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By Don Nelson

For some time now I've wanted to tell you what you should think about President Bush's proposed tax cut of \$1,600,000,000,000, even if you're one of those hard-headed conservatives who won't listen to reason.

However: Due to a lot of local activity lately (including three teams still in the basketball playoffs), and that upper-respiratory bug that's been keeping a lot of people off the job (including me), I need to share with you again from my Fantastic Back-up File.

(It's probably just as well.)

Here's a great item that's currently making the rounds:

What Do Children Cost?

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to age 18 and came up with a total of \$160,140 for a middle-income family.

What do you get for your \$160,140?

Naming rights. First, middle and last.

Glimpses of God every day.

Giggles under the covers every night.

More love than your heart can hold.

Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.

Endless wonder over rocks, ants, and clouds.

A hand to hold, usually covered with jam.

A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sand castles and skipping down the sidewalk in the pouring rain.

Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

For \$160,140, you never have to grow up:

You get to finger-paint, play hide-and-seek, catch lightning bugs and never stop believing in Santa Claus.

You have an excuse to keep reading the adventures of Piglet and Pooh, watching Saturday morning cartoons, going to Disney movies and wishing on stars.

You get to frame rainbows, hearts and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray-painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For \$160,140, there's no greater bang for your buck:

You get to be a hero just for retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof, taking the training wheels off the bike, filling the wading pool, coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.

You get a front-row seat to history; to witness the first step, first word, first bra, first date, first time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren.

You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications and human sexuality no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there with God.

You have the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost.

Money well spent, don't ya think?



AND THE CELEBRATION BEGINS—Nazareth's starters and coaches—(from left) Stephanie Thiel, Lesley Brockman, Whitney Hoelting, Mandy Hoelting, Wendy Black, Shawna Gerber, Assistant Coach Amy Huseman and Head Coach Matt Garrett—count down the seconds Saturday in the

semi-state championship game at Wichita Falls. The Swiftettes dominated Brooksmith in the title game, 93-45, to earn a return trip to Austin. The game was the equivalent of a state semifinal contest, with the winner advancing to Austin for the Division II state championship game today (Thursday).

Photo by Erin Jones

Shooting for #15

Swiftettes will battle Saltillo today for Division II state championship

The Nazareth Swiftettes will be trying to defend their Class A state championship in Austin this week, and they hope to bring home their 15th title.

The top-ranked Swiftettes will face No. 8-ranked Saltillo today (Thursday) in a Class A Division II state championship game at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center (The Drum) in Austin.

Tip-off in the game will be 8:30 a.m. and it will be broadcast live on 1470 KDHN Radio of Dimmitt.

The winner will be crowned as the Class A state champion for Division II, but that won't be the end of the winner's season. That team will advance to the Texas Cup Finals on Saturday morning, and will play the Class A Division I state champion for overall bragging rights.

Under a new format this season, UIL divided Class A into Division I for big schools and Division II for small schools. The playoff format has been totally revamped.

In Wichita Falls over the weekend, the Swiftettes won a state semifinal game when they beat Region II's Brooksmith. That victory earned Nazareth a trip to Austin.

The winner of today's Division II state championship game will meet the Division I state champion—either Kennard or Windthorst—for the Class A Texas Cup championship Saturday at 9 a.m. Those two teams will meet in the second game today (Thursday) for the Division I championship.

The Swiftettes boarded the bus and headed for Austin Tuesday morning, enjoying a big send-off from the community. The team planned to

stop in Throckmorton for a short break before heading to Brownwood where they planned to spend the night.

They traveled on to Austin Wednesday and planned to be at the Drum to shoot around at 7:30 a.m. today (Thursday).

Salttillo is 33-2 on the season and Garry Davison has coached the team for the past 11 seasons. Salttillo captured the District 24-A championship before cruising through the playoffs. Salttillo beat Roxton in bi-district, 52-34; Henrietta Midway in the sectional semifinals, 71-42; Woodson in the sectional finals, 68-27; fourth-ranked Throckmorton in the semi-state semifinals; and Round Top Carmine in the semi-state finals, 43-36.

Salttillo's only losses this season have been to Boles and Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn, a semi-state semifinalist in Division I.

This will be Salttillo's first-ever appearance at the state tournament while the Swiftettes will be making their 19th. Prior to this season, Salttillo had advanced to the regional quarterfinal round three times.

Salttillo is led by 5-8 junior wing Jessica Van Landingham, who is the team's leading scorer. The inside

game is anchored by senior post Amanda Davis, who is the second leading scorer on the team.

The starting lineup also includes a big 6-0 junior post player, Jenna White; junior wing Kelli Brewer; and 5-6 senior point guard Lindsay Womack.

Womack is the floor leader and her main contribution to the team is her outstanding ballhandling and passing, as well as tough pressure defense.

Salttillo has a deep bench, according to Coach Davison, and that depth allows Salttillo to play a lot of pressure defense.

First guard off the bench is senior Kayla Brewer, while Brenda McClure spells the post players. Another player that sees a lot of action is senior guard Crystal Edwards.

Second-ranked Windthorst (30-1) defeated No. 5 Sudan, 66-44, on Saturday to earn a ticket to Austin from Region I-II.

Windthorst's path to Austin started with a District 11-A championship. Playoff wins were posted over Slidell, 74-57; Munday, 70-40; top-ranked Brock, 59-58; and Santo, 70-31; setting up the semi-state final game with Sudan.

Kennard, ranked fourth, (34-2) upset highly-ranked and perennial power Moulton (third-ranked) in the Region III-IV championship game Saturday, claiming a 53-47 win to qualify for the state tourney.

Kennard's other playoff wins were over Dallardsville Big Sandy, 85-26; LaRue LaPoynor, 68-48; Merit Bland, 54-27; and Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn.

Two are sought in man's death

Authorities are still looking for two people who are wanted for questioning about the death of Cesar Guadalupe Vega, 37, of Hereford, who was found dead Feb. 19 in northern Castro County.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said a Hereford man was interviewed Tuesday in Dimmitt, but two other persons are still being sought.

Vega was last seen alive the night of Feb. 18 in Hereford. His badly beaten body was found around 9 the next morning in a pasture near Coronado Acres. Autopsy results showed that the man died from re-

peated blows to the back of the head with a blunt object.

Fitzgearld said toxicology reports are not yet available from the autopsy.

Investigators say it looks like Vega was beaten elsewhere and managed to escape to the pasture where he collapsed and died. His blood was found on a fence around the pasture where he apparently climbed over it. No drag marks or signs of a struggle were found in the grass surrounding the body.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311.

West shooting ruled accidental

Texas Rangers investigating the shooting of Dale West Feb. 15 during a Dimmitt Police Dept. SWAT drill have determined that it was accidental, according to Castro County District Attorney James Horton.

The 20-year-old volunteer firefighter was participating in the drill at Dimmitt Middle School, when one of the officers involved

discharged his 9 mm handgun on a live round of ammunition, injuring West.

Horton said the matter still must come before the Castro County Grand Jury, and he moved the session up to Tuesday, so that the matter can be expedited.

The officer has been on administrative leave since the incident.

Energas meets with area producers about contracts

Kelley Grimes, general manager of Energas Ag Services, met with more than 30 area producers in Hereford last Thursday to answer questions regarding provisions of the new contracts issued by Energas.

The contracts, which were to have been signed by producers by Feb. 15, include a provision allowing producers the right to shop around for other providers. If they find one with a cheaper rate, then the contract gives Energas the right to offer natural gas at the same or a lower rate. If Energas cannot meet the competitor's price, then the consumer is free to go elsewhere and the contract will then be terminated.

Grimes said the contracts are for the term of one year. She noted that pricing rates will be issued on a monthly basis. She told those attending that customers had requested the monthly pricing structure.

Grimes said the company realizes that it may be difficult for producers to budget with a monthly pricing strategy, but added that it will allow them to take advantage of any relief that might be experienced if prices take a drop.

"We feel it is to the best advantage of our agricultural customers,"

Grimes said. "We would not make this move if it were not in the best interest of our customers."

She noted that many customers have been considering other options.

"I agree that producers need to carefully consider other options, including these contracts. Some have switched (to other power sources), but they are not saving any money," Grimes said.

Besides questions about the contracts and pricing, other questions were asked about the natural gas situation in general.

Grimes assured the group that Energas is firmly committed to maintaining the quality of its gas in the range of 950 BTUs to over 1,000.

She said billing procedures will be more consistent once everything is put on the monthly rate basis.

Grimes told the group that her best guess for the end of March price for agricultural users would be \$6.25 per mcf for gas to their irrigation wells.

Those having additional questions or who have not signed a new contract are urged to contact Grimes at 798-4477.

Bobcats, Swifts chasing regional crowns
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THIS IS NOT THE PROPER TO WAY to eat chili in the school lunchroom, but students at Richardson Elementary School enjoyed watching their principal, Clint Seward, eat his lunch with his hands tied behind his back last Thursday. Seward had agreed to the meal in an effort to encourage students to raise pennies for the Leukemia Foundation. The students had a goal of \$1,000, and they exceed that goal by more than \$200.

Photo by Anne Acker

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	58	33	
Friday	60	34	.02
Saturday	54	40	.06
Sunday	56	23	
Monday	63	27	
Tuesday	60	35	.01
Wednesday	49	17	.16

February Moisture 0.75
2001 Moisture 2.24

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

Obituaries

Bess Cain

Services for Bess Cain, 83, of Dimmitt, were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt with Dean Wiseman officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Cain died at 11:30 a.m. on Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Ada, Okla. She married Bernie Cain on Jan. 9, 1940, in El Paso. He died in 1979 in Tulsa, Okla.

She attended school in Ada, Okla., and moved to El Paso where she attended Beauty College. She then moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., where she worked as a beauty operator with her sisters. In 1969, she and her husband moved to Tulsa, Okla. She was a member of the Church of Christ for over 70 years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include a son, Marvin Cain of Amarillo; two brothers, Howard Phares and Joe "Red" Phares, both of Lubbock; three sisters, Helen Wilmuth and Anna Carpenter, both of Dimmitt; and Maxine Vredenburg of Montana; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donny Carpenter, Dustan Buckley, Derek Buckley, Deacon Buckley, Steve Buckley and Lee Cejna.

The family requests memorials be to Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt.



Benigno Presas

Benigno Presas, 71, of Hereford, died last Wednesday, Feb. 21, at his home.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Chapel of Parkside in Hereford with Ernest Cantu officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery of Hereford under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Presas was born May 9, 1929, in Mercedes. He married Ana Maria Martinez on May 28, 1950. She died Nov. 17, 2000.

Mr. Presas was a retired farmer who worked with the Odom brothers in Dimmitt for over 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fermin Presas and Paula Garcia; and by three sisters, Locha, Lupe and Mariana Presas.

Survivors include four sons, Richard Presas of Amarillo, Rolando Presas of Dimmitt, Sergio Presas of Roswell, N.M., and Jose Luis Presas of Hereford; three daughters, Graciela Presas and Cecilia Presas, both of Hereford, and Rosa Linda Garcia of Dimmitt; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Martha Schulte

Martha B. Schulte, 79, of Nazareth, died at 8:25 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

A vigil service was held last Thursday at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

Funeral mass was held Friday morning in Holy Family Church with Msgr. Harold Waldow, former pastor, and Father Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Schulte was born Aug. 18, 1921, in New York City, N.Y. She grew up in Nazareth and was valedictorian of her graduating class at Nazareth High School. She attended Texas Tech University.

She married Ray Schulte on Oct. 15, 1940, in Nazareth. He died Jan. 17, 1988.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters and Senior Citizens. She loved gardening, cooking, crocheting and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and three sons, Howard Schulte in 1984, Wayne Schulte in 1956 and Leon Schulte in 1975.

Survivors include four daughters, Raelene Hoelting, Bernita Hoelting, Vera Ramaekers and Sheryl Klemm, all of Nazareth; five sons, Marvin Schulte, Kenny Schulte, Clyde Schulte, Bob Schulte and Olen Schulte, all of Nazareth; 31 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Craig Hospital Foundation, 3425 South Clarkson Street, Englewood, Colo., 80110.

Alison Jean Warren

Services for Alison Jean Warren, infant daughter of Jeramie and Elaine Warren of Seagoville, were held Friday at Roselawn Chapel with Dr. Wes Brown officiating. Burial followed in Roselawn Memorial Park in Seagoville under the direction of Roselawn Funeral Home and Cemetery.

The infant was born Jan. 8 and she died Feb. 18.

Survivors include her parents; two brothers, Anthony and Alex Revilla of Seagoville; her maternal grandparents, Ruby Gowdy of Balch Springs, Gene and Peggy Broadstreet of Dimmitt; her aunts, Valerie Cooksey of Ohio and Patricia Skarpa of Katy; and an uncle and aunt, Warren and Patsy of Scurry.

Rylander wants to extend 'sales tax holiday'

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently announced her proposal to expand the sales tax holiday from three days to five days and add to the list of tax-exempt items.

The items she would like to add include safety equipment, school supplies and materials used to make children's clothing. She estimates it would save Texas taxpayers an additional \$46 million over the next three years.

"The Sales Tax Holiday is a tremendous help to hard-working Texas families," Rylander said. "By expanding the holiday from three days to five and adding these items, the sales tax holiday will be less of a traffic jam and save Texans more of their hard-earned dollars for their families."

The items added to the tax-exempt list would include buttons, zippers, and fabric for those who sew; school supplies, including backpacks; and safety equipment, including bicycle helmets, elbow and knee pads, and baby and children's car seats.

"I want to make the Sales Tax Holiday as beneficial to Texas families as possible," Rylander said.

In 1999, the legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first weekend in August each year, which coincides with back-to-school shopping. No state or local sales taxes are collected on tax-exempt items under \$100.



CHOIR WINNERS—Members of the Dimmitt High School Choir attended UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon Saturday, and these four received a I (superior) rating on their solos. They are (from left) Ludim Diaz, Isela Loeza, Miranda Mirelez, and Nicole Swain. Also attending the contest and receiving a II (excellent)

rating on their solos were Cynthia Velasquez, Monica Fernandez, and Laura Gil (not shown). Also not shown are members of an ensemble that participated. They are Christina Campos, Priscilla Cabellero, Heather Snitker, Edna Arredondo, Gina Martinez, Priscilla Peralta, and Esmer Rameriz.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

County approves juvenile contracts, hears audit report

The Castro County Commissioners approved two contracts dealing with juvenile offenders and heard the annual outside audit report at their Monday meeting.

The two contracts are with Lubbock County. One provides residential treatment, which involves a long-term commitment. The other is for short-term commitments for detention only.

County Judge Irene Miller said

that the county has run out of nearby places to house juveniles. She said the county still places some with the Youth Center of the High Plains in Amarillo, but sometimes they are full, too.

In another matter, Becky Roberts of the auditing firm of Davis, Kinard, told the commissioners that her firm's outside audit of the county's finances showed that they are "materially correct."

However, she did suggest a change in the manner of issuing receipts in the county clerk's office. She said it would be best to use a single receipt book.

In other matters, the commissioners voted to table any action on the sidewalk at the tax appraisal office and on First Street in Hart.

Commissioner Clyde Damron said he had talked to someone from Dimmitt Ready Mix about the situation at the appraisal office, but had not received a report on it yet. He said it had been suggested to install a heating element under the sidewalk

to help it thaw more quickly under icy conditions.

Commissioner Newlon Rowland spoke to the other commissioners about seeing what could be done to help the drainage along First Street in Hart. He said it is a county road and the county had helped do some work on it in the past.

Miller suggested that they wait until Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain has a chance to speak with the homeowners along the street and bring the matter before the Hart City Commission.

The county commissioners agreed to allow County Auditor Mirella Smithson to draw up a policy and procedures manual covering duties of her office and that of the treasurer, in order to comply with requirements of a grant the county has applied for.

Also, in connection with the same grant, Emergency Management Coordinator Randy Griffith will be asked to draw up an emergency evacuation plan for the courthouse.

Wanda Lee Palmer

Funeral services for Wanda Lee Palmer, 68, of Bell Gardens, Calif., the grandmother of B. John Palmer Jr. of Nazareth, were to have been held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Chapel in Bell Gardens.

Mrs. Palmer died Feb. 24 in Downey Regional Medical Center in California. Cremation arrangements were by Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Home.

She was born April 9, 1932, in Kansas City, Kan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Dean Palmer.

She is survived by three sons, Bryan Johnny Palmer of Amarillo, Allen Ortega of Laurel, Mont., and Tony Ortega of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter, Andrea A. Ortega of Bell Gardens; a brother, Frank Adams Sr.; a sister, Betty Lauridsen; 13 grandchildren, including B. John Palmer Jr. of Nazareth; and eight great-grandchildren.

Jessie Scott Ramirez

Jessie Scott Ramirez, infant son of John and Jessica Ramirez of Dimmitt, was stillborn Feb. 23 at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Rix Funeral Chapel in Hereford with Rosendo Lara of the Church of God of the First Born of Bovina officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Janice Savanna Ramirez; a brother John Justin Ramirez; his grandparents, Jessie and Eneledia Ramirez of Dimmitt, Rudy Castillo of Amarillo, and Anna Castillo of Lockney; and great-grandparents Margarita Rodriguez of Clovis, N.M., Maria Ramirez of Dimmitt, and Elvira Morales of Hereford.

A mother is someone who knows everything about you and loves you with all her heart.

Being a stay-at-home mom can be really frustrating, especially when others say you don't work.

St. Ann's, Bovina sets sausage meal

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

The meal will include German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, homemade bread, desserts, and tea and coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no extra charge.

Police Calls

Police were called to Dimmitt Middle School Feb. 20 at 4:10 p.m. due to a fight.

Antonio Sifuentes Jr. of Dimmitt told police Monday that someone took speakers valued at \$50 from his pickup while it was parked at his home.

A 40-year-old Hereford man was jailed Sunday night for disorderly conduct (urinating in public). The incident was reported at 8:12 p.m. in the 300 block of West Halsell.

Chris Martinez of Hart told deputies Feb. 21 that someone slashed the tires on his pickup while it was parked in the school parking lot.

DPS officers jailed a 21-year-old Amarillo man on Feb. 20 for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Two suspects were arrested Sunday on municipal traffic warrants, one for speeding and one for no driver's license.

Jailed on warrants were:

—Feb. 20, a Hereford man, 37, for sex offender/injury to a child out of Travis County and for speeding and an expired driver's license out of

Castro County.

—Last Thursday, a Summerfield man, 39, for injury to elderly/bodily injury, and for criminal trespass. He also was jailed on an additional warrant Friday for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 29, for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and also for no driver's license.

Jail Count

There were nine inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning.

