

Young Swiftettes renew the tradition

By ANNE ACKER

Nazareth had a lot of big hurdles to overcome Saturday morning, but the Swiftettes cleared each one with ease. First they had to contend with Celeste's talented 6-2 post player Christy Grady, who led her team in double-figure scoring, rebounds and blocked shots. No problem. A little pressure, hand-in-your-face defense should do the trick. Then the Swiftettes had to worry about Celeste's smothering triangle-and-two defense designed to shut down Nazareth's leading scorers Melinda Schmucker and Amy Pohlmeier. No problem. An offensive adjustment here, a screen there—hurdle cleared. The final hurdle was one the Swiftettes had been trying to clear for five years—bringing home the school's 13th state championship. No problem. Nazareth captured that elusive trophy Saturday morning by beating Celeste, 43-30, in the Class A state championship game before a crowd of 7,063 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The championship victory was the second for Swiftette Coach Johnny Hampton. His first was in 1986 with the Nazareth Swifts. "We're just glad to win this one," said Hampton, who coached the Swiftettes to a 36-2 record this season. Those victories included wins over this year's Class AA state champion Ozona and the Class AAA state champion Groesbeck. One of Nazareth's losses was a 10-point loss to Class AAAA state champion Canyon.

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Class A state champions

Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton (left) and his senior Swiftettes (from second left) Courtney Hoelting, Carie Wethington, Melinda Schmucker and Robin Schulte, show off the hardware they earned in Austin this weekend at the Class A state tournament. The Swiftettes cruised by

Round Top-Carmine in the semifinals, then beat Celeste, 43-30, on Saturday morning to win the school's 13th girls' basketball title. Schmucker is holding her MVP award and the girls all sport gold medals around their necks.

Photo by Anne Acker

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One local race contested on Super Tuesday ballot

Castro County voters will elect a treasurer, county/district attorney, Pct. 3 and Pct. 1 commissioners, county tax assessor/collector, sheriff and constable as well as casting their ballots for several regional, state and national officeholders in Tuesday's primary elections. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. If you will be out of town for Super Tuesday's primaries, you can still cast your ballots by voting early through Friday at the county clerk's office from

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday's primaries will feature presidential races as well as races for other national and state offices. Although there are seven county offices up for grabs this year, only one of those seats will feature a contested race. Incumbent county treasurer Janice Shelton is seeking the Democratic nomination and she will be challenged by Carolyn Watts.

Other incumbent county officeholders seeking the Democratic nomination are unchallenged and they include County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews; Pct. 3 Commissioner W.A. "Bay" Baldrige; County Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman; County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld; Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland; Constable James Dobbs. No Republicans have filed for the local seats. County Democrats are expecting about 3,350 voters in their primary while Republicans expect about 341. Among the other highlighted races on the primary ballots are the presidential and senate nominations. President Bill Clinton is seeking the Democratic nomination and he will be challenged by Fred Hudson, Ted L. Gunderson, Elvena E. Lloyd-Duffie, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Sal Casamassima, Heather Harder and Willie Felix Carter. The Republican presidential race is a heated battle, with Bob Dole, Pat Robertson, Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander leading the pack for the nomination. Also appearing on the ballot for president will be Charles E. Collins, Morry Taylor, Mary "France" LeTulle, Susan Ducey, Alan L. Keyes, Phil Gramm and Richard G. Lugar. US Sen. Phil Gramm is up for re-election and he is being challenged by Henry C. Grover and David Young for the Republican nod. Candidates for the Democratic nomination are John Bryant, Jim Chapman, Victor Morales and John Will Odam. US Rep. Mac Thornberry (District 13), is unopposed on the Republican primary ticket. Democrats hoping to challenge Thornberry in November by winning the Democratic primary are Aaron Alejandro and Samuel Brown Silverman. State Rep. James E. "Pete" Laney also is running unopposed on the Democratic ballot in his bid for re-election. The Republican ticket includes a state representative candidate, Hollis Cain, who is unopposed.

Two OM teams win first, advance to state

Two Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind teams will advance to the state OM contest in Plano in April after winning first at the Regional OM contest in Amarillo Saturday. Two Dimmitt Middle School teams won second and third place honors, and will not advance. However, the DMS "Crunch" team won a Ranatra Fusca Award for outstanding creativity in the spontaneous portion of the competition. Placing first in their division of the "Crunch" or structure

competition was the DHS team of Tim Proffitt, Michael Keith, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Jeremy Matthews, Jeremy Hall and Joel Townsend. Coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt. Also, Proffitt received an Outstanding OMER Award for exemplifying the spirit and philosophy of OM. An individual Ranatra Fusca outstanding creativity award went to Emily Robertson of the Dimmitt High School "Great Impressions" team, which also won a first in their division. Other team members are

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Here's where to vote Tuesday

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

- Pct. 101—American Legion, Hart.
- Pct. 105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.
- Pct. 201—Immaculate Conception Church Community Hall, Dimmitt.
- Pct. 206—Texas Sesame, Flagg.
- Pct. 301—First Christian Church, Dimmitt.
- Pct. 307—Easter Community Center.
- Pct. 401—Dimmitt City Hall.
- Pct. 408—American Legion, Nazareth

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

- Pct. 101—Hart Golden Group Building.
- Pct. 105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.
- Pct. 201—Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Community Hall.
- Pct. 206—Flagg Fertilizer.
- Pct. 301—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Dimmitt.
- Pct. 307—Frio Baptist Church.
- Pct. 401—Courthouse, Dimmitt.
- Pct. 408—Nazareth Community Hall.

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By Don Nelson

The Swiftette tradition has come full circle. When 16-year-old Karen Schulte helped win the Nazareth Swiftettes' first state basketball championship in 1977 and was named to the all-state tournament team, she could have had no earthly idea that one day she would have a daughter do the same thing. Saturday morning, Karen Schulte Gerber's 15-year-old daughter, K'Lynn, scored 12 points from her post position as the Swiftettes blew away Celeste, 43-30, for Nazareth's 13th state girls' basketball championship. And late Sunday night, K'Lynn learned that she had been named to the all-state tournament team. As a freshman last year, K'Lynn was the first daughter of a state champion Swiftette to become a Swiftette herself. Now Karen and K'Lynn are Nazareth's first mother-daughter state champions/all-stars. They probably won't be the last.

Karen was the youngest of the three all-state Schulte sisters who helped start the tradition. Elaine was a senior, Rosie was a junior and Karen was a sophomore in 1976, when the Swiftettes first went to state under Coach Cathy

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JUBILATION — Nazareth's Swifts celebrate as they are announced as the Region I-A champions Saturday night in the Texan Dome at South Plains College, Levelland. At right, Professor Bart Bradshaw, tournament director, prepares to present the

Swifts with their championship trophy. The Swifts had just beaten the state's only remaining undefeated team, Klondike, 55-50 in the championship game to earn a berth in the Class A Final Four at the state tournament in Austin this weekend.

Photo by Don Nelson

Naz opens with Avinger Swifts going for double gold in state tournament

The Nazareth Swifts are hoping to bring home the school's first double state championship in basketball this weekend. The Swifts captured their second Region I-A title in three years Saturday night by beating Klondike, 55-50, and are on their way to the boys' state tournament at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Their counterparts, the Nazareth Swiftettes, captured the Class A girls' state championship in Austin earlier Saturday. The Swifts will open the Class A boys' state tournament today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. against Avinger (25-6), who is no stranger to the state tournament. The Nazareth-Avinger winner will play either Anderson Shiro (34-3) or Roby (25-6) for the state championship Saturday morning at 9. Avinger is a tiny town located in the northeastern corner of the state in Cass County. Total school enrollment is 61. Avinger will be making its seventh appearance in the state tournament. The team qualified for state in 1947, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1987 and 1995. The Indians won it all in 1977 and their title game was the last game played in Gregory Gym. They returned to state in 1978 and played

the first game in the Frank Erwin Center. The Indians made it to the Final Four in 1995, losing to Sudan in the first round. Three players are back from that state qualifying team including Lee Hopkins, a 6-2 senior wing; Deondray Dowell, a 6-2 senior; and Treton Dowell, a 6-3 post. To stop Avinger, you must stop Hopkins, who is averaging 30 points per game. Hopkins starts off at the wing, but he likes to drive to the hole. He's a strong penetrator, good jumper, rebounder and shot blocker. Chad Wilson is their big man inside, but the 6-3 post player likes to shoot from three-point range and he's good from the baseline perimeter. Avinger rounds out its starting lineup with Bakari Ector, a 6-0 wing. The Indians play three players off the bench including Darryll Jones, a 5-9 wing, Drew Lindwood and Travis Johns. The Indians are quick and they like an up-tempo game. In the regional championship game, Avinger beat district rival Karnack, and the Indians had to make up a 14-point deficit to claim the victory.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

I spent most of last week in Munday—every day except Thursday. I went with Kate Beecher on Monday and we drove through the worst sandstorm I have seen since the dust bowl days in the '30s. We attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Frankie Ponder, who was buried Feb. 27. We stayed with Kate's cousin, Nancy Hawkins. Kate's two daughters came for the funeral—Jo Prather of Jackson, Miss., and Beth McLendon of Dallas. We enjoyed visiting with the Beecher family. Nancy Hawkins and I drove out in the country from Seymour to see my cousin Edith Bibb.

I went back to Munday on Friday with Rosetta Bellinghausen to another funeral. Herbert Bellinghausen, cousin of Rosetta's late husband, William, died as the result of injuries from an auto accident in which his brother, Wilford, was killed. Herbert had been in the Lubbock hospital until he died. The funeral was in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland. Rosetta's son, David Bellinghausen of Ovilla, met us in Rhineland and we visited with him during the dinner that was served for the family.

When I told the girls at the News office that I was going to Munday, they wanted to go with me. Anne Acker is related to the Bellinghausens and Paula Portwood's girl friend lives there. Don Nelson said Munday would never be the same if we three went at the same time!

When Rosetta asked me to go with her, I said couldn't we go to Timbuktu or anywhere else, since I'd just spent three days in Munday.

Rosetta and I visited with Wyman Meizner of Benjamin while we were in Rhineland. He was the photogra-

pher for the book *Playas: Jewels of the Plains* by Jim Steiert of Hereford. We have several of the books for sale at the museum.

The Museum Board members held their belated monthly meeting last Thursday. Dale Winders presided over the business meeting and Clara Vick read the minutes. Others present were Madge Robb, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Mary Edna Hendrix, Robert Duke, and Ralph Lambright. Rosetta and Mary Edna served sandwiches, chips, miniature cheese cakes and punch.

Emily Clingsmith was hostess for the Thursday Bridge Club and she served pecan pie with ice cream. Lorannell Hamilton and Helen Braafladt served chili and beans and slaw, and Ina Rae Cates served pasta with vegetables. Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Edith Graef won second high. Others playing were Bernice Hill, Elizabeth Huckabay, Dude McLaurin, Cleo Forson, Virginia Crider, Alma Kenmore, Susie Reeves, Neva Hickey, Ina Rae, Louise Mears, Fern Dickey, Lorannell and Helen.

Ed and Betty Freeman, the Don Ethingtons, Rosetta Bellinghausen, and Mary Edna Hendrix attended the Community Concert in Plainview on Saturday evening. David Allen Wehr, pianist, gave a good performance. Some of the familiar songs he played were *Deep River*, *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*, *Clair de Lune*, and *Tuxedo Blues*.

We had trouble trying to find a parking place at the Harral Auditorium since the sports fans were there early for the Pampa-Frenship basketball game and had parked in all the

places close to the auditorium.

Monday (March 4) was my birthday and it was busy, with some calling in news for "On the Go," and several calling to wish me "Happy Birthday." Ed and Betty Freeman sang "Happy Birthday" over the phone; my daughters called, Mary Lynn of Amarillo and Sue of Dallas; as did my granddaughter, Lauren of Houston. Also, Louise Mears, Kate Beecher, Irene Carpenter, Louise Moffett and Oleta Gollehon took me to The Place for lunch.

Frances Smith and Sandra Bagwell sang "Happy Birthday" to me at church Sunday evening before the service started. Ruth Cochran and Maxine Myers sent gifts.

At the evening service Sunday at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church, Mary Sheehan of Dallas told about her experiences in teaching English in communist China.

The highlight of Edna Reinart's trip to Carlsbad, N.M., Feb. 24-25 was attending the 100th birthday celebration of an aunt. She went with Esidor and Elfrieda Reinart.

Mary Walterscheid, the honoree, is an aunt of Esidor Reinart and Edna's late husband, Arhart Reinart.

"Aunt Mary" is a remarkable lady. She uses no walking stick or walker. After attending the three events on Saturday in her honor, she was in the process of unfolding the couch for her daughter's bed, when Patsy walked in.

Patsy said, "Mama, you should be in bed." To which Mary replied, "But, Patsy, you are so tired."

The next morning, Mary was up at 6 a.m., waking everybody up for breakfast.

Sunday afternoon, the Catholic Daughters of America honored her with a reception. Feb. 27 was really her birthday, and another party was held so the residents of Lanson Retirement Room (where she lives) could attend.

Mary's aunt, who raised her, lived to be 111 years old.

Mary's favorite pastime is playing bridge, and if she had her way, she and her friends would play every day instead of twice a week.

Laura Jean Presley, who was a resident of Dimmitt in the late '60s, and her mother, Mary Sweatmon, were in town recently and visited friends before going on to Muleshoe. They had lunch with R.V. and Dolores Ivy and visited with the Rayphard Smithsons and with San-

dra Clark and with Veta Self. They were neighbors of Mrs. Self in Muleshoe.

"Fifteen-year-old" Carolyn Sides has a new teenage outfit presented to her at her Leap Year birthday party held at the Wild Plum in Olton Friday night. She received gag gifts and cards from Doris and Houston Lust, Doris and Jack Flynt, Kathryn and Bill Birdwell, Don and Paula Graham, Deanne and Bill Clark, Myrtle Lois Moran, Ina Cleavinger, Margaret Parsons, Tonya Linsky, and Carolyn's husband, George Sides.

Carolyn also received notification that she has been named the Dimmitt High School Class of '54's official "Teenager of the Twentieth Century, with all the rights appertaining thereto."

A FAX message concerning the

honor was sent by Don Johnston, "still standing" class vice president.

Avis Smith went to Spearman for the funeral of a good friend.

Jim Wright, Donald Wright, and Shanna Kenworthy all had surgery last week. Each one is recuperating at home.

Joyce Rice is in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Several members of the Methodist Bell Choir went to Friona's First Methodist last Sunday to hear Ruby Moultrie, formerly of Dimmitt, and the Levelland First Methodist Bell Choir perform.

The World Day of Prayer observance was held in Nazareth this year, and 13 ladies from Dimmitt representing several churches attended. Worship, offering and refreshments were part of the observance.



GOING TO STATE—The Dimmitt High School "Great Impressions" Odyssey of the Mind team won first at Regional this weekend and will advance to state in April. Team members are (from left) Christie

Bryan, Lindsey Welch, Julie Merritt, Taryn Hays, Jessica Flores, Emily Robertson (who won an individual Ranatra Fusca award) and Kristin Doss. Their coach is Reta Welch. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

A benefit dinner for Tammi Herriage was held Sunday in the Springlake-Earth School, sponsored by the Earth and Springlake Lions Club. Hershel and Retha Wilson, Lee and Louise Bradley, and Rickey and Pansy Byers attended. A lot at Sunnyside knew nothing about it, although there was a good turn out.

David and Gary Sadler and Larry and Sharon Sadler went to Galveston last Sunday to vacation with J.C. and Donna Turner.

Bob Duke of Galveston flew to Lubbock to a convention Sunday. He came out Saturday evening to spend the night with Robert and Frances Duke.

Retha Wilson has been having painting classes at her home with students from Springlake, Earth and Dimmitt. Hershel helps Retha with the jobs on the side and entertains the husbands who accompany their wives to the class.

Benny Wright accepted the call as pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church Wednesday night. They will gradually move onto the field, bringing a few things each week. He will start as pastor Sunday. They will live on the field and drive to their work in Plainview each day, as bivocational pastors do.

Deryl Tapp filled the pulpit Sunday with a message about the Gideons. He gave numerous illustrations of people who were saved as the result of reading Bibles placed by the group. The Gideons now operate in 172 countries. Mr. Tapp

was a good speaker. His wife, Thelma, accompanied him.

Dr. Straus Atkinson of Plainview visited with Teeny Bowden a few minutes Wednesday afternoon on his way back to Plainview after a visit in Dimmitt.

