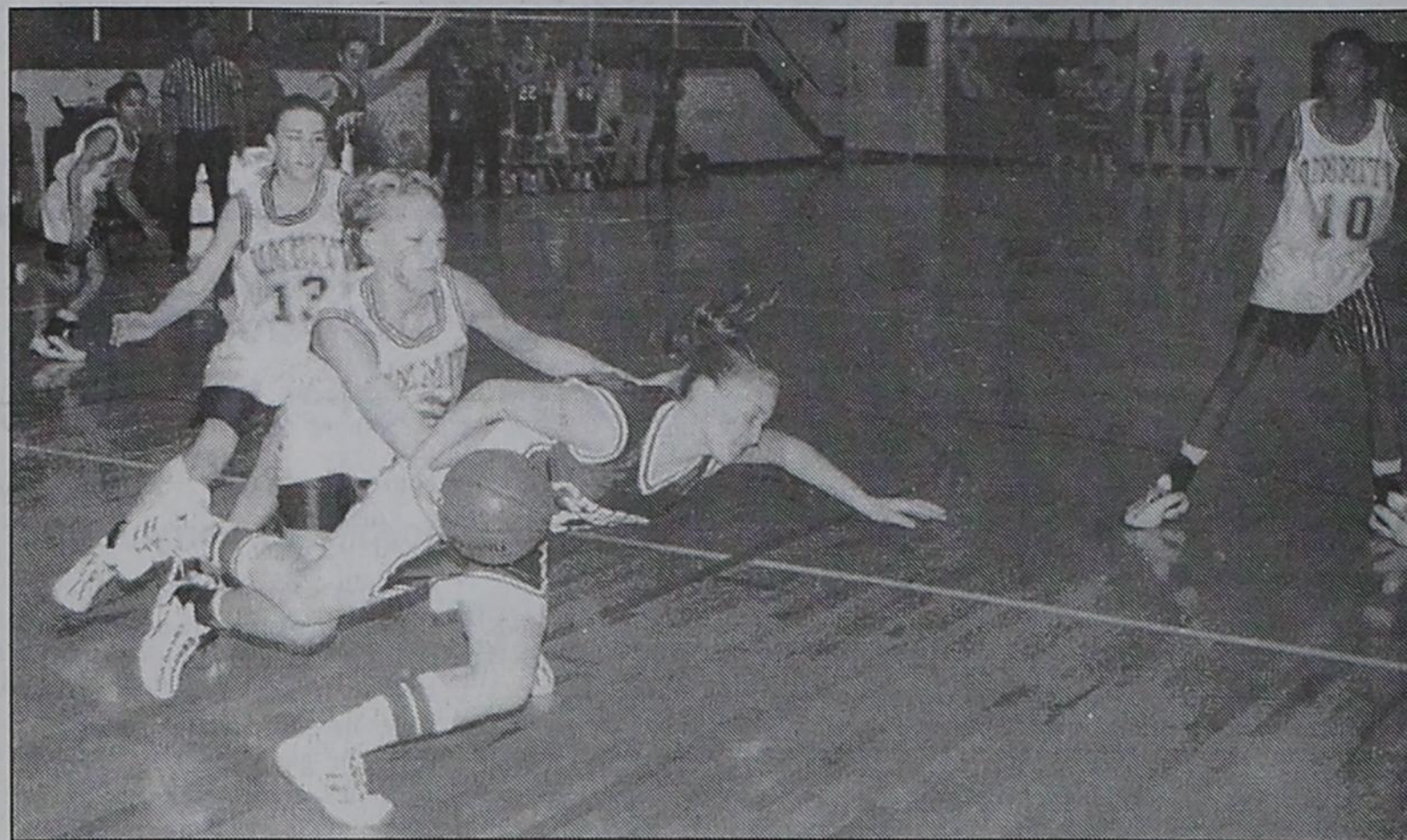
The new maximum price elections announced, by growing region, are: Southeast and Mid-South, 62¢ per pound; Southwest and Desert Southwest, 59¢ per pound; and San Joaquin Valley, 64¢ per pound. South Texas counties are included in the Mid-South/Southeast regions, Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso Valley counties are included in Desert Southwest region.

Growers who purchased crop insurance at the preliminary maximum price election will have their 2000 coverage based on revised price election.

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has issued proposed rules clarifying the handling of organic cotton acreage inside active boll weevil eradication zones.

The proposed rule will be open for public comment until March 12. Anyone interested in making a comment can obtain a copy of the rules from TDA and submit their written comments to Texas Dept. of Agriculture, Attn: Matt Brockman, PO Box 12847, Austin TX 78711.

In addition to the opportunity to submit written comment a series of public hearings on the proposed rules will be held, most likely during the week of Feb. 14. A complete schedule of those hearings, times and locations will be announced as soon as it becomes available.



TIM-BER-R-R-R!—After grabbing a rebound, a Perryton player loses her footing under defensive pressure by Dimmitt's Carol Summers in Friday night's District 1-AAA game here. Behind Summers

is Heather Black (13), in left background is Larissa Fuentes, and at right is Tamara Robertson (10). The tall Rangerettes won the hard-fought game, 66-59, to stay unbeaten in district play. Photo by Carter Townsend

## Grain elevator workshop set for Feb. 17

By BETH BARBEE

The 2000 Grain Elevator Workshop will be held Feb. 17 in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Registration is \$25 and begins at 8 a.m. Pre-registration by Feb. 4 is encouraged.

The program starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. The workshop will adjourn following the evaluation and CEU certification for applicators. The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has approved five continuing education units (CEUs) for commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicators.

To register and obtain information, call Carl Patrick at (806) 359-5401. He is an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and a key organizer of the event.

Leading the agenda are presentations on biotech crop acceptance, hantavirus, herbicide and pesticide safety issues, automated aeration, bird problems, and industry regulations.

The Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society is sponsoring the workshop in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

This is the twelfth year of the workshop, and it has been self-supporting since 1989 due to the enthusiastic support by the Texas High Plains stored grain industry, according to Patrick.

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## Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT

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Because of the heavy workload in our office, we will have non-public office hours on Wednesdays each week until 1 p.m.

We will use this time to work on payments and other paperwork that we cannot complete because of heavy counter traffic.

We are taking appointments on most sign-ups including CRP, PFC, Oilseed Certifications and disaster programs.

This will help keep your waiting time at a minimum and help us plan our work more efficiently.

If you need an appointment, please call our office at 647-2153. We appreciate your cooperation during this difficult time of multiple program signups with limited staff.

### 1999 crop disaster program

Sign-up ends Feb. 25 for the 1999 crop disaster program.

Producers who suffered at least a 35% loss of production on their 1999 crops due to weather conditions are eligible for benefits. If you think you are eligible, and you did not have insurance or did not receive an insurance payment, you need to bring your production evidence with you for your appointment.

In the case of cotton, if the loan quality of your cotton is less than 49.81¢ per pound, you will be eligible for quality adjustment on your production; therefore, you will need to bring a recap sheet from your gin that shows average loan prices.

A 35% loss is still required to qualify for the disaster program. Advance payments of 35% of the calculated payment will be made after all claims information has been processed, and the application is approved.

After the end of sign-up, all applications in the nation will be pro-rated to stay within the program's \$1.2 billion budget. The payment limitation is \$80,000 per person, and no one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more is eligible.

If you think you are eligible for the disaster program, please call 647-2153 for an appointment to sign up.

### CRP sign-up 20

CRP sign-up 20 continues through February 11, and the FSA office will be accepting offers of environmentally sensitive acreage for new contracts.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource conserving covers on eligible land.

If you are interested in submitting an offer for CRP, please call our office for an appointment to sign up.

### 1999 oilseeds program

\$475 million has been provided for producers who planted 1999 sunflowers, soybeans and other oilseeds.

Feb. 18 has been established as the final reporting date for 1997, 1998 or 1999 oilseed acreages.

Payment will be based on the higher of the 1997 or 1998 planted acreage of each specific oilseed, or for new producers, the 1999 crop planted acreage of each specific oilseed.

Producers may use the higher of the county average yield or the pro-

ducer's actual yields to determine payment. Specific details of the program are still being finalized.

Only 1997, 1998 and 1999 oilseed acreage reports that have been filed by Feb. 18 will be eligible. If you planted soybeans or sunflowers during the past three years and aren't sure if you have reported them to our office, please give us a call.

If you need to report acreages, please call 647-2153 for an appointment.

### FSA committee election

Producers from LAA-2 will elect a County Committee member this year.

Shari Willis Bradley is currently serving in this community, and is eligible for re-election to the County Committee.

Nomination forms were accepted through Jan. 21.

Ballots will be mailed to producers by Feb. 24 and must be returned by March 6. Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age in LAA-2 can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program.

Elected committee members and alternates will take office on April 1.

## PCS taking applications for assistance

Panhandle Community Services is accepting applications from homeowners who may qualify for the conservation energy assistance program (CEAP).

The program is designed to help the elderly and those who may need help. Those interested should contact PCS at 647-3244 or come by 110 SW 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dimmitt.

## Election deadlines announced

Feb. 14 is the last day that citizens may register to vote in the March 14 general primary election.

Feb. 28 will be the first day of early voting by personal appearance for the primary.

March 7 will be the last day for the early voting clerk to receive applications for ballots by mail.

Early voting will end March 10. The primary elections will be held March 14.

If any runoff elections are required following the primaries, qualified persons may register to vote in the runoff by March 13. The runoff would be held April 11. Early voting for the runoff elections would be held April 3-7.