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- 6 food or grub
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- 8 English hat not worn by cowboys (2 wds.)
- 11 TXism: "trying to keep my head ___ water"
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- 19 Spanish "si"
- 20 kids' soarer (2 wds.)
- 21 athletic assoc. of most TX colleges
- 23 TXism: "high ___ ___ back" (costly)
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- 31 TXism: "hitched to ___ ___ double harness" (married)
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- 35 TXism: "write slow 'cause ___ can't read fast"
- 36 TX Roy Orbison hit
- 40 TXism: "___ ___ you a new hat size"
- 43 TX gunfighter: John ___ Hardin
- 44 Ft. Worth's Roger Miller hit: "Dang ___"
- 45 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
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- 49 Zsa Zsa's sister
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- 52 TX pitcher Nolan (init.)
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- 54 Travis: "I shall surrender or retreat"
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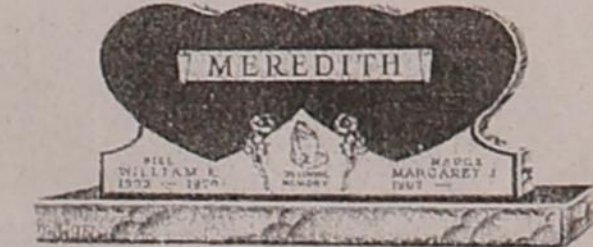
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- 38 TXism for friend
- 39 TXism: "dicker"
- 40 TXism: "spittin image of"
- 41 Houston film: "For the ___ Benji"
- 42 Cowboy Jones' jet
- 48 TX George W.'s party (abbr.)
- 50 TX George W.'s new address: Pennsylvania ___
- 55 Cowboys' running back Smith (init.)
- 57 TXism: "she could charm a bird out of ___"

Correction

In last week's Police Calls, it was reported that a woman had attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill at a local business, after she had received it in change from another local business. It was reported that she had received it from the Sonic Drive In in Dimmitt. However, it was received from Dimmitt Thriftway. The News regrets the error.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Once again our Dimmitt athletes have kept the Dimmitt basketball fans on the go. The Bobcats and Bobbies have had a good year, and have created a lot of excitement for the Bobcat boosters. Congratulations are in order for all of our teams.

Tim Proffitt was home from school to join his family for a photo session. He was eating catered barbecue at the Baptist Men's Day and was ready to drive back to North Texas State at Denton for classes on Monday.

Marvin and Gwen Bryant were entertaining Gwen's sister, Jo Wilson of Fritch, and Jo's grandchildren, Bryan, Wendy, Brianna and Keely of Amarillo. These children are great-grandchildren of Merle Arthur, and the girls were looking forward to a "slumber party" at her house.

Merle was hostess at the seniors' bridge club this week. She reports that they had four tables. Dude

McLaurin won high score and Oleda Schumacher was second. The Bryants' son, Bruce, is assistant football coach and head track coach at Wellington High School.

Wesley and Norma Smith have not been able to see very many Amarillo Sandies basketball games this season, but are pleased that their son, John Robert, who is head basketball coach there, has had a winning season this year. John Robert was on the 1982-83 Dimmitt Bobcat teams that won state two years. The other starters on those teams were Jeff Watts, Kevin Cleveland, Fermin Gonzales and Phil King, '82, and John David King, '83.

Steve and Darla Myatt, and their three daughters, Cassie, Samantha and Hollie, were guests of the J.H. Myatts during their spring break from the Gruver schools. Steve is head basketball coach at Gruver. He and his dad, J.H., drove to Big Spring to watch the Plainview and

Canyon girls battle for the region 4A title.

Earline Myatt was joining her three brothers and their wives, Jim and Sharon Nelson of Lubbock, and Corky and Virginia Nelson and Dan and Hazel Nelson, all of Dimmitt, for a steak dinner in Lubbock. She was anticipating that J.H. and Steve would come back through Lubbock from the Big Spring tournament to join the Nelson clan party.

Steve played basketball on the 1975 Bobcat team. The team won state and he was on the all-state team, along with Jim Birdwell, Craig Williams and Wayne McKee, and other Bobcats.

Mandi Moore, daughter of Don and Paraly Moore is one of the star players on the Canyon Eagles girls' basketball team. Don and Paraly are both Dimmitt natives, as is Mandi. Mandi was selected for the All-Region team.

Tiffany Wilcox and her children were spending the weekend with Tiffany's parents, Vada and Rick Wilcox, who are here for a while from Temple. They've been living in Belton, but are still maintaining their home here. Rick is managing the Chrysler dealership in Temple. Tiffany is the girls' basketball coach at Dalhart Junior High.

A recent issue of the *Amarillo Daily News* contained a story about Dorothy and Leroy Pohlmeier. They have five grandsons on the number-one ranked Swifts' basketball team. The Nazareth girls' team also is ranked number one. If both teams win state, will this set a new record?

Ty Touchstone who played tight

end for Monterey High School in Lubbock for the 2000 season, has signed to play for the Eastern New Mexico Greyhounds at Portales, N.M. He is the son of Flo (Lust) and Kyle Touchstone, Dimmitt High School graduates. Ty also is the grandson of Truman and Betty Touchstone, Houston and Doris Lust, and Oleta Gollehon, all of Dimmitt.

It was refreshing to meet Zeta Hopper and Chloe Swan of Anton in a local dress and gift shop last week. They were in Dimmitt solely to do some shopping. Kathy Jackson and her little daughter of Hereford also were shopping there.

Jeff Rhodes, who is on the staff at San Angelo State University, has been visiting his parents, Howard and Brenda Rhodes of Dimmitt.

Waurayne Hughes was hostess for the birthday club that was celebrating Brenda Bruton's birthday. The evening was spent presenting gifts to Brenda, visiting and enjoying the dinner menu of a ham casserole, salad and a beautiful red velvet birthday cake with banana filling for dessert. Other members who were there included Nancy Fuller, Trudy Jackson, Sue Stahl, Martha Dannevik and Joyce Bolton. Trudy and Brenda won the door prizes.

This birthday club was patterned after the Elegant Elephant birthday club that Waurayne's mother, Birdie Neil, and Trudy's grandmother, Ruby Maples, belonged to around the 1930s through the 1980s. Those ladies met faithfully over a 40- to 50-year period. Mrs. Maples was the last of the members. She died in the 1990s.

Waurayne and Van Earl Hughes were among the 15 members of Van Earl's family from Dimmitt, Plainview and Kress who attended the Canyon-Plainview girls regional tournament final game Saturday. Van's great-niece, Chelsi Welch, played for the Plainview team. She received the Most Valuable Player Award and was one of the all-tournament players, winning a plaque, in addition to receiving one of the medals presented to each member of the regional championship team. The Canyon girls also received medals for being the regional runner-up.

Richard and Sue Stahl were some Dimmitt basketball supporters who went to Big Spring for the Regional 4A tournament. Sue's mother, Mary Swaringen, and brother, Doug Swaringen of Decatur, were there to see the Decatur girls play. Sue's mother came back to Dimmitt with the Stahls for a visit.

The Darrell Kenmores were here for a little tooth repair. They are a

part of the former Dimmittites who now live in Lubbock. Dr. Charles Vandiver has just returned from Memphis, Tenn., where he attended the Medical and Dental Baptist Fellowship meeting. The guest speaker at the banquet was Dr. Ben Carsons of Johns-Hopkins Hospital, who is the neuro-surgeon who recently performed surgery to separate "Siamese" twins. Most of the doctors who were present have participated in medical mission trips throughout the world. Dr. Vandiver has been a part of several mission trips to many different countries, accompanied by his wife, Esta, and his dental assistant, Sara Salinas.

Jackie Roberts celebrated the Big 5-0 this past week, with his wife, Beth, throwing him a surprise party attended by family, neighbors and friends. Beth had black balloons and streamers, plates, cups, napkins, and forks. She served sliced fruit, chilled shrimp with sauce, sausage balls, chips and dips, soft drinks, and of course, birthday cake. Some brought funny cards and gag gifts.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Martha Schulte, 79, who died Feb. 20 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Funeral services were held Friday morning in Holy Family Catholic Church with Msgr. Harold Waldow of Amarillo and Rev. Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery, where her husband, Ray, was buried in 1988.

She is preceded in death by three sons, Howard, Wayne and Leon. She is survived by five sons, Marvin, Kenneth, Clyde, Bob and Olen Schulte, all of Nazareth; four daughters, Raelene Hoelting, Bernita Hoelting, Vera Ramaekers, and Sheryl Kleman, all of Nazareth; 31 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Lots of good basketball happened this weekend as the Nazareth Swifts traveled to Lubbock for the Region 1-1A Sectional Final. After winning their game Friday with Texline, they played Jayton and won 66-56. They now go to Wichita Falls this coming weekend.

The Swiftettes traveled to Wichita Falls this past weekend and defeated Whitharral 73-42 and Brooksmith, 93-45. They will now travel to Austin to compete at the state games.

UIL Solo Contest was held on Saturday at West Texas A&M University. Mark Birkenfeld made a division rating of excellent on a Class I trumpet solo. Craig Birkenfeld made a division I rating of superior on a tuba solo. Congratulations on a job well done!

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Myrtle and H.D. White and Jane Roberts enjoyed a visit recently with former Nazareth relatives who now live in Amarillo: James Benzigger and wife, Lola, Germain (Miller) Connelly, Viola (Miller) Jakim and Sadie (Miller) Frazier, who is now 99 and sharp as a tack to visit with!

Prayers are asked for Brad Klein, Leonard Gerber, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ray Schmucker, Jimmy Brockman, and Mary Gerber.

Tulia Chamber sets melodrama

The Tulia Chamber of Commerce is presenting its fourth annual melodrama production, set for performances at 6 p.m. on Saturday and also March 10 at the Senior Citizens Center on Southeast Second Street in Tulia.

"Rogue of the Railway" is the title of this year's production. All tickets are sold in advance. Call the Tulia Chamber at 995-2296 for more information.

Tickets are set at \$16 for Saturday's performance, which also will include a dinner of rib-eye steak. Tickets for the March 10 performance are priced at \$8 for the show only. However, a meal will be served by the Senior Citizens at an additional cost for those who are interested.

Dinner music for Saturday will be provided by O.B. Barnes and the West Texas Ranch Hands. The second performance will have music by Barnes and Jimmy Burson.

The plot of the melodrama includes a sweet young thing, a dastardly villain, a brave-hearted hero, a wild woman, and, worst of all, children who are involved in a most scandalous plot, according to a news release from the Tulia Chamber.

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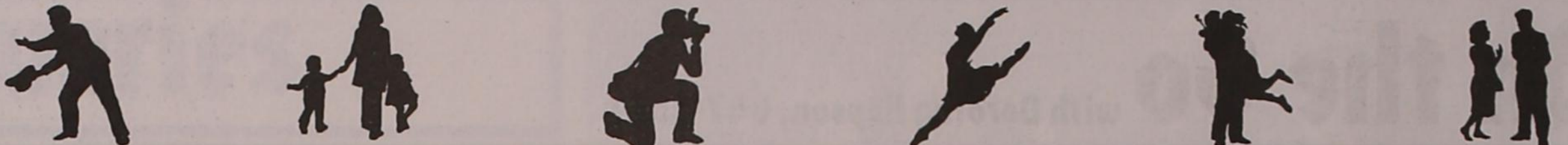
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People



Hart superintendent resigns to accept post with Chilton ISD

Hart Superintendent Martin Earley has resigned his position to accept a similar post with the Chilton Independent School District. Earley recently submitted his resignation to the Hart School Board. He has served as the superintendent at Hart since January 1997. "I've enjoyed being at Hart," Earley told *The Hart Beat* in a story published in its Feb. 23 issue. Earley says he's proud of the educational progress made at Hart ISD

since he arrived in 1997, especially in the technology field. He said the advances Hart ISD has made in its technology program is one of the things that influenced Chilton ISD in its decision to hire him. "The people of Hart should be very proud they have the type of dedicated teachers they have," Earley told *The Hart Beat*. "This is the best staff I've ever worked with."

Sheriff's Association sets membership drive

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff CD Fitzgerald recently announced that Castro County citizens are being invited to become associate members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriff's Association of Texas at 1601 South IH-35, Austin 78741 or at www.txsheriffs.org. Also, local residents may sign up for the program by calling the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail soon. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$20. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

The associate membership program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Fitzgerald. "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an associate member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Contributions are tax-deductible. "With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the associate membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," Fitzgerald said. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer place to live, work, and play."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Steve M. Westbrook serves as executive director for the organization, which is headquartered in Austin. The association does not make solicitation by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the name of the organization, please report it to the local Sheriff's Office or the County/District Attorney.

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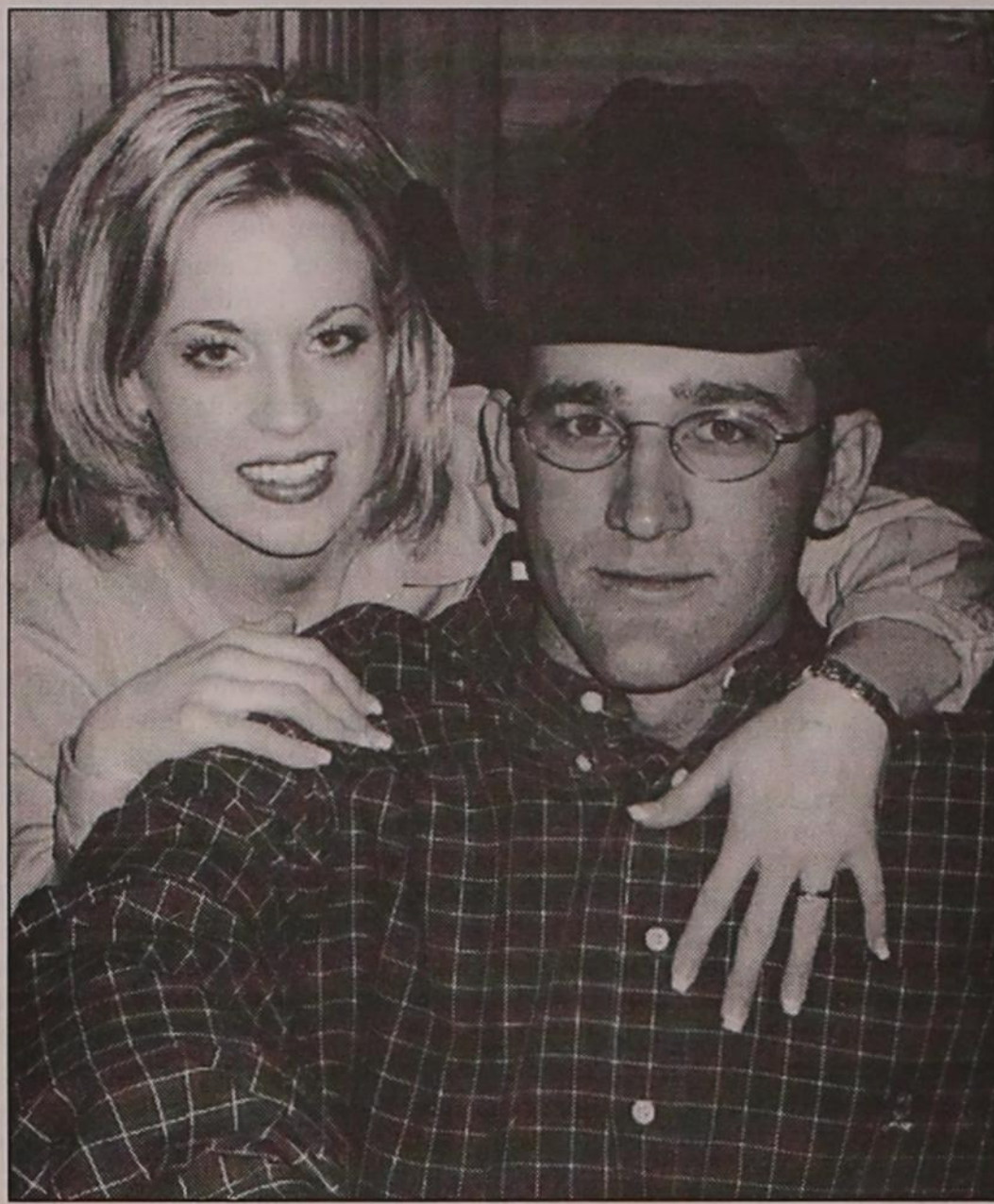
This week, we're TORCH-ing Austin

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In some cases, rural hospital districts today literally have to fight for the right to provide the level of medical care that they feel is right and necessary for their people.
That's what we're doing this week, in fact.
Members of the Castro County Hospital District's Board of Trustees and administrative staff are in Austin this week to meet with our legislators on key issues concerning rural health care.
And so are hundreds of others from rural hospitals throughout Texas. It's a joint effort by the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH).
Among our main reasons for banding together is to demonstrate our determination to preserve and protect Texas' rural hospitals—including ours.
We spent Tuesday evening reviewing our issues and priorities, and most of Wednesday visiting our state representatives and senators in their offices.
Here are some of the legislative issues TORCH will be supporting and monitoring during the 77th Legislature:

- >Supporting an increase of enrollment in the **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**.
- >Overseeing and monitoring the implementation of **Telemedicine** in rural facilities.
- >Playing an active role in the decision-making on how the state's **Tobacco Settlement** dollars are spent.
- >Supporting the creation of a **Rural Community Investment Program**.
- >**Indigent and Charity Care**—supporting efforts to reduce the number of uninsured in Texas.

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Lacy Dawn Golightly and Toby Jason Crow

Crow and Golightly to wed

Dayne and Penny Golightly of Floydada announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lacy Dawn Golightly, to Toby Jason Crow, son of Lanny and Belinda Crow of Friona, formerly of Dimmitt. The couple are planning to exchange wedding vows on June 30 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. The bride-elect graduated from Floydada High School in 1996 and from Tarleton State University in 2000. She is currently employed by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture in Lubbock. The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996. He attended Lamar Community College for Horse Training and Management and he is currently training horses out of Wildorado, where the couple will reside after the wedding.

Witherspoon is new director of Coalition of Health Services

Carolyn Witherspoon, R.N., B.S.N., has been named as executive director of the Coalition of Health Services, Inc. The Coalition of Health Services is a non-profit organization created in response to the Panhandle's critical need for a regional cooperative coordinated approach to health care. The Coalition is made up of 19 hospital partners, including Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. The Coalition's purpose is to enhance the health of all citizens living in the Panhandle, and especially to address critical rural health needs. Nineteen hospital administrators from across the region, including Joe Sloan of Dimmitt, serve as volunteer board members. Since 1996, the Coalition has created programs addressing pressing health issues such as diabetes education and screening, advocacy for women's adequate pre-natal care, general health screenings, and awareness and intervention programs for the Panhandle's uninsured children. It helps provide preventive public health programs as well as primary health care delivery. Witherspoon has served as interim executive director of the health services organization since July, becoming chief executive in November 2000. Prior to that she served as the Coalition's director of health care services and quality assurance. She earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas State University in 1977. Since that time, she has held nursing and related health care positions in Kerriville, Victoria, Corpus Christi, Amarillo and Hereford.