Verba Sadler sent off 30 more letters this week to the additional addresses received by the 75th Anniversary Committee.

Stacy Norman of Dimmitt fixed Teeny Bowden's printer Friday and ate dinner with Teeny. They also printed out 300 papers to be used in a keepsake book for the anniversary celebration. While the printing was going on, Stacy cleaned out about 300 old files on the hard drive, working until after 3 p.m.

Saturday night, the MIR Space

Station showed up clearly in the western sky. It was bigger and brighter than the earlier one we watched.

Marshall King, Lance and Lincoln of Earth visited with Billie and Emma Jean King Sunday afternoon.

Ron Morgan of Muleshoe came to Hershel Wilson's last Saturday, and the two of them built an entertainment center, finishing it this Saturday.

Hershel Wilson took his mother back to the doctor in Lubbock Wednesday for more blood tests. Everything was fine and she feels well.

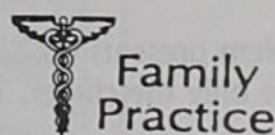
It was 14 degrees Wednesday morning for our coldest temperature of the week.

MEDICAL ATTENTION ON SATURDAYS YES!

The Medical Center of Dimmitt is now open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Doctors on Duty:

Saturday, March 9.....Dr. B.D. Murphy
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PMH has assisted living care program

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt recently announced that the Respite Care program is being changed to an Assisted Living Program.

A'llan Bradley, R.N., program coordinator, said that a limited number of rooms at the hospital have been designated for long or short-term care.

"This program provides medical supervision by hospital staff at reasonable daily rates," Bradley said. "It is intended for those who prefer or need 24-hour care whose medical condition is stable."

Services offered include, but are not limited to, room and board, nursing care, medication administration, and assistance with daily activities.

"We take pride in offering a wide scope of care that includes emergency room, acute hospital, out-patient services, skilled nursing,

home health, and now assisted living," Bradley said. She noted that the new program is not a covered expense by Medicare, Medicaid or most private insurance companies.

MS Support Group to meet March 19

The Castro County Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will have a meeting March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Ettie McDermitt Conference Room at Plains Memorial Hospital and the public is invited to attend.

Brad Chapman, an attorney, will speak on employment issues and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Anyone in the area with disabilities is encouraged to attend. There is no admission charge.

The hospital is located at 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

For more information, call Joyce Bolton at 647-3730.

Youngsters can exchange books at library on March 23

The Children's Book Swap will be held March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Children who are pre-school age through fourth grade are invited to bring books they are tired of and trade them one-for-one for some

different books.

Entertainment will be provided by the FAITH Group of Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, sponsored by Norma Trigo.

Children who are pre-school age will see a puppet show, featuring "Pocahontas" as the narrator and Sesame Street character puppets.

Children in kindergarten through second grade will see a comedy sketch by story tellers "Ima" and "Iza."

Third and fourth graders will see characters emerge from a giant book and tell about the characters in popular book series, such as "Goosebumps," "The Boxcar Children," and "The Babysitters' Club."

AL-ANON, a support group for members of alcoholics' families, meets each Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt; Mondays at 8 p.m. in the Panhandle Community Services office in Tulia; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Plainview. Phone 1-800-344-2666 weekdays.



MRS. RANDY MILLER
... nee Darlene Heck

Newlyweds establish home in Darrouzett

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Miller are home in Darrouzett after a wedding trip to Jamaica.

The couple exchanged wedding vows Feb. 17 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Robert Busch officiating.

The bride is the former Darlene Heck, daughter of Charles Heck of Amarillo and Ann Heck of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Ernest and Luella Miller of Darrouzett.

Two spiral candelabras accented with greenery and navy and burgundy bows decorated the sanctuary along with large floral baskets.

Pianist Courtney Hoelting accompanied soloists Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld, who performed *I Will Be Here, Powers in the Love, There is Love, Father's Call, This is the Day, and She Said Yes*.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a romance satin gown with a Queen Anne neckline, long, fitted sleeves, a basque waistline, elongated back peplum and heart-shaped keyhole back. It was accented with embroidered lace and was trimmed in pearls and sequins.

She carried a cascading bouquet of burgundy orchids and lilies, miniature white roses and carnations, greenery and gypsophelia.

Matron of honor was Charlotte Motley of Olton, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tammy Black of Nazareth and Dolores Wortman of Saginaw, the bride's sisters.

Bridal attendants wore two-piece navy blue suits accented with pearl buttons. The jacket featured a sweetheart neckline and pleated sleeves.

DHS history class to hold mock election

The honors world history class from Dimmitt High School will conduct a candidate rally and mock election today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.

Students, acting as proxies for the Republican and Democratic candidates, will present the candidates' positions on issues being focused on during this election.

The students have been studying the political conditions which existed during the decline of the Roman Empire. Students found parallels between ancient Romans' political apathy and low voter turnout and interest in modern America. As a result, the students sought a way to become informed and involved in the political process.

Many of the students participating in this mock election will have to wait for the presidential election in 2000 to vote for the first time.

The students decided to involve the community in the mock election in an effort to encourage the participation of eligible voters.

Campaign materials from candidates' headquarters and other student-produced material will be placed in the hallways at Dimmitt High School and in the auditorium for the rally.

DHS students recognized for academic successes

Ten Dimmitt students have been nominated for recognition by the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence and those students were honored on March 1.

Among those recognized were Joel Townsend, Carlos Garcia, Colby McDaniel, Joshua Roberts, Jeff Riggs, Jill Davis, Monica Ortiz, Taryn Hays, Jeremy Hall and Tawnee Matthews.

More than 1,000 outstanding students from more than 100 Texas schools were recognized. The purpose of Celebrations is to call attention to students who have been successful in academic pursuits such as UIL competitors, National Merit Scholars, members of academic decathlon and debate teams, scholarship recipients and others.

Students honored received a certificate signed by State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie, Commissioner of Education Mike Moses and their respective State Board of Education member.

The Celebrations also featured

videotaped messages from Texas Gov. George Bush and Moses, congratulating students on their accomplishments and encouraging them to continue working toward academic success.

LULAC names new officers

The League of United Latin American Citizens chapter of Dimmitt met Feb. 26 at the Azteca Complex and named new officers.

Gloria Hernandez was named president, with Carlos Hernandez as vice president, Obelia Martinez as secretary, Rosa Jiminez as treasurer, and Gloria Garcia as reporter and advertising chairman.

The group discussed future fund raisers and community events, including an Easter Egg Hunt, planned for April 6 at 2 p.m. at the city park; dances, and a fiesta for Cinco de Mayo.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member or who wants to help in any way may contact any officer.

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Fish Fry set Friday

The FAITH Group will hold a public fish fry every Friday evening during Lent through April 5 to raise funds for its "Random Acts of Kindness" program.

Coordinated by Norma Trigo, the FAITH Group consists of Dimmitt teenagers who perform voluntary service for the community and individuals where they are requested or see a need.

The fish fry meal will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Friday in the Immaculate Conception Community Hall. Meals will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under, all you can eat with all the fixings.

"People have offered to pay us for a lot of the things we've done, and we've turned it down," Trigo said. "But now we find that we need money to buy supplies for some of our work, so if you want to pay us, this is the way to do it—come and eat fish with us."



FIRST IN REGIONAL CONTEST—The Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind "Crunch" structure team will advance to the state competition in Plano in April. One of the team's coaches, Wayne Proffitt, won an Outstanding OMER award for exemplifying the spirit and philosophy of OM. Team members are (from left) Jeremy Hall, Joel Townsend, Jason Hall, Michael Keith, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hargrove, and Tim Proffitt. Also coaching is Pat Keith.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for Wayne and Susan Backus of Lubbock. Zachary Paul was born Feb. 20 at 7:41 a.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed in at 5 pounds and 14 ounces and was 18-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Hubert and Joan Backus of Nazareth and John Marse and Sandra Marse of Plainview. Great-grandmothers are Helen Backus and Louise Braddock of Nazareth.

PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a girl for David and Sue Stephens of Dimmitt. Christy Renea was born Feb. 27 at 12:41 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 6-1/4 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. She has an older brother, Jake, 10, and sister, Shenea, 7. Grandparents are Leecia Stephens of Dimmitt, and Gene Dickerson and Dorris Dickerson of Hereford, and Earline Dickerson of Piquette, Miss. Great-grandparent is Myril White of Coolidge, Ariz.

Shamrock ready for St. Pat's Day

The 50th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Shamrock will be held its kick-off banquet March 15, with activities continuing through the weekend.

Events will include an arts and crafts show, a chuck wagon cook-off, a group fly-in, a carnival, food booths, a team roping event, a bull buck-out rodeo event, an old settlers reunion, a donegal beard contest, and a parade with over 100 entries.

Also, there will be the Route 66 Car Show, the Lad and Lassie Beauty Contest, the Miss Irish Rose Beauty pageant, a gospel sing, a golf scramble, a teen dance, and an adult dance.

For more information or a complete schedule of events, call 806-256-2501 or 806-256-2181.

Chance Cozbey is recognized

Chance Cozbey, son of John Cozbey and Tammy Rhoads, has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Cozbey was born July 22, 1985 in Amarillo. He likes pizza and rabbits and says he is good at naming the kinds of writing. He wishes he was better at math and spelling.

He wants to be a teacher when he grows up and the "nice teachers" are what he likes about DMS. He admires his uncle, Jimbob, and his dad.

Cozbey's favorite book is *The Barking Ghost*, and in his free time he likes to read.

FIT program gets national nod

The Families In Training program of the Panhandle Community Services, serving the 26 counties of the Panhandle, received national recognition recently for its "innovativeness and its successes," according to PCS representative Karen Zinser of Amarillo.

The local PCS office received a copy of a letter that said the National Association of Community Action Agencies (NACAA), the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation, and the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) are making a joint national effort to spotlight rural development programs that are doing a good job.

The FIT program had already received recognition as the number one program of its type in Texas

back in September, and had received a Community Services Block Grants incentive award at that time, which produced additional funds to help the participants in the program.

"Ninety percent of our participants have graduated and found employment," said Stella Devers of the local PCS office.

The program focuses on providing rental assistance, case management and other services to low-income persons who are pursuing post-secondary education.

Applicants must be eligible for rental assistance, be a parent of a dependent child or children, and be attending or preparing to attend college or post-secondary vocational education. Participants must go through an application process, and those selected must maintain grade point averages of "B" or better.

"Education is the key to success," Zinser said. "The support given these people, whether moral support or locating resources, has been an excellent program."



Jessica A. Vasquez has joined the US Army under the delayed enlistment program at the US Army Recruiting Station in Amarillo.

She is the daughter of Maria and Alvin R. Vasquez of Dimmitt, and a senior at Dimmitt High School.

She will report to Fort Jackson, S.C., for military basic training June 4.

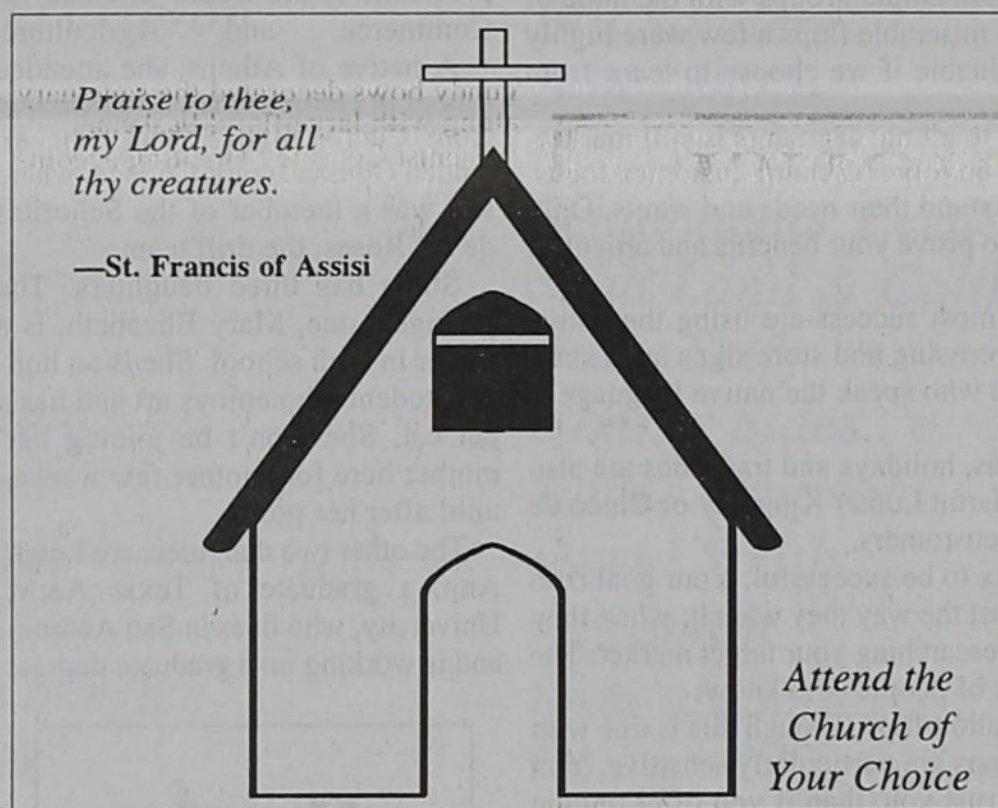
The delayed enlistment program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

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WINNERS OF THE 1996 Neatness Award at the San Antonio Stock Show were (from left) Adrienne and Aaron Hart of Hart. The two were presented their award by Jamie Blevins.

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Immunizations to be given by TDH in Dimmitt today

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday), offering vaccines against several childhood diseases.

The clinic will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School.

Vaccines offered will offer protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB.

Cost for the immunizations will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.



NEW MANAGER FOR CASTRO COUNTY FARM BUREAU
... Paula Stiles started her duties in Dimmitt Monday.

Stiles is new manager at Farm Bureau office

Paula Stiles is the new manager of the Castro County Farm Bureau office in Dimmitt, starting her duties here Monday.

She comes to Dimmitt from Cuero, in DeWitt County, south of Austin. She has been with the Farm Bureau for three years, serving as an agent.

Stiles is a member of Rotary and a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority. She is a member of Gulf Coast Life Underwriters, and has been active as a 4-H leader, having been honored as a "Leader of the Year." She was the first woman president of the Cuero Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

A native of Athens, she attended school in Hallettsville and graduated from Cuero High School. She attended Odessa Junior College, where she was a member of the Señoritas de las Rosas, the drill team.

Stiles has three daughters. The youngest one, Mary Elizabeth, is a junior in high school. She is an honors student who enjoys art and has a pet cat. She won't be joining her mother here for another few weeks, until after her prom.

The other two daughters are Leigh Ann, a graduate of Texas A&M University, who lives in San Antonio and is working on a graduate degree;

and Susanne, who is a senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Although she had been ordained as a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Cuero, Stiles said she plans to attend the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

"I was raised a Baptist and that's where my roots are," Stiles said. "I have a strong faith and I knew God was leading in the move here. All our prayers were answered, and everything just fell right into place."

Stiles said she likes working with house plants, but her main enjoyment comes from working with people.

"Dimmitt is so friendly," Stiles said. "I'm really pleased to be here. West Texas people are the friendliest ever."

Panhandle Association convenes in Dimmitt

The Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts met Feb. 21 in Dimmitt at the Expo building, with representatives from the association's 21 counties or member groups among the 75 people attending.

Farm bill legislation and statewide battles for water rights in Texas were among the topics addressed by newly elected State President Guillermo Benavides of South Texas and Bob Buckley, State Executive Director. They also encouraged member involvement.

Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water District, explained the current situation in the depletion rate of the Ogallala Aquifer. He also spoke about the need for planning water development for area municipalities.

Holly Sugar provided an industry

education film about the sugar industry's role in Texas and the US in terms of jobs and a cheap, stable supply of high quality sweeteners.

Welcoming the association members was Coby Gilbreath of Dimmitt, a director of the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District. Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt gave a presentation on Dimmitt and Castro County.

The association meeting is held on a rotating basis and comes to Castro County every 12 or 13 years. The noon meal was catered by Marshall Young & Associates.

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District is a non-profit organization and donations by local sponsors helped make the meeting possible. All donations are met with state matching funds.

Those who contributed for the meeting included Deaf Smith Electric, Westex Federal Land Bank, Holly sugar, Cargill Grain, Gilbreath Brothers, Texas Corn Producers Board, Birkenfeld Farms, Kern Heating and Plumbing, Castro County Pump Co., Terra International, E.M. Jones Ditching, Dimmitt Agri Industries, and J & H Equipment.