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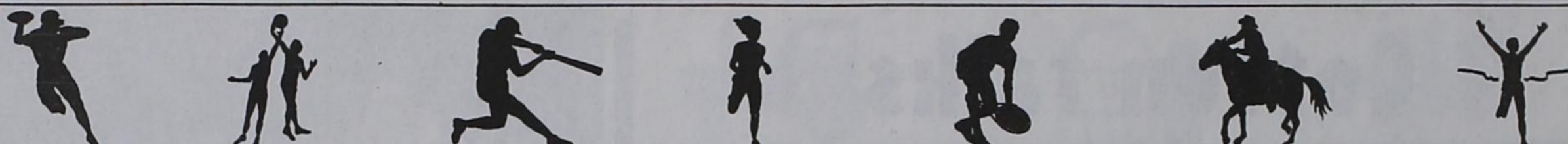
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## Losses drop Bobbies to 4-4

What a difference Sanford-Fritch's Rachel Smith and Dimmitt's Audrey Saenz can make.

The 6-0 Smith had a back problem when the Bobbies and Lady Eagles first met in Dimmitt, and the Bobbies won that one handily, 62-41, as the 6-1 Saenz dominated inside.

But at Fritch Tuesday night, Smith was healthy and Saenz was out with an injured knee. Smith scored 20 points and was downright imposing both under the boards and downcourt as she led the Lady Eagles to a 55-44 win.

Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland tried to make up the height difference by posting up 5-10 guard Carol Summers. But she had to sit out most of the third quarter with foul trouble, then drew her fifth one just 46 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Delicia Sanford and Natalie Woods came off the bench in the second and popped four treys to spark the Lady

Eagles to a 27-16 halftime lead, and S-F maintained a lead of 6 to 13 points from then on.

"It wasn't very fun at all," Coach Gilliland said. "We played a heck of a ball game here, but we didn't play well at all there."

Heather Black with 12 points and Tamara Robertson with 10 paced Dimmitt's scoring.

Although Tuesday night's loss dropped the Bobbies' district record to 4-4, they're still in the hunt for a playoff spot.

Perryton already has clinched the district title with an 8-0 mark and two games to go. But Dimmitt, Tulia and Sanford-Fritch are tied for second with 4-4 records, while Dalhart and River Road are out of it with 2-6 marks.

Three of the district's teams will go into the playoffs.

So if the Bobbies can win their

final two games against River Road and Dalhart, they'll cinch second place.

### Bobbies 59, Perryton 66

Perryton's Rangerettes took a big step in their march toward the District 1-AAA throne room when they posted their second win over the Bobbies here Friday night, 66-59.

The win gave the tall, talented Rangerettes a perfect 7-0 mark in district play. It was their closest call in 1-AAA so far.

Unlike the first game at Perryton—where the Bobbies fell behind 21-4 in the first quarter and had to play catch-up all the way before losing, 70-61—Friday's rematch was nip-and-tuck all the way.

Seven Bobbies scored as Dimmitt established a 17-16 lead in the first quarter, while the Rangerettes relied mainly on the shooting of 5-11 guard Erin Hale and 5-11 post Courtney Nowlin.

The Bobbies continued to miss the services of 6-1 post Audrey Saenz, who is nursing a knee injury. To counter the Rangerettes' superior height, the Bobbies forced a run-and-gun game and tied the ball at every opportunity under the boards.

Mainly because of point guard Carol Summers' quickness, ball-handling and passing prowess, the Bobbies had little trouble breaking Perryton's press.

Still, Perryton's height forced the Bobbies to take many off-balance shots, and the Rangerettes' deep bench offset Dimmitt's fast pace.

Nowlin sank a pair of free throws and hit a 15-footer after a steal to give Perryton a 27-22 lead late in the second, but Lindsey Welch swished a pair of free throws at 1:02 and Heather Black scored a tip-in at 0:12, then hit a 16-footer at the buzzer to tie the score at 28-28 at halftime.

The Rangerettes built a quick six-point lead to open the third, but the Bobbies roared back to a 41-37 advantage by the end of the period.

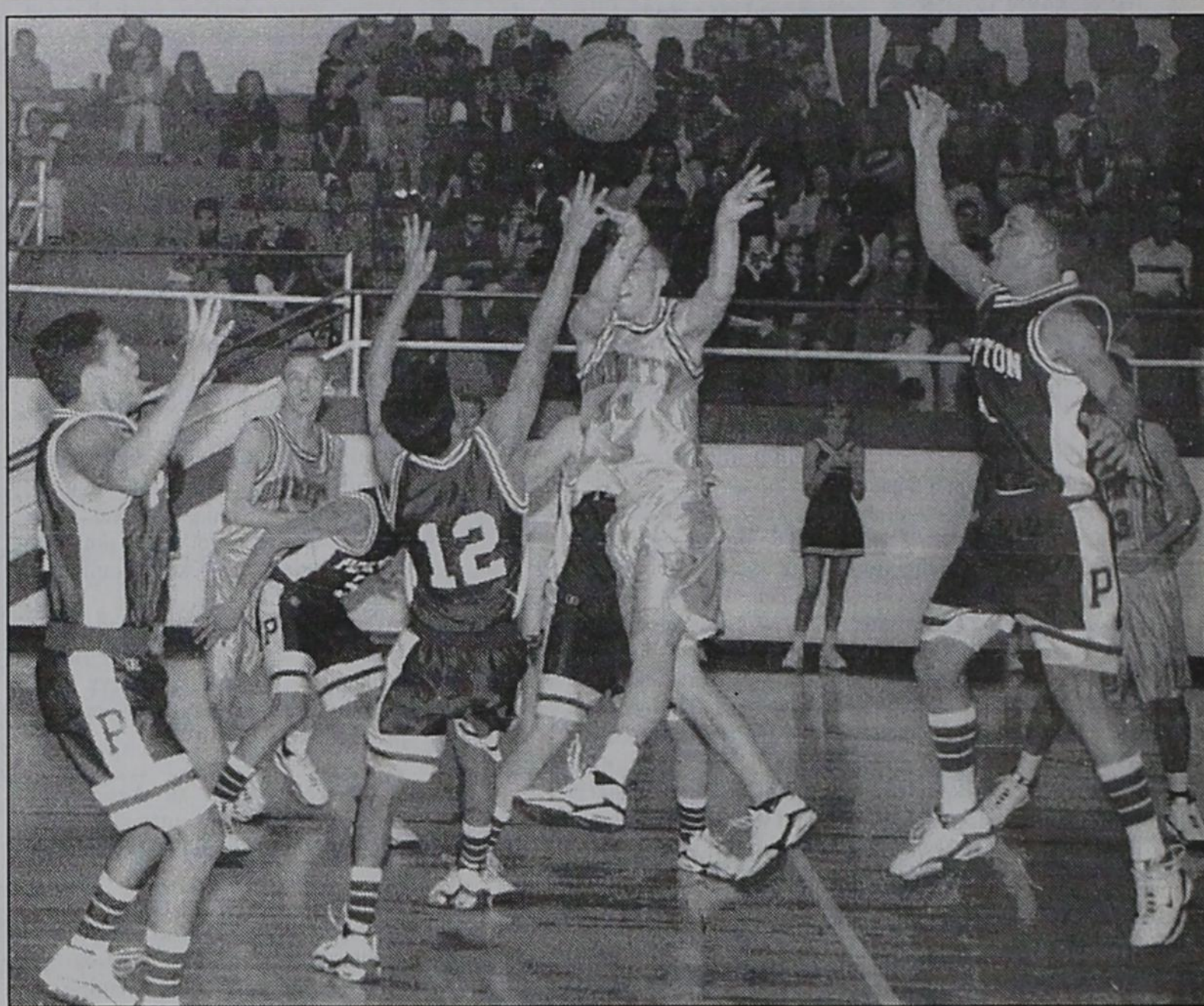
The Bobbies stretched their lead to six, 45-39, early in the fourth when Summers sank a pair of free throws

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**BE READY!**—Dimmitt playmaker Carol Summers (12) whips a pass to teammate Lori Schulte (32) on the wing in the third quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game against Perryton here. The tall, talented Rangerettes prevailed, 66-59, although the Bobbies gave them their closest game in district play.

Photo by Carter Townsend



**DISHING OFF**—Dimmitt wing Daniel Proffitt dishes the ball off to a teammate after drawing a crowd on a drive in the second quarter of the Bobcats' District 1-AAA game against Perryton here Friday night.

Although the Rangers were able to force a slow tempo, the Bobcats beat them at their own game, 35-32, on a last-second shot by Marcus Larra, to stay in contention for a playoff spot. Photo by Carter Townsend

## Cats win 35-32 thriller and a 63-50 redeemer

Sanford-Fritch's dangerous Eagles made a couple of come-from-behind runs again Tuesday night, but this time the Bobcats were ready for them.

The Bobcats recorded a 63-50 win at Fritch to redeem an earlier loss and stay in the race for the District 1-AAA title.

The win, coupled with Friday's 35-32 victory over Perryton, gives the Bobcats a 5-2 district mark. And thanks to Dalhart's upset of Perryton Tuesday night, the Bobcats now have a two-game hold on second place.

"If someone can help us out and beat Tulia, we still have a shot at the district championship," Coach Alan Steinle commented.

The Bobcats have three district games left—River Road and Dalhart here, and Perryton there.

The Bobcats jumped on the Eagles early Tuesday night, moving to an 11-5 lead in the ragged first period.

In the second, S-F's Levi Bentley nailed a pair of treys and a 15-footer to spark the Eagles to a 20-19 lead. But Daniel Flores, Sammy Prieto and Taylor Matthews answered with long-range bombs of their own to put Dimmitt out front again by 27-22 at halftime.

Flores, back after a three-week absence, finished the third quarter with three straight treys to give the Bobcats an imposing 44-27 lead. Prieto opened the fourth with another trey to stretch the lead to 20.

But the Eagles—who had come from behind to surprise the Bobcats 69-66 at Dimmitt—mounted another run and got within seven points, 51-44, on a trey by Shiloh Reed with 4:08 still to play.