PCS housing program receives \$83,000 grant

Panhandle Community Services will receive \$83,432 in a Housing Preservation Grant from the US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development division, according to Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. The rural development division is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas, including assisting qualified applicants with some of their housing needs. "USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," Carriker said. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features." Stella Devers, center coordinator of the Dimmitt office of PCS, said that local residents who need help with weatherizing their homes or making other energy-related improvements may contact her at 647-3244. The Housing Preservation Grant funds awarded by the Amarillo Rural Development office will provide

PCS with the means to assist approximately 24 qualified homeowners in the Texas Panhandle with home repairs. The grant is one of several programs in which USDA, Rural Development is able to assist residents in rural communities of 10,000 or less population with housing needs. Rural Development also provides housing assistance through direct and guaranteed housing loans under its Single Family Housing program to buy or build homes, and has a loan and grant program for repairs to existing homes of qualified applicants. All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements. Rural Development also has financed numerous apartment complexes in the Texas Panhandle through its Multi-Family Program. Qualified tenants may receive subsidized rental assistance in an effort to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to many rural residents. For more information regarding Rural Development programs and eligibility requirements, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at 468-8600, Ext. 102.

DAV mobile office to visit in this area

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Office will be sending its Mobile Service Office to visit in this area on March 15-16. The L.F. Ferguson Chapter No. 44 will host a visit on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Chapter Home, 7414 83rd St. in Lubbock. The J.E. Pietzsch Chapter No. 26 will host a visit on March 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Federated Womens Club rooms, 2001 Civic Circle in Amarillo. The on-site counseling and claim filing assistance will be offered at no charge and detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available for disabled veterans and their families will be presented. A highly trained National Service Officers from the DAV's Waco office will meet with veterans and their families personally. Veterans and members of their families do not need to be members of the DAV or the DAV Auxiliary to take advantage of this free service. Those seeking assistance should bring their Dept. of Veterans' Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number and any other pertinent documentation with them. "This veterans' benefits expert offers you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you and your family can get," said Arthur H. Wilson, DAV National Adjutant in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to visit the mobile office. "That's important, because so many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know and so many changes from one year to the next."

Academy forum set for Saturday

Area students who are interested in attending one of the nation's military academies are invited to attend a forum set for Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the cafeteria at Tascosa High School in Amarillo, 3921 Westlawn. Students and their parents are urged to attend the event, hosted by US Rep. Mac Thornberry of the 13th Congressional Dist., and a member of the House Armed Services Committee. Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy will be on hand to speak and answer questions regarding their respective institutions. Thornberry said that high school sophomores and juniors would be most likely to benefit from the forum, but added that all students, parents and counselors are welcome to attend. As a member of Congress, Thornberry can nominate up to five students for each service academy. That number varies depending on how many students from the 13th District are attending an academy at the time of the nomination. Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry by Nov. 1 of a student's senior year. Final decisions on which nominees are selected are made by the service academies themselves. Nominees who are accepted by the academies receive their education for free. In return, they agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation. Area residents with questions about the Saturday forum are encouraged to contact Thornberry's office in Amarillo at 371-8844.

George advances to state solo contest

Hart's Kellie George earned a Division I rating on her saxophone solo and that qualified her for the UIL state solo and ensemble contest. George, a sophomore and daughter of Barry and Rhonda George, performed a classical selection by Handel for her solo piece Saturday at Lubbock Coronado High School. The state contest will be held in May.

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Book fair is planned

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt beginning Monday and continuing through March 9. "Scholastic Book Fairs comes to our school on March 5-9 to share exciting books and learning products with our young readers," said a school spokesperson. "Parents and teachers will find plenty of items which will interest them, too." The fair will be open each day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school will sponsor a special family night next Thursday, March 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to browse the book fair during the family night. "When you visit the fair, look for the classroom wish list display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library," said a school spokesperson. "The book fair helps us promote learning while raising money for special school projects. Our goal for this year's fair is to purchase some new library books. "The book fair isn't just for students and parents—anyone is welcome." Call the school at 647-4131 for more information.

Who's New

OUT OF TOWN
It's a girl for Kyle and Ann Williams of Canyon. Mary Kate Williams was born at 7:25 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, at North-west Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 8 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 20 inches long. She has two siblings: Julie, who is 5; and Tye, who is 3. Her maternal grandparents are Larry and Jean Morris of Dimmitt.

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Woody Charles and Misty Lynn Rickerd are the parents of a baby girl, Satin Paige Rickerd, who was born at 2:38 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 5 lbs., 9 ozs., and measured 18-1/2 inches long. She has two older siblings including Tyler Jade Rickerd and Saber Nycole Rickerd. Paternal grandparents are Charles Rickerd of Dimmitt and Joyce Rickerd of Dumas. Maternal grandparents are Allen and Jannet Wilson of Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Howell of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Kauner Deann Howell, who entered the world at 6:04 a.m. on Feb. 21 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Kauner Deann weighed 8 lbs., 8.6 ozs., and she was 22 inches long when she was born. She has a big sister, Kaymee Sue Howell. Paternal grandparents are Jimmie and Sue Howell of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Ace and Carolyn Overton of Kismet, Kan. Great-grandfather is Roland Ward of San Antonio.

It's a girl for Benjamin and Lourdes Chavira of Hart. Kimberly Chavira was born at 8:43 a.m. on Feb. 14 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, weighing 7 lbs., 5.2 ozs. She was 20 inches long. She has an older sibling, Karely Chavira, who is 7. Elva Medrano of Mexico is Kimberly's paternal grandparent. Her maternal grandparents are Miguel Angel Ordoñez and Guadalupe Ordoñez of Mexico.

Bobcat Band to sell candy

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band will be selling candy to raise funds for its band trip to Colorado Springs in May. The candy sale will continue through next Thursday, March 8. If you would like to support the band in this fundraiser and you are not contacted to buy candy, call Rachal Harman at 647-2421 or Todd Jansa at 647-5527.

The annual clean-up date for the band is Saturday at 9:30 a.m. All students in the high school and junior high bands should meet at Dimmitt Middle School that morning.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming band banquet and will be finalized at the boosters' next meeting on March 19.

RES sets 'Family Fun Night' March 8

Richardson Elementary School will host a family fun night next Thursday, March 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. Games and activities geared toward the whole family will be included in the event.

The Scholastic Book Fair also will be open at Richardson Elementary School Library that night so parents and other interested individuals can



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT Natasha Aguilar ties the hands of her school principal, Clint Seward, just before he was served a variety of lunch dishes by her fellow students. Seward was forced to eat his lunch without hands, sipping from bowls and cups. He had agreed to volunteer for the project if his students could raise \$1,000 in pennies for the Leukemia Research Foundation. The students responded by raising \$1,212.50.

Photo by Anne Acker

Ogallala Quilt Festival set in Dimmitt April 5-7

Entries are invited for the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 5-7 in Dimmitt. Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. The entry fee is \$5 per quilt, and the entry deadline is March 17. "We want to encourage everyone to enter," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362 or from Doris Lust at 647-5637. Completed entry forms should be mailed to Becky Holley, Quilt Show Chairman, 707 ECR 320, Midland, TX 79755, along with a picture of the quilt. The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 4 at 9 a.m.

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 3. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop II in Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, the Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., The Needle Nook in Midland, Jill's Fabric & Quilts in Roswell, N.M., or call Michelle

browse through the literary selections. "Please come and see what your children and grandchildren are doing in school and have some fun playing games that are designed to stimulate learning and parent involvement," said a RES spokesperson. "Report cards and parent/teacher conferences will not be available until after spring break."

Watts at 505-623-1826, or mail your quilt to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt 79027. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards will be given. Also in connection with the festival, classes and various activities have been scheduled. For more information, contact Davis.



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

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

DIMMITT Breakfast to go
THURSDAY: Fruit Loops, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Blueberry cereal bar, apple juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Strawberry Danish, applesauce and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Fresh donuts, fruit cocktail and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices with cinnamon and milk.
MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon and milk.
TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, gelatin, peaches, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexicano beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, fideo Mexicano and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or barbecued beef on a bun; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, red beans and rice or new Mexican enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices with cinnamon; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, beef and bean burrito with chili or beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potato or savory green beans; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and

chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy beef steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, peaches and cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued rib patty or pork tamales; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, Chinese plate or fish nuggets; baked potato, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; wheat rolls, fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast burrito, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Cinnamon toast, sweetened applesauce, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon toast, sweetened applesauce, variety of cereal, peanut butter bar, graham cracker, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

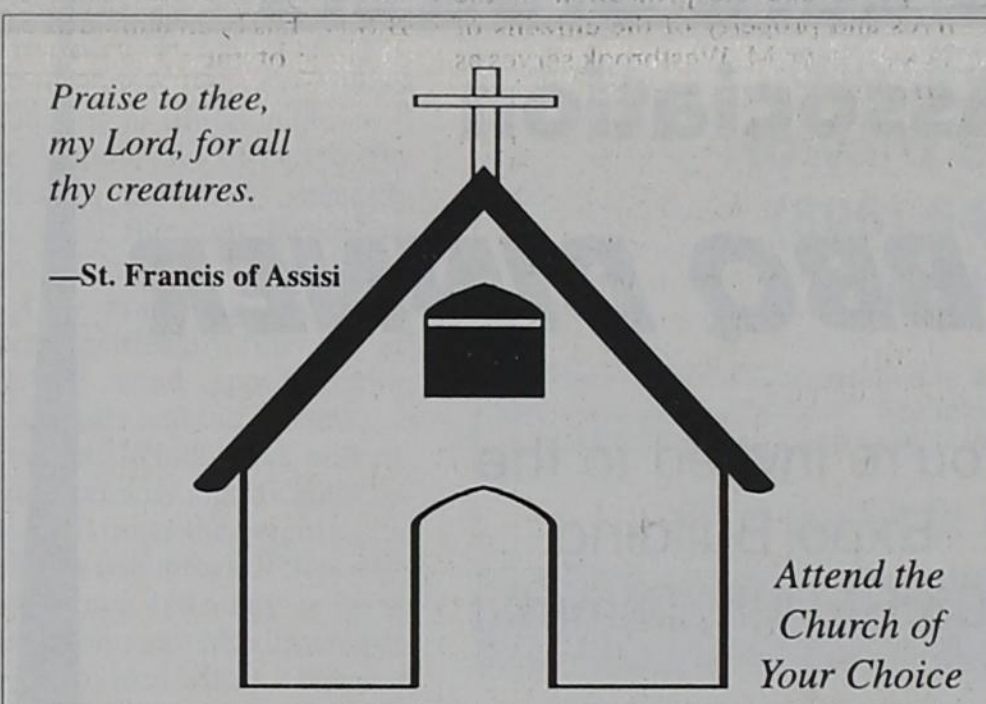
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THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: * Chili dogs or baked potatoes, tossed salad, brown beans, pears, peaches and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry tossed salad, peas, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, corn, fruit cocktail, dessert and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Chicken nuggets or chef's salad, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: No school.

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

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Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan is approved

After thousands of hours spanning 2-1/2 years, the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group has completed work on the regional water management plan and it has been forwarded to the Texas Water Development Board at Austin.

The plan will be combined with plans from other regional water planning groups to create a statewide water plan.

"The completed water management plan is dedicated to the memory of A. Wayne Wyatt, who served as chairman of the planning group from February 1998 until his untimely death on Dec. 5, 2000," said Chairman Harold P. "Bo" Brown Jr. of Lubbock.

"This water plan is one of many examples of how Wayne Wyatt's

professionalism and dedication to water conservation will continue to benefit this region for years to come," said Brown.

As part of the provisions of Senate Bill 1 passed during the 75th Texas Legislative session, the Texas Water Development Board divided the state into 16 regional water planning areas.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group consists of area citizens representing 11 water user interest groups. These water user groups include agriculture, public sector, county governments, municipalities, industries, environmental issues, small businesses, electric generating utilities, river authorities, water districts and water utilities.

The group has been working since February 1998 to develop a regional water plan that identifies both short-term (2000-2030) and long term (2031-2050) water supply needs and recommends water management strategies.

"The final plan contains a description of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning area, population and water demand projections, water supplies identified by the planning group, projected water supplies and needs for counties within the planning region, and the recommended short-term and long-term water management strategies," Brown said.

Copies of the final plan are available for review at courthouses and libraries in each of the 21 counties within the planning region: Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum.

in Lubbock. A copy of the final plan may be purchased for the approximate cost of reproduction.

The final plan and executive summary are also available for viewing in PDF format on the Llano

Estacado Regional Water Planning Group's web site at www.llanoplan.org.

With adoption and submission of the plan to the Texas Water Development Board, the current

water planning cycle ends for the Llano Estacado group, but there will be little rest for the members since a new five-year cycle follows the close of the Texas Legislative Session in May 2001.

Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director

If you have conservation practices on your farm that need to be completed, contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Dimmitt and sign up before March 30.

Conservation practices will be ranked and funds will be made available after the sign-up period ends. Producers can choose between 5- and 10-year contracts, and they can elect their own level of cost-share assistance up to 75% of the expense.

Environmental benefits scoring is similar to that of scoring for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Livestock Assistance Program
Castro County is now eligible for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) for losses suffered due to drought and excessive heat.

Producers must have suffered a loss in dryland pasture grazing and own livestock to qualify for the program.

Sign-up has started for this program and the deadline will be announced at a later date.

Payments will be based on the smaller of:

- ◆ Number of livestock by weight for the period of Aug. 1 through Nov. 15, 2000, and their feed requirements. The livestock become eligible once they have been owned for 90 days.
- ◆ Number of acres of dryland grazing pasture and the applicable carrying capacity of those acres.

A dollar value is computed on each of the above based on the feeding value and the price of corn. There is a \$40,000 limit per person. Payments are subject to factoring at the end of sign-up. \$2.5 million gross revenue producers are ineligible (based on 1999 tax return information).

Acres still under a CRP contract are not eligible for loss computation. Cattle "on the gain" also are ineligible for the program.

Call 647-2153, Ext. 2 for an appointment if you think you are eligible for this program. Each applicant must bring in the following documentation to apply for LAP:

- ◆ Copies of land lease or proof of payment for acres used for eligibility.
- ◆ Sales receipts showing purchase date, weight of livestock and number of head.
- ◆ Location of pastures.

Disaster program
Funds will be made available to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The program covers a 35% loss of crop production, with rules similar to the 1999 crop disaster program.

Insured, uninsured and non-insurable crops are eligible for the 2000 crop year disaster program. Payments will be based on the higher of your insurance yield or the county average.

Quality adjustments will apply for

cotton under this program. Cotton is eligible for a quality adjustment if the 2000 average loan price is less than the adjusted county loan rate.

For cotton classed in Lubbock, the 2000 average loan price must be less than \$4.955 per pound to qualify for an adjustment.

The quality adjustment will adjust a producer's actual production and could make him or her eligible for disaster, or increase disaster eligibility levels.

Adjusted production must reflect at least a 35% loss to be eligible for payment.

Producers applying are asked to provide a recap summary sheet that includes the average loan price at their scheduled appointment.

The biggest change for the 2000 crop disaster program is the multiple cropping limitation.

This provision provides that if there are crops planted in succession on the same acreage, only one crop will be eligible for payment.

There are exceptions to this rule if the farm has a history of planting the exact same two crops in two of the last five years. Producers must choose which crop they want the disaster payment on. All producers on a farm must choose the same crop.

Another change is that a national payment factor will not be applied. Producers may earn 100% of their projected crop disaster payments, up to the \$80,000 payment limitation.

We are NOT authorized to make payments at this time.

Call 647-2153 for an appointment to sign up. You need to bring any pertinent information concerning your crop disaster with you such as crop appraisals, insurance production worksheets, cotton recap summary sheets or settlement sheets.

If you have insurance and have been paid a claim, we will use the insurance information downloaded to us to figure payments.

CRP grazing

Emergency grazing of CRP land ended Wednesday and livestock must be removed from CRP acres by today (Thursday).

Producers should remember to certify the actual acres grazed and the number of livestock grazed when grazing is completed.

CRP extension

CRP participants with contracts that expire on Sept. 30, 2001, will have an opportunity to extend their contract for one additional year.

Letters with additional details have been sent to affected producers.

There is no general CRP sign-up scheduled for 2001; however, the continuous CRP program is available for landowners to enroll environmentally sensitive areas around intermittent and perennial water bodies into filter strips or riparian buffers.

Please contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service office if you have questions.

Dividing farms

Landowners can designate the division of contract acres, allotments and quotas as agreed to by the parent farm owner and purchaser or transferee. This method may be used when any of the following apply:

- ◆ Part of a farm or tract is sold or ownership is transferred.
- ◆ An entire farm or tract is sold to 2 or more persons.
- ◆ Farm or tract ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons.

DMLA III sign-up

Sign-up for the Dairy Market Loss Assistance III (DMLA III) program is continuing through March 30.

Producers shall file applications for benefits in the county where the dairy operation is located.

All new dairy producers for 2000, producers under DMLA-II whose production for payment purposes was less than 12 months, and those signed up for DMLA-I or II must apply during the sign-up period.

Small grain certification

May 15 is the final date to certify small grains. If your intent is to graze any small grain, please remember to certify your grazing two weeks prior to onset of grazing. This is extremely important if a grazing loss program is approved.

Farm storage facility loan program

This program is designed to provide low interest loans for a period of up to seven years for producers who want to store whole grain commodities in new structures.

Ag Secretary Dan Glickman expanded the program to cover structures to store silage.

FSA will accept applications for this provision once the federal regulations are published and the office receives official notice of the change.

Eligible producers must demonstrate a need for additional storage, have satisfactory credit, produce corn, wheat, barley, oats, soybeans or other minor oilseeds, purchase applicable insurance and construct the facility in accordance with USDA provisions.

The maximum loan amount is \$100,000. The required down payment is 15%. The interest rate for February is 6%.

2000 loans and LDPs

The final date to request a 2000 crop loan or loan deficiency payment on wheat, barley or oats is March 31, 2001. The final request date for corn, sorghum, sunflowers, soybeans or cotton is May 31.

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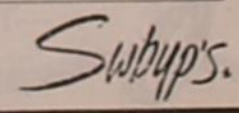
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Rabies remains threat in Panhandle, South Plains

Rabies appears to be on the rise in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, suggesting the need for continued caution on the part of all residents.

In 2000, the Panhandle and South Plains area had 26 animal cases of rabies, a 73% increase over the 15 cases recorded for 1999.

Panhandle and South Plains counties reporting animal cases of rabies in 2000 were Randall, six cases; Deaf Smith, five; Bailey, three; Parmer, three; Lubbock, three; Dallam, two; and one each in Castro, Gray, Hale and Lamb.

Last year's cases included 24 caused by a skunk rabies variant (infecting 17 skunks, five cats, one cow and a bobcat), and two caused by the bat variant.

Statewide, some 830 animal rabies cases were reported in 1999, com-

pared with 400 the year before—a 107% increase. Most of the cases were skunk rabies variants (605 cases, a 160% increase). In addition, the 166 cases due to bat rabies variants represented an increase of 84%.