Local agency gets national crop insurance award

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C&S wins bronze award

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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

The Ethnic Niche



Once upon a time America was a melting pot. Men and women from around the world crossed our borders, learned our language, assimilated our culture, pledged allegiance to our flag and became American citizens.

Today the picture is different. Men, women and children are still pouring across our borders, but many of these groups are resisting the melting pot concept. They prefer to have their cultural cake and eat it too.

As a result, we have growing numbers of "something hyphen Americans" who choose to live in this great country, but prefer to retain most of their own cultural heritage.

This cultural diversity issue causes some interesting social and political dilemmas. Since our main focus in this column is business, I won't get into the social and political ramifications here. What I do want to address is the business opportunities these new, diverse cultural groups offer to savvy business owners.

The numbers are growing

Today, four cultural minority groups represent nearly one-fourth of the US population. Men and women of African, Asian, American Indian and Hispanic descent make up these four major groups.

By some estimates, these fast-growing ethnic segments will grow to more than one-third of the US population shortly after the year 2000. In Texas and California, the experts are estimating that the white, non-Hispanic population will be the minority in another 15 years.

These are sobering statistics if you're a business owner creating a marketing strategy. Many entrepreneurs have virtually ignored these market niches. Yet, they represent growing numbers of American consumers who have the magic combination of needs and money to spend.

If you are going to be successful in attracting and satisfying these growing segments, you'll have to change your marketing strategy. If you're sharp, you'll think of the cultural differences as opportunities to hammer the competition as opposed to difficulties in doing business.

Some ethnic lessons

Several large corporations focused on these ethnic groups with the hope of increasing market share. Some efforts were miserable flops a few were highly successful and most are educationally valuable if we choose to learn from them.

To get started, remember that marketing to ethnic segments is still marketing, and that successful marketing always involves a sharp customer focus. You must know your customers and understand their needs and wants. Only then can you utilize the cultural difference to prove your benefits and articulate your advantages.

The businesses that are achieving the most success are using the native language to target an ethnic segment. Advertising and store signs are a start, but having people involved in the business who speak the native language is more likely to prove profitable.

Understanding the culture, social customs, holidays and traditions are also important. One-shot advertising aimed at Martin Luther King day or Cinco de Mayo probably won't win you any ethnic customers.

You may need to adjust your product mix to be successful. Your goal is to provide exactly what the customers want, just the way they want it, when they want it. If you're unsure, spend some time researching your target market. The best way to get answers is to ask questions of people who know.

You still have to build trust and form relationships. Though this is true with any customer, Hispanics and Asian-Americans are particularly sensitive. You are more likely to influence them if they trust you, than if you offer unique product features with highly-visible promotion.

Ethnic niches are good opportunities to grow your business. Move out of your comfort zone and discover that Americans come in different varieties with different needs. You may discover that these folks make good friends and neighbors, as well as customers.

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

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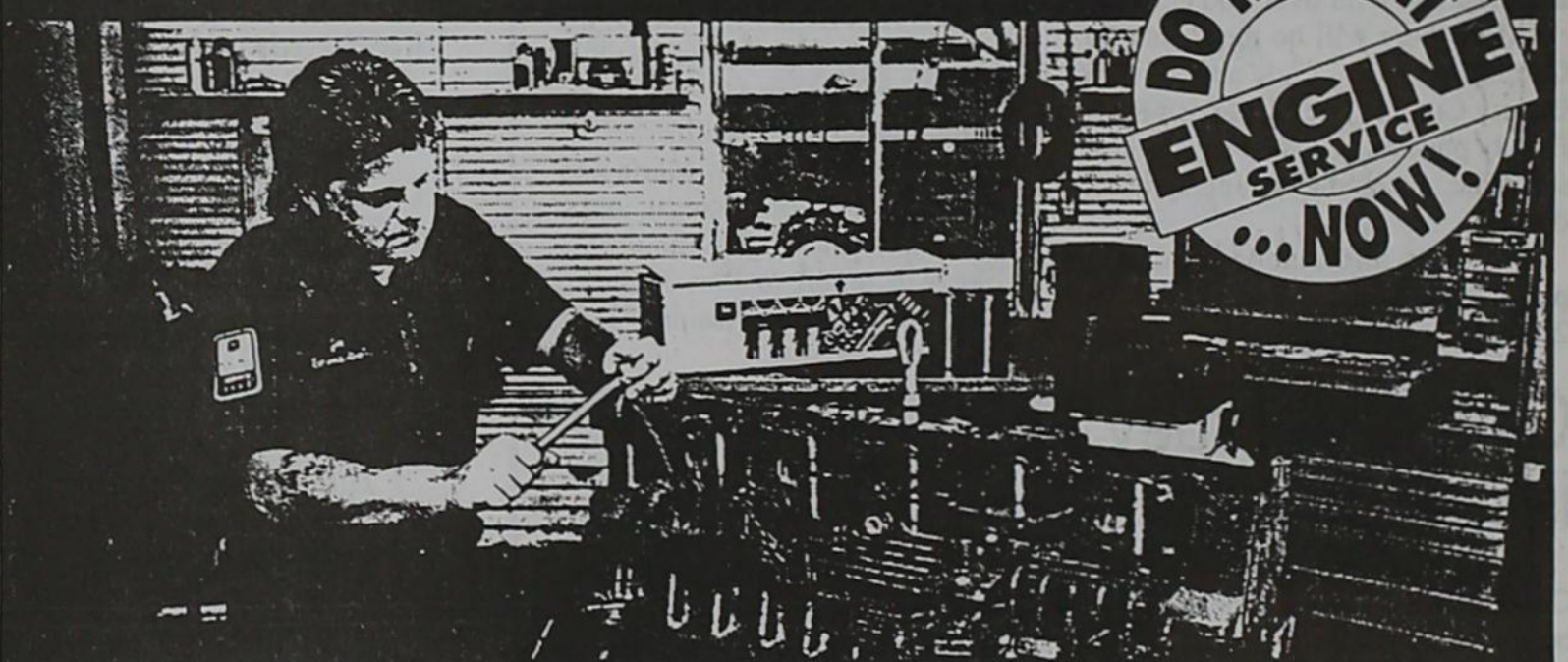
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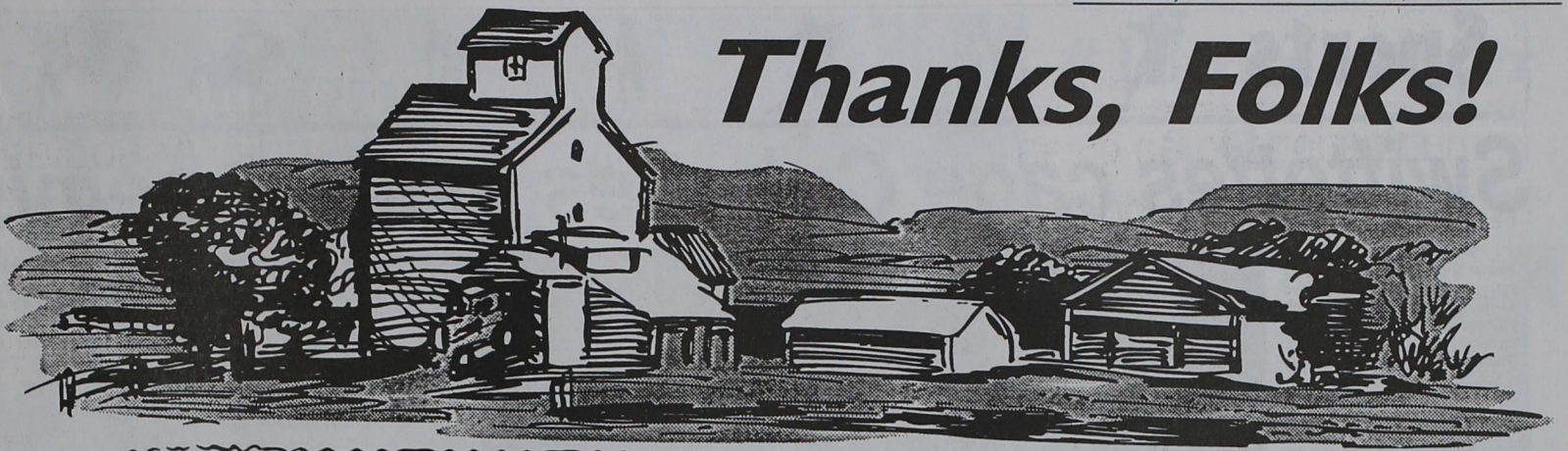
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Sports



Swiftettes cage Cubettes in state semis

By ANNE ACKER

Round Top-Carmine Coach Tanya Nygrin summed up the difference between her team and the Nazareth Swiftettes with two words last Thursday.

Those two words were Melinda and Schmucker.

Nazareth dominated the Class A state semifinal game between the two teams, winning in convincing fashion, 58-27, to earn a spot in the state championship game. Round Top-Carmine ended its season with a 25-4 record.

While Nygrin praised the entire Swiftette squad for its patience, defense and balance, she said the main difference in the game was Schmucker.

"She's a great athlete. She set the tempo of the game and we never really recovered," Nygrin said. "She took control early. She went inside and outside. She played defense. And her team complimented her well. As a team Nazareth is tough."

Schmucker was unstoppable in the semifinal, hitting 10-of-14 shots from the field, including 3-of-5 from three-point range. She was perfect in her only attempt from the line, too. She nabbed five rebounds, five steals, had three assists and recorded two blocked shots.

In addition to Schmucker, Round Top-Carmine had to contend with awesome performances by two other Swiftettes—K'Lynn Gerber, who had 14 points, four rebounds, two steals, a block and an assist; and Misti Ball, who had 10 points, three assists, four steals, six boards and a block.

Round Top-Carmine was led by Gretchen Goebel, who had 10 points. The Cubettes' leading scorer, Heidi Finke, was held to six points by Nazareth guards Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte.

"They had a great defense. Everything they did, they did well," said Nygrin. "You can't take anything from them. They stopped us from doing absolutely everything."

Nazareth forced 29 Cubette turnovers. Round Top shooters hit just 13 of their 40 attempts from the field and were only given one free throw attempt in the game.

"We felt that we could pressure them full court and we wanted to force them to handle the basketball," said Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton. "We wanted to deny the ball to Finke as much as possible and keep the ball out of her hands. We felt like if we could do that it would



COVERED! Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker (12) drives inside, but is forced back outside by Celeste's Cinnamon Malmgren (35), Christy Grady (22) and Marcy Lewis (13) Saturday morning in the Class A state title game. Celeste blanketed Schmucker and Amy Pohlmeier with a triangle-and-two defense, but

Schmucker still managed to score 19 points to lead the Swiftettes to their 13th state title. Schmucker was named the tournament's most valuable player and was all-state tournament along with teammates K'Lynn Gerber (24) and Misti Ball (30).

Photo by Anne Acker

hurt their offense.

Round Top-Carmine tied the game at 2 when Finke scored on a layup with 6:54 left in the opening quarter. The Cubettes were never a factor after that.

The only other basket Round Top would get in the opening eight minutes would be a bank-in by Goebel with 14 seconds left.

Meanwhile Schmucker penetrated for two layups and buried a three-pointer. Then Wethington hit a 10-footer from the baseline and Ball scored at the buzzer for an 11-4 Nazareth lead.

Ball nailed a turn-around shot to open the second and her back-to-back shots at the end of the first and start of the second spurred a 10-0 Nazareth run.

After Ball hit, Robin Schulte turned a steal into a layup and Gerber

got her first basket with 6:22 left for a 17-4 Swiftette advantage.

Goebel got her second basket of the game after that and Kathy Phillips picked up a loose ball underneath her own basket and put it in to trim Nazareth's lead to nine.

Schmucker went wild over the final five minutes. She started her spree by hitting a three, then swiped a Cubette pass and drove all the way for a layup. She got another layup

with 1:27 left for a 25-8 Nazareth lead.

Misty Nelius broke out of heavy traffic and sank a jumpshot and Schmucker was whistled for her second foul on the play. Nelius made the free throw and the halftime score was 25-11.

It was Schmucker and Gerber tearing up the Cubette defense in the third quarter.

Round Top-Carmine cut the

Nazareth lead to 10 on fast-break shots by Nelius and Goebel before Nazareth scored on two free throws by Amy Pohlmeier.

Round Top didn't score another point until the 2:30 mark.

Schmucker turned a steal into a three-point play after she was fouled on a swished layup. Gerber took an assist from Ball and made her shot underneath, then Schmucker got another steal and layup for a 34-15 lead. Gerber got a layup on a fast-break pass from Schmucker before the Cubettes rattled the nets again.

Goebel rebounded her own missed shot and put it back in for two to end the drought, but Schmucker, Ball and Gerber each sank shots to extend the Swiftette advantage to 42-17. Gerber added another basket at the end of the quarter and it was 44-19.

Mia Waak drove inside and

handed off to Nelius who spun around for an open shot.

Gerber moved outside and hit from 17 feet, then Goebel answered with a short basket.

A three-pointer by Schmucker with 5:02 left made it 49-25 with 5:02 left.

Gerber got fouled and only made one of two free throws, but Ball was there for the offensive put-back. Ball connected on a layup, then Courtney Hoelting scored on an offensive rebound for a 56-25 Swiftette lead.

Down the stretch Nazareth counted a jumper and free throw by Tanya Wethington for the win.

"We knew the first game was going to be a hard one," said Schmucker. "We're glad we were able to win it. "We didn't just come down here to play, we came down here to win."

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EASY TWO—Nazareth's Misti Ball is wide open underneath and picks up an easy layup last Thursday in a Class A state semifinal at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Ball was one of three Swiftettes to finish in double figures in the game, which Nazareth won, 58-27. Ball had 10 points on 5-of-9 shooting. She was one of three Swiftettes to earn all-state tournament honors, too. Ready to battle for the rebound should Ball miss her shot is Nazareth's Courtney Hoelting (20).

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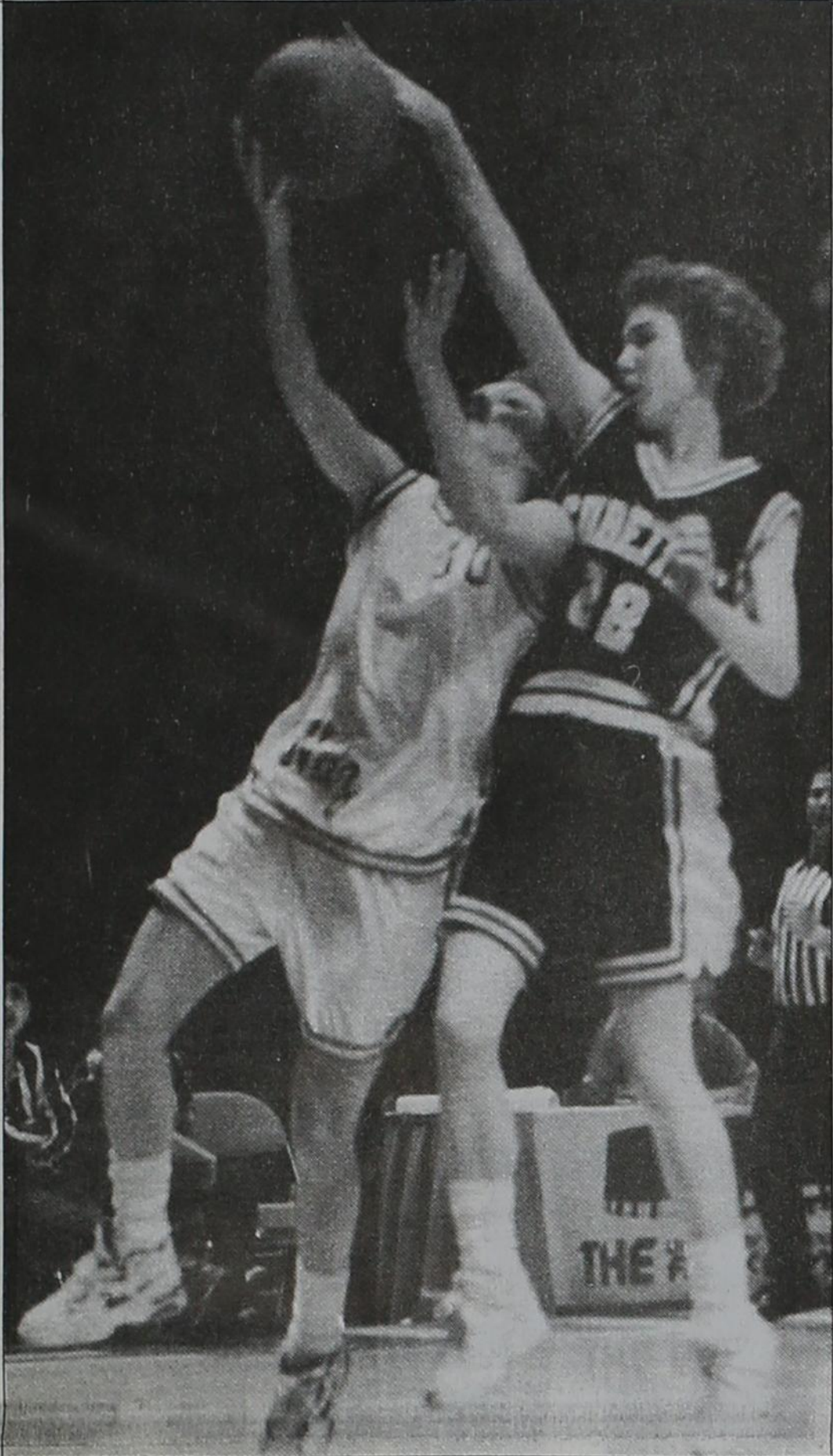


CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONS—The Nazareth Swiftettes stand at midcourt in the Frank Erwin Center in Austin after being crowned the new Class A state champs. Pictured, from left, are Coach Johnny Hampton, Coach Kathy Lane, Mindy Hoelting, Sarah Olvera, Laura

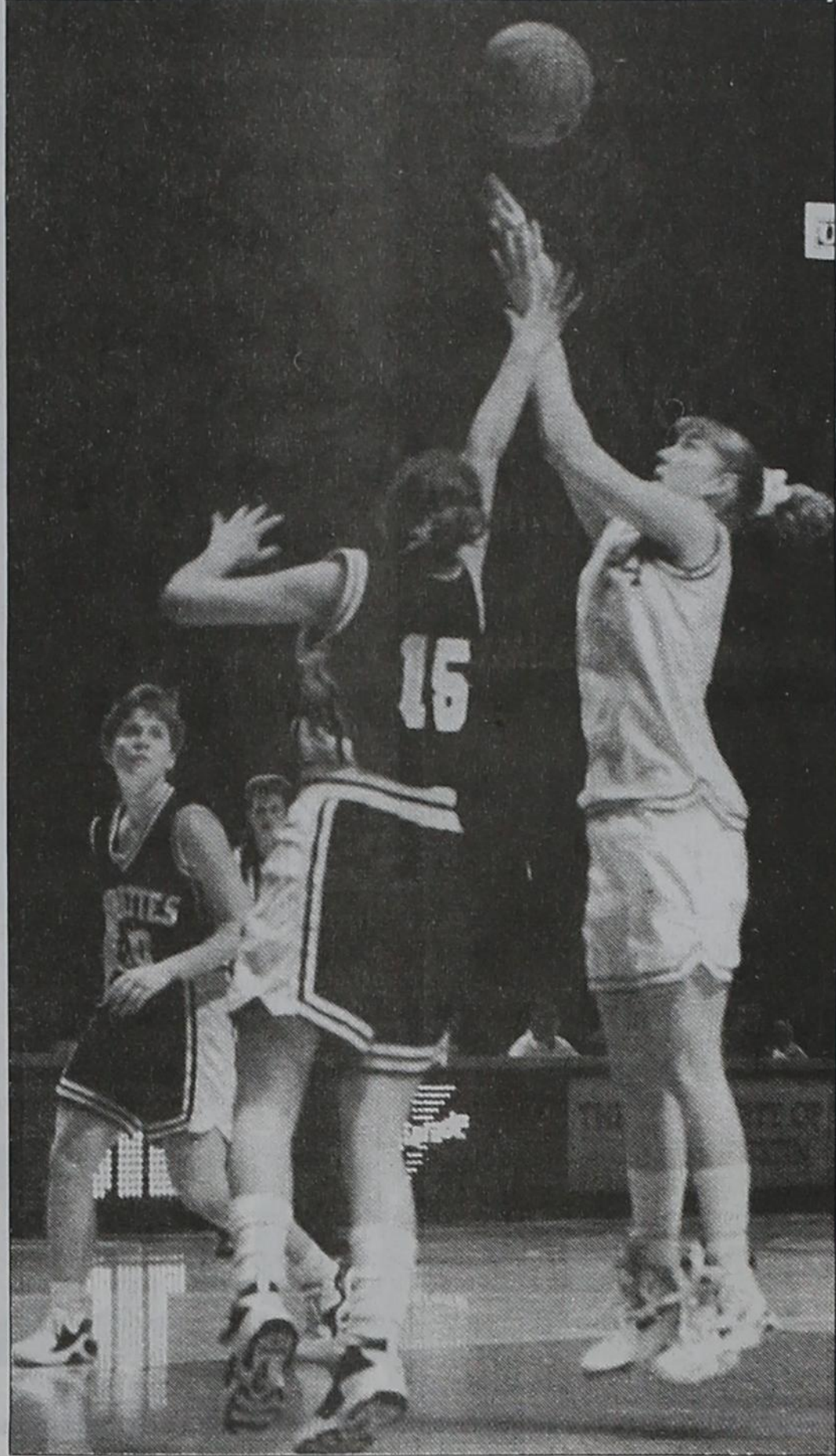
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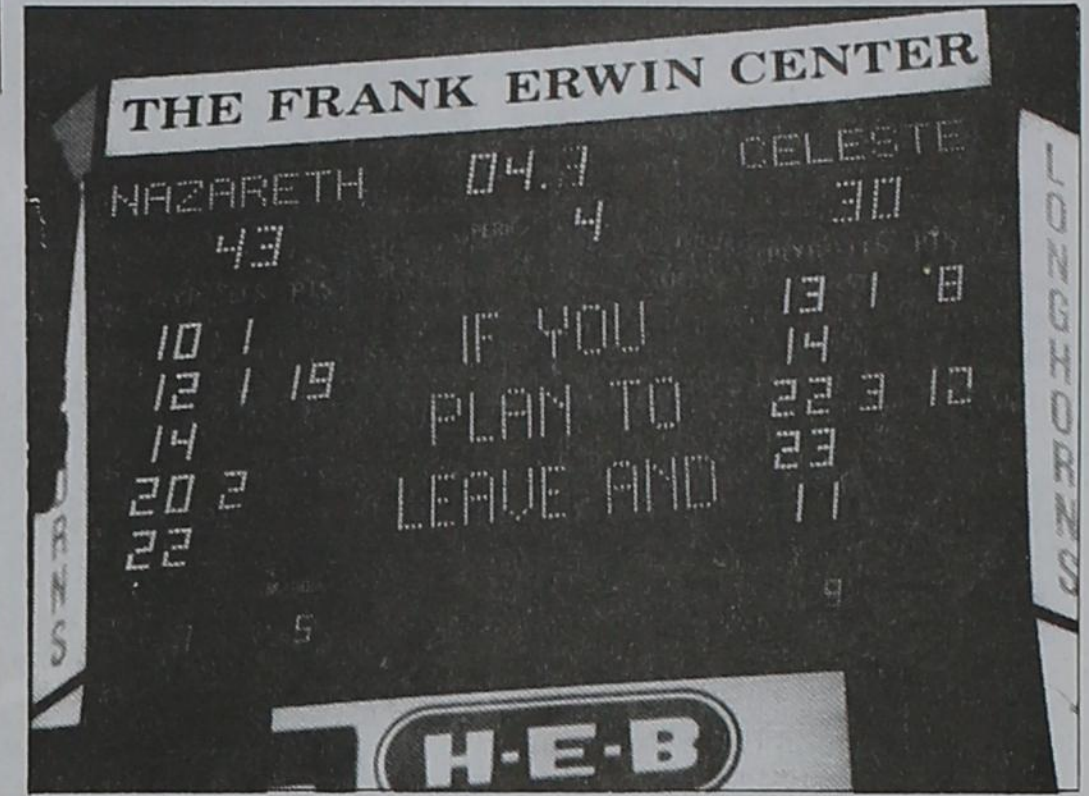
Semifinals: Swiftettes 58, Round Top Carmine 27
Championship: Swiftettes 43, Celeste 30



TWO PLUS A FOUL—Dana Gerland (22) of Round Top-Carmine shoves Nazareth's Misti Ball (30) and is whistled for a foul with 3:37 left in the fourth quarter of last Thursday's Class A state semifinal game. Ball made the layup, but missed the ensuing free throw to put Nazareth ahead 54-25. The Swiftettes had no problems handling the Cubettes, winning with ease, 58-27. *Photo by Anne Acker*



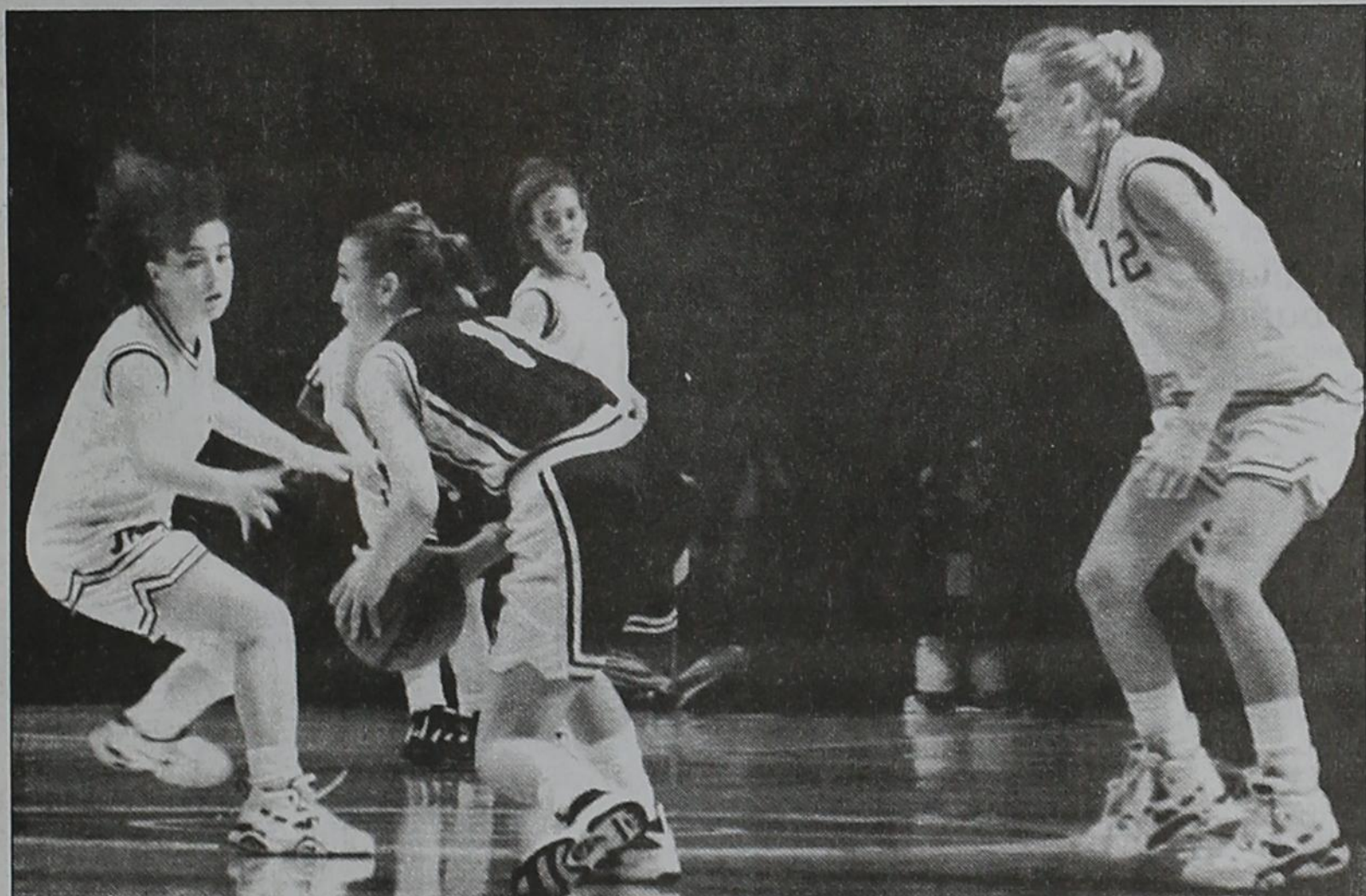
NAZARETH'S K'LYNN GERBER (24) gets away from Round Top-Carmine's Amy Bain (15) and shoots a shorts jumper from inside the paint last Thursday. Nazareth and RTC squared off in a Class A state semifinal and Nazareth came out on top, 58-27. Gerber, along with Misti Ball and Melinda Schmucker, made the all-state tournament team. *Photo by Anne Acker*



NAZARETH 43, CELESTE 30—'NUFF SAID. The scoreboard in the Frank Erwin Center tells it all Saturday morning, as the Swiftettes soundly defeated Celeste in the Class A title game. Nazareth's #12, Melinda Schmucker, finished with 19 points, which is pictured underneath the team scores. Celeste's #22, Christy Grady, finished with 10.



SHE'S SANDWICHED BETWEEN Celeste's Tessa Davis (34) and Cinnamon Malmgren (35), but that doesn't stop Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker. Davis fouls Schmucker on the play, and the senior Swiftette made one of two free throws. The Swiftettes beat Celeste 43-30 to claim the state championship. Schmucker was named the tournament's most valuable player. *Photo by Anne Acker*




AMY BAIN (15) of Round Top-Carmine is brought up short as Nazareth's Robin Schulte (left) and Melinda Schmucker (12) close in on a full-court press. The Swiftettes' pressure defense frustrated Round Top, which turned the ball over 29 times.

Pictured in the background is Nazareth's Courtney Hoelting. Nazareth beat Round Top, 58-27, in the semifinals, then went on to beat Celeste, 43-30, for the state championship. *Photo by Anne Acker*



ANOTHER STEAL FOR MISTI—Nazareth's Misti Ball (30) chases down a loose ball after she knocks it away from Celeste's Tessa Davis (34) Saturday in state tournament action Saturday morning. Nazareth

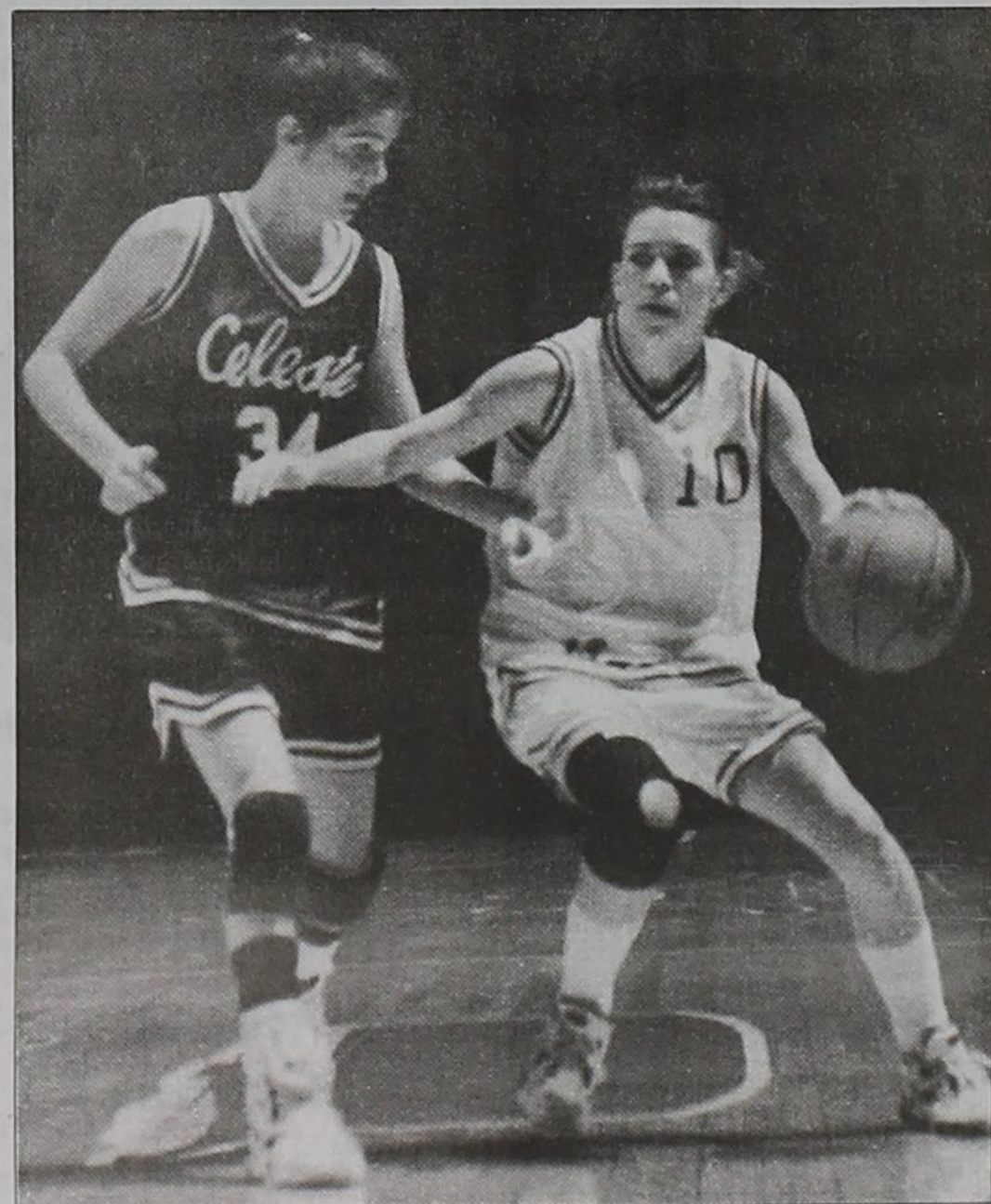
beat Celeste 43-30 to win the championship and Ball, along with Melinda Schmucker (12) and K'Lynn Gerber (24) were named to the all-state tournament team. *Photo by Anne Acker*



Class A

All-State Tournament

Melinda Schmucker Misti Ball K'Lynn Gerber



BRINGING THE BALL DOWN THE COURT against Celeste's defense fell into the capable hands of Nazareth senior Carie Wethington (10) Saturday in the state title game. Wethington works against Celeste's Tessa Davis near mid-court. Nazareth beat Celeste, 43-30, to claim the state crown. *Photo by Anne Acker*



IT TOOK SOME FANCY moves like this for Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker to score against Celeste Saturday in the state title game, but that didn't bother Schmucker. She handled the defense and scored 19 points to lead the Swiftettes to the title. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Free throws lift Swifts to regional title

So much for putting hexes on your teams, Nazareth fans.