That was as close as the Bobcats would let them get, though. Dimmitt outscored S-F 11-6 in the final 3:28 to seal the win and redeem their earlier loss.

"The keys were our defense and rebounding," Coach Steinle said. "Those two things are what really start our offense, and that's what we were concentrating on. Our kids played with a lot of energy on defense."

Pacing the Bobcat scoring attack were Prieto with 15, Flores with 14 and Matthews with 11. For S-F, Reed had 21, McElroy 12 and Bentley 10.

### Bobcats 35, Perryton 32

Junior guard Marcus Larra nailed a three-point rainbow at the buzzer to give the Bobcats a thrilling 35-32 victory over Perryton's Rangers here Friday night.

The three-point victory kept the Bobcats' playoff hopes alive with a 4-2 mark in District 1-AAA and set up Tuesday night's showdown at Sanford-Fritch.

Although Larra led the team in floor play with 10 credits, the game-winning three-pointer was his only basket of the night. He had tried and missed on three close-in shots earlier

against the taller Rangers.

With adept ball-handling, a high-low offense and a tall-tree rebounding corps, the Rangers forced a slow tempo. Only 10 points were scored in the first quarter and 25 in the first half.

"With their size, they limited us to one shot, and when they got ahead of us, that let them play their style of ball," Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle said. "They were able to slow it down and play a little bit more deliberate."

The game was three minutes old before Perryton's Brett Page scored the first basket, and Dimmitt didn't scratch until the 4:10 mark, when Taylor Matthews sank a driving layup.

Contributing to the low-scoring pace was Dimmitt's stifling 2-3 zone defense, which choked off Perryton's passing lanes and forced the Rangers to take most of their shots from 12 to 20 feet out.

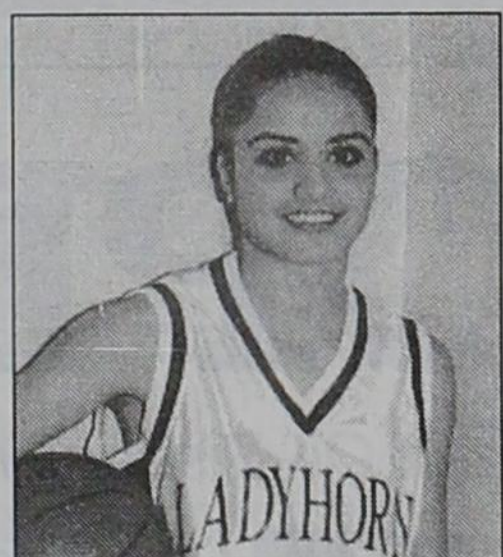
Dimmitt led 6-4 at the end of the first quarter, but Perryton went ahead early in the second and built a 15-10 lead on Bernardo Estrada's three-pointer at the buzzer.

The Rangers stretched their lead to eight points, 23-15, in the third before Keevin Sanders uncorked a 12-footer, a trey from the corner and a pair of free throws to close the margin to 23-22 at the 1:44 mark. Estrada sank an off-balance three-pointer at the buzzer to send the

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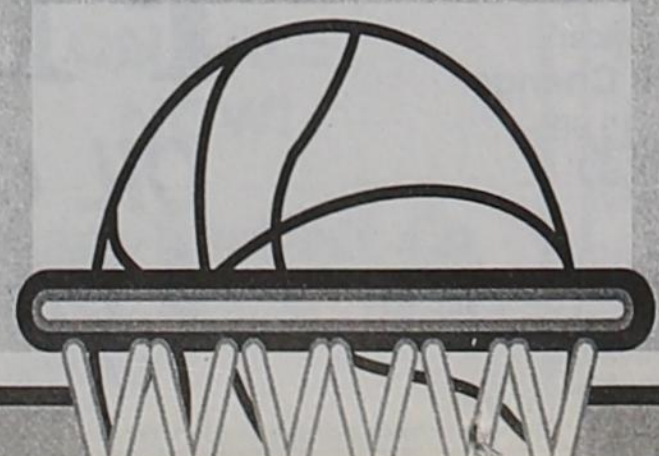
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# Lady Horns fall just short in upset bid against Vega

Hart's Geneva Finch had a whale of a game against Vega Friday night, and she and the Lady Horns almost knocked off the defending Class A state champion Vega Lady Horns, losing by a mere eight points, 55-47.

Finch exploded with 10 points in the third quarter as Hart trimmed Vega's 32-17 halftime lead to 41-35, but the Hart girls couldn't shut down Vega in the fourth.

Finch finished with a game-high 20 points Friday while teammate Angelica Perales added 11. Hart got nine points from Ruby Rodriguez and another seven from Amanda Ethridge.

Vega was led by Kyla May, who finished with 13 points. Kimberly Artho added 12.

Hart dropped to 1-5 in District 8-A play with the loss while Vega improved to 3-3. Hart's overall record fell to 14-10 while Vega jumped to 12-11.

Hart looked to Finch inside to start the game, and the post player responded with four points in the opening stanza. Baskets by Ethridge and Perales and a three-pointer by Rodriguez accounted for Hart's 11 points over the initial eight minutes.

Vega was red hot in the first quarter, though, hitting three treys and adding four more field goals to claim

a 17-11 first-quarter lead. Free throws kept the Vega ladies in front in the second quarter, as they hit five of eight attempts from the line. Artho, and A. Dunavin added a basket apiece in the quarter and Solomon and May drained three pointers to keep Vega in control.

Like Vega, Hart had several opportunities from the charity stripe in the second quarter; but unlike their counterparts, Hart's girls were ice cold from the line. Out of six attempts, Hart would get to count just one shot and that was by Finch.

Rodriguez picked up her second three of the game and Perales added another shot to her total to give Hart six points in the quarter.

Vega's 15-6 second-quarter run

was quickly erased by Hart in the third quarter, though.

Behind Finch's 10 point performance, Hart came roaring back after intermission, holding Vega to nine points in the stanza while reeling off 18 themselves.

An Ethridge three helped boost Finch's performance, and Perales contributed a hoop and free throw to the cause. Rodriguez moved inside the three-point line to pick up another jumper and Hart was back in the game, trailing Vega by six at the end of three quarters, 41-35.

Vega would regroup in the fourth quarter and matched Hart basket for basket in the stanza to stave off the rally.



HART'S JEREMIAH VELASQUEZ (5) drives around a Springlake-Earth defender like he was standing still in a recent District 8-A game at Hart.

Velasquez finished with 13 points in the game, but the Longhorns fell to Springlake-Earth, 56-47. Photo by Neoma Williams

## Traylor wins his weight class in power lifting meet

Fred Traylor of Dimmitt captured first-place honors in the 242-lb. class at a power-lifting meet over the weekend in Sundown.

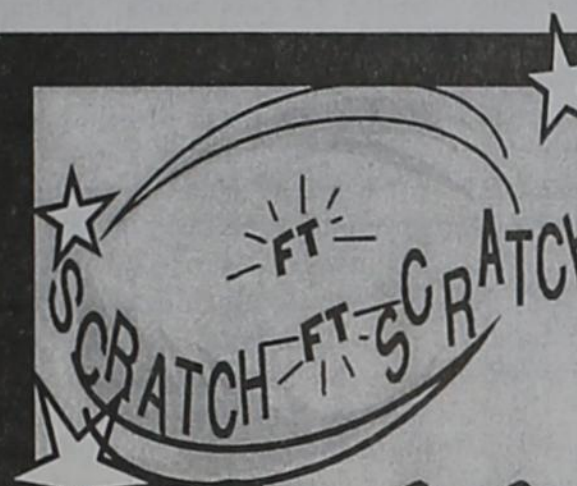
Traylor was one of five Bobcats to place in the meet.

In the 123-lb. class, Dimmitt's Mitchell Gentry snared second-place

honors. Two Bobcats placed in the 148-lb. class, including Tanner Self, who was fourth; and Jeremy Furr, who finished fifth.

Casey Villanueva of Dimmitt placed fifth in the 220-lb. class.

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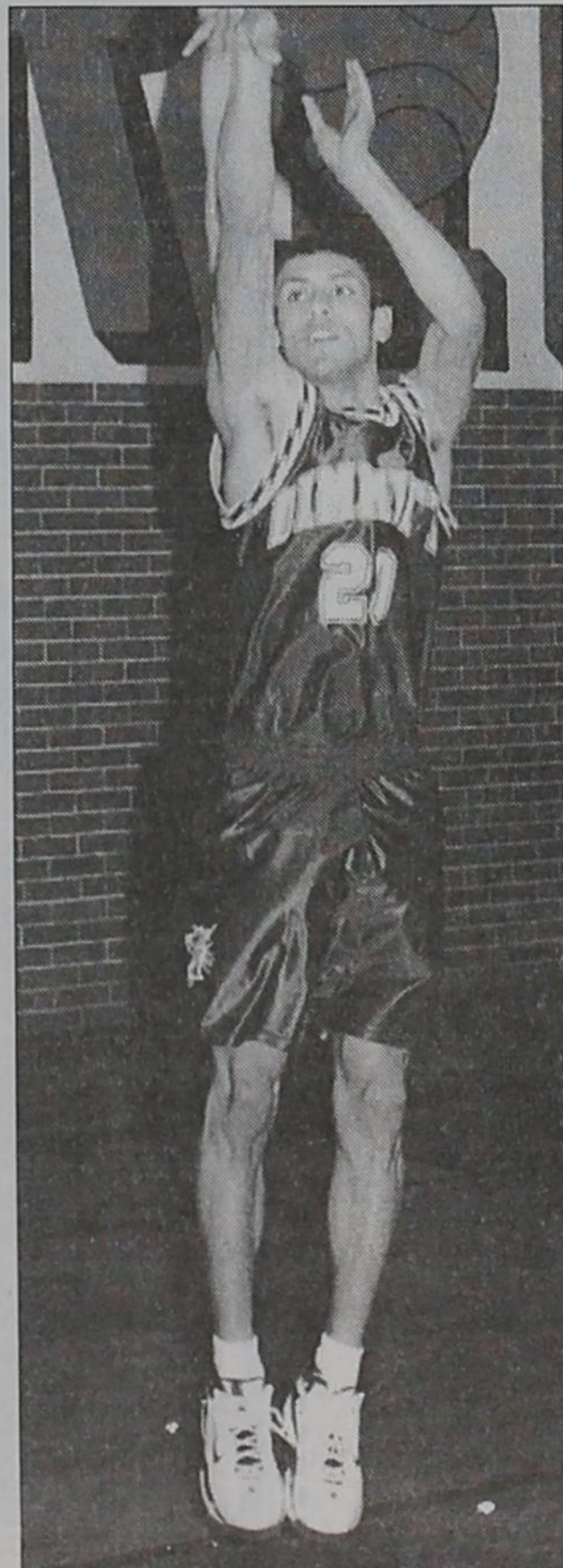
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# Sudan edges Swiftettes in battle of state's best

The Nazareth Swiftettes missed their first three shots from the field and didn't score a point for the first three minutes of the game Friday in Sudan, and that allowed the Hornets to build up a lead that would carry through the game.