According to Texas Dept. of Health veterinarian James Alexander, March through May is traditionally the peak period for rabid skunk reports, and recent information shows increased skunk populations across the area.

"Rabid skunks can easily enter a fenced yard and expose pets," Alexander said. "If your pet is not currently vaccinated against rabies, now is the time of have it done."

In January, Randall County had the region's first case of the year. A rabid skunk was found at a residence in southwest Canyon. This is the first rabid animal reported within the Canyon city limits in more than 15 years.

No humans were exposed; however, two dogs were exposed to the rabid animal. One dog had to be destroyed. The other received a booster vaccination and is in isolation for 45 days because of the exposure.

Alexander says anyone who sees a wild animal such as a skunk, racoon or bat that is active during daylight hours should contact their local animal control department. Animal control is a police department function in many towns and is part of the sheriff's department in most rural areas.

Stray animals, especially when seen within the city limits, should also be reported. Domestic pets that have contact with wild animals should be evaluated by a veterinarian to determine if there was a risk of exposure to rabies.

Some pets exposed to rabid animals can be saved if vaccinated, but others must be destroyed. The safest way to reduce the risk of losing a pet to rabies is to keep vaccinations and boosters current.

Since rabies is transmitted through an infected animal's saliva, any person bitten by an animal or exposed to its saliva should contact a health care provider to see if treatment to prevent rabies infection is needed.

Alexander says an additional concern is bats that may have contact with humans.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that in situations where a bat is physically present and the person cannot exclude the possibility of a bite, post-exposure treatment should be considered unless prompt testing of the bat rules out rabies infection.

Strickland earns dean's list honors

Jonathan Strickland of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's list at Ouachita Baptist University for the fall 2000 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, Strickland had to make at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester.



MASONIC HONORS—(ABOVE) The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas has appointed two members of the Castro Masonic Lodge No. 879 to serve in offices for District 100 for 2001. Richard Berquist (left) of Dimmitt is the District 100 Education Officer and M.M. (Corky) Langford (right) of Dimmitt is the District Deputy Grand Master. (BELOW) Langford (left) recently presented a service plaque to Doug Crouch (right), Worshipful Master of Hereford Lodge No. 849, A.F.&A.M., from the Castro Lodge No. 879 in appreciation for serving the Castro Lodge with degrees, funerals, instruction, and so forth.

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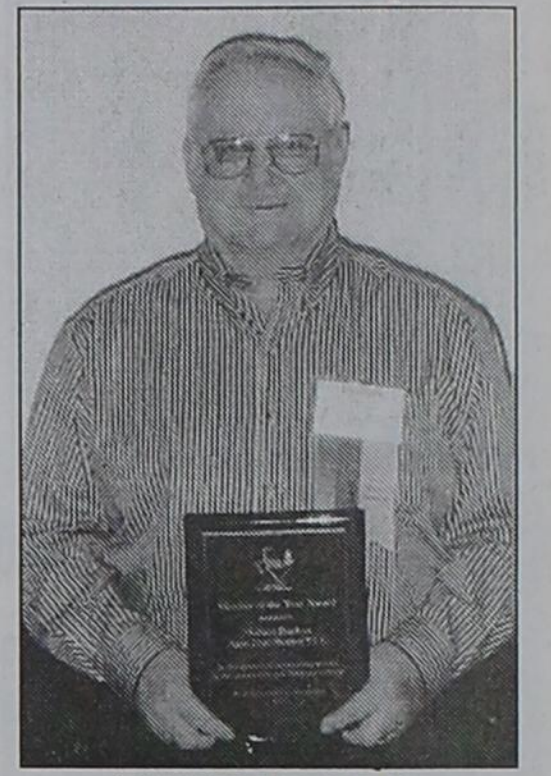
Backus earns top member award at recent TAlA banquet

Nazareth resident Hubert Backus of Agro Distribution has been named as Texas Ag Industries Association (TAIA) member of the year and he was honored at the group's recent banquet.

"Backus has gone way beyond the call of duty with no motivation or agenda other than what is good for the industry and association," said a spokesperson for TAIA.

Backus has served on the TAIA board since its inception and has served as chairman of numerous committees and task forces.

"He is active in more ways than we can list here," said the TAIA representative. "He is recognized industry-wide as a leader and a mentor. Without question, he humbly approaches every task with enthusiasm. TAIA owes him more than we can ever repay."



HUBERT BACKUS
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County producers are approved for Livestock Assistance Program

Livestock producers in Castro County and most other counties in Texas have been approved for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), administered by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

LAP provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000.

Nationwide, \$430 million has been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package approved last October.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40

percent or more below normal for at least four months, and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000 crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

Locals attend cotton workshop

Randy Small of Castro Coop Gin in Dimmitt and Jacinto Quiroz and Salvador Diaz of North Gin in Dimmitt participated in the Feb. 21-22 Cotton Conditioning 2001 Workshop.

The workshop focused on increasing cotton producers' profits through innovative ginning techniques. It was sponsored by Samuel Jackson, Inc., and hosted at its factory in Lubbock.

Cotton conditioning is based on controlling the moisture of the cotton as it is processed through the gin. Moisture control includes drying the cotton thoroughly before cleaning, restoring moisture to the fiber before the gin stand, and adding moisture to the cotton just prior to bale packaging. The workshop included classes, lab exercises, guest speakers and forum discussions, each geared toward increasing producer profits.

"The cotton conditioning techniques discussed at the workshop can have a huge impact on a producer's bottom line," said Neil Turner, technology manager for Samuel Jackson, Inc. He added, "The value of a cotton bale can be increased by \$25 or more by using these techniques to protect staple, increase turnout, and restore moisture weight to the cotton before it is baled. The participants of this workshop are showing their commitment to their customers by learning the latest information presented here."

The workshop had 40 registered participants from 24 gins located in nine states covering most of the Cotton Belt.

"We were very pleased with the response from this workshop. The exchange of ideas helps us continue to make improvements to our products, which in turn help the gins using our products serve their growers better," said Chris Jackson, president of Samuel Jackson, Inc.

This workshop also qualified as a continuing education credit for participants in the Certified Ginners Program offered by the National Cotton Council.

Windbreaks can help lower heating fuel costs

An unprotected home loses much more heat on a cold, windy day than a home on an equally cold, still day, but planting multiple row windbreak trees can help lower heating costs.

Infiltration or air leakage can account for as much as one third of heating losses in some buildings. Cold outside air flows through cracks around windows and doors and even through pores in walls.

Well-located trees and shrubs can intercept the wind and help cut your heating losses.

To obtain seedlings for multiple row windbreaks, contact the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District at 647-2153, Ext. 101.

In addition, multiple row windbreaks can:

- ◆ **Save money:** The amount of money saved by a windbreak around a home will vary depending on the climate of the area, location of the home, and what the house is made of.

- ◆ **Save fuel:** Studies of windbreaks show that windbreaks can reduce winter fuel consumption by 10 to 30%.

- ◆ **Insulate:** Up to one third of the heat loss from a building may escape through the walls and roof by conduction.

- ◆ **Reduce wind:** Studies of three row windbreaks, where trees were 25 feet tall, show that wind velocities and the wind chill index were effectively reduced.

- ◆ **Filter air:** The height and density of windbreak trees determines the amount of air filtration they will provide. Windbreaks of two to five rows of trees and shrubs generally provide good filtration. Evergreen trees provide the best filtration year round. Low branching, deciduous trees can significantly filter the air and reduce wind speed during spring, summer and fall months.

- ◆ **Protect:** Windbreaks will reduce wind velocity significantly for a distance 10 times the height of the trees. Thus a windbreak 30 feet high protects an area extending as far as 300 feet downwind. Maximum protection is provided within a distance five times the height of the trees.

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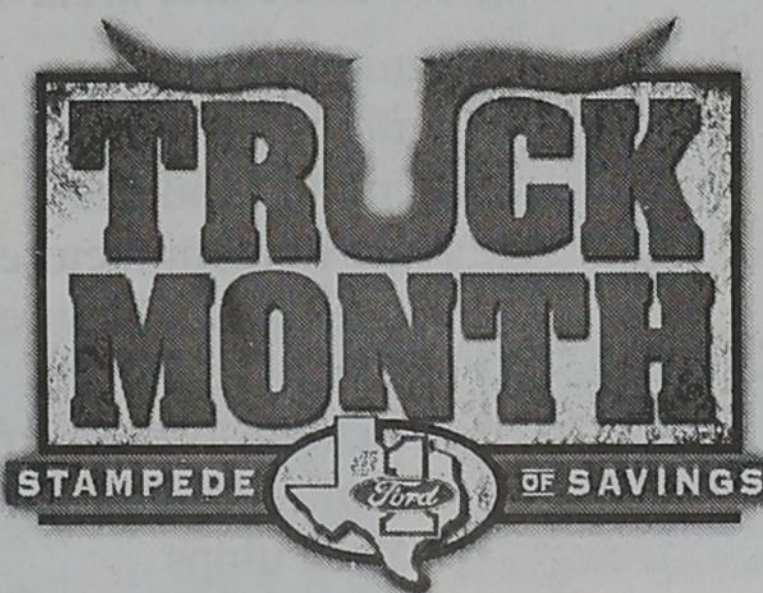
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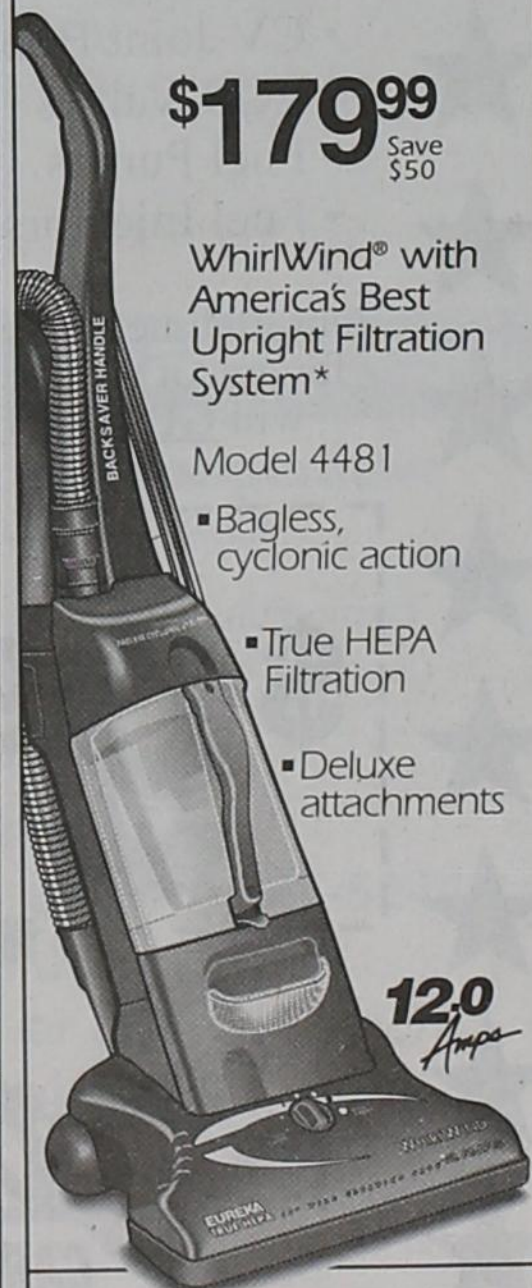
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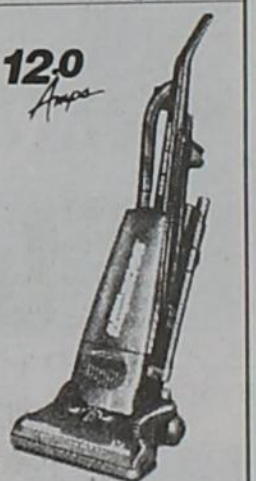
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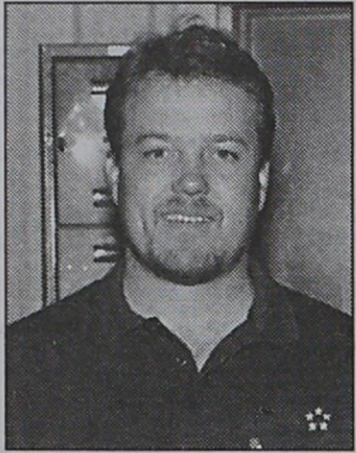
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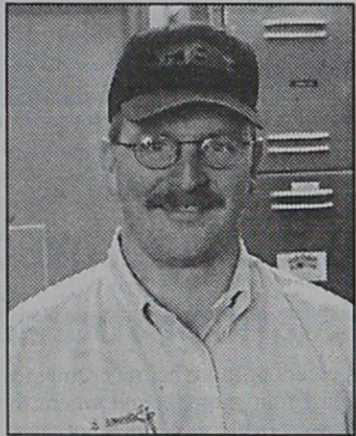
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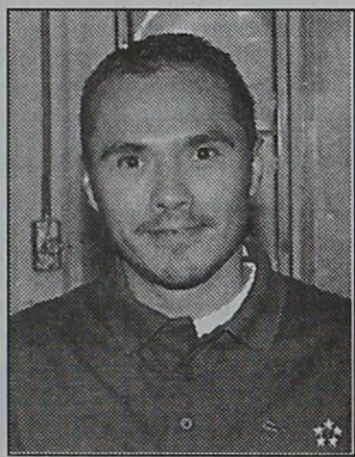
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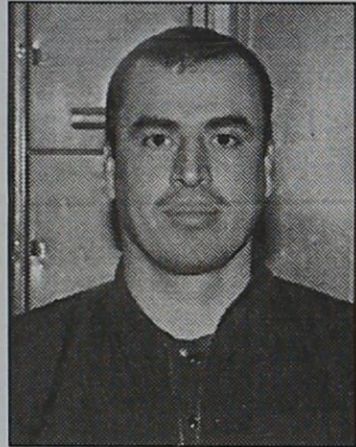
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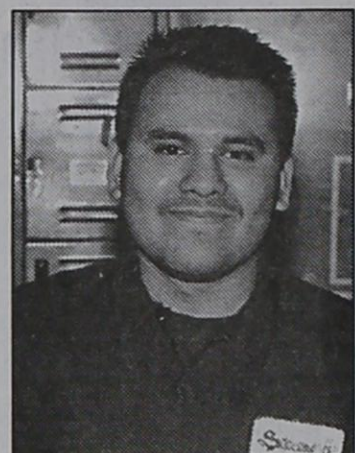
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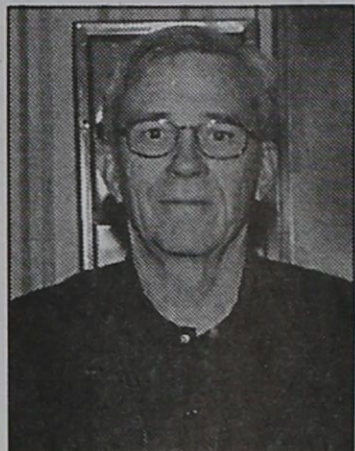
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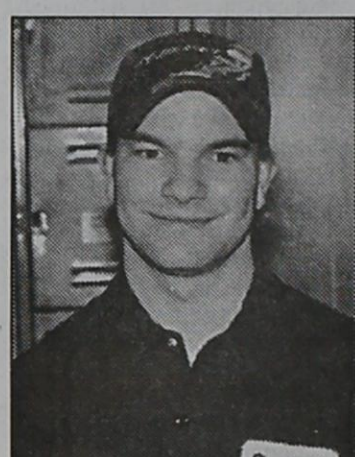
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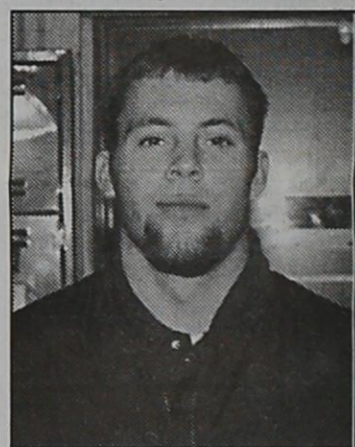
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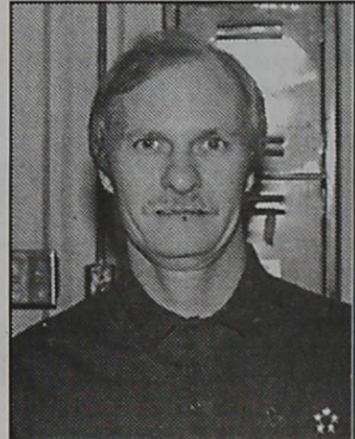
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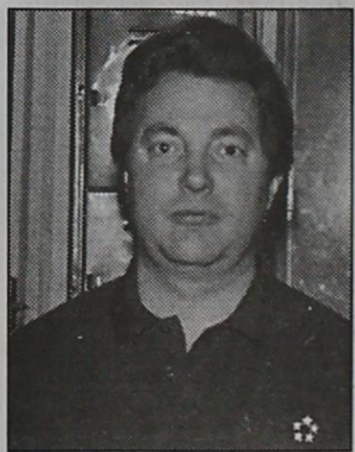
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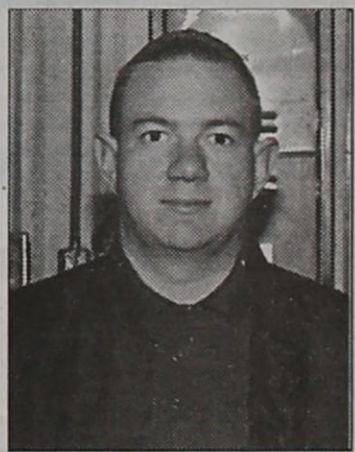
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Sports



On to Regional!

Cats bury Crane Tuesday, 79-51

The Bobcats buried Crane's Golden Cranes under a barrage of three-pointers Tuesday night, 79-51, to advance to the Region I-AAA Tournament Friday and Saturday in Lubbock.

Tuesday night's regional quarter-finals game was played in Brown-field High School's gym.

After a 14-6 first quarter in which Dimmitt scored the last eight points, the Bobcats got hot from outside the arc and blistered the net with six three-pointers to take a 39-19 half-time lead over the stunned Golden Cranes.

Dee Norman got Dimmitt's first trey a minute into the second period, and before the quarter was over, Daniel Proffitt swished two, Brent Josselet two and Austin Sherman one as the Bobcats rang up a 25-point quarter while holding the Cranes to 13.

Proffitt added another trey in the third and Sherman, Norman and sophomore Miguel Neri nailed three more in the fourth as the Bobcats finished with 30 points' worth of long bombs.

Coach Alan Steinle said the three-point barrage was "a great thing, but also it scares you be-

cause you don't always hit 'em like that."

Not only did the Bobcats shoot the lights out from long range in the first half, they hit 53% of their field-goal attempts while doing it.

At the same time, Crane shot in the 30% range and had to settle for five two-point field goals and a trey in the first half.