"There's the sign," Nazareth assistant boys' coach Colby Waldrop told head coach Mark Makeever about an hour before Saturday night's regional finals at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

It was big and black, hanging from the railings down 10 feet toward the floor.

In colorful letters, the sign, a take-off on those Pizza Hut commercials, read:

*State Champs
Swifts or
Swiftettes?
Both*

Playing the part of Deion Sanders was Gaylon Schilling. Schilling got a taste of the top two years ago when the Nazareth Swifts were edged by Laneville in the Class A state finals in Austin.

Saturday night, he stepped up for his biggest game of the playoffs, giving Nazareth a big lead early and the lead for good late in the contest as Naz dumped Klondike, 55-50, at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

"I talked to Gaylon this morning during the semifinal about stepping up his game and taking charge out there," said Nazareth coach Mark Makeever, on the verge of tears after the game.

Schilling, like Sanders, was the money player. He was more intense than the rest of the Swifts as they waited before the game, biting at the bridle before they could get on the court to practice before the tipoff.

On the other end were the Cougars, undefeated at 24-0. The Cougars, though, hadn't has that time against the big guys. Nazareth went into Saturday night with 32 games under its belt. Half of those contests were against teams in Classes AA through AAAA. Klondike had only one game in 24 against a larger school: Class AA Lockney.

"I think it made a difference for us," Makeever said. "They (Klondike) weren't a bad ballclub, but when you play a tough schedule like us, we're ready for almost any challenge we face." The challenge was a team just as quick and maybe a little taller than the Swifts. Klondike had a 6-6 man, Brent Kirkland, who could shoot from anywhere on the floor (including a three-pointer during the second quarter). The Cougars had a couple 6-4 kids and a 6-3, but Nazareth more than held their own against the Cougars.

Playing hurt and kind of loving it were the Hoeltings, Casey and Nathan. Casey turned his ankle in Friday's first game against Shamrock, and played the last two games of the tournament with a tape job that resembled a thick plaster cast.

Nathan, meanwhile, suffered what was termed a mild concussion during Saturday's semifinal win over Sands. He was cleared to play and had 11 points for the Swifts.

Shoot, that was almost as many as Schilling had in the first period to help stake Naz to a huge lead. Schmucker had five points in the first 1:30 of the game to lead Naz to a 7-0 lead. Klondike hit a couple



ESCAPING A TRAP—Nazareth's Bryan Braddock leaps high and dishes off to get out of a sideline trap by Sands' Jerrod Beall (10) in the Region I-A semifinals Saturday morning. In background is Nazareth's Casey Hoelting. The Swifts turned back Sands' Mustangs, 59-45, to advance to Saturday night's championship game.

Photo by Don Nelson

baskets, but Schilling hit another bucket and Robby Schmucker made two free throws to put Naz ahead 11-4 with 4:32 to go in the quarter.

Klondike got back within 13-10 late in the period, but Bryan Braddock got a huge pick from Billy Don Cannon with three second left in the quarter. Braddock got a clear look at the basket and nailed a trey to give the Swifts a 16-10 lead at quarter's end.

In the second period, Tanner Etheredge had seven of his 15 points to lead Klondike past Naz and to a 29-25 lead. The Cougars outscored the Swifts 19-9 in the period as Nazareth made just four of 11 shots (and missed on five three-pointers) during the stanza.

Klondike first tied the score at 19 with 4:45 to play in the half on a trey by Etheredge, and took the lead on Kirkland's three with three minutes to play in the quarter, 24-23.

Helping Klondike take the lead was a big advantage at the foul line. Klondike shot nine of 12 free throws in the second period, while Naz was only one of four during the quarter. The Swifts were whistled for 12 fouls in the first half, while Klondike was stuck with only eight.

Makeever had to play chess with his players throughout the game. Schilling, Nathan Hoelting and Justin Bingham each ended up with four fouls, while Braddock and Coby Schacher had three. However, the only player to foul out was Michael Arismendez of Klondike.

Klondike edged on out to a four-point lead, 29-25, at halftime, on two free throws by Etheredge in the last minute.

In the third quarter, Klondike surged to a 33-27 lead on buckets by Etheredge and Kirkland early in the period, but Naz battled back to tie it at 33 on a bucket by Hoelting with five minutes left. Naz never took the lead in the period, but also tied the game at 37 and 39. Kirkland's bucket with 1:13 to play put Klondike ahead at the end of the third, 41-39, as Naz couldn't can a shot late in the period.

In the fourth, Schilling tied the score at 41, 15 seconds into the period. He put Naz on top 43-41 with another bucket 30 seconds later. Nazareth built its lead to five points, 46-41, on a basket by Robby Schmucker with 5:17 to play.

Here came Klondike, again. Kirkland had a basket to make it 46-43 with 4:11 to go, then hit a free throw with 2:35 to play to make it 47-44. Twenty seconds later, Etheredge made both ends of a one-and-one to cut it to 47-46.

Nazareth had been milking the clock since the five minute mark, but found an easy opportunity for a bucket. With the Cougars up in the backcourt concentrating on the press, Casey Hoelting drifted deep. He caught a pass in stride for an easy layup to give Nazareth a 49-46 lead with just over two minutes to play.

The game seemed to be in hand, but the Cougars responded to take the lead one last time. Arismendez made his only bucket of the second half, a trey from the left corner with

1:47 to play. He was fouled on the play and made the free throw to put Klondike back up, 50-49.

Klondike's fans were on their feet, but it was the last hurrah of the year for the Cougars.

Nazareth whipsawed through the Klondike defense and got the ball clear to Schilling on the right baseline. He jumped over the taller Etheredge and Kirkland, hitting a fadeaway jumper with 1:26 to go to give Nazareth the lead for good, 51-50.

In the last minute, Nazareth converted all four free throw chances for the victory.

"This was a huge win for our kids," Makeever said. "They take a lot of stuff from me and put a lot of pressure on themselves. I'm happy for them, happy they've got a chance to go to Austin."

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Scoreboard



UP AND IN — Nazareth's Nathan Hoelting (30) scores on a turnaround jumper to give the Swifts a 51-41 lead over the Shamrock Irish in the Region I-A quarterfinal game Friday in the Texan Dome at South Plains College. Hoelting led Nazareth with 12 points as the Swifts downed the Irish, 56-45, to advance to the semifinals against Sands. Photo by Don Nelson

Naz holds off Shamrock for quarterfinal victory

Nazareth put its basketball where Shamrock's mouth was, scoring four points while the clock was dead to key a huge second quarter spurt Friday to take a 56-45 win in the first round of the Region I Conference A Tournament at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Bryan Braddock hit four free throws—two on a one-and-one and two on a Shamrock technical—to stretch Nazareth's lead into double digits just before halftime. Naz went from a 29-20 lead to a 33-20 advantage. Shamrock scored a few seconds later to send the teams to the locker room a halftime with the Swifts on top, 33-22.

As it turned out, those free throws were huge. And, they were Nazareth's last. The Swifts saw the Irish come back within five in the third quarter, 39-34, before Naz stepped up the pace again to put the game away.

"It was a war of attrition," said Nazareth coach Mark Makeever. "We knew they were a bunch of great athletes, and they showed that today. We had to work very hard, and we didn't play with much intensity they came back on us. It was a good effort by our guys to win this game."

Shamrock jumped out to a two-point lead early in the game, but Nazareth came back to claim a three-point advantage, 7-4, midway through the first period. Shamrock reclaimed the lead at 8-7, but Gaylon Schilling (who had five points in the opening quarter) hit a basket and

Bryan Braddock nailed a trey with a minute to go to put Naz on top, 14-10, at quarter's end.

In the second, Nazareth vaulted to a seven point lead on a bucket by Nathan Hoelting, 21-14. Shamrock never got closer than five the rest of the half, and Nazareth extended its lead to eight, 26-18 on a Coby Schacher bucket with 2:32 left in the half. Naz extended its lead to nine, 29-20, on Braddock's second trey of the half with 2:05 to go.

After the teams traded possessions, Shamrock's Willie Angton was whistled for fouling Braddock. As the teams went to the other end of the floor to shoot free throws, Angton was whistled for a technical foul. Braddock made both ends of the one-and-one, then both technical shots, to give Nazareth a 33-20 lead.

Bobby Ryan hit two free throws late in the half for Shamrock to make it 33-22 at halftime.

"The T was big," said Makeever. "You can't make mistakes like that against good people, and I'm glad we were able to take advantage of the situation."

In the third period, Shamrock started coming back, a comeback that had more than a few people thinking about the last athletic contest between these two schools. In the 1994 football playoffs, Shamrock ran to a 28-0 lead, then watched Naz come back with five unanswered touchdowns and a 34-28 win.

This time, the comeback was incomplete. Shamrock cut the Nazareth lead to seven before a Nazareth timeout. Then, the Swifts turned the ball over and Angton hit a bucket to make it a five-point game, 37-32, with three minutes left in the third.

Robby Schmucker then hit a trey with 2:20 to play to restore the eight-point lead, 40-32. Shamrock hit one more basket the rest of the quarter, while Nazareth went scoreless the last two minutes, leaving the Swifts up 40-34 with the fourth quarter to play.

The last eight minutes were all Nazareth.

"We knew one thing we needed to do was to keep our heads," Makeever said. "I always tell our players that I am the one on the team that can lose his head, just as long as they keep theirs. We are a low-key team, and sometimes that lulls the teams we play into a false sense that we're not intense. We are, we just don't show it."

Nazareth's tough man-to-man defense limited Shamrock to just nine points in the fourth quarter, while the Swifts packed in seven field goals and 16 points. Nathan and Casey Hoelting each had five points, while Schacher muscled in three tough shots in the paint to pave the way to the win.

"We started working harder in the fourth quarter," Makeever said. "We didn't change anything. This time of year a difference can be made just in the effort you make. I just told them to stay after them and that made the difference for us. We perennially don't play that well in the first game down here, so I was really pleased with how we did."

Swift defense sure and certain as Nazareth sinks Sands, 59-45

Nazareth flared, faded, then flared again in another big second-period run Saturday to cement a place in the regional finals with a 59-45 win over the Sands Mustangs in the Region I semifinals at Levelland.

The Swifts outran the Mustangs in the second quarter, 23-15, to claim a 26-22 lead at halftime. Sands came back to tie the score in the third, but Naz never let the Mustangs reclaim the lead as they went to the third game of the weekend at South Plains College.

Hot-shot Steven Croft of Sands had scored 21 in Friday's first round game against Smyer, a 69-60 victory for the Mustangs. Saturday, he had a tougher time, making just nine points. Croft was two-for-10 from behind the three-point arc. For the game, Sands was just five-of-18, 28%, outside the line.

"The difference was our defense," said Nazareth coach Mark Makeever. "At times in the first half we tried to deny them too much, and they got several wide-open shots at the basket. We shot the three extremely well again, and that was a big difference for us."

For the second straight game, an opponent wilted under the attack of Bryan Braddock. Braddock, a junior guard, nailed three treys in the middle of the second period to move Nazareth out of an 11-all tie with his first to a 22-15 lead with his last. Braddock ended up with 13 points for the Swifts.

Naz started slowly as Sands tried to dominate on both ends of the court. The Mustangs at one time had 12 more rebounds than did the Swifts, but as Nazareth wore down the Mustangs late in the game, they also started to dominate on the boards.

"Some of our players do better on the boards against larger teams or teams our size than they do against

smaller, quicker teams," Makeever explained.

Sands jumped out to a three-point lead early before Justin Bingham tied the game with a trey with 1:48 to play, 7-7. Sands then jumped out to a four-point advantage before Braddock hit a shot with 12 seconds to play, making it an 11-9 game at quarter's end.

In the second, Naz jumped to the seven-point cushion behind Braddock's efforts with 4:38 to play. The Swifts went silent for almost two minutes, allowing Sands to tie the score at 22 with three minutes left in the half.

Gaylon Schilling lifted Naz back to a 23-22 lead with 2:48 left in the half. Schilling later converted on a three-point play and another free throw, and Nathan Hoelting made his third bucket of the second period with 22 seconds left in the half to lift Naz to a 31-26 lead. Justin Bingham hit a free throw with nine seconds to go in the period to give Naz a 32-26 halftime lead.

In the third, Casey Hoelting hit Nazareth's first and last shots of the period. His first basket, a trey, came with 5:35 to go in the quarter to put Naz up six, 35-29. His last, with 55 ticks left, made it a 42-35 Nazareth lead.

In between, Sands squeezed back within three, 37-34, on a three by Clayton Fryar with 2:15 to go. It was one of three treys the Mustangs canned in the quarter, but the Mustangs missed eight other shots and couldn't get any closer. At the end of the period, Naz led 42-38.

In the fourth quarter, Schilling broke loose with his best quarter to date in the playoffs with eight points in crunch time to lead the Swifts to the win.

The first nail was struck by Robby Schmucker, whose only basket of the game was a trey from the left hand corner 20 seconds into the period to give Naz a 45-38 lead. Fifteen seconds later, Schilling hit a bucket to make it a nine-point lead, then converted a three-point play with six minutes to go, giving the Swifts a 50-39 lead.

Schilling hit the back end of a two-shot foul with 4:30 to go, giving Naz a 51-40 advantage. Sands then came roaring back as a basket by Delynn Reed and a three from Nathan Zarate made it 51-45 with 3:20 to go.

Those were the last field goals of the game from Sands, although the Swifts gave the Mustangs lots of chances. Three times while trying to milk the last three minutes off the clock, the Swifts turned the ball over. Those turnovers resulted in nothing more than a couple free throws for the Mustangs.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs decided to send the Swifts to the line, fouling them to stop the clock. Naz made five of six free throws down the stretch, and Schilling put the game in Nazareth's hip pocket with a big offensive rebound and put back with 1:42 to go, giving Naz a 53-45 lead.

Braddock and Schmucker then made four straight free throws, and Nathan Hoelting got a bucket with three seconds left for the final 14-point margin.

"We just did what we had to do to win" said Makeever. "They had beaten a tough Lazbuddie team by 16, so we knew they were going to be a good matchup for us. Their matchup zone gives people fits because very few people play that particular kind of defense. We played well enough to win. We didn't win all the battles but we won the war."