The No. 2-ranked Hornets rode that early lead to a 46-39 victory over the No. 3-ranked Swiftettes in a District 8-A showdown.

After falling behind 1-10, Nazareth roared back and only trailed by six at the end of the first quarter.

Each team had 14 points in the second quarter and both finished with eight in the third. Sudan edged Nazareth by a point in the fourth quarter, 12-11, although Nazareth did manage to cut the Hornet lead to three with five minutes left in the game.

Nazareth's shooting percentage for the game was a meager 31% (13-of-42) while Sudan hit 49% of its attempts (18-of-37).

Sudan was in control of the district lead headed into Friday night's showdown while the Swiftettes were a game behind, with their only loss coming to the Hornets in round one of the series.

The Hornets retained their hold on the district lead after Friday's win, improving to 22-1 overall and 5-0 in loop play. Nazareth dropped to 4-2 in district and 23-5 overall.

Sudan scored the game's first five points, starting off with a penetration and layup by Sheila Huey at the 5:40 mark. Huey followed that play with a three-pointer just 25 seconds later.

Nazareth got on the board when Shawna Gerber made one of two free throws, but the Hornets, paced by Huey, would score five more points before Nazareth got its first field goal.

Sheena Embry chipped in two free throws, then Huey hit another layup and was fouled on the play. She added the bonus shot for a 10-1 Sudan lead.

Nazareth's first field goal of the period was a nice jumper by Cassie Birkenfeld. The Swiftettes followed that play with a three-pointer by Stephanie Thiel at the 2:58 mark, but that was all Sudan would allow.

With their lead cut to four, the Hornets took a time out and when they returned to the court, Jill Stout ended the Nazareth run by nailing a shot to give the Hornets a 12-6 first-quarter lead.

Sudan would build that lead to 11 early in the second quarter before Nazareth went on a 10-0 run that cut

the lead to a point.

The rally started at the 6:23 mark when Thiel hit a three-pointer. Birkenfeld found the net on another shot, then Mandy Hoelting connected on an inside jumper with 4:54 left to make it a four-point game.

Shawna Gerber pulled Nazareth within a point with 3:45 left in the half when she wrestled the ball away from Stout and drove downcourt, sinking a layup as she was fouled. Her free throw was good, making it a

17-16 game in favor of Sudan.

Sudan shattered the Swiftette run after that with a pair of free throws, then a three-pointer by Stout to regain a 22-16 lead.

Nazareth came back to cut the lead to a field goal after Whitney Hoelting left the paint and popped a trey of her own, trimming the Sudan lead to 22-20.

The Hornets were able to pick up two more buckets before the half and led 26-20 at the break.

The Swiftettes got the first points of the second half when Thiel converted a pair of free throws, but Sudan reeled off six unanswered points to take a 10-point lead, 32-22, midway through the stanza. Nazareth battled back with Gerber adding a pair of hoops in the quarter, including a fast-break layup after she got a steal with 10 seconds left, but the Swiftettes still trailed after three, 28-34.

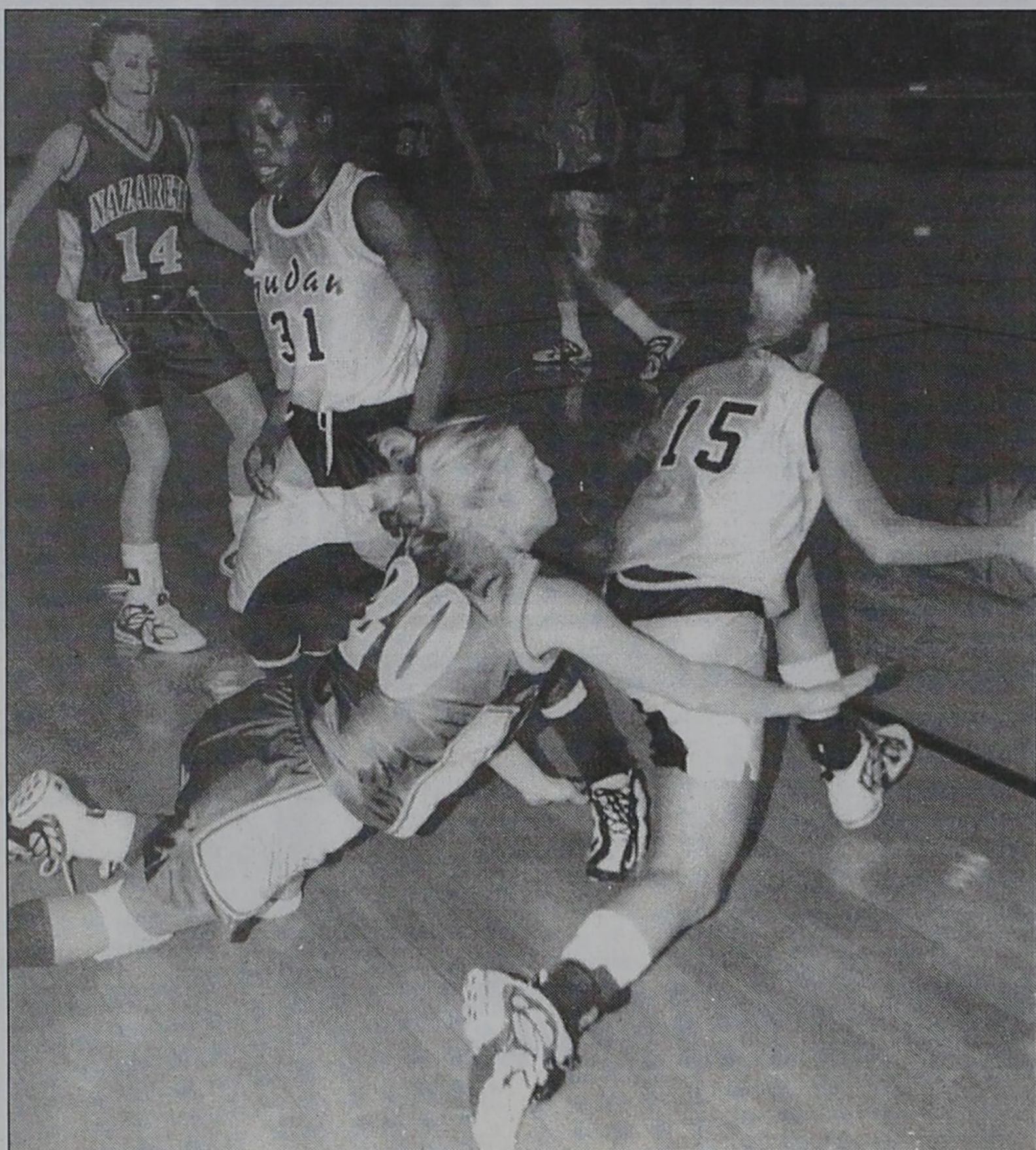
After Sudan took a 38-30 lead early in the fourth quarter, Nazareth came

back with a three by Wendy Black and another jumper by Mandy Hoelting to pull within three, 38-35, with 5:11 left in the game.

Sudan quickly called another timeout to regroup, the went on to outscore Nazareth 8-4 over the final five

minutes to hold on to the win.

Thiel and Gerber led Nazareth with 11 points apiece Friday. Sudan's leading scorers were Embry and Huey, who finished with 14 apiece.



**COME BACK HERE!** Nazareth's Sara Schulte (20) dives for the ball as Sudan's Jill Stout (15) attempts to break the Swiftettes' press Friday in a District 8-A battle between the No. 2 (Sudan) and No. 3 (Nazareth) Class A teams in the state. Setting a screen for Stout is her teammate, Lawanda Young (31). Also pictured is Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel (14). Sudan posted a 46-39 win over Nazareth in the game. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Kade Wilcox couldn't miss in the first quarter of Friday night's District 8-A showdown between Nazareth and Sudan, and his hot hand helped boost the Swifts to an early lead they never relinquished.

The sophomore guard swished five of six shots from three-point range in leading his team to a 21-13 first-quarter lead, and the Swifts never trailed again, posting a 62-48 win to remain unbeaten in district play and clinch a playoff berth.

Nazareth shooters missed just two shots from the field in the first quarter and only seven in the first half. For the game, the Swifts were 24-of-40 from the field and they hit eight three-pointers—six by Wilcox, who led the team with 18 points, all in the first half. He injured his ankle late in the third quarter and watched the fourth stanza from the bench.