"We all felt it before we came here," Josselet said of the Bobcat scoring spree.

"We're all good shooters to begin with, and I think that tonight we really felt it," added Marcus Larra, who finished with six points.

The Bobcats continued to dominate in the second half, outscoring the Golden Cranes 17-12 in the third and 23-20 in the fourth as they coasted home and collected their third gold trophy ball.

Crane's half-court man-to-man defense was a challenge for Dimmitt, but the Bobcats managed to crack it for four layups and a pair of jumpers in the first quarter.

"They gave us a little trouble on defense because every time we'd

drive in, they'd always have another man to help out," Larra said.

But in the second quarter, Proffitt and Larra started penetrating from out front to open lanes for kick-out passes and open shots from long range.

After Proffitt opened the second with a baseline jumper, Norman, Sherman and Proffitt hit three treys in a row. Josselet nailed another trey with 2:16 left in the second, and he and Proffitt closed out the first half with back-to-back three-pointers.

Meanwhile, Sherman made a three-point play off of a fast-break layup and Matthew Wright sank two free throws to add to the Bobcats' 25-point second-quarter barrage.

"The thing I was the most proud of, and I told them at halftime, was the fact that they were making the extra pass," Coach Steinle said. "Brent Josselet one time had an open shot; Marcus Larra at one time had an open shot; but they made that extra pass to somebody who was just wide open.

"When those kind of things happen, that's team ball, and unselfish, and that wins lots of

games," Steinle said. "That extra good pass gives us another half-second, and that just helps."

Out of respect for Crane's speed, the Bobcats dropped their full-court press back a bit, then pretty well dismantled the Golden Cranes' offense with their 2-3 zone.

The Bobcats recorded 15 steals while forcing 23 Crane turnovers.

"We kept getting our hands on a lot of passes," Larra said, "and that helped us on defense. Also, Coach told us to make sure we rebounded."

The Bobcats grabbed 27 rebounds to Crane's 23. Dimmitt turned the ball over 21 times in the fast-paced contest mostly by losing the ball out-of-bounds or on offensive fouls.

The Cranes, trailing by 56-31 after three quarters, put on a full-court press and made a respectable showing in the fourth.

"They were very athletic—you could tell that when they finally got going and had a big fourth quarter," Steinle said. "They hit the basket well. I was glad we got a lead and were able to maintain it."

The Cats outscored the Cranes in the fourth, 23-20, with three more treys by Sherman, Norman and Neri. Kenneth Worsham, another sophomore seeing his first varsity action, came off the bench and scored four quick points on a fast-break layup and a nifty spinning jumper off the glass from 16 feet out.

The bench crews for both teams finished the game.

Ten Dimmitt players scored in the game, with Norman netting 18 points, Sherman 17, Proffitt 13, Josselet 8, Larra 6, Wright 4, Julian Velo 4, Worsham 4, Neri 3 and Matthew Sandoval 2.

Harold Jeffrey and Hollywood Garcia led Crane's scoring with 16 and 14 points, respectively, as nine Crane players got on the scoreboard.

The Cranes, champions of District 4-AAA, finished their season with a 17-12 record while the Bobcats advanced to the regional tournament with a 24-8 mark.

The Bobcats will meet District 6 champion Graham (30-2) at 7:30 Friday in Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena. Following that game, Seminole (30-4) will meet Glen Rose.

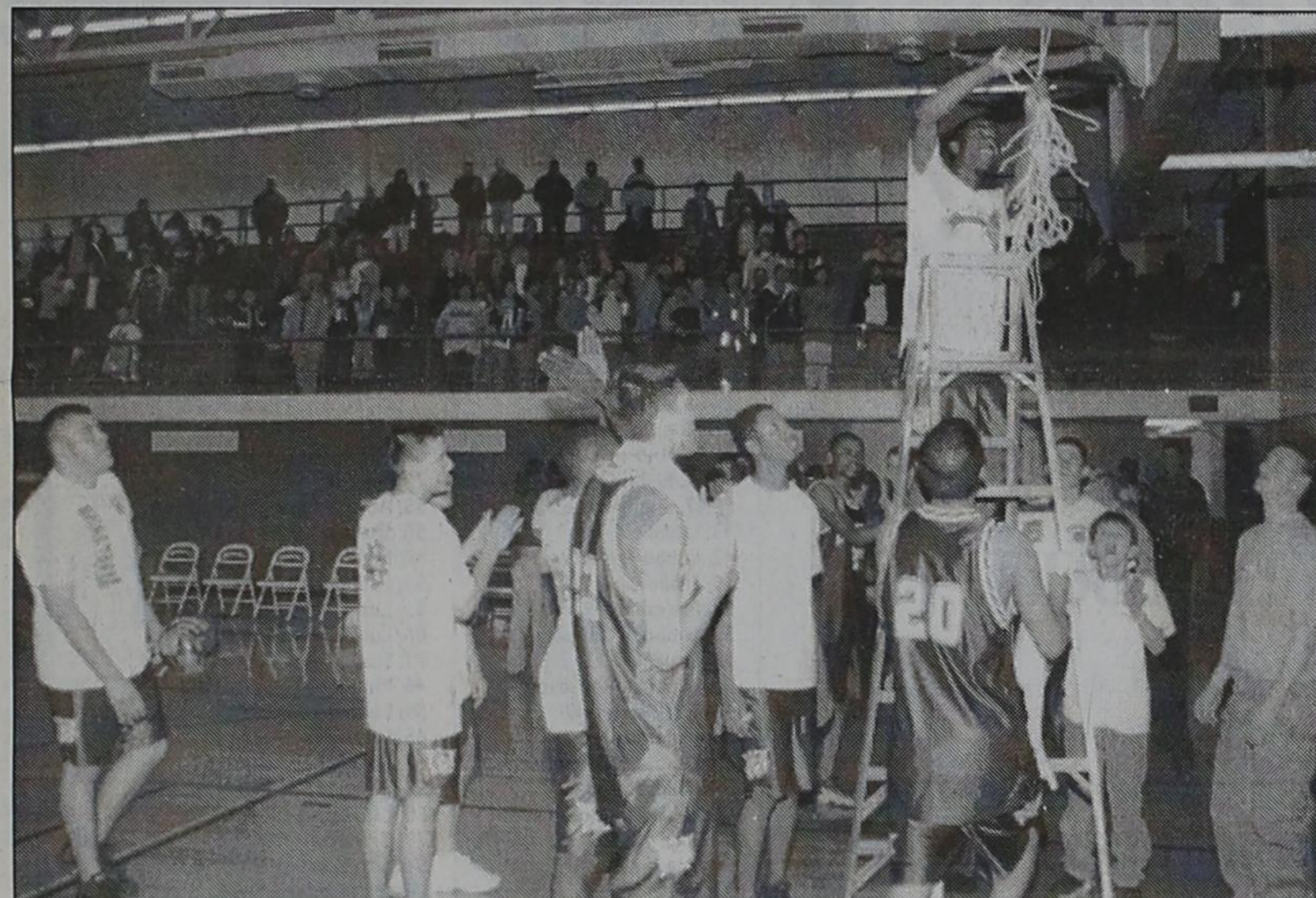
The regional championship game will be played at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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DESPITE A MIGHTY LEAP by Lamesa's Noel Morales (50), Dimmitt's Julian Velo goes up for an inside basket after a feed by Marcus Larra in the third quarter of the Class AAA area championship game Friday night in Lubbock. Velo's basket gave the Bobcats a 35-30 lead en route to a 50-43 victory.

Photo by Carter Townsend



AUSTIN SHERMAN completes the happy task of cutting down the net in Brownfield High School gym following the Bobcats' 79-51 victory over the Crane Golden Cranes in the Region I-AAA quarterfinals. At left, Julian Velo carries the team's third gold-basketball trophy of the playoffs.

Photo by Don Nelson

Bobcats edge Tulia, fall to Friona in seventh

The Dimmitt Bobcats opened the 2001 baseball season with a barrage of hits, out-slugging Tulia last Thursday before falling to Friona on Monday.

Dimmitt downed Tulia, 12-10, in its season opener, but fell to Friona Monday, 11-12.

Tulia opened up a 7-0 lead on the Bobcats after the first inning-and-a-half, but Dimmitt got on track in the bottom of the second, getting four baserunners on a pair of singles, a fielder's choice and a walk.

B.J. Hill and F. Flores scored on a two-RBI single by Thomas Brockman, and Dimmitt was on the board, although the Cats still trailed, 2-7.

Dimmitt's big inning was in the fourth, when the Bobcats batted around and scored six runs on three hits, including a four-RBI home run by Jonathan Stevens.

Despite the big inning, Dimmitt only managed to tie the Hornets after four innings.

Tanner Griffitt singled home Brockman and Tanner Self in the fifth, then Bobby Hill scored on a Stevens single for an 11-8 Bobcat lead.

A lead-off single by Jeremy Furr started Dimmitt rolling in the sixth,

and he scored on a sacrifice by Wesley Harkins.

Tulia added one run to its total in the seventh before Dimmitt silenced the rally.

Griffitt got the win for Dimmitt.

The Bobcats started off hot against Friona Monday, jumping out to a 3-1 lead; but the Chieftains rallied in the seventh to come from behind for a 12-11 win.

Dimmitt out-hit Friona, 17-12, but Friona plated more runners Monday.

Dimmitt hitters recorded six singles in the first inning off of Friona starter Hernandez, and they picked up another four hits in the second.

During that three-inning barrage, the Bobcats scored 11 runs. That was all they would get, though.

Dimmitt had an 11-1 lead headed into the bottom of the third, but Friona picked up six runs in the latter half of the inning to close the gap to 11-7.

The Chieftains pulled within three in the fourth, then came up with a four-run seventh to claim the win.

Bobcats who tagged extra base hits were Bobby Hill, who had a two-RBI double; and Furr, who scored one runner off of his double.

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Runs, hits, and errors

LAST THURSDAY
Bobcats 12, Tulia 10

Tulia	340	110	1	-10	9	3
Dimmitt	020	631	x	-12	10	3

Tanner Griffitt and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt; E. Cortez and T. Crowell for Tulia. WP: Tanner Griffitt of Dimmitt. LP: Cortez. 2B: Thomas Brockman for Dimmitt; Chavez, Wade, R.J. Cruz and J. Bentley for Tulia. HR: Jonathan Stevens for Dimmitt; T. Crowell, E. Cortez and J. Bentley for Tulia. Record: Dimmitt 1-0.

MONDAY
Bobcats 11, Friona 12

Dimmitt	326	000	0	-11	17	0
Friona	106	100	4	-12	12	0

Hernandez and Haile for Friona; Wesley Harkins and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt. WP: Hernandez. LP: Harkins. 2B: Bobby Hill and Jeremy Furr for Dimmitt; Haile, Mata, Grimsley and Saiz of Friona; HR: Mata of Friona. Record: Dimmitt 1-1.

In area championship game Friday

Defense rules as Cats top Tors, 50-43

The Bobcats used a big 15-4 third quarter and a near-perfect run of free throws in the stretch to subdue Lamesa's tall, quick Golden Tornadoes for the area championship Friday night.

The game was played in Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

Lamesa, the District 3-AAA runner-up, had forged a 29-24 halftime lead and seemed to have the momentum until Dimmitt launched the second half with a 9-0 run on offense and held the Tors to a single field goal on defense during the period.

By the end of the third, the Bobcats owned a 39-33 lead.

When the Tors closed to within a point, 42-41, with 2:55 left in the game, things looked shaky again for the Bobcats.

But in the final minute, Dee Norman, Marcus Larra and Mathew Wright sank 8 of 8 free throws to ice the game. Up to that point, the Bobcats had made only 6 of 14.

It was mainly a game of defenses—Dimmitt's 3-2 zone vs. Lamesa's sticky man-to-man half-court set. Each team held the other below its scoring average.

"They had a real good defense," said senior guard Daniel Proffitt, who finished with 10 points, including a pair of three-pointers. "We got a little impatient at first, and I think

that's what kept us from scoring. Their pressure made us be a little more patient. We haven't seen a defense like that all year."

"It was a game of runs," Coach Alan Steinle noted. "They started with a (7-0) run, then we had a run (9-4), then we had a (10-3) run right at the start of the second quarter and went up on them 24-18, but then we went in at the half down 29-24 after they had outscored us 11-0."

Of Lamesa's 29 first-half points, 14 came from the free-throw line—including three after the halftime buzzer. A shooting foul was called on Proffitt when Lamesa's Jordan Roberts threw up a hail-Mary from beyond the time line just before the buzzer sounded, and the senior forward turned a two-point Lamesa lead into a five-point advantage before he went to the locker room.

The Bobcats opened the second half with a nine-point barrage. Norman posted up and sank a pair of short turn-around jumpers within the first 45 seconds of the period, then Proffitt swished a trey from downtown and Larra followed with a jumper from the lane as the Bobcats held the Tors scoreless in the first four minutes of the third.

"They had a really good man-to-man defense and it was hard to get an open shot," Norman said, "but we started posting up instead of shooting so many outside shots, and that helped us a lot."

"It was hard to penetrate against them at first, but after the half we were able to spread them out on defense, and it helped," Proffitt said.

Proffitt ended the third quarter with a driving layup to give the Bobcats a 39-33 cushion.

Wright sank a free throw and Norman turned a steal into a fast-break basket to increase Dimmitt's lead to 42-33 at the start of the fourth.

But Lamesa's Roberts, Noel Morales and Lucio Castro staged an 8-0 run, including a pair of non-typical fast-break layups, to cut Dimmitt's lead to 42-41 with 2:55 left.

The Bobcats started working the clock to protect their lead—which seemed to suit the Tors just fine since they had sunk 17 of 20 free throws to the Cats' 6 of 14 up to that point.

But when crunch time came in the final minute, Norman, Larra and Wright swished eight of eight while the Tors could counter with only two points.

"We weren't making a lot of free throws in a situation when we could have gotten some points earlier in the game," Coach Steinle said, "but our kids really held their poise and composure in the fourth quarter, and that was the difference. It could have gone either way, but we made our free throws."

Three-pointers were a major factor in the game, too. Dimmitt scored 18 points off of treys to Lamesa's 6.

Josselet and Proffitt hit two apiece and Larra and Norman one each as the team nailed 6 of 10 from beyond the arc.

Turnovers were almost even—17 by Dimmitt and 15 by Lamesa. But on the boards, the Bobcats turned in a big performance, outrebounding the taller Tors 31 to 27.

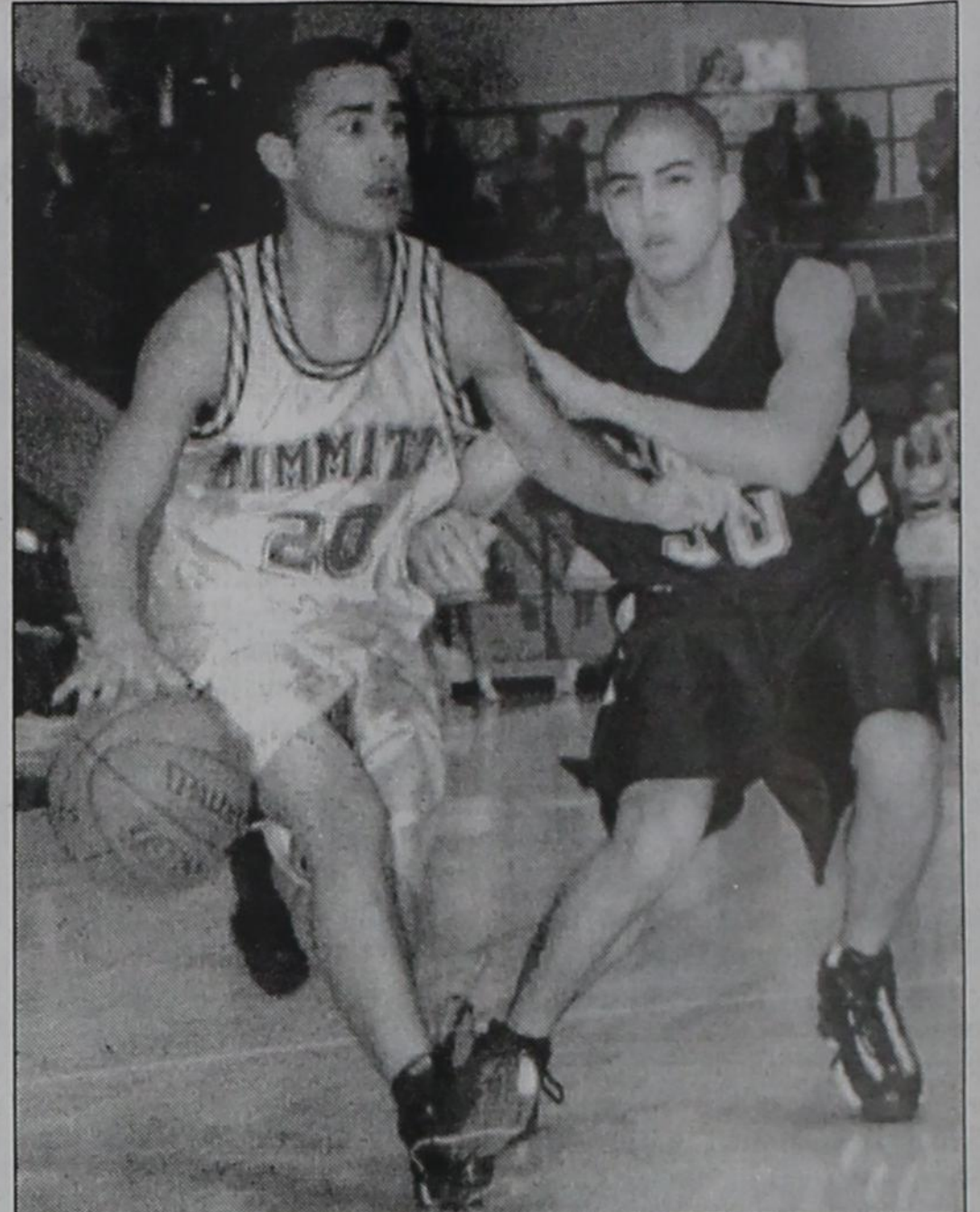
Norman was Dimmitt's top rebounder with 10, but every player who saw action grabbed at least two. The Bobcats limited the Tors to just nine rebounds in the second half.

"We talked about our defensive rebounding before the game," Coach Steinle said. "That's one of the things we felt like we had to win—the rebounding contest. In all phases of the game—ball handling, shooting and all that—we felt that we were as good if not better, but on rebounding, with their size, we knew we were going to have some trouble, so we wanted to focus on that."

Norman was the game's high scorer with 15, while Proffitt netted 10, Brent Josselet 8, Larra 7, Wright 3 and Matthew Sandoval 1. For Lamesa, Roberts had 12, Morales 11, Derrick Hunter 10, Lucio Castro 7 and Matthew Wade 3.

For Lamesa, Jordan Roberts netted 12, Noel Morales 11, Derrick Hunter 10, Lucio Castro 7 and Matthew Wade 3.