REGION 1-A QUARTERFINALS

Swifts 56, Shamrock 45
Nazareth 14 19 7 16 — 56
Shamrock 10 12 12 11 — 45
NAZARETH—Robby Schmucker 2 2-2-7; Nathan Hoelting 5 1-3-11; Coby Schacher 5 1-1-11; Gaylon Schilling 2 1-4-5; Casey Hoelting 5 0-2-12; Bryan Braddock 2 4-5-10; Justin Bingham 0 0-0-0; Billy Don Cannon 0 0-1-0; Jerad Birkenfeld 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 21 8-15-56.
SHAMROCK—Jason Wardlow 1 3-4-5; Willie Angton 7 4-5-18; Bobby Ryan 2 2-2-6; Jeff Gilbert 1 0-0-2; Preston Wilson 6 0-1-14. **TOTALS:** 17 9-12-45.

REGION 1-A SEMIFINALS

Swifts 59, Sands 45
Nazareth 9 23 10 17 — 59
Sands 11 15 12 7 — 45
NAZARETH—Gaylon Schilling 5 5-11-15; Nathan Hoelting 7 2-3-16; Coby Schacher 0 0-0-0; Robby Schmucker 1 2-3-5; Casey Hoelting 2 0-0-6; Bryan Braddock 4 2-3-13; Justin Bingham 1 1-2-2. **TOTALS:** 20 12-22-59.
SANDS—Jerrod Beall 3 0-1-6; Clayton Fryar 3 4-7-11; Delynn Reed 4 3-4-11; Steven Croft 3 1-2-9; Nathan Zarate 1 2-2-5; Dallas Hopper 0 0-0-0; Jordan Hall 1 0-0-2; Bill Barnes 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 15 10-16-45.

REGION 1-A FINALS

Swifts 55, Klondike 50
Nazareth 16 9 14 16 — 55
Klondike 10 19 12 9 — 50
NAZARETH—Gaylon Schilling 8 1-1-17; Nathan Hoelting 4 0-1-8; Coby Schacher 5 2-7-12; Robby Schmucker 1 3-4-5; Casey Hoelting 2 2-2-6; Bryan Braddock 2 2-2-7; Justin Bingham 0 0-1-0; Billy Don Cannon 0 0-0-0; Marcus Brockman 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 22 10-18-55.
KLONDIKE—James Rawlings 1 2-2-4; Tanner Etheredge 5 4-4-15; Brent Kirkland 8 1-2-18; Michael Arismendez 2 1-4-8; Chris Arismendez 2 1-4-5. **TOTALS:** 17 13-17-50.

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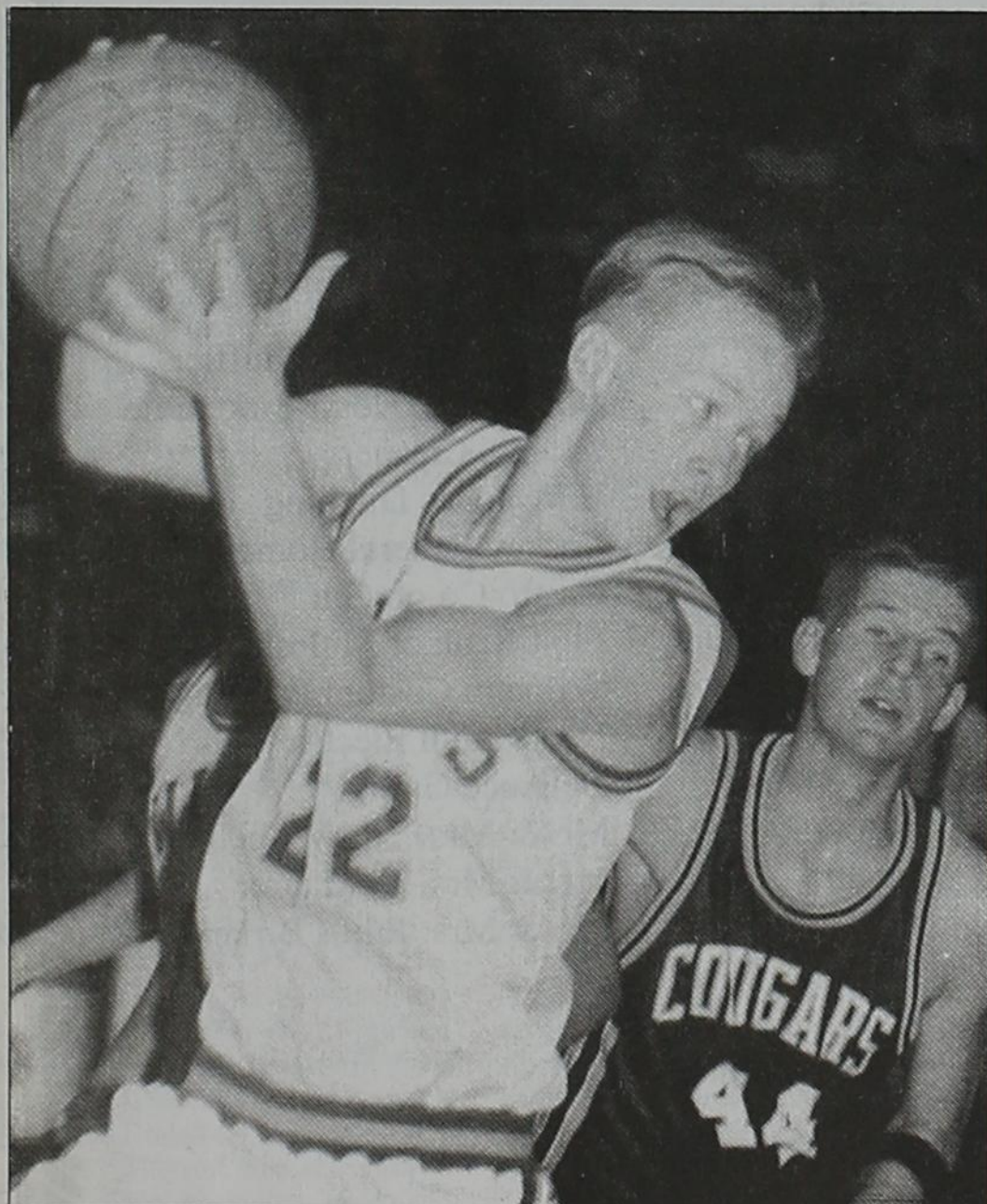
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RTC 4 7 8 8 — 27
NAZARETH—Carie Welington 1 0-0-2; Melinda Schmucker 10 1-1-24; K'Lynn Gerber 6 2-4-14; Misti Ball 5 0-1-10; Amy Pohlmeier 0 2-2-2; Courtney Hoelting 1 0-0-2; Tanya Welington 1 0-0-2; Robin Schulte 1 0-0-2; Jayme Schmucker 0 0-0-0; Tiffany Schmucker 0 0-0-0; Laura Birkenfeld 0 0-0-0; Lynsey Hoelting 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 25 5-8-58.
ROUND TOP CARMINE—Heldi Finke 3 0-0-6; Gretchen Goebel 5 0-0-10; Kathy Phillips 1 0-0-2; Misty Nellius 4 1-1-9. **TOTALS:** 13 1-1-27.

Three Point Goals: Nazareth 3 (M. Schmucker); **Rebounds:** Nazareth 27 (Ball 6), RTC 22 (Goebel 6); **Turnovers:** Nazareth 20 (M. Schmucker and Ball 5), RTC 29 (Finke 12); **Steals:** Nazareth 21 (M. Schmucker 5, Ball 4), RTC 10 (Finke 4); **Blocked Shots:** Nazareth 6 (M. Schmucker 2); **Assists:** Nazareth 9 (M. Schmucker and Ball 3), RTC 5 (Waak 2); **Total Fouls:** Nazareth 7, RTC 6; **Fouled Out:** None; **Attendance:** 3,561.

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Swiftettes 43, Celeste 30
Nazareth 10 13 8 12 — 43
Celeste 10 6 10 4 — 30
NAZARETH—Carie Welington 0 0-0-0; Melinda Schmucker 6 6-10-19; K'Lynn Gerber 5 2-2-12; Misti Ball 2 0-2-4; Amy Pohlmeier 2 0-0-6; Robin Schulte 0 0-0-0; Courtney Hoelting 0 0-2-0; Jayme Schmucker 1 0-0-2; Tanya Welington 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 16 8-16-43.
CELESTE—Marcey Lewis 4 0-0-8; Meaghan Lewis 0 0-2-0; Christy Grady 5 2-2-12; Tessa Davis 4 2-2-10; Cinnamon Malmgren 0 0-0-0; Amy Allgood 0 0-0-0; Michelle Evans 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 13 4-6-30.

Three-Point Goals: Nazareth 3 (Pohlmeier 2); **Rebounds:** Nazareth 27 (M. Schmucker 7), Celeste 34 (Grady 14); **Turnovers:** Nazareth 11 (Pohlmeier 3), Celeste 22 (Lewis 9); **Steals:** Nazareth 12 (M. Schmucker 4), Celeste (Lewis and Davis 3); **Blocked Shots:** Nazareth 2 (Ball and M. Schmucker), Celeste 1 (Grady); **Assists:** Nazareth 10 (C. Welington and Ball 3), Celeste 7 (Lewis 3); **Fouls:** Nazareth 7, Celeste 14; **Fouled Out:** Malmgren; **Attendance:** 7,063.



GOT IT!—Nazareth's Justin Bingham (22) snares a defensive rebound and looks for an outlet in the third quarter of the Swifts' game against Klondike for the Region I-A championship Saturday night in the Texan Dome at South Plains College, Levelland. Behind Bingham is Klondike's Brent Kirkland (44). In a barn-burner of a game, the Swifts knocked Klondike from the undefeated ranks, 55-50. Photo by Don Nelson

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Kids, Inc. basketball season is underway

Kids, Inc. kicked off its 1996 basketball season last week and games between Minor and Major League boys' and girls' teams are slated to continue through April 1.

A wrap-up tournament will be played in mid-April and an awards banquet will be held following the tourney.

This week's schedule follows:

MAJOR LEAGUE BOYS
TODAY (THURSDAY): Castro Oil and Gas vs. Headhunters, 5:30 p.m.; NAPA Auto Parts vs. Flag Fertilizer, 6:30 p.m.; and Dimmitt Consumers vs. B&W Aerial Spray, 7:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE GIRLS
FRIDAY: Mr. Burger vs. Lane Dirt, 6 p.m.; and First United Bank vs. American Maize Products Co., 7 p.m.

MINOR LEAGUE BOYS
TODAY (THURSDAY): Gary's Engine and Machine vs. Dimmitt Ready Mix, 6 p.m.; Big Ms and One Bullet vs. Seale Florist, 7 p.m.

MINOR LEAGUE GIRLS
FRIDAY: Pancake House vs. Dimmitt Agri Industries, 6 p.m.; and Hereford Federal Credit Union vs. High Plains Oil Co., 7 p.m.

Here's a list of teams and coaches competing in this year's program.

Flag Fertilizer: This Major League boys' team features members Thomas Brockman, Jake Loudder, Tanner Self, Miguel Nari, Zachary McClure, Zac Morris, Ruben Casas III and Antwon Brown. Coaches are Lance Loudder, Shirley Brockman and Brent Self.

B&W Aerial Spray is a Major League boys' team coached by Rudy Bonilla, Linda Bonilla and Manuel Saenz. Team members are Aaron Saenz, Marcus Ortiz, Freddy Flores, Alonso Lopez, Matthew Gauna, Kody Laurent, Cliff Wright and Israel Ellis.

Members of the Major League boys' team, **Headhunters**, are Gabriel Garcia, Jake Laurent, Brandon Burks, Brandon Furr, Raul Ontiveros, Ramey Rice, Philip Lumbraera and Alex Wilkerson. Coaches are Paul Garcia, Raul Jackson and Harvey Lumbraera.

Castro Oil and Gas is a Major League boys' team coached by Steve Buckley and Joe Jossilet, and team members are Deacon Buckley, Brent Jossilet, Omar Torres, Ruben Leal, Colby Williams, Raymond Lopez, Israel DeLeon and Jody Stovall.

Dimmitt Consumers sponsors a Major League boys team including Jarod Newland, Jason Riggs, Jeremy Bishop, Ricky Jimenez, Coby Martinez, Chris Reynolds, Zachary Farris and Ramon Aguerro. Coaches are Cheryl Clayton, Cindy Reynolds, Kalem Thomas and Cameron Lust.

NAPA Auto Parts is coached by Gary Hunter, Tony Fisher and Eddie Harris, and the major league team includes Jason Harris, Patrick Hunter, Miguel Maltos, Joshua Williams, Dalton Fisher, Austin Sherman, Benny Pompa, Zachary Reyes and Jacob Dones.

Wright and Sons also has a Major League boys' team and members are Ryan Hays, Matthew Wright, Jace Weaver, Eric Martinez,

Abel Espinosa, Oscar Dones, Ruben Espinosa and Ricky Ramirez. Coaching the team are Norman Hays, Eddie Weaver and Rick Wright.

In the Major League girls' division, teams are sponsored by American Maize, Lane Dirt, Mr. Burger, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch and First United Bank.

American Maize team members are Angela Cartwright, Elizabeth Cartwright, Stacy Saenz, April Hill, Amber Bell, Mirebel Garcia, Amy Dones and Priscilla Caballero. Coaches are Joe Alvarez, Victor Saenz, Albert Acevedo and Jerry Cartwright.

Lane Dirt Service is coached by Jim Hardwick and Charlie Lane, and players include Jaci Hardwick, Sally Stahl, Lyndee Behrends, Katrina Casas, Holly Lane, Sara Bradford, Jaci Bishop and Jennifer Fuentes.

Mr. Burger players are Natalie Jimenez, Melissa Rueda, Roxie Saenz, Sue Ellen Dones, Erika Mendoza, Stacey Casas, Nancy Quiroz and Monica M. Oliviero. Coaches are Daniel Jimenez, Tomas Hernandez and Jessie Saenz.

First Bank features players Jill Merritt, Ashley Irons, Valeri Martinez, Lauren Waggoner, Georgina Mireles, Kelsey Welch, Alexis Proffitt and Charley Nutt; and coaches Lint Merritt, Bryan Irons and Mark Welch.

First United Bank is coached by Darrell and Beth Buckley and Allan and Elaine Steinle. Team members are Caitlin Buckley, Jenna Steinle, Rae Odum, Sharla Kenworthy, Nora Sifuentes, Bianey Saucedo and Courtney Norman.

Minor League boys' teams include Big M's, Dimmitt Ready Mix, Gary's Engine and Machine, Seale Florist and Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer and Myatt.

Big M's is coached by Kent Lindsey and Rick Wright and team members are Adam Wright, Kris Lindsey, Mark Goode, Matthew Calderon, Chuck Cruz, Steven Caballero, Fabian Pena and Leroy Ward.

Dimmitt Ready Mix includes team members Christopher Perez, Nicky Gauna, Eric Lee Ward, Joel Puente, Josh Hill, Weldon Allison, Matthew Ruiz and Charley Saenz. Coaches are Albert Acevedo and Richard Perez.

Gary's Engine and Machine is coached by Ricky Reyes and Gene Penny and players include Ricky Reyes Jr., Jimmy Armstrong, Robert Jimenez, Todd Jansa, Darrell Reyes, Layne Penny, Javier Rodriguez and Kenneth Worsham.

Playing for **Seale Florist** are Stuart Sheffy, Kyle Ray, Johnny Mireles, Larry Adams, Anthony Zambrano, Adam Zambrano and Ignacio Sifuentes Jr. Coaches are Shawn Sheffy, Jason Nino and Charley Sanders.

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer and Myatt features Matthew Sanders, Tyler Myatt, Jared Griffith, Jared Bell, Ryan Miller, Matthew Larra, Daniel Coleman and Andy Garcia. Coaching the team are Joe Bob Sanders, Layne Myatt and Randy Griffith.

There are five Minor League girls' teams including Hi-Plains Oil Co., Hereford Federal Credit Union, Thrasher's Auto, Dimmitt Agri Industries and Pancake House.

Hi-Plains Oil Co. is coached by Tod Bradley and Terry Mixson and team members are Raynee Bradley, Callen Mixson, Tabitha Laurent, Holly Gilliam, Angelica Lara, Mindy

Maxwell and Amy Nicole McGowen. **Thrasher's Auto** team members are Katy Loudder, Kami Sanders, Shayla Kenworthy, Meggie Lemons, Kelly Reyes, Nyssa Martinez, Amy Laurent and Maegan Farris. Coaches are Lance Loudder and Bill Sanders.