Joining Wilcox in double-digit scoring were Ky Wilcox, who finished with 16; and Eric Schilling, who added 14. Blake Birkenfeld chipped in eight, Cameron McLain added four and Daryl Pohlmeier finished with two for Nazareth.

Sudan struggled from the field throughout the game, attempting 71 shots and making just 19.

The Hornets were led by Donyale Weaver, who finished with 15. Lance Martin had 12 and Eric Edwards chipped in 11.

Kade Wilcox opened scoring with one three, then suffered his first and only missed shot of the quarter a short time later.

After Nazareth took a 5-2 lead on a shot by Schilling, Sudan countered with baskets by Martin and Edwards to take a 6-5 advantage at the 4:53 mark.

Nazareth got the lead back on a Schilling tip-in with 4:30 left, then Kade Wilcox went to work.

He found nothing but net on a long three that put the Swifts up 10-6. Seconds later he made his third of the game. He hit back-to-back threes in the final 1:40 to give Nazareth a 19-10 lead with 45 seconds left.

The Swifts made it a 10-point lead with 10 seconds left when McLain connected on a baseline jumper, but Weaver drove downcourt and got a shot to fall as the buzzer sounded to make it 21-13 at the end of the stanza.

The Swifts were perfect from two-point range in the second quarter, adding shots from McLain, Ky Wilcox and Schilling to their total.

But Nazareth wasn't as hot from three-point territory in quarter, with Kade Wilcox making just one of three attempts and his brother missing his lone long-range try.

The Swifts fared better from the field than the Hornets, though. Sudan struggled in the quarter, hitting just 3-of-19 attempts as Nazareth remained in control.

Sudan reeled off four unanswered points and came within four of Nazareth early in the second quarter before Kade Wilcox connected on his sixth trey of the game with 4:50 left in the half.

That forced Sudan coaches into calling a timeout to adjust their team's defense on the guard.

But when Sudan started covering Kade Wilcox like a blanket, other Swifts picked up the slack on both ends of the floor.

Over the last four minutes of the quarter, Nazareth's defense held Sudan to two points. During that time, the Swifts got a free throw and basket from Ky Wilcox, and jumpers from McLain and Schilling to post a 31-22 lead at intermission.

Nazareth held onto its lead throughout the third quarter, thanks to perfect shooting by Blake Birkenfeld, who hit a pair of jumpers and a three pointer in the quarter to keep the Swifts in control.

Sudan enjoyed its best shooting performance of the night during the third quarter, but still made just 5-of-11 attempts from the field.

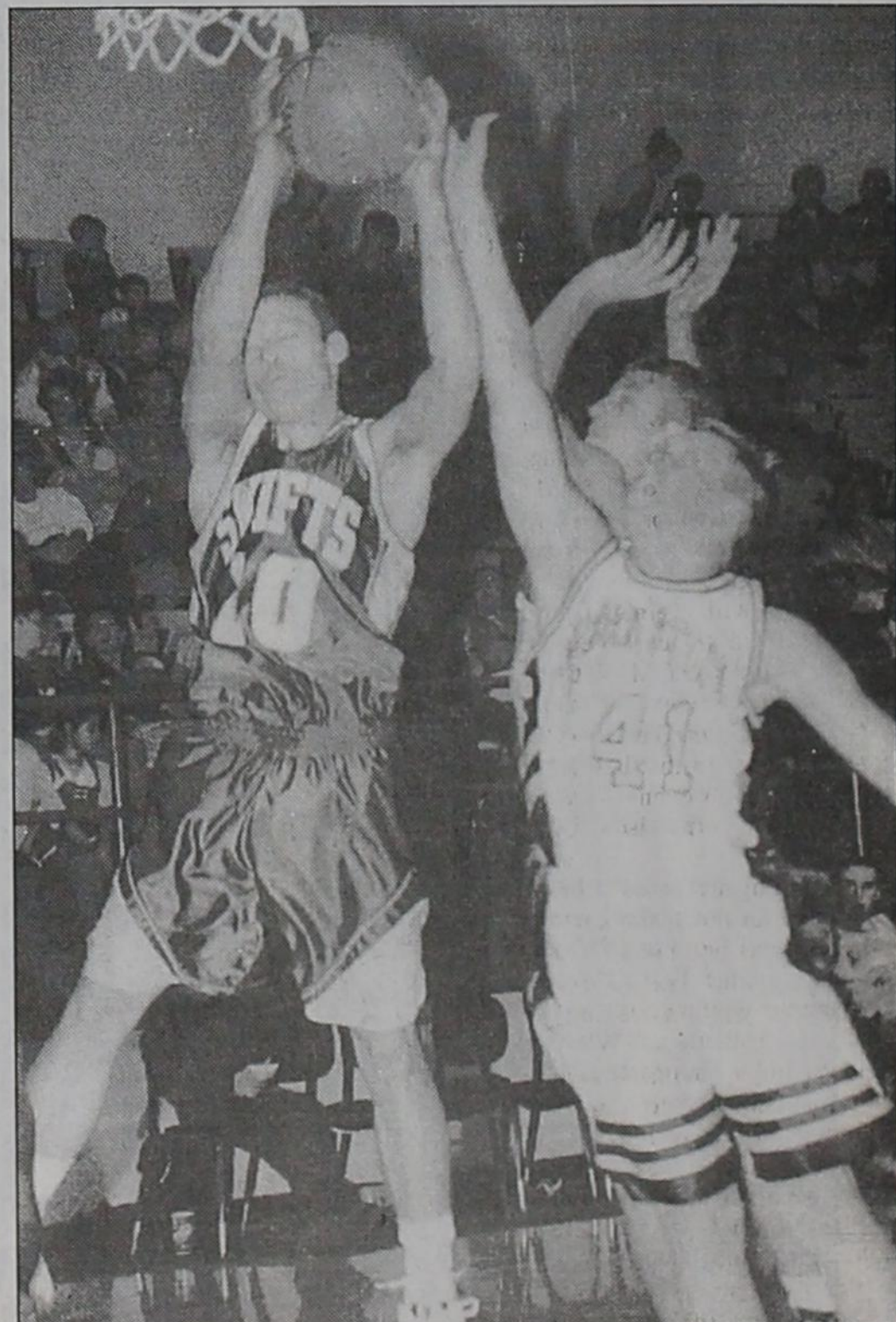
Weaver connected on a couple of shots, one of which was Sudan's lone three-pointer of the game at that point, but he couldn't pull his team closer to the Swifts.

With nine seconds left in the quarter, Kade Wilcox attempted to penetrate the lane and was going in for a layup when he was tripped up by a couple of Sudan defenders. He injured his foot on the play and was helped off the court.

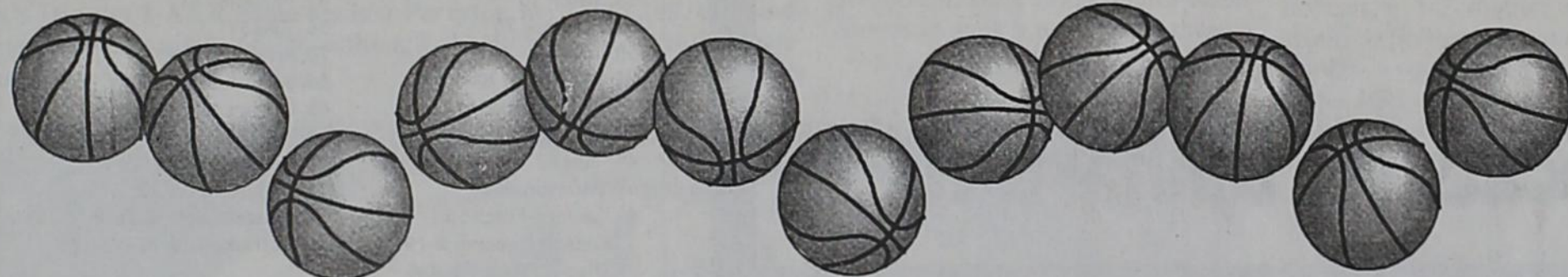
Ky Wilcox came in to shoot the pair of free throws for his brother, making one of two attempts. Schilling added a shot with four seconds left for a 46-33 Nazareth advantage.

Ky Wilcox took charge in the fourth quarter, scoring a couple of layups and drawing several fouls as he penetrated the paint. He finished with nine points in the quarter to keep Sudan at bay.

The Hornets started bombing away from three-point land in the fourth quarter, but only three of 10 shots fell through the net and the Swifts held on for the 62-48 win.



**FOCUS AND GOOD POSITION** underneath enabled Ky Wilcox (10) of Nazareth to snatch this rebound away from Sudan's Andy Messamore (41) Friday in a District 8-A matchup in Sudan. The Swifts pulled away from the Hornets early thanks to some hot shooting from the perimeter, and they went on to down Sudan, 62-48. The win assured Nazareth of a playoff berth this season. Wilcox finished with 16 points in the game. Photo by Dwayne Acker



## Good Luck, Swiftettes and Swifts!

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★ **TUESDAY:** Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Springlake-Earth, There

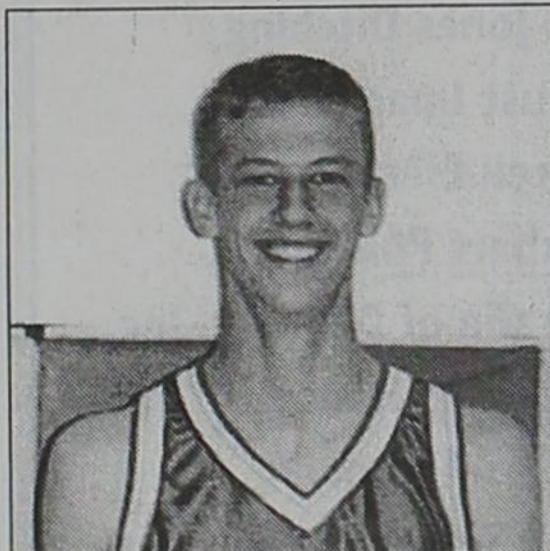
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# Horns stay alive in playoff chase, winning overtime thriller with Sudan

Hart kept its playoff hopes alive Tuesday night with a big, overtime win over Sudan, 66-64.