The Tors finished their season with a 21-9 record.



DIMMITT GUARD MARCUS LARRA drives inside against Lamesa's Lucio Castro in the fourth quarter of the Class AAA area championship game Friday night in Lubbock. Larra had seven points, 10 floor credits and three rebounds as Dimmitt won, 50-43. Photo by Carter Townsend

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Bobbies

42, Randall 54
39, Levelland 58
44, Borger 62
Queen's Classic
41, Randall 55
57, Muleshoe 44
68, Vega 70 (OT)
59 Hereford 55
Canyon Classic
36, Tascosa 71
51, Panhandle 63
65, Godley 35
41, Tulia 44
57, Abernathy 52
49, River Road 65
43, Amarillo High 81
Caprock Tournament
68, Amarillo Caprock 43
51, Lubbock Coronado 61
51, Andrews 46
49, El Paso Franklin 33
47, Stephenville 39
49, Littlefield 46
42, Lubbock Roosevelt 45
49, Shallowater 70
59, Muleshoe 49
55, Lubbock Cooper, 40
58, Littlefield 33
61, Lubbock Roosevelt 47
48, Shallowater 49
38, Muleshoe 41
65, Lubbock Cooper 64
56, Muleshoe 41
56, Lubbock Roosevelt 48
56, Tulia 48
50, Slaton 43
72, Perryton 74
Season Record: 18-16
District Record: 8-4

Bobcats

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OFF-BALANCE, BUT ON-TARGET—Stephanie Thiel (14) balances on one leg as Whitharral's Jamie Hoskins tries to stop her from scoring, but Thiel pops the jumper anyway. The Swiftettes, behind Thiel and Whitney Hoelting (34) dominated the Lady Panthers enroute to a 73-42 win in the semi-state semifinals Friday at Wichita Falls. A 93-45 win over Brooksmith on Saturday in the tournament finals will send the Swiftettes back to Austin to defend their Class A state championship. *Photo by Nichole Huseman*

Tornadoes fizzle against sizzling Schilling and Swifts

By ANNE ACKER

Eric Schilling couldn't miss and Texline couldn't score Friday night, and that tells the story of the Section 2 semifinal playoff game between the top-ranked Swifts and Tornadoes.

Paced by Schilling's 26-point performance, the Swifts raced to victory, 79-29, Friday night at Lubbock Coronado.

The 6-4 sophomore post scored from everywhere for Nazareth, and nothing Texline did could curb his success.

Schilling had a near-perfect game, connecting on 11 of his 12 shots from the field. He counted two three-pointers among those 11 shots, and he notched his first break-away slam dunk of the season after getting a steal in the second half. He also picked up a pair of free throws in a perfect effort from the line. Add in four rebounds and five steals, and you've got a good night's work—accomplished in three quarters.

Kade Wilcox wasn't far behind Schilling in the score book. The junior guard connected on four three-pointers as he finished with 25 points on the night.

Six other Swifts racked up points to support Schilling and Wilcox—Chase Schulte finished with 6; Blake Birkenfeld, Justin Kleman, Tyler Ehly and Adam Acker each tallied five; and Daryl Pohlmeier chipped in 2.

Pohlmeier was a thorn in Texline's side all night—he smothered Texline's leading scorer, Michael Gard, for three quarters. Gard couldn't shake Pohlmeier to get free in the paint, and the 6-2 post wouldn't get his first point of the game until he made a free throw late in the third quarter. He only finished with 5 points.

For the game, the Swifts made 32-of-66 attempts from the field and finished with 10 three pointers. Texline hit just 9 of 37 shots and three of those were from three-point range. Nazareth out-rebounded the Tornadoes, 38-25. The Swifts forced 35 Tornado turnovers and committed just 17 themselves.

Nazareth opened up a big lead early in the game, then coasted through the next three quarters for the win. The Swifts' starting five only played the first three quarters as Coach Mike Scarbrough cleared his bench in the fourth.

Texline was within a point of Nazareth in the first 45 seconds of action, but wouldn't score for another four minutes. During that span, the Swifts opened up a 17-1 lead. By the end of the first quarter, Nazareth owned a 21-7 lead, and posted a 47-9 halftime advantage.

That big first quarter run was ignited by a rash of Texline turnovers. Tornado ball handlers couldn't penetrate the Swifts' defense. Texline only attempted two shots from the field in the first five minutes, and one of those was blocked by Schilling.

Nazareth's defense forced 11 Texline turnovers in the first quarter and allowed the Tornadoes just six shot attempts. Only two of those were good, and they were both by Tony Cato from three-point range.

Cato came off the bench midway through the quarter and he answered two straight threes by Wilcox with a pair of threes of his own. Cato's shots were the first Texline would get in the game, and the first one was made at the 2:58 mark in the opening stanza.

Schilling and Wilcox each had nine in the first quarter as the Swifts opened up a big 21-7 lead.

The two continued to dominate in the second quarter, with Schilling adding another eight to his total and Wilcox picking up an additional 10.

In the second quarter, all Texline could do was watch in frustration as shot after shot fell through the nets for Nazareth.

The Swifts made their first five shots of the second quarter before missing one with five minutes left in the period. They made 11-of-14 field goals in the quarter.

The only basket Texline would get in the second quarter was an inside jumper by Trey Sinclair with 6:59 left in the half.

After that, the Swifts went on a 24-0 run to end the half with a 47-9 lead.

Schilling's first and only miss of the game came seconds into second-half action.

He came back after a Trey Robb steal to score his 19th point of the



CAN'T TOUCH THIS—Nazareth post Eric Schilling uses an aggressive penetration to get open in the middle of the lane and then leaps above the field before gently laying the ball through the net Friday night in a Section 2 semifinal playoff game between the Swifts and Texline at Lubbock Coronado High School. Later in the game, Schilling would get a steal and cap the fast break run with a slam dunk, his first game dunk of the season. The Swifts easily handled Texline, 79-29, then went on to edge Jayton Saturday, 66-56, to claim the sectional championship. Schilling had 26 points against Texline and 30 against Jayton to lead Nazareth. *Photo by Dwayne Acker*

Swiftettes oust Whitharral with balanced scoring attack

By BRENDA SCHULTE

"We like to shoot, and we usually score" could have been the Swiftette battle cry Friday night in their 73-42 win over Whitharral at L.G. Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls.

The win moved Nazareth one game closer to Austin, their favorite place to visit.

It was the quarterfinals of the Region I-Region II Class 1A Division II Semi-State Tournament.

Nazareth swished a perfect four of four three pointers in the first stanza, and hit 8 other field goals to jump to a commanding 28-6 lead.

The barrage continued in the second stanza as Nazareth outscored the Panthers 15-8 for a 43-14 halftime lead.

Nazareth shot 26 field goals in the first half and hit 15 (57.7 percent). They hit 5 of 10 three pointers.

Whitharral shot the ball 15 times, connecting on only four of those.

"We take whatever shot is open," Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett said.

Whitharral tried for a comeback in the second half, scoring 28 points to Nazareth's 30, but it was too little too late.

"We got a little lazy because we got ahead," Garrett said.

The Swiftettes were not sluggish the first quarter. Sophomore guard Wendy Black hit 5 of 6 shots, one a three pointer after a Nazareth steal. She scored 12 of her 14 game total in the first stanza.

Whitney Hoelting, senior post, also scored 14 for the Swiftettes.

Junior guard Stephanie Thiel added 13 points to Nazareth's score and chalked up 6 steals.

Junior forward Marsha Black came off the Swiftette bench with a hot hand, hitting 4 of 5 field goals, one a three pointer, for 11 points.

Senior Tara Kleman and junior Lesley Brockman added 6 points apiece, while junior Mandy Hoelting scored 4.

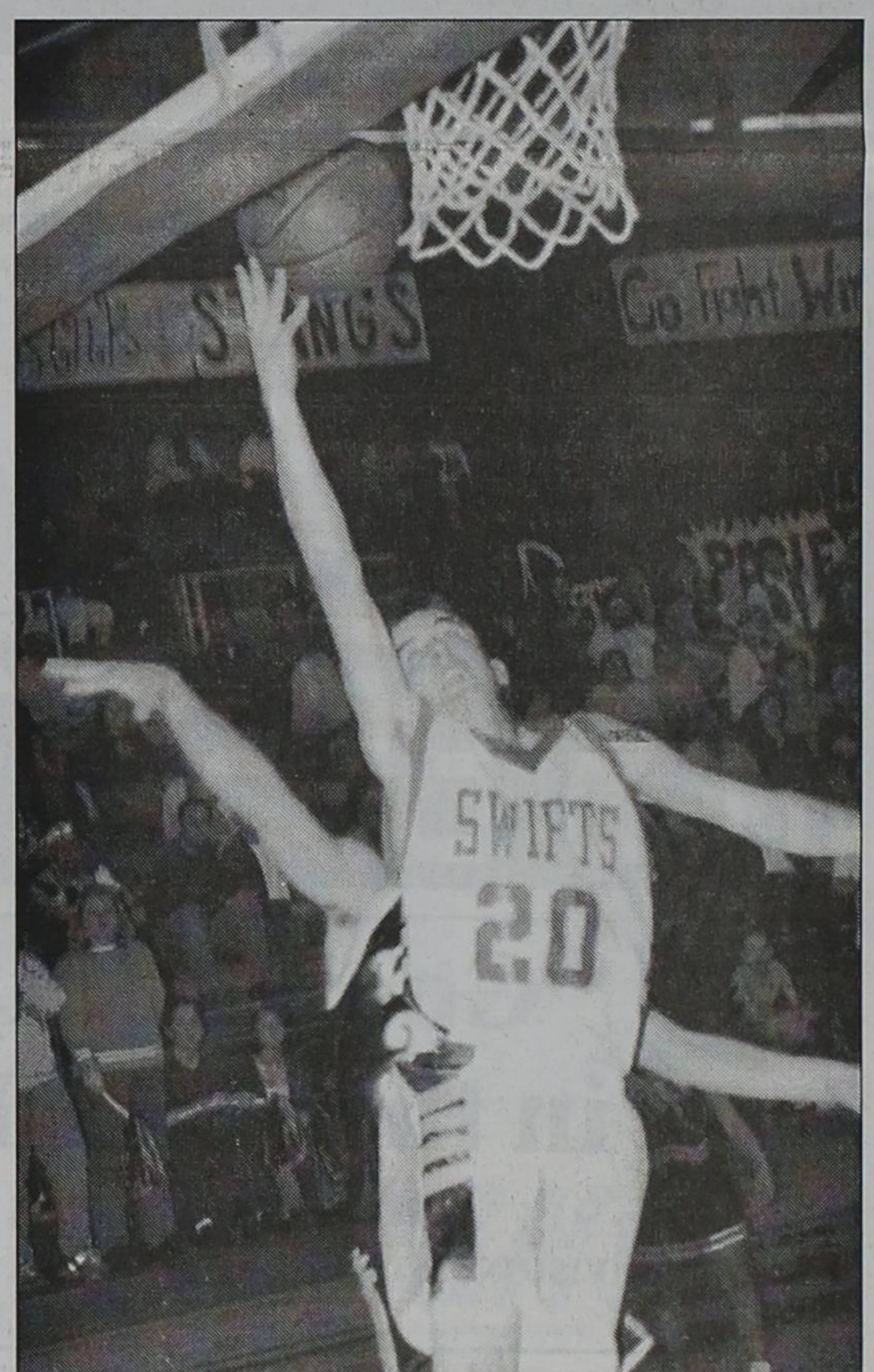
Whitharral's Stephanie Gonzales led the Lady Panthers with 22 points, 10 rebounds, and four steals. Jamie Hoskins added 9 points.

The Panthers out rebounded the Swiftettes 25-22, and committed 24 turnovers to Nazareth's 17.

The difference in the score was Nazareth's first quarter surge, and the Swiftettes' impressive shooting statistics. They hit 55 percent of their field goals, 44 percent of three point shots and 90.9 percent of their free throws. Whitharral only hit 35 percent of field goals attempted, 14 percent of three pointers, and 71 percent from the foul line.



INSIDE MOVES—Whitney Hoelting (34) of Nazareth isn't fazed by Whitharral's defense and she picks up an easy inside jumper Friday in a semi-state semifinal game at Wichita Falls. Hoelting poured in 14 points as Nazareth won, 73-42. The Swiftettes went on to beat Brooksmith Saturday, 93-45, to advance to the state tournament. *Photo by Nichole Huseman*



STEAL PLUS TWO—Blake Birkenfeld (20) sinks a fast-break layup after he gets a steal, and he's fouled on the play by Jayton's Seth Jeter. Although Birkenfeld didn't tack on the free throw, his layup was a big one, giving Nazareth a 64-53 lead with 38 seconds left in the Section 2 championship game Saturday at Lubbock Coronado. Birkenfeld hit two three-pointers, the layup and a couple of free throws in the fourth quarter, nipping a Jayton rally in the bud. The Swifts won the game, 66-56, to advance to the semi-state tournament. *Photo by Dwayne Acker*

game with 7:12 left in the third, then added another 7 in the period to finish with 26.

Wilcox swiped the ball from Aaron Potter, then executed a reverse pivot that faked him out before he scored on a left-handed layup to give Nazareth a 55-11 lead in the third.

Seconds later, Schilling intercepted a pass, drove down the court and brought the crowd to its feet with a

slam dunk at the 4:14 mark. Another Wilcox steal and layup made it 59-11 with 3:55 left.

Texline stopped the flow for a second after Brandon Smith answered a Schilling three with one of his own, but Ehly drained one seconds later.

It was 70-19 at the end of the quarter and Nazareth continued to coast from there.

Together We Can

Naz wins semi-state tourney, advances to state finals

Swiftette pressure too much for Brookesmith

By BRENDA SCHULTE
Nazareth hit the floor like an F5 tornado Saturday, unleashing a whirlwind offense and a smothering defense, and leveling Brookesmith, 93-45.

With the win, the Swiftettes clenched the title in the Region I-Region II Class 1A Division II Semi-State Tournament held last weekend in D. L. Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls.

The next sighting of Nazareth will be in the state basketball tournament today (Thursday) in Austin.

In the matchup with Brookesmith, the Swiftettes blew through the first stanza scoring at will from anywhere (29 points).

Their man to man pressure defense resulted in three Brookesmith turnovers and five Nazareth steals and kept the Lady Mustangs so frustrated on offense that they only

put up five shots in the opening quarter (5 points).

"We needed a start like that," Nazareth head coach Matt Garrett said. "We executed very well the first half. We played real well. We were prepared."

Brookesmith was not prepared, however, for the Nazareth storm. After their first quarter touch down, the Swiftettes outscored the Lady Mustangs 20-9 in the second stanza

to jump to a 49-14 halftime lead.

"Brookesmith had a great team," Garrett said. "They just got frustrated and we took advantage of their mistakes."

Nazareth certainly did not make many mistakes in the first half. The Swiftettes stole the ball six times, forced 13 Mustang turnovers, shot 74 percent from the field, hit 8-of-13 three point shots (61.5 percent), and grabbed 12 rebounds to Brookesmith's seven.

Leading the attack for Nazareth was junior Stephanie Thiel with 19 first half points, four assists, four steals, and four rebounds.

"We didn't play our best game Friday," Thiel said of Nazareth's 73-42 win over Whitharral, "so we came out really fired up and ready to play."

Thiel finished with a game high 32 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists and 6 steals.

Senior Whitney Hoelting was a perfect two-for-two from three point range, three-for-three from the foul line, and the post made some impressive inside moves where she sank eight buckets for a total of 25 points.

"We knew they had a good team," Hoelting said. "We just went out and gave it our all, and we didn't back off."

Sophomore Wendy Black added 15 points to Nazareth's total. The 5-4 guard grabbed six rebounds and had four assists.

Juniors Lesley Brockman and Marsha Black also provided stellar defensive performances for the Swiftettes.

Brockman and Marsha Black covered Brookesmith's leading scorers who averaged 16 points per game each.

Brockman held guard Randi Rice to 9 points in the game.

"Coach told me to mark her and not let her get the ball," Brockman said, "so she couldn't shoot it."

Indeed Rice did not shoot, not until five minutes had elapsed in the second quarter when she finally scored on a layup.

Marsha Black covered Brookesmith's other leading scorer, Kayla Mackey, who finished with 11 points; however, she only shot the ball once in the first half, a three pointer which connected.

Brockman scored three,

rebounded three, and had four assists.

Junior Mandy Hoelting tossed in seven points for the Swiftettes, grabbed two boards, and had two assists.

Senior Tara Kleman came off the bench to add six points to the Nazareth total.

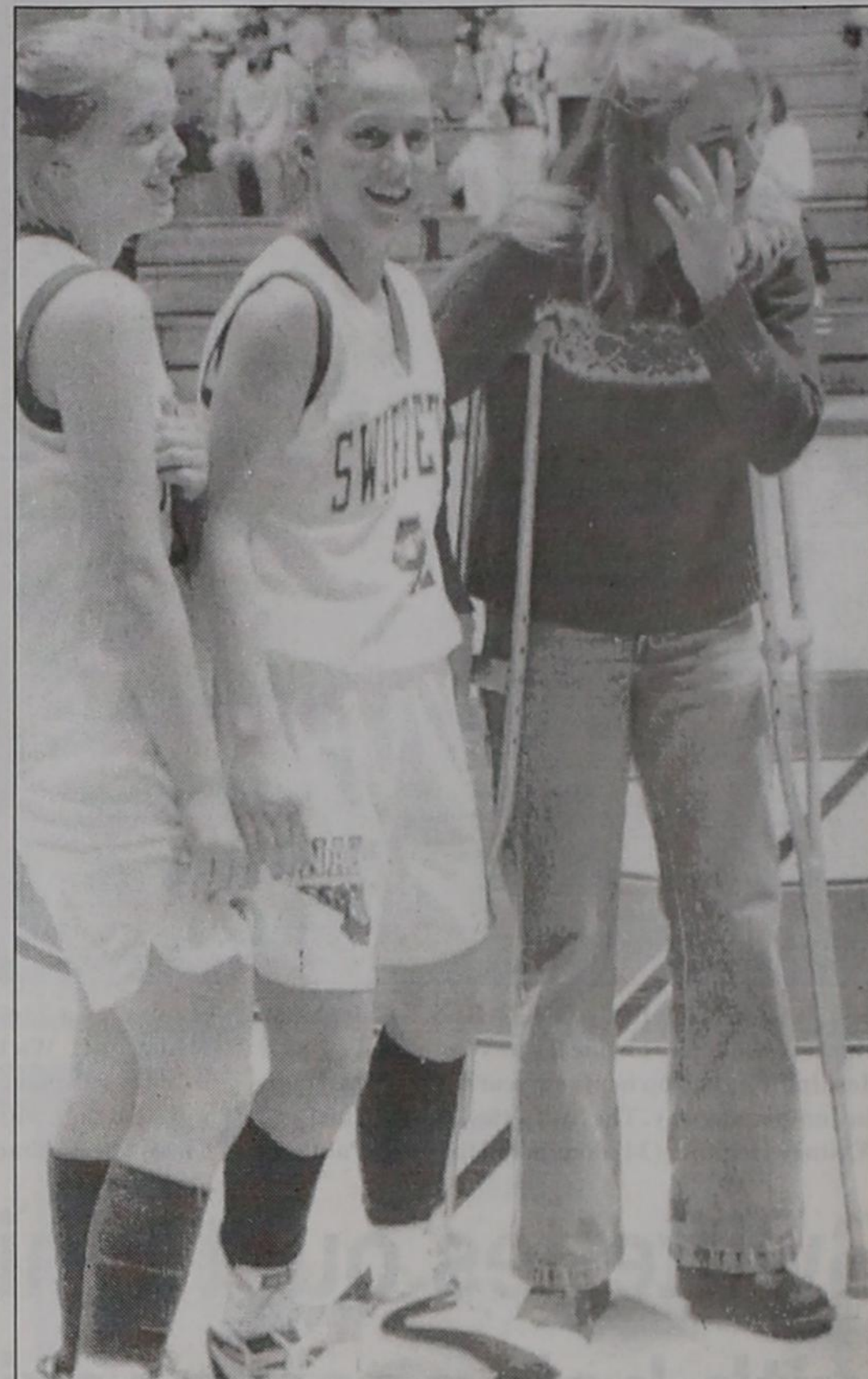
The win boosts Nazareth's record to 31-4, while Brookesmith ends the season with a 34-4 standing.