Pancake House team members are Shantell Self, Shae Odum, Kristin McClure, Shelley Paxton, Azucena Lima, Delfina Martinez, Natasha Williams and Cinnamon Trotter. Coaching the team are Karen Harkins, Cindy Odum and Rose Cruz.

Hereford Federal Credit Union is coached by Jennifer Vick, Melissa Ivy and Jessica Vasquez. Players include Corrie Kate Black, Apolonia Flores, Felisha Starling, Sarah Silva, Heather Hargrove, Cynthia Barrera, Whitney Nutt and Meagan Pigg.

Dimmitt Agri Industries is coached by Daniel Perez and Edna Perez. Players are Sharette Johnson, Yadira Villalba, Nayelli Reyes, Alicia Heard, Niccole Heard, Ashley Burks, Deidre Perez and Sheena Ehly.



Cooper hitters strike Bobcats, 12-2, Saturday

Dimmitt rallied for a short-lived lead in the second inning, then watched Lubbock Cooper score 11 unanswered runs in a 12-2 loss Saturday at George Howell Park.

The loss knocked the Bobcats to 1-3, while Cooper moved to 3-1 with the win.

"I was a little disappointed, but we're still on a positive run with our kids," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "It was disappointing for all of us, especially after we played so well last Tuesday against Roosevelt."

Cooper went up 1-0 in the top of the second on two singles and a stolen base. In the bottom of the inning, after two were out, Jason Nino and Ramiro Gauna kept the inning going with back-to-back singles.



ON TO STATE—These students from the Panhandle-Plains region advanced to the state free throw contest by winning the regional shoot-off in Dumas on Feb. 24. Among the qualifiers are four Castro County students. Pictured are (back row, from left) Ed Boenisch, Amarillo Diocesan Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, which sponsors the contest,

Cassie Birkenfeld of Nazareth, Mattie McLain of Dimmitt, Brandon Stroebel of Dumas, Brent Berend of Hereford and James McKay, Amarillo Diocesan Fundraising Chairman; and (front row, from left) Lindsie Gerber of Nazareth, Jenna Urbanczyk of Hereford, Gina Artho of Hereford, Adam Acker of Nazareth and Wade McNutt of Hereford.

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Tennis Strokes

BROWNFIELD TEAM TOURNAMENT

DIMMITT 5. MULESHOE 13

Girls' singles—Kami Hand, Dimmitt, beat M. Morales, Muleshoe, 6-1, 6-1; Amber Langford, Dimmitt, lost to R. McElroy of Muleshoe, 5-7, 6-1, 3-6; Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt lost to Cleavinger of Muleshoe, 4-6, 1-6; Polly Bolton of Dimmitt lost to A. Hahn of Muleshoe, 6-0, 5-7, 2-6; Andraena Mondragon of Dimmitt beat C. Lewis of Muleshoe, 6-2, 6-1; Vanessa Acevedo of Dimmitt lost to E. Wood of Muleshoe, 2-6, 3-6.

Girls' doubles—Hand and Langford beat Morales and McElroy, 7-6, 7-5; Ortiz and Bolton beat Cleavinger and Hahn, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4; Mondragon and Acevedo lost to Lewis and Wood, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6.

Boys' singles—Brad Beck of Dimmitt beat Latham of Muleshoe, 6-4, 6-1; Tyson Adams of Dimmitt lost to Miramontes of Muleshoe, 1-6, 4-6; Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt lost to Sanchez of Muleshoe, 1-6, 2-6; Brent Portwood lost to Faver of Muleshoe 1-6, 6-7 (4-7); Chris Perez of Dimmitt lost to Shelburne of Muleshoe, 6-0, 2-6, 2-6; Jonathon Ivy of Dimmitt lost to Lee of Muleshoe, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-5), 4-6.

Boys' doubles—Beck and Adams lost to Latham and Miramontes, 6-4, 4-6, 0-6; Bryan Portwood and Brent Portwood lost to Sanchez and Faver, 6-2, 6-7 (6-8), 4-6; Perez and Ivy lost to Shelburne and Lee, 3-6, 2-6.

DIMMITT 12, SEAGRAVES B 1

Boys' singles—Beck beat Olivo, 6-1, 6-1; Adams beat Lucky, 7-6, 6-2; Bryan Portwood beat Blanco, 6-0, 6-0; Brent Portwood beat Davila, 6-1, 6-1; Perez beat Randolph, 6-1, 6-1; Ivy lost to Smith, 3-6, 5-7.

Boys' doubles—Beck and Adams beat Olivo and Lucky, 6-4, 7-5; Bryan Portwood and Brent Portwood beat Blanco and Davila, 6-1, 6-0; Perez and Ivy beat Randolph and Smith, 6-0, 6-3.

Girls' singles—Hand beat Crider, 6-0, 6-1; Langford beat Hines, 6-1, 6-0; Ortiz beat Payne, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' doubles—Hand and Langford beat Hines and Crider, 6-0, 6-0.

DIMMITT 17, BROWNFIELD B 1

Girls' singles—Hand beat K. Webb, 6-1, 6-1; Langford beat K. Roach, 6-3, 6-1; Ortiz beat A. Davis, 6-2, 6-2; Bolton beat C. Silva, 6-0, 6-4; Mondragon beat S. Montgomery, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; Acevedo lost to C. Valentin, 3-6, 3-6.

Girls' doubles—Hand and Langford beat Tuttle and McDonald, 6-1, 6-4; Ortiz and Bolton beat Dill and Sexton, 6-1, 6-0; Mondragon and Acevedo beat Rodriguez and Dominguez, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Boys' singles—Beck beat E. Martinez, 6-1, 6-2; Adams beat M. Seaton, 6-1, 6-1; Bryan Portwood beat D. Sanchez, 6-1, 6-2; Brent Portwood beat B. Pauling, 6-0, 6-0; Perez beat K. Jackson, 6-1, 6-0; Ivy beat L. King, 6-4, 6-1.

Boys' doubles—Beck and Adams beat Martinez and Sanchez, 6-2, 6-0; Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood beat Seaton and Hord, 6-1, 6-0; Perez and Ivy beat James and King, 6-2, 6-1.



FIVE ALARM CHILI is served to members of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. last Thursday night at the Masonic Lodge's annual "Firemen's

Appreciation Dinner." Lodge members and guests and the firefighters enjoyed a meal of chili, beans, crackers and desserts. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swiftettes, Coach Hampton and Coach Lane, who won the school's 13th girls' state basketball championship in Austin over the weekend. We are very proud of you.

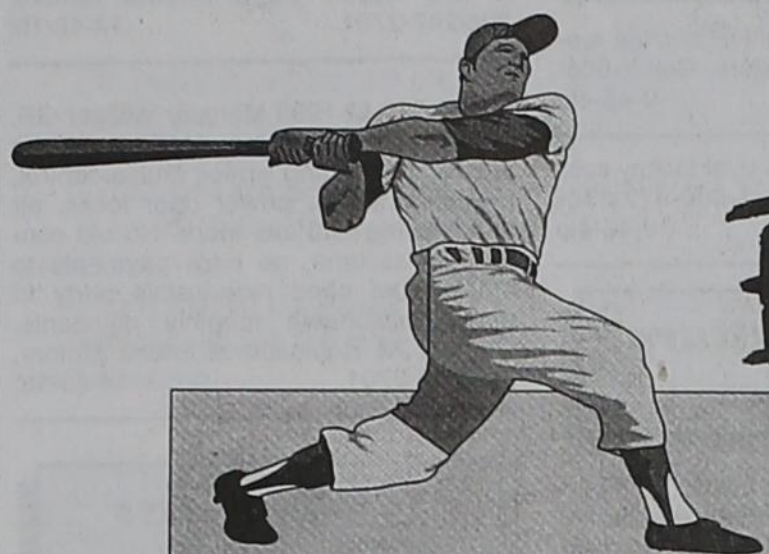
Many fans from Nazareth traveled to Austin for the games.

The team and coaches returned home Sunday afternoon to a welcome-home reception at the school cafeteria.

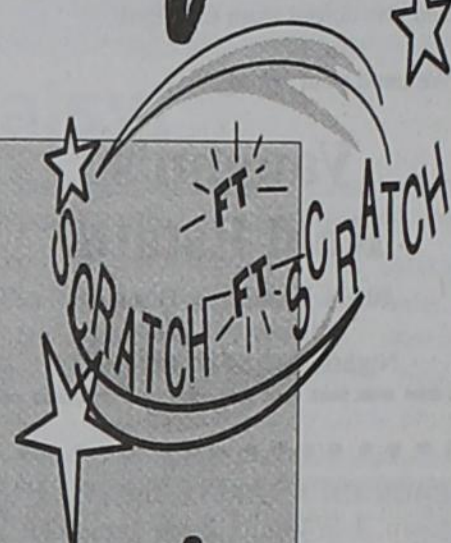
Supt. N. Dean Johnson emceed the program, and Coach Hampton, Coach Lane and the four senior girls, Robin Schulte, Melinda Schmucker, Courtney Hoelting and Carie Wethington, all expressed their feelings and thanks. The girls' mothers entertained the group with a short skit. After singing the school song, everyone enjoyed refreshments.

Congratulations also goes to the Nazareth Swifts and Coaches Mark Makeever and Colby Waldrop, who won the Region 1-A boys' tournament this weekend in Levelland. The Swifts posted a big win over undefeated Klondike in the championship. Good luck to the Swifts as they travel to Austin for the state tournament this weekend.

Prayers are asked for Vincent Guggemos, Leonard Schulte and C.B. Wilhelm.



Batter up!



Good Luck, Bobcats

in the Frenship Tournament!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday



Members of the 1996 Dimmitt High School varsity baseball team include (kneeling, from left) Conrado Saucedo, Luis Nino, Dwayne Espinoza, Sergio Pedroza, Ramiro Gauna and Richard Martinez; (standing from left) Dan Matthews,

Jason Wooten, Zeke Nino, Jason Nino, Richard Carpio, Zack Matthews and head coach Bobby Feaster. (Not pictured) Manuel Velasquez and assistant coach Cory Lynch.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

MS Walk is planned

The annual MS Walk in Amarillo will be held April 13, starting at 10 a.m. at Sanborn Park and following a 6.2-mile course.

The event raises funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Sponsors of the Amarillo Walk are BANK ONE and National Home Health Care. Organizing the event is the Panhandle Chapter of the MS Society, which serves over 500 residents and their families.

The Grand Prize for the Walk this year is two round-trip airline tickets courtesy of American Airlines to any continental US or Canadian destination served by American. First runner up will receive a sports watch courtesy of Cizon's Jewelry.

Walkers raise funds for MS by collecting pledges for each mile walked. Each participant will become "Soul Mates" with someone who has multiple sclerosis in the local chapter area by wearing his or her name. Walkers and the public are also encouraged to share good wishes or poems, etc., for the "Message Wall," which will be shared with the chapter and the community after the walk.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system

Pig exhibitors fare well at Houston show

Several Castro County youngsters made it through the sift at Brenham last week and got to exhibit their barrows at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Wesley Mays of Dimmitt showed a fifth place heavyweight Poland China.

The eighth-place mediumweight Hampshire was shown by Tucker Schumacher of Dimmitt.

Two Dimmitt youngsters placed with heavyweight Hampshires, including Corey Lane of Dimmitt, seventh; and Matthew Wright of Dimmitt, 19th.

that wears away the control the sufferer has over his or her own body.

The walk will have rest stops every mile, with fruit provided by United Supermarkets, along with drinks, water and cookies. After the event, participants will be served a stuffed potato lunch.

Walkers are encouraged to join with family members, friends, civic and fraternal clubs, church groups and corporate employee organizations to form their own TeaMS and participate together.

For more information, call 806-372-4429.

Larra voted MVP of District 2-AAA

Joe Larra, 5-8 senior guard from Dimmitt, was named the District 2-AAA most valuable player and two other Bobcats were named to the all-district team.

The Bobbies placed two on the all-2-AAA girls' squad.

In addition to Larra, Dimmitt's Justin Newman and Chad Ellis, 6-1 senior posts, were named to the all-district squad.

For the girls, junior Carrie Bradley and senior Amy Ethridge, both wings, were mentioned to the honor squad.

Honorable mention all-district honors went to Jason Nino and Brandon Smith of Dimmitt, junior guards.

Other members of the boys' all-district team are Cole Roberts and Jay Lusk, both of Shallowater; Zack Abshier of Floydada; Jermaine Davis and Cody Favor, both of Littlefield; Dustin Cleavinger of Muleshoe; and Quint Ellis of Friona.

MVP for the girls was Trissi Walden of Littlefield. She was joined on the honor team by teammate Emily Hutchins; Courtney Carthel, Britny White and Julie Goddard, all of Friona; Mandy Cleavinger and Allyson Field, both of Muleshoe; Jenny Neal and Felicia Fuentes, both of Shallowater; and Victoria Cummings of Floydada.

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- Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.
- J&H Equipment Co.
- Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency
- Lockhart Pharmacy
- Look Cattle Feeders
- Nelson Well Service
- The North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc.
- Jimmy & Nancy Ross
- Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt
- Terra International
- Dimmitt Thriftway/IGA Foodliner
- Tidwell Spraying Service
- Dr. Morris Webb
- Westex Federal Land Bank Association
- Westway Trading Corp.

22-Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Thursday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-33-tfc

Political Announcements

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

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY:

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

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

For County Treasurer:
Janice Shelton (i)
Carolyn Watts

For County Constable:
James Dobbs (i)

For Commissioner, Pct. 1:
Newlon Rowland (i)

For County/District Attorney:
Jerry Matthews (i)

For County Sheriff:
CD Fitzgearld (i)

24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of Dimmitt for the many, many acts of kindness extended to us during the loss of our mother. We thank you for your kindness, for your words of comfort, all your prayers, food, flowers and cards. We will miss her greatly, but she leaves behind many wonderful memories. God bless each of you.
THE FAMILY OF VIVIAN SHIFLET
24-48-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

The Student Council Spirit Committee of Dimmitt High School would like to thank each of the following people for singing and signing the National Anthem during this year's basketball season.

Those who graciously performed are Terri Loudder, Susan Coleman, Tammy Griffith, Leslie Davis, The Methodist Men's Quartet including Don Nelson, Chuck Braafladt, Charles Axtell and Jim Baker, Rachel Goldsmith, Don Nelson, Tori Baker, Lupa Mendez, and four members of the DHS Band including Sam Everett, Wanda Finke, Jimmy Ivey and Crystal Stevens.

DHS STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT COMMITTEE
24-48-1tx

25-Legal Notices

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOAN

The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Briscoe Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to or coming by the Plainview Trust Dept. Of Norwest Bank of Texas, N.A., 205 West Fifth Street, P.O. Box 580, Plainview, Texas 79073-0580. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1996.
25-48-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: BILL NICHOLS, and if he be married, to his wife, MRS. BILL NICHOLS, and if either or both of the above named parties be deceased, to their heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives, if such or both of them as might be deceased, and to all persons, firms or corporations that may claim any interest in the property described below, hereinafter called Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause.

You and each of you, as Defendants, are hereby commanded to appear before the 64th Judicial District Court of Castro County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, at or before 10 a.m. Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the issuance hereof. That is to say, at or before 10 a.m. Monday, the 15th day of April, 1996, and answer the Petition of VALENTIN G. OLVERA, JR., Plaintiff vs. BILL NICHOLS, Defendant, which Petition was filed in said Court on the 26th day of February 1996, in the nature of which suit is as follows:

TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE for title and possession of the following described real estate situated in County of Castro, State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot Twelve (12), of Block One Hundred Seventeen (117), of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas;

Plaintiff also claims title by virtue of the ten and twenty-five year statute of limitations as more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

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

WITNESS the hand and seal of office of Joyce M. Thomas, Clerk of the District Court of Castro County, Texas, at her office in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, this 26th day of February, 1996.

JOYCE M. THOMAS
District Clerk, Castro County, Texas

By: RONDA M. WEST, Deputy
25-47-4tc

DISD Board hopes to cut project cost

By LINDA MAXWELL

"If we can save that kind of money, I think we can wait a little longer," DISD Supt. Les Miller said about further negotiations on the proposed project for heating and air conditioning improvements at Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School.

Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates, engineering firm on the project, told the Dimmitt School Board Monday night that he needed a target figure to take negotiations another step or decide whether to re-bid the project.