The victory improved Hart's district record to 4-3 and bumped the team to 10-14 overall. Sudan dropped to 2-4, 7-15 with Tuesday's loss.

Hart moved into third-place in District 8-A play behind Nazareth, which leads the race with a 6-0 mark; and Springlake-Earth, currently in second with a 4-2 record.

The Longhorns have one game remaining in the regular season while Springlake-Earth and Nazareth have two apiece. The Swifts have already clinched a playoff berth, but the second slot is still up for grabs.

Hart needs a win against Nazareth Friday to close out its regular season; then has to hope for Springlake-Earth losses to Sudan and Nazareth in the remaining games. That would assure the Longhorns of a playoff berth.

Hart still has a shot at the playoffs if it loses to Nazareth Friday, as long as Springlake-Earth

loses its last two games.

But if Springlake-Earth were to win one of its two remaining games, and if Hart beats Nazareth, that would throw the two teams into a tie.

Hart's game with Sudan Tuesday was a nip-and-tuck battle from the opening tip and both teams lit up the scoreboard.

After battling to a 15-15 stalemate in the opening stanza, Sudan was able to claim a 31-28 edge over the Longhorns by halftime.

Hart came back to own the third quarter by a three-point margin and that knotted the score at 45 headed into the final period.

Both teams tallied 13 points in over the final eight minutes of regulation to send the game into the bonus stanza.

Hart edged the Hornets during that extra span, 8-6, to claim the 66-64 win at home Tuesday.

Jeremiah Velasquez was all over Sudan Tuesday and nothing the Hornets did could shut down the sharp-

shooting guard. He finished with a game-high 30 points to lead the Longhorns. Keith Finch added 16 points to boost the Horns.

Sudan's leading scorers were Eric Edwards and Lance Martin, who finished with 20 and 15 points, respectively.



Here are the district standings for District 1-AAA and District 8-A through Tuesday night's games.

| DISTRICT 1-AAA |         |       |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Girls          |         |       |
| District       | Overall |       |
| y-Perryton     | 8-0     | 20-7  |
| Tulia          | 4-4     | 12-13 |
| Dimmitt        | 4-4     | 9-18  |
| Sanford-Fritch | 4-4     | 9-16  |
| Dalhart        | 2-6     | 12-14 |
| River Road     | 2-6     | 7-18  |

| Boys           |         |       |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| District       | Overall |       |
| x-Tulia        | 6-1     | 16-9  |
| Dimmitt        | 5-2     | 16-10 |
| Sanford-Fritch | 3-4     | 15-9  |
| Perryton       | 3-4     | 13-12 |
| Dalhart        | 3-4     | 12-12 |
| River Road     | 1-6     | 6-19  |

| DISTRICT 8-A     |         |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| Girls            |         |       |
| District         | Overall |       |
| y-Sudan          | 6-0     | 23-1  |
| Nazareth         | 4-2     | 23-5  |
| Vega             | 4-3     | 13-11 |
| Springlake-Earth | 1-5     | 9-15  |
| Hart             | 1-6     | 14-11 |

| Boys             |         |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| District         | Overall |       |
| x-Nazareth       | 6-0     | 13-7  |
| Springlake-Earth | 4-2     | 11-12 |
| Hart             | 4-3     | 10-14 |
| Sudan            | 2-4     | 7-15  |
| Vega             | 0-7     | 5-19  |

y-Clinched district title.  
x-Clinched playoff berth.



**BASELINE MOVE**—Geneva Finch (42) of Hart gets open on the low post and goes up strong inside, scoring two of her 17 points against Springlake-Earth in a recent District 8-A game. The Lady Horns picked up their first conference win of the season against the Lady Wolverines in an overtime thriller, 39-37.

Photo by Neoma Williams

# Orientation day set for eighth grade

Eighth grade students at Dimmitt Middle School will be transported to Dimmitt High School today (Thursday) for an extensive orientation program designed to help prepare them for high school and to help them select classes for next year.

The program will begin at 1:15 p.m. and will conclude at 3:15 p.m. Parents of these eighth-grade students are invited to attend.

Pre-registration materials and information on course offerings will be distributed to each student.

Dimmitt High School faculty members will discuss various courses for which students may enroll.

Students also will be informed of the requirements necessary for high school graduation, the three levels of graduation programs and other important information needed as they prepare to register for the 2000-2001 school year.

# More about County . . .

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are unable to handle going up and down the stairs to the basement of the courthouse.

Neal said she will seek alternate office space on a temporary basis until a decision is made about a new location.

Pammy Millican, CEA-Ag, and Johnna Patterson, CEA-IPM, also spoke to the commissioners, saying that the Energas building could serve as a temporary office space, if dividers were installed.

Neal said that the commissioners might consider building office space at the 4-H Center in conjunction with the meeting room/restroom facility that is planned for that location.

# More about Bobcats . . .

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Rangers into the final period with a 26-22 lead.

Sanders kept his hot hand as he opened the fourth with another three-pointer from the corner, and a minute later Sammy Prieto hit a trey to put Dimmitt ahead for the first time since the first quarter, 28-27.

The Rangers retook the lead, 32-29, on six-of-eight free-throw shooting, but Sanders nailed another big trey from the corner to tie it at 32-32 and set the stage for the dramatic finish.

With 2:02 remaining, Page went to the free-throw line to shoot two. He missed both, and Dimmitt got the rebound, then called time-out with 1:37 left.

The Bobcats stalled down to the 20-second mark and called another time-out.

"We wanted one of our guards on the perimeter to try to get them spread out, and drive and create something," Coach Steinle said. "If they fouled us we'd get to the free-throw line, and if they didn't we'd kick it off to one of our post guys going along the baseline."

But as often as they had worked on that tactic in practice, the Bobcats could not drive against Perryton's desperate defense.

Finally, Larra took the shot from outside the perimeter.

"I think it was a very heads-up play by Marcus," Coach Steinle said. "He could have just held onto the ball, but he looked up and caught a glimpse of the clock and saw that it was running out, and got the shot off."

"We wanted to penetrate, but they made us shoot the three."

Sanders, who scored only one basket in the first quarter and one in the second, was Dimmitt's big gun

by a long shot as he finished with 19 points, including three of four from three-point range and a perfect four of four from the free-throw line. The Bobcats' other 16 points were scattered among five others with two, three and four apiece.

"I'm really proud of our kids," Coach Steinle said. "We got a little frustrated at times, but overall, we kept our composure and made enough plays to win. And that's the bottom line."



## Who's New

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Bruce and Monica Bryant of Happy. She was born at 2:58 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in Amarillo's BSA Health System (Baptist Campus), and has been named Bailey Brooke. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Marvin and Gwen Bryant of Dimmitt, Roger and Marjeanne Moore of Amarillo and Susie Moore of Idalou. Great-grandparents are Merle Arthur of Dimmitt, Pauline Bryant of Pampa, Ed and Marge Moore of Stratford, and Pat and Larnce Hartman of Idalou.

It's a girl, Bailey Brooke Bryant, for Bruce and Monica Bryant of Happy. She was born Jan. 28 at 2:58 a.m., weighing 6 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Marvin and Gwen Bryant of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Susie Brumley of Idalou and Roger and Margene Moore of Amarillo.

# McCathern reception is Sunday in Nazareth

The Many Lives of Gerald McCathern will be highlighted during a special evening reception honoring Hereford author, Gerald McCathern, on Sunday at Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

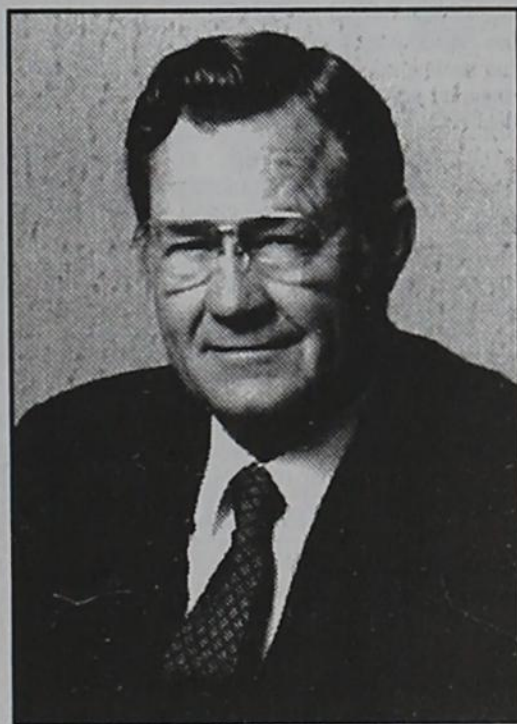
The reception will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature a potluck meal in addition to the program. McCathern will read selected essays from his book, *To Kill the Goose*. He also will be signing copies of the book for those interested. The event is being sponsored by The Promised Land Network.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the potluck meal.

McCathern was born in 1926 and he is a native of the Texas Panhandle. He spent his youth searching the countryside of Roberts and Wheeler Counties for Indian artifacts and he developed a keen sense for local history. On the strength of these interests, McCathern has recently published two historical fiction novels on the setting of the Llano Estacado, *Horns* and *Stampede*.

After military service in World War II and graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in petroleum geology, McCathern worked on wild oat wells in the Permian Basin for a short time before he moved to Hereford to begin a 44-year career in farming and ranching.