LESLEY BROCKMAN (22) of Nazareth steals the ball from Brookesmith's Buddie Richmon (34) and another Lady Mustang, then passes off to Wendy Black who drains a three-pointer Saturday afternoon in a Class A Division II state semifinal game at

Wichita Falls. The Swiftettes ran away from Brookesmith early and posted a 93-45 win to earn a return trip to the state tournament this weekend. Other Swiftettes pictured are Mandy Hoelting (32), Whitney Hoelting (34) and Wendy Black (30).

Photo by Erin Jones



TEARS OF JOY AND FRUSTRATION—Shawna Gerber (right) of Nazareth wipes away a tear of joy as she celebrates with teammates (from left) Megan Schulte and Danette Ramaekers after the Swiftettes won the Division II semi-state tournament Saturday afternoon in Wichita Falls. A year ago, Gerber was Nazareth's leading scorer as a junior and was hoping to lead her team to back-to-back state titles. But a knee injury she suffered this summer sidelined the all-stater. Gerber is still there every game, cheering on her teammates, and she'll be there this weekend as they prepare to defend their state championship in Austin.

Photo by Erin Jones

Swiftettes' MVP cheers from bench

By BRENDA SCHULTE
She crosses her fingers, she prays, she shouts her support to her Nazareth teammates, but this year Shawna Gerber views the game from a different perspective.

Crutches stacked behind her chair, Shawna watches from the bench.

Two weeks before the beginning of what Shawna thought would be her "most memorable year," the 5-7 Swiftette forward blew a knee.

"One little jump destroyed my whole senior sports career," Shawna said.

The jump was at the 2000 Junior Olympics AAU Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Fla. on Aug. 1.

"I jumped up to pass the ball over an opponent," Shawna said, "and in an instant I was down on the floor screaming and crying in pain."

"I looked over and saw my cousin, classmate, and best friend Whitney Hoelting holding her hands to her mouth with a horrible look on her face," Shawna said. "At that moment I knew that every athlete's worst nightmare was happening to me."

Shawna consulted an orthopedic surgeon, and opted to rest the injury a while. She tried playing a few weeks into the season. She went down again.

She waited some more, tried playing again, and she went down a third time.

The third fall was the end of her high school career. And what an illustrious run it was.

As a freshman, she was a starter on the state runner-up Swiftette team.

She was named to the all-district and TABC All-State teams. She was a member of both of those teams again her sophomore and junior year. Also, as a junior she was named to the Texas Magazine All State Team and was the Class A Most Valuable Player at the state tournament.

"We really miss what she brings to the game," senior teammate Whitney Hoelting said, "her leadership, of course, but we also miss her steals, her layups and all the fun we had with her in the locker room."

"We would always tease her

because she forgot her shoes or her uniform," Hoelting said. "It was always Shawna who forgot something."

Shawna may have forgotten some part of her equipment, but she always remembered to bring her game.

In last year's state semifinal and championship games she racked up 45 points, grabbed 16 rebounds, and nabbed 7 steals. Consequently, she was named the Class A tournament MVP.

"She was always an emotional leader for the team," junior teammate Stephanie Thiel said, "and at the state tournament last year she stepped up her play and was a leader on the floor."

Since her surgery on Jan. 23 to repair ACL, MCL, and cartilage damage, Shawna has been watching the Swiftettes and cheering for wins.

Right now, she is hoping everything heals properly so she can play college basketball at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Today, and hopefully Saturday, Shawna will be on the sidelines cheering for the Swiftettes as they try for an unprecedented 15th state championship.

She will cross her fingers, she will pray, and she would probably loft a shot from her chair if someone would just throw her the ball.

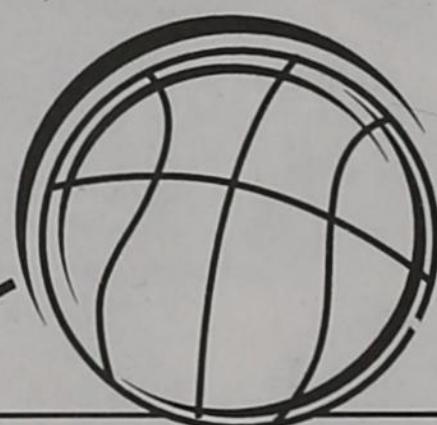
She would hit it, too

St. Ann's, Canyon sets Czech dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Canyon will hold its 10th annual Czech Sausage Dinner on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Family Center at 605 38th St. in Canyon.

The meal will include Czech sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, bread, cobbler, and all the trimmings. Take-outs will be available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 12. Those under 6 may eat free.

Also, in conjunction with the meal, there will be arts and crafts, games, a "Country Store," and a drawing.



IT'S BASKETBALL TIME

Good Luck, Swiftettes, in the State Tournament!

at Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin

DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: Swiftettes vs. Saltillo, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

CLASS A TEXAS CUP: Saturday, 9 a.m.

Good Luck, Swifts, in the Semi-State Tournament!

FRIDAY: Swifts vs. New Home, 1 p.m. at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls

SATURDAY: Finals, 1 p.m. at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls

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CLASS AAA AREA PLAYOFF

at Rip Griffin Center,
Lubbock Christian University
Bobcats 50, Lamesa 43
Dimmitt 14 10 15 11—50
Lamesa 14 15 4 10—43
DIMMITT: Daniel Proffitt 3 2-4-10; Dee Norman 5 4-5-15; Marcus Larra 2 2-2-7; Matthew Sandoval 0 1-2-1; Matthew Wright 0 3-6-3; Julian Velo 2 2-2-6; Brent Josselet 3 0-1-8. **TOTALS:** 15 14-22-50.
LAMESA: Jordan Roberts 3 6-7-12; Noel Morales 3 5-5-11; Derrick Hunter 2 6-8-10; Lucio Castro 2 2-2-7; Matthew Wade 1 0-0-3. **TOTALS:** 11 19-22-43.
3-POINT GOALS: Dimmitt 6 (Daniel Proffitt 2, Dee Norman 1, Matthew Larra 1, Brent Josselet 2); Lamesa 2 (Wade and Castro 1).
FOULED OUT: Matthew Sandoval for Dimmitt.

CLASS A SEMI-STATE SEMIFINAL

at Lubbock Coronado
Swifts 79, Texline 29
Nazareth 21 26 23 9 —79
Texline 7 2 10 10 —29
NAZARETH: Eric Schilling 11 2-2-26; Kade Wilcox 10 1-3-25; Daryl Pohlmeier 1 0-0-2; Blake Birkenfeld 2 0-0-5; Trey Robb 0 0-0-0; Justin Klemm 2 1-4-5; Tyler Ehly 2 0-0-5; Wade Price 0 0-0-0; Chase Schulte 2 1-2-6; Adam Acker 2 0-0-5. **TOTALS:** 32 5-13-79.
TEXLINE: Brandon Smith 2 3-5-8; Tony Cato 3 0-0-8; Michael Gard 2 1-4-5; Trey Sinclair 2 0-0-4; Tanner Wyatt 0 0-2-0; Aaron Potter 0 2-4-2; Justin Smith 0 2-2-2. **TOTALS:** 9 8-17-29.
3-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 10-of-20 (Kade Wilcox 4, Eric Schilling 2, Blake Birkenfeld, Chase Schulte, Adam Acker and Tyler Ehly); Texline 3-of-7 (Cato 2, Smith 1).
REBOUNDS: Nazareth 38, Texline 25.
TURNOVERS: Nazareth 17, Texline 35.
BLOCKED SHOTS: Nazareth 4, Texline 3.
TOTAL FOULS: Nazareth 14, Texline 13.
FOULED OUT: None.

CLASS A SECTION 2 FINALS

at Lubbock Coronado
Swifts 66, Jayton 56
Jayton 15 18 15 18 —56
Nazareth 18 16 12 20 —66
NAZARETH: Eric Schilling 13 2-5-30; Kade Wilcox 3 2-3-10; Daryl Pohlmeier 3 0-0-6; Trey Robb 3 0-0-7; Blake Birkenfeld 3 1-3-9; Tyler Ehly 2 0-0-4; Justin Klemm 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 27 5-11-66.
JAYTON: Ryan Bleiker 6 2-4-15; Marty Long 5 2-2-15; Seth Jeter 2 4-4-8; Tony Harvey 2 1-2-6; Michael Muscatell 3 2-4-10; Brett Gaylord 1 0-0-2. **TOTALS:** 19 11-16-56.
3-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 7-of-18 (Eric Schilling 2, Kade Wilcox 2, Blake Birkenfeld 2, Trey Robb 1); Jayton 7-of-17 (Marty Long 3, Ryan Bleiker 1, Michael Muscatell 2, Tony Harvey 1).
REBOUNDS: Nazareth 33 (Schilling 13); Jayton 18.
TURNOVERS: Nazareth 25, Jayton 20.

BLOCKED SHOTS: Nazareth 4; Jayton 1.
TOTAL FOULS: Nazareth 14, Jayton 13.
FOULED OUT: Jeter for Jayton.

CLASS A SEMI-STATE SEMIFINAL

at Midwestern State University,
Wichita Falls
Swiftettes 73, Whitharral 42
Nazareth 28 15 15 15 —73
Whitharral 6 8 15 13 —42
NAZARETH: Stephanie Thiel 6 0-0-13; Lesley Brockman 2 0-0-6; Wendy Black 5 3-3-14; Mandy Hoelting 1 1-2-4; Whitney Hoelting 4 4-6-14; Erica Gerber 1 0-0-2; Kim Brockman 1 0-0-3; Marsha Black 4 0-0-11; Tara Klemm 2 0-0-6; Megan Schulte 0 0-0-0; Danette Ramaekers 0 0-0-0; Jenna Braddock 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 26 10-11-73.
WHITHARRAL: Joni Riddle 0 0-0-0; Hollie Wright 1 2-2-5; Alicia Torres 0 0-0-0; Jamie Hoskins 2 5-6-9; Becky Vizcarra 0 0-0-0; Sara Baker 0 0-0-0; Stephanie Gonzales 8 6-11-22; Marty Longoria 0 0-0-0; Jodi Wright 0 0-0-0; Courtney Davidson 2 2-2-6; Amber Martin 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 13 15-21-43.
3-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 11 (Marsha Black 3, Lesley Brockman 2, Stephanie Thiel 1, Wendy Black 1, Mandy Hoelting 1, Kim Brockman 1); Whitharral: 1 (Hollie Wright).
TOTAL FOULS: Nazareth 19, Whitharral 13.
FOULED OUT: None.

CLASS A SEMI-STATE FINALS

at Midwestern State University,
Wichita Falls
Swiftettes 93, Brookesmith 45
Brookesmith 5 9 18 13 —45
Nazareth 29 20 22 22 —93
NAZARETH: Stephanie Thiel 12 3-3-32; Lesley Brockman 1 0-0-3; Wendy Black 6 1-1-15; Mandy Hoelting 2 2-2-7; Whitney Hoelting 10 3-3-25; Erica Gerber 0 1-2-1; Kim Brockman 0 0-0-0; Marsha Black 1 0-0-3; Tara Klemm 2 0-0-6; Megan Schulte 0 0-0-0; Danette Ramaekers 0 1-2-1. **TOTALS:** 34 11-13-93.
BROOKESMITH: Mandi Rice 3 2-2-9; Kayla Mackey 3 3-4-11; Kristi Been 1 2-3-4; Buddie Richmon 4 0-0-8; Amy Jennings 4 0-1-8; Courtney Steel 0 2-2-2; Julie Means 0 0-0-0; Maggie Newton 0 1-2-1; Tessa Newton 1 0-0-2; Shannon Beck 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 16 10-14-45.
3-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 14-of-28 (Stephanie Thiel 5, Lesley Brockman 1, Wendy Black 2, Mandy Hoelting 1, Whitney Hoelting 2, Marsha Black 1, Tara Klemm 2); Brookesmith 3-of-13 (Rice 1, Mackey 2).
TOTAL FOULS: Nazareth 16, Brookesmith 13.
FOULED OUT: None.

REGION 1-AAA QUARTERFINALS

at Brownfield
Bobcats 79, Crane 51
Dimmitt 14 25 17 23 —73
Crane 6 13 12 20 —51
DIMMITT: Dee Norman 8 0-1-18; Austin Sherman 6 3-4-17; Daniel Proffitt

4 2-2-13; Brent Josselet 3 0-0-8; Marcus Larra 3 0-0-6; Matthew Wright 1 2-2-4; Julian Velo 2 0-1-4; Kenneth Worsham 2 0-0-4; Matthew Sandoval 1 0-0-2; Miguel Neri 1 0-0-3. **TOTALS:** 31 7-10-79.

CRANE: Marcus Collins 0 1-5-1; Lance Abbott 1 0-0-3; Jeff Flanagan 1 0-0-3; Hollywood Garcia 5 2-2-14; Sena Brian 2 1-2-7; Harold Jeffrey 5 5-6-15; Casey McCain 0 1-2-1; Ross Lowrey 1 1-2-3; Mathis Wayne 1 2-3-4. **TOTALS:** 16 13-22-51.

3-POINT GOALS: Crane 6 (Abbott 1, Flanagan 1, Garcia 2, Sena 2); Dimmitt 10 (Proffitt 3, Norman 2, Sherman 2, Josselet 2, Neri 1).
TOTAL FOULS: Crane 13, Dimmitt 18.
FOULED OUT: None.

Bobbies are named all-district

Heather Black and Tamara Robertson of Dimmitt were among those named to the District 2-AAA girls' all-district team, released this week.

Black and Robertson are both seniors on the Bobbies' squad, and were instrumental in leading their team to a share of second place in District 2-AAA this season.

After winning a pair of district playoff games, Dimmitt represented the district as the No. 2 seed in the playoffs and advanced to the regional quarterfinal round before falling to Perryton.

Joining Black and Robertson on the all-district team are Felicia Castilleja, a sophomore from Lubbock Roosevelt; Britni Gartin, a junior from Muleshoe; Shannon Henderson, a junior from Lubbock Cooper; Bethany Jones, a junior from Lubbock Cooper; Tawanami Mitchell, a freshman from Littlefield; Heather Parmenter, a senior from Shallowater; Katy Pounds, a freshman from Shallowater; and Megan Tipps, a senior from Muleshoe.

Dimmitt also placed two players on the honorable mention all-district list, including seniors Lori Schulte and Rachel Fabela.



Section 2 champions

The Nazareth Swifts celebrate after receiving the Section 2, Division II championship trophy Saturday at Lubbock Coronado High School. The Swifts won the sectional tournament with a 79-29 victory over Texline in the semifinals and a 66-56 win over Jayton

in Saturday's title game. The Swifts will advance to the semi-state tournament this weekend in Wichita Falls, and they are slated to face New Home Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Naz wins sectional championship

Birkenfeld's fourth quarter baskets big as Swifts hold off Jayton, 66-56

By ANNE ACKER

Everywhere Eric Schilling went on the court Saturday, two or three Jayton Jaybirds followed, clinging to the 6-4 post player like glue.

It wasn't enough, though. Despite the double- and sometimes triple-team coverage in the second half, Schilling finished with 30 points as he led Nazareth to a 66-56 victory and the Section 2, Division II championship Saturday morning at Lubbock Coronado.

The only thing Jayton Coach Austin Chamness could do as he checked out the scorebook at halftime Saturday was shake his head.

"Schilling's killing us," he said before joining his team in the locker room at the break.

Nazareth, behind Schilling's 18-point performance in the first half, owned a 34-23 lead over the Jaybirds at intermission.

Chamness's game plan for the second half was simple—keep the ball out of Schilling's hands.

To an extent, the plan worked. Schilling only had 12 points in the second half, but his teammates picked up the slack. Schilling added 13 rebounds, four blocked shots and three steals to his 30-point performance.

During a pivotal point in the fourth quarter as Jayton was making a run at the Swifts, junior point guard Blake Birkenfeld stepped up with a pair of key three pointers, a steal and layup, and a free throw for Nazareth. Those nine points were his only of the game, but each was a dart aimed straight at the heart of the Jaybirds.

Jayton matched Nazareth bucket-for-bucket in the first quarter before the Swifts pulled away at the end for an 18-15 edge.

The Jaybirds had claimed a 15-11 lead in the first quarter before Nazareth went on a 13-0 run that endured for almost six minutes.

That was the difference in the game.

The turn-around gave Nazareth a 24-15 lead with 5:32 left in the first half and the Swifts never trailed again.

By halftime, Nazareth had jumped to a 34-23 lead and controlled the game, 46-38, after three quarters.

Jayton rallied in the fourth quarter to trim the lead to four, but Nazareth scored the next nine points to put the game on ice.

The score was tied at 2, 4 and 7 in the first quarter, and the lead changed hands three times before Nazareth pulled away.

Daryl Pohlmeier opened scoring, but the score was quickly tied on an inside jumper by Ryan Bleiker.

Schilling and Bleiker traded baskets to up the score to 4-4, then Schilling took a step outside the lane and drained a three-pointer for a 7-4 Swift lead. That lead lasted for 13 seconds before Jayton's Marty Long answered with a trey of his own.

Jayton got a layup from Seth Jeter and a three from Tony Harvey to take a 12-7 lead with 3:45 left before Schilling went to work again.

He followed his own missed shot with a tip-in to trim the Jaybird lead to three, then scored on a turn-around jumper with 2:54 left.

Jayton took a four-point lead, 15-11, when Jeter scored. The Jaybirds didn't enjoy the edge for long.