He told the board that the low bidder, TEC Construction of Amarillo, had submitted \$123,545 in cost-cutting measures on its original bid proposal of \$983,000. However, he said he would recommend accepting only \$82,037 of these proposed cuts, which would place the cost in the \$900,000 range.

Miller said he would like to get the cost down to about \$850,000, so that when the engineering fees (to Grimes & Associates) are included, the total project cost would not exceed \$900,000.

Grimes said he would continue negotiating with TEC Construction and report back to the board in a week or so. He said if the result of the negotiations were not good enough, DISD could still go back out for bids.

Grimes said he usually does not recommend re-bidding a project, but a significant change in the scope of the project might warrant asking new bids. He said that all six bidders might not want to re-bid, but that several had appeared anxious for the chance.

The board agreed to meet with Grimes again on March 18 at noon to see if the negotiations were successful or decide whether to reject all bids and start over.

Miller asked if the re-bidding process would still leave enough time for completion of the project before the start of the next school year. Grimes said he thought it should not be a problem.

Board member Steve Buckley asked what Grimes meant by "changes in scope." Grimes said the main change would be in the portion of the project dealing with the two-story part of Dimmitt Middle School. He said that using roof-top cooling units and wall-mounted heating units would eliminate the need for mechanical rooms and cut down on the ductwork needed.

In other business, Miller told the board he is still looking for a

different site for the alternative education placement for students on disciplinary probation. He said they currently meet at DMS, which is a "very unsatisfactory" arrangement.

Miller said the room is inadequate in size and two students who need to be in the placement are still in in-school suspension because there isn't room in alternative education placement. Also, he said, it is difficult to keep the high school students separate from the middle school students.

Miller said it would be ideal if the school could obtain the other half of the building occupied by the Successful Opportunities for Learning campus in the 200 block of West Jones Street. The other half of the building is occupied by Dr. Lee Baggett's chiropractic clinic. Miller said he is continuing to search for a more suitable space.

The board heard reports on:
—The Successful Opportunities for Learning campus.
—The basketball programs.
—Future Homemakers of America.
—Odyssey of the Mind.
—Stock shows in San Antonio and Houston.

In his quarterly report on investments, DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill told the board that the district is ahead of budget on interest received. \$100,000 was anticipated from interest in the current budget, and the district has received \$124,786.30 for the year to date.

Miller told the board that a new attorney general's opinion reversed earlier rules that had rejected the use of vans for school transportation. Miller said the vans owned by DISD meet the requirements for use. The board agreed to cancel its plan to offer the vans for sale.

After an executive session, the board voted to renew contracts of teachers and support personnel. The board also accepted the resignations of Hank Lynn, who is retiring; Monte Sewell, high school assistant girls' basketball coach; and Brian Edwards, who teaches special education at the middle school.

The board also adopted a resolution nominating the Castro County News and KDHN Radio for the Texas Association of School Boards' Media Honor Roll for their coverage of school activities.

NRCS offers help in designing windbreaks

This winter as cold winds howl, many people will consider planting windbreaks on their property.

Properly designed, a windbreak can reduce heating costs for homes and businesses, provide protection from the wind for people and livestock, reduce wind erosion and provide wildlife habitats.

The Dimmitt Natural Resource Conservation Service, located at 114 W. Belsher, can provide assistance in planning windbreaks around homes, farmsteads, ranch headquarters, feedlots and other areas.

"Waiting until next spring or summer to install a windbreak means another year's delay in reaping the benefits," said Gary Hunter, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Trees and shrubs used in a windbreak should be planted as soon as possible after they arrive, somewhere around April 1."

Hunter said planning now will enable landowners to get the type of tree they want.

"Many of the more popular species ordered through the soil and

Water Conservation District are only available in limited quantities and they sell out quickly," Hunter said. "These seedlings are provided at a very low cost, but their use is restricted to eligible farmsteads. Other varieties also are available commercially."

Another good reason to plan a windbreak now is so everything will be ready when the trees arrive.

"We have certain guidelines you must follow regarding the distance from homesteads, roads, the direction of prevailing winds, etc.," Hunter said. "These can alleviate a lot of headaches 10 years down the road when the small seedlings have become large trees."

He adds that planning a drip irrigation system which is tailored to each individual windbreak also is a plus.

"It has been found that these systems are essential to provide for a suitable survival rate of the small seedlings," Hunter pointed out.

Rates of survival near 100% are not uncommon when proper planting methods of good seed stock is coupled with a drip irrigation system.



Whoops! . . . Upsy Daisy!

NO INJURIES were reported in this accident at 9:20 a.m. last Thursday on US 385 six miles north of Dimmitt. A 1983 International truck-tractor owned by Tommy Garcia of Hereford and driven by Ricardo Lopez, 45, of Hereford was pulling a semi-trailer dump filled with agricultural product. According to Dept. of Public Safety reports, the

vehicle veered off the right side of the roadway and the drive over-corrected. The trailer flipped on its right side and came to rest across both lanes of traffic, blocking the roadway. The report said the driver claimed he had a defective steering mechanism, which may or may not have been a contributing factor.
Photos by Linda Maxwell



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25-Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District will accept sealed bids to purchase one (1) gasoline-powered school bus. The bids shall be in the Dimmitt School District's Business Office at 608 W. Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, no later than March 19, 1996. Bid envelopes must be marked in the lower left hand corner (School Bus Bid).

Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, at the school administration office. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.
25-48-2tc



Police Calls

Ernest Craig Turner, 37, of Sudan, was hospitalized Sunday following a wreck that caved in the top of his 1986 Jeep Cherokee, according to a report from Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Larry Adams.

Reportedly, Turner suffered from

back injuries and broken ribs and was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock after being transferred from Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

According to Adams, the accident happened Sunday afternoon as Turner was driving alone on FM 303 23 miles southwest of Dimmitt.

"He swerved to miss a coyote, drove off the east side of the road down an embankment, hit a rise in the embankment and went airborne, striking a telephone pole," Adams said. "The vehicle flipped end over end one time and came to rest upside down in the dry part of a tail-water pit."

Adams said Turner was able to crawl out the back of his vehicle and then collapsed on the ground. He had not been wearing a seat belt.

Reportedly, passing motorists summoned help for Turner, who had probably been on the ground for about 30 minutes before they came along. Castro County EMS responded to the call.

Adams said a dead coyote was found at the scene.

Monday afternoon, Jose Luis Rosado of Dimmitt was ticketed for illegal parking and an expired inspection sticker after his 1985 Toyota pickup was struck by a 1988 Chevy van driven by Ma Delourdes Cardona of Dimmitt. The van was legally parked at Allsup's, and the pickup parked behind the van. The van backed into the pickup.

A 32-year-old Dimmitt woman told police a suspect assaulted her in an incident of family violence around 10:45 p.m. Saturday.

At 12:19 a.m. Saturday, a youth was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol when police found 12 beers in a 1985 Pontiac in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth.

The driver of a 1983 Chevy pickup was charged with reckless driving and evading arrest in an incident at 4 a.m. Saturday on Halsell Street in Dimmitt.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt woman was arrested last Thursday afternoon on a warrant charging delivery of beer during prohibited hours.

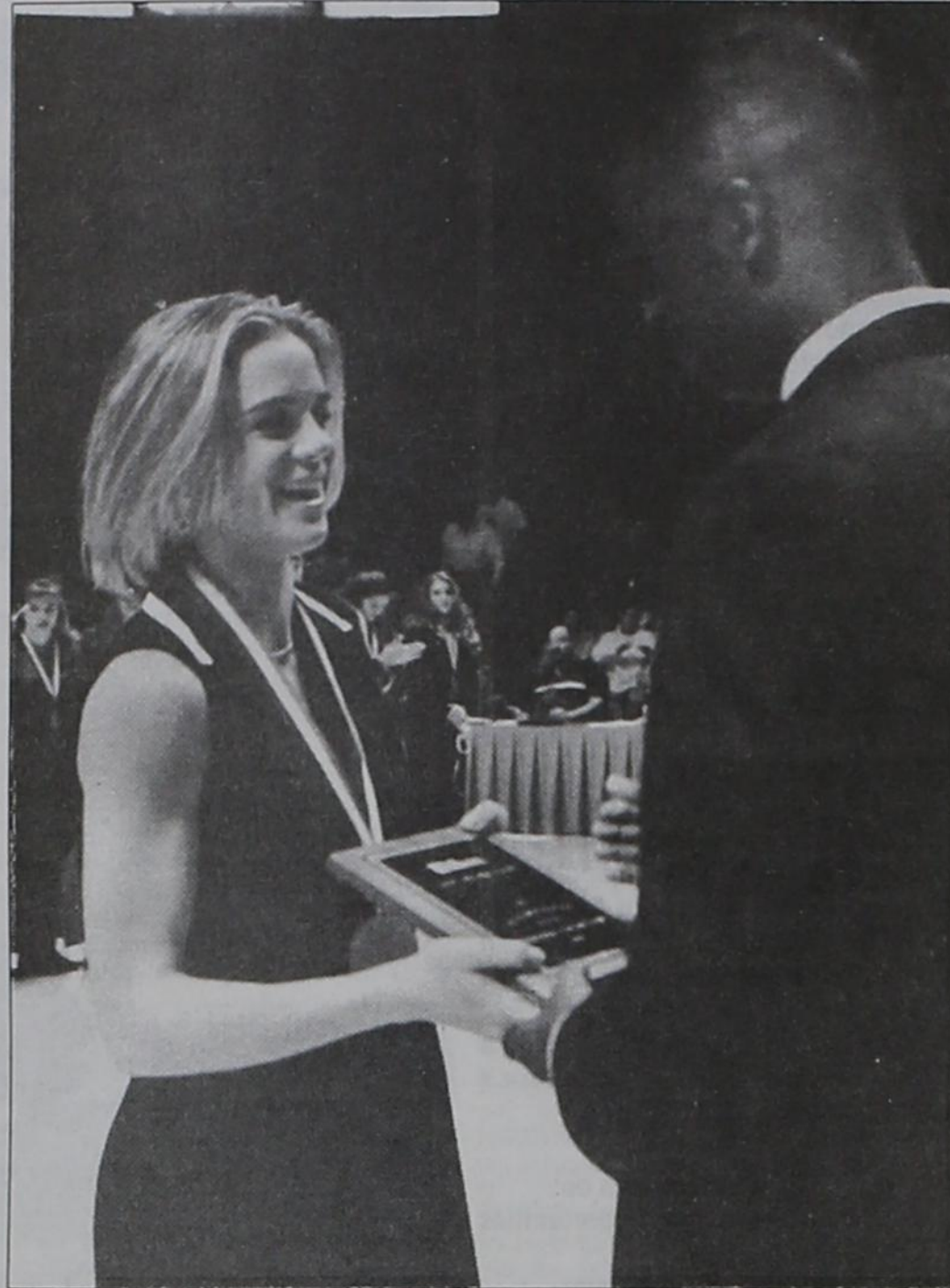
A Dimmitt man, 20, was arrested Friday evening by the DPS on three outstanding warrants.

Nazareth City Marshall Michael Colley reported that a Jeep belonging to Raymond Schmucker was vandalized and broken into sometime between midnight Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday. The vehicle had been left parked at the Nazareth Community Hall. The driver's side window was broken out and the right side of the vehicle apparently was struck by another vehicle. Also, a CD player and possibly other items were taken from inside the vehicle.

Saturday morning, police received a report from Troy Langford that someone had broken out the windows of a travel trailer at his home on Northwest Ninth Street.

Isom Walker told police Sunday afternoon that someone broke the windshield on his 1973 Oldsmobile.

Robert Murillo told police Sunday night that someone broke windows and a door latch at the residence of Pedro Godinez on Northeast Fourth Street.



ALL-STATE TOURNAMENT AND MVP AWARD

... Presented to Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth (left)

Photo by Anne Acker

City council looks at bids for lawn mower

The Dimmitt City Council opened bids Monday night on a riding lawn mower and deferred making a decision until City Works Dept. Head Ralph Salinas can examine the bids to see if they meet the specifications.

Bids received were:
—From Liberal Area Radiator Service of Liberal, Kan., three different models, for \$5,495; \$8,849; and \$7,250.

—From James Bros. Implement of Plainview, two models, one for \$9,976 and one for \$16,213.

—From T.J. Wiseman, Inc. of Plainview, \$5,924.10

—From Henderson TV & Appliance of Dimmitt, \$6,866.63.

—From J&H Equipment of Dimmitt, \$12,819.

—From W-B Equipment of Dimmitt, two models, one for \$7,275 and one for \$6,985.

In other business, Mayor Wayne Collins told the council that Marie Howell said she had no objection to one of the ball parks being named after the late Beverly Durham. However, no representative of Kids, Inc. was present, so the matter was tabled.

Bids on cleaning the air ducts at City Hall were tabled. City Manager Reeford Burrous had the information on the bids and he was absent due to a death in the family.

Assistant city Manager Don Sheffy reminded council members that March 20 is the last day to announce their candidacy for reelection.

Sheffy also reminded council members that they should report any unsightly property around town to the city, so that a letter can be sent to the property owner asking them to take action on cleaning it up.

More about

OM teams . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Lindsey Welch, Kristin Doss, Taryn Hays, Jessica Flores, Julie Merritt and Christie Bryan. They are coached by Reta Welch.

Members of the DMS "Crunch" team, which took second place honors, are Joshua Hardwick, Lori Schulte, Kylie Webb, Kelsey Welch, Daniel Proffitt and Alexis Proffitt. Coaches are Wayne and Paula Proffitt. Judges of the spontaneous portion of the contest said the team "used a unique approach to solving the problem that no one else had used."

The DMS "Amusin' Cruisin'" team overcame a difficult start to place third out of seven teams at the regional contest. Team members are Jason Harris, Cody Laurent, Ashley Irons, Jill Merritt, Colby Williams, and Patrick Hunter. They are coached by Mary and Gary Hunter. Pat Keith, OM coordinator, said the team had difficulties because their vehicle was placed wrong at the start of their performance, so they were pleased to place as well as they did.

Pesticides to control beet armyworms are approved

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted an emergency specific exemption that will allow the use of Confirm and Pirate on cotton to control beet armyworms.

Farmers who plan to use Confirm or Pirate must contact their district Extension entomologist to determine if their Texas Agricultural Extension Service District has qualified for the specific exemption.

A district will qualify after an Extension entomologist or its designated professional entomologist determines through sampling that one field in the district has beet armyworm populations high enough to initiate the use of Pirate or Confirm. A maximum of 1.8 million acres of

cotton may be treated statewide.

"Through cooperative efforts by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, producers, the Extension Service and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, our growers now know what control tools they will have available this year," said Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. "In addition, the manufacturers of Pirate and Confirm can meet our needs as they occur in Texas."

The specific exemption will be administered by the state's 12 Texas Agricultural Extension Service districts.

Without the use of these pesticides, the state's cotton crops could face a potential loss of \$239 million, according to TDA estimates.

Obituaries

Lynn Arnold

Funeral services for Lynn Arnold, 70, of Amarillo, former owner of the Dimmitt Dairy Queen, were held Saturday morning in Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon • Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors with Dr. Howard K. Batson and Chester O'Brien, both of Amarillo's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Mr. Arnold was born in Lubbock and had lived in Amarillo for 12 years. He was a US Army veteran of World War II. He married Mary Walker in 1977 in Hereford. He was owner and operator of Dairy Queens in Dimmitt, Canyon, Tulia, Amarillo, Hereford and Friona. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Tony of San Antonio, Brad of Hereford and Gary of Marble Falls; three stepsons, Ted Coleman of Hereford, Rex Coleman of Amarillo and Joe Coleman of Phoenix; a brother, Wayne of Plainview; two sisters, Buelah Herring of Brownwood and Peggy Channell of Albuquerque, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Mattie Stovall

Mattie Burrous Stovall, 92, of Dimmitt, died Monday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to follow in Grady Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Stovall was born Sept. 1, 1903, in Indian Territory, Okla. She married Jim Burrous in July of 1927, in Lindsay, Okla. They lived in Broadview, N.M., from 1944 to 1962. He died in 1962. In August of 1964, she married Henry Stovall in Grady, N.M. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1991.

Mrs. Stovall was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. She was a member of the Castro County Senior Citizens and the Quilters' Group.

She also was preceded in death by six brothers, five sisters, two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

She is survived by a son, Reeford Burrous of Dimmitt; a daughter, Gail Pool; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Danny and Sharla Vaughan Scholarship Fund, in care of Layne Myatt, P.O. Box 99, Dimmitt, 79027.

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