During those years he wrote and published his own nationally circulate



Gerald McCathern

newsletter, "The Agriculture Watchdog," plus four books, *From the White House to the Hoosgow*, *Gentle Rebels*, *To Kill the Goose*, and *Line of Succession*.

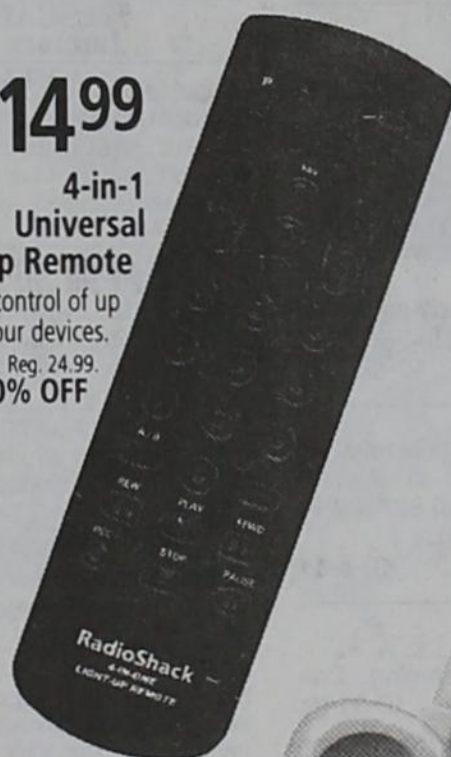
One of the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C. features McCathern's tractor, an exhibit from the "Tractorcade to Washington" in the late 1970s.

From his diverse backgrounds, McCathern offers a wealth of knowledge and stories concerning major events that shaped life on the High Plains over the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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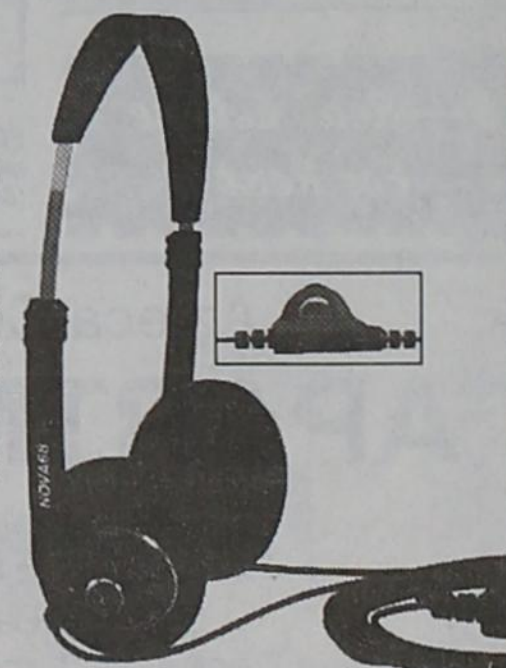
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**Address:** Lot 81-82 Coronado Acres, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

**Convicted of aggravated sexual assault.** The victim was a 7-year-old female. A photograph of the above named person is accessible at no cost from the following Internet address: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>.

La siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento del Sheriff del Condado de Castro, y fue convicto de una Ofensa Sexual.  
**Nombre:** John Puentes, un hombre de 27 años de edad.  
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**INTO THE JAWS . . .** Dimmitt's Heather Black (13) is fouled by Perryton's 5-11 Courtney Nowlin as she drives the lane and puts up a shot against the Rangerettes' tall front-court defense in Friday night's District 1-AAA game here. Black sank one of her two free throws to cut Perryton's lead to 34-36 with 3:17 remaining in the third quarter. Closing in are Dimmitt's Tamara Robertson (10) and Kelsey Welch (31) and Perryton's Erin Hale (34), Kari Parvin (50) and Lacie Holt (33). Perryton won the game, 66-59.

Photo by Carter Townsend



## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 3-11.

### DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh bananas and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.  
 MONDAY: Blueberry cereal bar, apple juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Canadian bacon and biscuit, applesauce and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, orange juice and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh bananas and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school.

### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.  
 MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school.

### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued chicken or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine, barbecued beef on a bun or beef taco; savory green beans, baked potatoes or mashed potatoes; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy beef steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; white rolls, arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled chopped steak or beef stir fry; Mexipinto beans, Lyonaise carrots or Chinese style vegetables; tossed salad; cantaloupe or

plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 FRIDAY: No school.

### HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken, breakfast stick, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
 MONDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancakes with syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or pizza, corn, green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
 MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket or steak fingers with rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, royal brownies and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, ham sandwich or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: No school.

### NAZARETH Breakfast

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

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Chicken nuggets with bread or chef's salad, tossed salad, green beans, orange, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* Fish or steak fingers, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, fruit

salad, dessert and milk or juice.  
 MONDAY: \* Spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, peas, peaches, dump cake and milk or juice.  
 TUESDAY: \* Chicken nugget and bread or chef's salad, tossed salad, beans, pineapple, Rice Krispie and milk or juice.  
 WEDNESDAY: \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, green beans, banana, cookies and milk or juice.  
 THURSDAY: \* Pork patties or steak finger, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* No school.

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

## Medical fund set for Davis

A medical fund has been established for James Davis of Dimmitt, the husband of Kathy Davis, who is employed at Thriftway Supermarket. Davis is in SCCI Rehabilitation Hospital in Amarillo for medical problems related to his multiple sclerosis.

Donations to the fund may be made at First United Bank in Dimmitt to the James Davis Medical Fund.

## Naz cheerleaders will sell Valentine 'Candy-Grams'

The Nazareth High School cheerleaders will sell Valentine "Candy-Grams" through Feb. 10 and those interested in purchasing one or more of the gifts should call the school at 945-2231 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who want to send a special message to their "sweeties" at school should call one of the cheerleaders at the number above by Feb. 10.

The Candy-Grams are 50¢ each and will be delivered on Valentine's Day, which is Feb. 14.

*If total isolationism is no answer, total interventionism is no answer, either. In fact, the clear, quick, definable, measurable answers are ruled out. In this twilight of power, there is no quick path to a convenient light switch.*  
 -Adlai Stevenson

# Hoop Scores

### FRIDAY

Swiftettes 39, Sudan 46  
 Nazareth 6 14 8 11—39  
 Sudan 12 14 8 12—46  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Stephanie Thiel and Shawna Gerber 11.

Swifts 62, Sudan 48  
 Nazareth 21 10 15 16—62  
 Sudan 13 9 11 15—48  
**Scoring:** NAZ—Kade Wilcox 18, Ky Wicox 16, Eric Schilling 14.

Bobcats 35, Perryton 32  
 Perryton 4 11 11 6—32  
 Dimmitt 6 4 12 13—35  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Keevin Sanders 19.

Bobbies 59, Perryton 66  
 Perryton 16 12 9 29—66  
 Dimmitt 17 11 13 18—59  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Heather Black 15, Tamara Robertson 13, Carol Summers 10.

### Longhorns 74, Vega 62

Hart 16 21 18 19—74  
 Vega 13 24 20 5—62  
**Scoring:** HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 29, Keith Finch 20.

### Lady Horns 47, Vega 55

Hart 11 6 18 12—47  
 Vega 17 15 9 14—55  
**Scoring:** HART—Geneva Finch 20, Angelica Perales 11.

### JV Bobcats 82, Perryton 44

Perryton 13 7 10 13—44  
 Dimmitt JV 24 21 19 18—82  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT JV—Austin Sherman 19, D. Norman 14, Anthony Oliviero 13, Matthew Wright 11.

### MONDAY

Freshman Bobbies 40, Dalhart 35  
 Dimmitt 9th 10 13 6 11—40  
 Dalhart 6 13 9 7—35  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT 9<sup>th</sup>—Jenna Steinle 9, Caitlin Buckley 8.

### TUESDAY

Bobcats 63, Sanford-Fritch 50  
 Dimmitt 11 15 17 19—63  
 Sanford-Fritch 5 17 12 16—50  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Sammy Prieto 17, Daniel Flores 14.

### Bobbies 44, Sanford-Fritch 55

Dimmitt 7 11 10 16—44  
 Sanford-Fritch 11 16 12 16—55  
**Scoring:** DIMMITT—Heather Black 12, Tamara Robertson 10.

### Longhorns 66, Sudan 64 (OT)

Sudan 15 16 14 13 6—64  
 Hart 15 13 17 13 8—66  
**Scoring:** HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 30, Keith Finch 16.

### Lady Horns 37, Sudan 72

Sudan 14 26 22 10—72  
 Hart 15 7 11 4—37  
**Scoring:** HART—Angelica Perales 15, Lindsey Montemayor 9.



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## Obituaries

### Jonathan L. Alvarez

Funeral services for Jonathan Leonardo Alvarez, 16, of Amarillo, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Santos Alvarez of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon at N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors' Pioneer Chapel in Amarillo. Phil Mercado, pastor of Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo, officiated at the service. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery Mausoleum.

Alvarez died Sunday.

He was born and raised in Amarillo and he attended Bowie Middle School and Caprock High School. He was a member of Trinity Fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his father, Armando Alvarez, in 1996.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Castillo of Amarillo; a brother, Jeremiah Alvarez of Amarillo; his grandparents, Estella Lopez of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Santos Alvarez of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo Castillo of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Guzman of Grand Prairie; and his godparents, Paul and Adela Lopez of Perryton.

### Rev. William Ball

Memorial services for Rev. William Randall Ball, 77, of Santa Barbara, Calif., the brother of two Dimmitt residents, were held Saturday afternoon in Palm Springs, Calif.

Rev. Ball was born July 13, 1922, in Burneyville, Okla., moving to Olton early in his childhood. He married Hazel McCleskey on July 2, 1939.