Kade Wilcox scored his first points of the game with 2:03 left in the quarter, burying a three to trim the deficit to a point.

An offensive rebound and putback by Schilling put Nazareth on top with 1:30 left.

That series of plays shook Jayton. A Schilling steal seconds later resulted in a Tyler Ehly basket and Nazareth had the lead, 18-15.

Baskets by Pohlmeier, Schilling and Wilcox put Nazareth up by nine, 24-15, with five minutes left in the half.

After watching their lead evaporate, the rattled Jaybirds started turning the ball over, and Nazareth took advantage, using those mistakes to build the big lead.

After a Jayton timeout, the Jaybirds regrouped and ended the barrage with an offensive rebound and put back by Michael Muscatell with 4:09 left. That was the first basket of the quarter for the Jaybirds.

Back-to-back three-pointers by Trey Robb and Schilling gave the Swifts a 30-17 lead with 3:30 left before Jayton mounted a comeback.

Long and Harvey scored to pull Jayton within nine, but a steal and coast-to-coast layup by Tyler Ehly cut that rally short.

Schilling connected with 17 seconds left to give the Swifts their 11-point halftime edge.

Wilcox opened second-half scoring with a three-pointer and started a 10-6 Nazareth run.

Jayton wasn't about to go away, though.

The Jaybirds' full-court pressure, multiple defenders on Schilling and physical hands-on defense on Wilcox and other Nazareth ballhandlers rattled the Swifts for several minutes in the second half.

Nazareth turned the ball over 11 times in the third quarter alone and that paved the way for the Jaybird resurgence.

Nazareth still owned a 46-38 lead headed into the final quarter, and the Swifts made it a 10-point lead early when Robb drove the baseline and hit a short jumper.

But back-to-back threes by Jayton's Muscatell and Long had Nazareth on the ropes, clinging to a four-point lead with 6:33 left.

Enter Birkenfeld, who was left wide open by Jayton defenders strug-

gling to contain Schilling and Wilcox.

The point guard hadn't scored a point in the game, but he took aim, fired and found nothing but net on a big three-pointer with 6:10 left in the game.

A pair of Jayton turnovers resulted in a pair of Schilling baskets and Nazareth's four-point edge turned into 11 points in just over a minute.

Nazareth got two more steals and a jumper from Robb before Jayton would score again.

The backbreaker came with three minutes left when an inbounds play to Birkenfeld gave the Swifts a 60-46 lead when he buried the three ball from the baseline.

Muscatell added a three seconds later, then Bleiker scored to pull Jayton within nine with 2:06 left.

Forced to foul, the Jaybirds sent the Swifts to the line nine times over the final two minutes, but Nazareth could make only four of those attempts. It was just enough to preserve the win, though.

Birkenfeld added an insurance bucket when he stole the ball and drove the length of the court for a layup with 38 seconds left. He was fouled by Jeter, who picked up his fifth personal on the play. Birkenfeld couldn't convert the bonus shot, but his layup had given the Swifts a 64-53 lead.

Schilling's 30 points was game-high for Nazareth while Wilcox added 10 and Birkenfeld chipped in 9. Robb added 7, Pohlmeier finished with 6 and Ehly had 4 to round out Nazareth scoring.

The Swifts enjoyed a good shooting day, hitting 27-of-51 field goals, including 7-of-18 from three-point range. But they only made 5-of-11 free throw attempts.

Jayton made 19 of its 47 attempts from the field and also counted seven treys. The Jaybirds hit 11 of their 16 free throws.

Nazareth had more turnovers, 25-20, but the Swifts dominated the boards, pulling down 33 rebounds compared with Jayton's 18.

The Jaybirds were led by Bleiker and Long, who had 15 each.



THE DIMMITT JUNIOR VARSITY BOBBIES had a very successful season, finishing the year with an 18-5 record as the District 2-AAA champions. The JV Bobbies only lost to Amarillo High, Canyon, Lubbock Monterey and Plainview in non-district play, and lost one district game. Team members are (front row) Lauren Waggoner and Jaci Bishop; (second row) manager Jaci Hardwick, Shayla Kenworthy, Lyndee Behrends, Rae Odom, Caitlin Buckley; and (back row), Ashley Irons, Charlie Nutt, Holly Lane, Jenna Steimle and Coach Shelly Crow.

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5—For Rent, Misc.

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20—Help Wanted

THE CASTRO/SWISHER COUNTY Juvenile Probation Department is now accepting applications for the position of juvenile probation officer for Castro County. Qualifications include:

1. Be of good moral character.
 2. Have acquired a bachelor's degree conferred by a college or a university accrediting organization recognized by the coordinating board, Texas College and University System; and
 3. Have either one year of graduate study in criminology, corrections, counseling, law, social work, psychology, sociology or other field of instruction approved by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; or one year of experience in full-time case work, counseling, community or group work in a social service, corrections, or juvenile agency that deals with offenders or disadvantaged persons and that is determined by the commission to provide the kind of experience needed to meet this requirement; or
 4. Be presently certified as a juvenile probation officer.
- For an application and a complete list of the job description, please contact the Texas Workforce Commission at 310 W. Broadway, Tulla, Texas, or the Castro County Treasurer's Office located on the second floor of the Castro County Courthouse.
Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation Department is an equal opportunity employer.
Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2001. 20-47-2tc

YOUTH PASTOR. Olton Methodist Church seeks spiritually mature, experienced youth pastor for 1/2-time position. Salary to \$12,000/year. Contact the pastor, 806-285-2777. 20-46-4tc

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22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-48-5tc

23—Lost & Found

LOST: Antique gold, small, oval-shaped glasses frames with attached magnetic sunglasses. Call 647-5668. 23-48-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you is too simple of words to express our gratitude toward the response time and help concerning the incident which our son was involved in.

Dale and all of his family wish to express our thanks for all of the prayers, visits, cards and plants he has received during these past two weeks.

This town has truly shown their concern and love in so many ways.

Thank you to Linda Maxwell and the Castro County News for how the interview and article was written, giving praise to the Lord as we had wanted to express.

DICKY, PEGGY & DALE WEST 24-48-1tp

In my heart I know that God is with me, that God loves me, that God never fails me, so my heart has every reason to smile.

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you to all for the prayers, memorials, food, flowers and kind words during the loss of our Mom. It is very comforting to all of us to know she touched so many lives. Your kindness, friendship and expressions of concern helped Mom to cope with her spinal cord injury during the last 17 years. We will always be grateful!
THE FAMILIES OF MARTHA SCHULTE 24-48-11p

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR-2422

IN THE ESTATE OF
PETRA MARTINEZ, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
PETRA MARTINEZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PETRA MARTINEZ were issued on February 20, 2001 in Cause No. PR-2422 pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas to RUDY MARTINEZ, whose address is as follows:

RUDY MARTINEZ
4024 NE 4th Street
Dimmitt, TX 79027

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner

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Ms. Sandra Lea Honea
4024 Mesa Drive
Plano, Texas 75074

Ms. Martha Kay Rhyne
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Sherman, Texas 75092

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prescribed by law to RUDY MARTINEZ at the above address.
Dated this 20th day of February, 2001.

RUDY MARTINEZ,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
PETRA MARTINEZ, Deceased
25-48-11c

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR 2417

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CASTRO
 By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 2nd day of February, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. 94-04-A-6758-CV, CASTRO COUNTY VS. DUNCAN, GLENN.
 All of Lots Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), Block One Hundred Eight (108), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 9805-A7302, CASTRO COUNTY VS. ROSALEZ, RAMIRO.
 All of Lots Number Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Number Forty-nine (49), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 99-03-A-7418-TX, CASTRO COUNTY VS. TERRAZAS, SIMON.
 Parts of Lots No. 5 and 6, Block No. 57, of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

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County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:
Tract 1: Being a part of Lot No. 5, Block No. 57, of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Lot No. 5;
THENCE North 50 feet to the North-west corner of said Lot No. 5;
THENCE East 8 feet to the West line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains right-of-way line;
THENCE Southeasterly along said right-of-way to a point in the North line of Lot No. 6 in said Block;
THENCE West 34.6 feet to the place of beginning.
Tract 2: A part of Lot No. 6 in Block No. 57, of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Lot No. 6;
THENCE North 50 feet to the North-west corner of said Lot No. 6;
THENCE East 34.6 feet to the West line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains right-of-way line;
THENCE Southeasterly along said right-of-way to a point in the South line of said Lot No. 6, which point is on Bedford

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Street;
THENCE West 61.2 feet to the place of beginning.
 Levied on the 5th day of February, 2001, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties and interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CITY OF DIMMITT.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 5th day of February 2001.
 CD FITZGEARLD
 Sheriff, Castro County, Texas
 BY: JERRY W. JANSKA, Deputy
 25-46-3tc

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS
 NOTICE is hereby given that MARY A. LOCKHART, dba Lockhart Pharmacy, heretofore a sole proprietorship owned by MARY A. LOCKHART and doing business at Dimmitt, Texas, will be dissolved, and that after February 1, 2001, the business will be conducted without change of firm name by LOCKHART PHARMACY, INC., a Texas corporation, at the same place of business in Dimmitt, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Act.
 25-47-4tc

LEGAL NOTICE
 Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for painting the inside walls of the Expo Building. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge's Office by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2001. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 26, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.
 Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.
 IRENE MILLER
 CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE
 25-48-2tc

20—Help Wanted

Muleshoe Area HealthCare Center
 is now accepting resumes and/or letters of interest for the following positions:
 RNs LVNs
 CMAs CNAs Social Worker
 Prefer applicants with Alzheimer's and/or Long Term Care experience
Muleshoe Area HealthCare Center offers:
 • NEW STATE OF THE ART FACILITY OPENING SOON IN A NEW LOCATION
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 • PLEASANT WORKING ENVIRONMENT
 • OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 Interested persons are asked to submit resumes and/or letters of interest to the Administrator of Muleshoe Area HealthCare Center, 106 West Avenue H, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
 No phone calls, please.
 All inquiries confidential. Please mark your envelope "PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL"


20—Help Wanted

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
 The Dimmitt Independent School District will receive proposals for the purchase of the insurance coverages listed below until 10:00 a.m., March 23, 2001. Those wishing to submit a response to this RFP may deliver or mail their response to the Central Administration Building of the district, located at 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027.

- PROPERTY COVERAGE
- EDP EQUIPMENT FLOATER
- BAND EQUIPMENT/INSTRUMENTS FLOATER
- GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE
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- BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE
- CRIME
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Proposals, specifications, or additional information may be obtained from John Chase, Business Manager, 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. The telephone number is 806-647-3101. The fax number is 806-647-5433; however, no proposals will be accepted by fax.
 One copy of a proposal should be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to the attention of John Chase. The envelope or package containing a proposal should be clearly marked "RESPONSE TO RFP-PROPERTY/CASUALTY".
 All proposers are required to read the enclosed GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS and PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS prior to submitting a completed proposal. The Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities.
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Breast cancer screening set
 A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on March 12. Appointments are still available for the screening.
 Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.
 The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.
 Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.
 Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.
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In Region 1-AAA semifinals Bobcats, Graham to collide in battle of state-ranked teams

It will be the state's fifth-ranked Dimmitt Bobcats (24-8) against the fourth-ranked Graham (30-2) in the regional semifinals Friday at 7:30 p.m. at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

The two teams will face off in the first of two semifinal games. The other will pit Seminole (30-4) against Glen Rose (27-6).

Winners of those two matchups will square off Saturday at 5 p.m. for the Region 1-AAA championship.

Dimmitt earned a berth in the regional tournament by beating Crane, 79-51, on Tuesday night.

"We're glad to be here," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle. "I'm very proud of the kids. This is a great opportunity for us and we hope to make the most of that opportunity."

Steinle knew very little about Graham early Wednesday morning, but he said he does know they are very athletic and extremely quick.

"When you get this far in the playoffs, you expect teams to be solid," Steinle said.

Graham, District 6-A champion, is coached by former Nazareth Head Coach Mark Makeever.

Graham reached the regional tournament a year ago, losing to Seminole in the semifinals.

To reach this year's regional semifinals, Graham posted an area win over Springtown, 68-59; and beat Hillsboro, 75-72, in the regional quarterfinals Tuesday.

"Graham is very quick and they are a good, fundamentally sound team," said Steinle. "They link to play an up-tempo game and run a full-court, pressure man-to-man defense. They've been scoring a lot of points."

Steinle said Graham's two best players are 6-4 post Blaine Wilbanks, who scored 22 points in Tuesday night's win over Hillsboro; and 6-3 guard Mark Duncan, who hit five three pointers in that game and finished with 30 points.

"They are very consistent and have balanced scoring. They consistently score around 20 points quarter," Steinle said.

Class of 1991 plans reunion

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

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

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

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

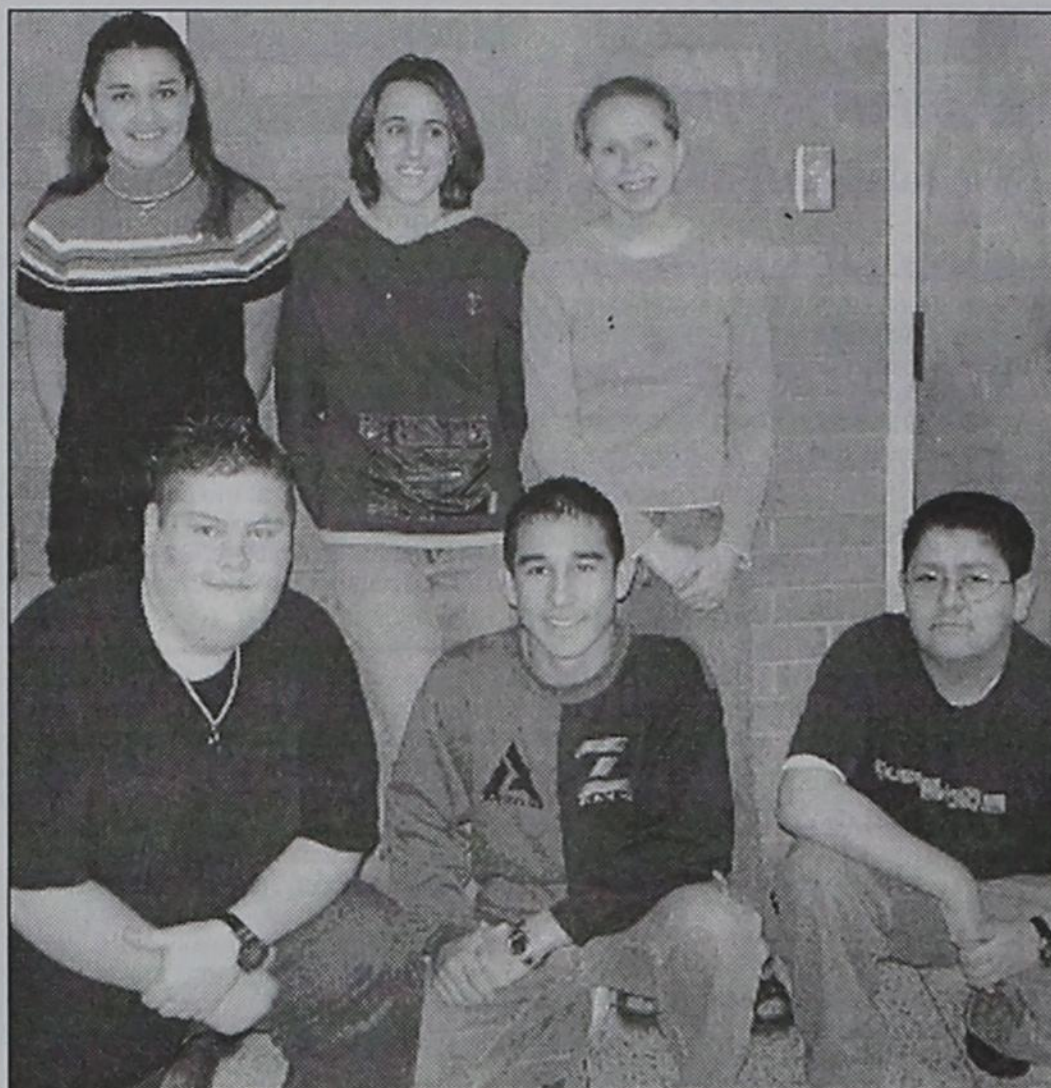
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TCGA plans BBQ dinner, discussion

The 2001 farm bill, energy prices, and the Growers National Coop Crop Insurance Program will be discussed at a free barbecue dinner next Thursday, March 8, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The meeting and meal are being coordinated by Carl King and the Texas Corn Growers Association (TCGA), and will be sponsored by the Growers National Coop and TCGA.

The public is invited to attend.



SOLO AND ENSEMBLE WINNERS—Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band members who participated in the UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon Saturday included (front, from left) Todd Jansa, L.J. Soler and Ruben Leal; and (back, from left) Chris Back, Rachal Harman and Melanie Walls. Harman, Jansa and Soler all earned I ratings on Class I solos and will advance to the state solo and ensemble contest in May. Leal and Walls received II ratings on Class I solos, and Back had a I rating on a Class II solo.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Quilters will need housing

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 5-7 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Davis at 647-5362.

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt show.

The Ogallala Quilters' Society is an organization with over 200 members from the tri-state area.

Swifts to face New Home in semi-state semifinal

Nazareth and New Home will meet Friday at 1 p.m. in a semi-state semifinal game at Midwestern State University's D. Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls.

The two are the only Region 1, Division II teams remaining in the playoffs, and the winner of that semifinal game will meet either Westbrook or Utopia from Region 2, Division II, on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the semi-state tournament finals.

The winner of that championship game will earn a ticket to the Class A state tournament in Austin.

New Home is 28-4 on the year and the team captured the District 7-A championship.

To reach the semi-state tourney, New Home posted playoff wins over Loop, 61-49; Whitharral, 62-45; and Happy, 65-49.

A pair of fundamentally sound twin guards and two posts with decent height provide balanced scoring for New Home.

Shawn Wied and Michael Wied are the twin guards who direct the New Home attack, and Jason Reyes provides a solid scoring threat from the inside.

New Home met Nazareth's district rival, Happy, in the Section 1 final last week, and opened up a close game with a big third-quarter run to claim the championship.

Shawn Wied and Reyes combined for 39 points in that victory.

"New Home is pretty balanced in their scoring and those twin guards are solid players," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarborough. "They've got a 6-2 forward who can play either inside or outside, then they've got a big 6-3 post on the inside."

"They are very deliberate in their half-court defense and they are very patient on offense. They work the ball around until they get good percentage shots. They are very fundamentally sound," he said.

Westbrook won the District 11-A championship, then proceeded to dismantle Trent; Balmorhea, 76-53; and D'Hanis, 74-61, in its playoff games.

Utopia was the runner-up in District 15-A behind D'Hanis, and it topped Lometa, 88-45; Brookesmith, 49-38; and Blackwell, 80-47, to qualify for the semi-state tournament.

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