He had been an Assembly of God pastor since the age of 17, pastoring churches through the years in Seminole, Cushing, Okla., Cincinnati, Ohio, Wichita, Kan., and Big Spring. During the past 20 years, Rev. Ball had been an associate pastor and counselor for Family Life Church in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, Bob and Della Ball; a brother, Doyle Ball; and two sisters, Wauline Little and Johnnie McMillan.

He is survived by two sons, Bracy Ball of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Ken Ball of Redwood City, Calif.; a daughter, Raneé Leland of Versailles, Ky.; a brother, Garner Ball of Dimmitt; a sister, Gertie Waggoner of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### Zoe Blackwell

Zoe Blackwell, 71, of Tyler, former Dimmitt resident died Jan. 8 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Following cremation, memorial services were held in the First Baptist Church of Canton on Jan. 10.

Mrs. Blackwell was born Sept. 26, 1928, in Sedwick to Andy and Ouida Lowrance. She moved to Dimmitt with her family in 1941.

She grew up in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1945. She worked at Rawlings Drug Store and *The Castro County News* as a high school student. She married Aaron Blackwell on March 7, 1946, in Dimmitt. They lived in Austin and Canton before moving to Tyler last summer.

Survivors include her husband, Aaron Blackwell of Tyler; a daughter, Donna Harmon of Canton; a brother, Wayne Lowrance of Pasadena; and a sister, Judy Birdwell of Dimmitt.

### Jimmy Ray Bostick

Graveside services for Jimmy Ray Bostick, 65, of Guymon, Okla., formerly of Hart, are set for today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Tribbey Cemetery in Tribbey, Okla., under direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon, Okla.

Funeral services were to have been held Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Guymon with Rev. Mike Wiechmann officiating.

Mr. Bostick died Jan. 30 in the Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born July 12, 1934, in Wanette, Okla., to Jimmy Coleman and Mona Jewell (Harris) Bostick. He graduated from Hart High School and moved to Guymon in 1972 from Texhoma, Okla. He married Judith Arlene Combs on Sept. 2, 1989, at Rawlins, Wyo. He farmed and was employed in the parts department and as an irrigation engine mechanic with Nash Brothers Implement for several years before opening his own business, J&G Engines, in Guymon. He retired in 1994. He was a past 32nd Degree Mason and attended First Baptist Church in Guymon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a special uncle, Dave Bostick.

He is survived by his wife of the home; a daughter, Darla Kay Davis of Borger; five step-children, Conya

Rupp of Purdy, Mo., Kevin Jones, Debra Schutte and Kif Sides, all of Guymon, and Kenny Sides of Amarillo; two brothers, Howard Bostick of Lubbock and Darrell Bostick of Broken Bow, Okla.; three step-sisters, Rosalea Griffith of Liberal, Kan., Janet Taylor of Oklahoma City, and Beverly Bostick of Seminole, Okla.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a special aunt, Mae Bostick of Macomb, Okla.

### Leta Mae Hefner

Funeral services for Leta Mae Hefner, 82, of Lubbock, the mother of Tana Young of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with Rev. Truman Johnson of Lubbock officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Hefner died Jan. 29 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born June 22, 1917, in Davidson, Okla., the daughter of W.A. and Buena Dickerson. She graduated from Wilson District Consolidated #2 in Davidson. She married J.M. Hefner in Frederick, Okla., on Dec. 6, 1941, and they lived in Altus, Okla., from 1946 until 1963, when they moved to Muleshoe. After retiring in 1982, they traveled a lot, until 1988, when they moved to Carlsbad, N.M., and then to Lubbock in 1993.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Tana Young of Dimmitt; a sister, Gladys McAlister of Muleshoe; two grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; and one step-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

### Iylene C. Williams

Funeral services for Iylene C. Williams, 86, of Lockney, the mother of Peggy Cline of Dimmitt, are set for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at West College and Third Street Church of Christ in Lockney with Rev. O.J. Welch of Tatum, N.M., retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Williams died Jan. 31.

She grew up in Mills County and moved to Runnels County in 1927. She graduated from Drasco High School in 1929. She married Lois L. Williams in 1933 at Center Point. After her marriage, she lived around the Williams Ranch, moving to Aiken in 1947. Mrs. Williams worked at Byrd's Pharmacy and was a member of the Aiken Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992 and a son, Kenneth Williams, in July.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Cline of Dimmitt; two sons, Luther Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jerry Williams of Ruidoso, N.M.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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## More about UIL rule splits Class A . . .

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Sudan, Vega and Whiteface, but there are still some really good smaller schools out there. Happy continues to be good year in and year out, and they're going to be in our district. We'll have some new teams to prepare for in Silverton and Valley, so that will be a challenge as well," Garrett said.

The new change in the organization of Class A is a welcome one to Hart Lady Horns' Coach Bob Libby.

"I'm ecstatic. I'm very happy about it," said Libby. "I hate losing Naz out of our district, but we'll still have Sudan and Farwell, so the competition is still going to be stiff. I think it'll be a good district.

"I know some people feel like they've watered down the quality with this, but there are some good teams from smaller schools, especially in this region, that never get very far in the playoffs. This could give those teams an opportunity to show everyone what they have," Libby said.

"I think it'll help the quality of the game overall. It's going to give some teams hope, especially those on the borderline. If the kids feel like they have a chance to be successful in the playoffs, then they tend to work harder and that will only make them better. I think it's a great change."

### 2000-2002 football

Hart and Nazareth will remain in 11-man football competition for the 2000-2002 seasons, and they are still in District 2-A.

But the teams and fans will get to travel down some different roads as they head to those district games next season.

The Longhorns and Swifts will play each other, as well as Vega and Kress again; but newcomers to the district race will be Boys Ranch and Stratford, both of whom dropped from Class AA to Class A under the UIL's new realignment.

There will be 134 Class A schools competing in 11-man football during the 2000-2002 seasons, and those schools will be divided into 32 districts.

### Spring meet activities

Schools in Division I and Division

II will be placed into approximately 16 districts each for the spring meets, but the division of smaller and larger Conference A schools in the spring meets is only at the district level.

Each Conference A regional spring meet will have eight districts, with approximately four districts in the lower half of the enrollment and four districts in the upper half of the enrollment.

With the exception of the one-act play and cross-examination team debate competitions, district winners in spring events will qualify for regional and regional winners will advance to the state meets.

## More about Bobbies . . .

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and followed with a 12-foot jumper. But the Rangerettes responded with a run of their own and outscored the Bobbies 15-6 in the next 4½ minutes to fashion a 56-51 lead.

Then, after a time-out, the Rangerettes went into a ball-control game and scored the rest of their points on free throws.

A pair of freebies by Welch with 27 seconds left and a three-pointer by Black with 11 ticks remaining cut the Perryton lead to 61-59, but Tabatha Fletcher, Lindsay Dyer and Nowlin hit five of six free throws in the final 10 seconds to seal the win for the Rangerettes.

Perryton scored a whopping 29 points and Dimmitt 18 in the furious fourth.

Dimmitt's top scorers were Black with 14, Tamara Robertson with 13 and Summers with 10. Pacing Perryton were Nowlin with 25, Hale with 12 and Lacie Holt with 10.

*In 1799, Congress established the nations highest military title, General of the Armies of the United States to honor George Washington, first commander of the Army, but he never received it. It was awarded posthumously by a special act of Congress in 1976.*

## Police Calls

Police were called to Dimmitt High School several times during the past week.

An incident of disorderly conduct was reported Jan. 25 at noon and another at 1 p.m. A disruption in the classroom was reported to police last Thursday at 1:20 p.m.

A 32-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed last Thursday night for assault of a public servant and for disorderly conduct. Arresting officer Rita Ramos said the woman was urinating in public and when she was taken to the jail, the suspect bit Ramos.

Sunday afternoon, a 47-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for unlawful carrying of a weapon after he was stopped by a DPS Trooper.

A Dimmitt woman told deputies that she was assaulted by physical contact at Roadside Park about 10 p.m. Sunday.

Connie Navarro of Dimmitt told police Saturday afternoon that someone removed a purse from her vehicle while it was parked at ALCO. She valued the purse at \$30.

Jackie Thomas of Dimmitt told deputies that someone took a 10-week-old female Rottweiler puppy from his property in the Huggins Addition on Saturday. He valued the animal at \$200.

A Hart woman told deputies Jan. 21 that she has been the victim of phone harassment.

On Friday, a 45-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, third or more offense, and driving with license suspended.

Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—An Amarillo man, 22, for assault/bodily injury and violation of probation stemming from charges of criminal trespass.

—Friday, at 9:36 a.m., a Dimmitt woman, 38, for theft by check; at 11:30 a.m., a 17-year-old Dimmitt woman on Hale County charges of burglary of a habitation; at 6:02 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 18, for DWI and motion to revoke probation; and at 11:26 p.m., an 18-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, first offense, and motion to revoke probation.

## Quilt Festival set for April 6-8

Quilt entries are invited for the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 6-8.

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards also will be given.

"We want to encourage everyone to enter," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt.

Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362, or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

The entry fee is \$5 per quilt and the deadline is March 18. Completed forms should be mailed to Ann Powell, Quilt Show Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 222, Canyon 79015, along with a picture of the quilt. The quilts must

be delivered to Davis at 1601 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 5 at 9 a.m.

## Vendors needed for quilt festival

Food vendors are needed for the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, to be held in Dimmitt on April 6-8.

However, vendor booths will only be available on April 7 and 8.

Organizations, groups or individuals interested in providing a food booth at the festival should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Ogallala members Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637 for forms or more information.

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Farmers in the Marketing Program averaged more than 1,500 points over the loan. These farmers have already received and deposited these funds.

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The North Gin Marketing Program is currently tracking and locking in prices for the 2000 crop.

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