Four local races draw spotlight

Primary elections are set for Tuesday across the state for both the Republican and Democratic parties. Early voting will end Friday.

Four local races are contested in the Democratic Primary and have been credited with bringing in a "pretty good number" of early ballots so far-well over 100, according to County Clerk Joyce Thomas.

The greatest number of candidates in a single race are the three running for Castro County/District Attorney. Incumbent Jerry Matthews is being challenged by Jack Edwards and James Horton.

Incumbent Castro County Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman is being challenged by Marshall Young.

Incumbent Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld is being challenged by can ballots also carry a referendum on student-initiated prayer at school sport-Santos Perez.

In the race for Castro County Commissioner of Pct. 1, incumbent Newlon Rowland is being challenged by Harold Smith.

Those who are unopposed in their bids are incumbent Castro County Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldridge and incumbent Castro County Constable

No local candidates filed in the Republican Primary.

state-wide offices, as well as for President and Vice President. The Republi- held April 11. Early voting for the runoff elections would be held April 3-7.

ing events.

In addition, voters may select Party County Chairmen.

Voters need to be aware that if they signed any candidate petitions, they must vote in the party primary of that candidate.

If any runoff elections are required following the primaries, qualified However, candidates are listed on ballots for both parties for area and persons may register to vote in the runoff by Monday. The runoff would be

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Naz dunks Valley View to win state crown

Swiftettes rekindle victory flame



The championship moment

Nazareth Swiftette senior Sara Schulte (20) is mobbed by her teammates, including Nichole Huseman, Wendy Black and others, as the final buzzer sounds in the Class A state championship game Saturday morning at the

Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Swiftettes captured a state and national record 14th championship with a 72-56 victory over Valley View in the title game.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

By Don Nelson

Now the Swiftettes have still another star to add to their warmup jackets. And this one will have the millennial 00 on it.

That's 14 stars now—one for every state championship. More than any other girls' basketball program in the entire nation.

That has got to be intimidating for any opponent, before the game even starts, to see all those stars on the Swiftettes' warmups and realize that each star represents a separate story of sacrifice, commitment, excellence and accomplishment by a very special sisterhood.

The Swiftettes' sisterhood of stars dates back 23 years, and includes some of these girls' mothers and aunts.

That's a tradition that's unmatched anywhere.

(I like the phrase that Roger Clark-(Continued on Page 2)

DHS prom guidelines will include screening measures

being admitted from 7:30 to 8:30 counsel.

enter through the one door desig- of the Dimmitt Police Dept. DISD nated by the decorating committee. Supt. Les Miller expressed concern Exiting the building will be through that if the police administer the tests the same door.

will be administered a breathalyzer test, and if that test is positive, the Schaeffer said he felt the screenings person will be administered a second test using test strips held in the mouth to absorb saliva. If the second device. Further details will be test is positive, the parents of the worked out after more information is student will be called to come and pick up the student. If the parents be taken home by an adult sponsor. Board members also discussed

The Dimmitt School Board voted having a representative of the drug Monday night to approve proposed testing company at the Prom to conguidelines for admission to the 2000 duct further testing in cases where the first two tests register positive. The official starting time for the The provision was left open until event will be 8 p.m., with students consultation with the district's legal

The board discussed having the All entrants to the prom must breathalyzer tests taken by members it could become a police matter, Each person entering the building rather than just a school disciplinary matter. Board member David should be administered by someone who is experienced at using such a

The policy states that refusal to 307 cannot be contacted, the student will take the alcohol screening tests will be treated the same as a positive 408 (Continued on Page 2)

It was pure excitement!

Nazareth senior Cassie Birkenfeld pinpointed how every member of the Swiftettes' basketball team felt Saturday morning as No. 3 Nazareth methodically pulled away from the much fun together. No. 1-ranked Valley View Lady Class A state championship game.

quarter run to gain the momentum in the game, then fed off of that excitement through the fourth quarter to claim the school's 14th state championship with a 72-56 victory over Valley View before a crowd of 9,125 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

A national record

The 14th state title set national and state records, but it was the first gold medal achieved by this group of Swiftettes and coaches.

After falling behind Valley View by two early in the third, Nazareth reeled off 14 unanswered points to take an 11-point lead with 2:41 remaining in the period. That fanned the sparks of excitement into a full flame that the Lady Eagles couldn't extinguish.

"We just felt like everything we put up was going to go in," said Birkenfeld, who earned all-state tournament honors along with teammates Shawna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting. "We all wanted the ball.

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Here's where to vote

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Republican

Location

Location American Legion Hall, Hart Sunnyside Baptist Church Courthouse, Rm. 109 Texas Sesame, Flagg Dimmitt High School Easter Community Bldg. Courthouse, Rm. 200 Nazareth American Legion Hall

were going to make it or else we'd get the rebound and put it back in. Once we get on spurts like that everything clicks. We just have so

Gerber was the team's leading Eagles in second-half action of the scorer Saturday with 23 points while Birkenfeld chipped in 20 and The Swiftettes used a 19-9 third- Hoelting added 12. Birkenfeld and

We knew once we took a shot we Gerber tied for top rebounding honors with eight apiece. Birkenfeld finished with eight assists and a steal and made four three-pointers. Gerber made three treys, and finished with three assists and three steals.

"Ever since we were little it's always been a dream to go to Austin and play in the state tournament. The

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THE GARRETT FAMILY ... (From left) Courtney, Matt and Austin Matthew (with medal).

Mother, baby, father, trophy all doing fine

For Nazareth's first-year coach Matt Garrett, winning the state championship Saturday was icing on the cake of a very special and memorable

Between the Swiftettes' 63-43 state semifinal win over Moulton last Thursday, and their 72-56 victory over Valley View Saturday for the state title, Garrett's wife, Courtney, gave birth to the couple's first child, a 7 lb., 11.6 oz. baby boy, on Friday night.

The baby was due on Feb. 26, and doctors wouldn't allow Courtney to travel to Austin and the state tournament.

Garrett didn't think he'd be able to be there to watch his child enter the

He and Courtney had discussed what they'd do if she did go into labor while he was in Austin and had decided he would remain with the team. The couple's parents, Malcolm Jr. and Marilyn Garrett of Lubbock, and Jeff and Dorothy Grote of Mason, were staying with Courtney while Garrett was in

Austin with his team. Last Thursday, Garrett found out doctors were planning to induce labor on Courtney Friday morning, which was the Swifettes' day off.

Garrett kept the news of the impending delivery to himself, leading his team through a shoot-around practice at Concordia University Friday morning. Then the team went to the state capitol where they were treated to a tour of the facility by Texas House Speaker Pete Laney's staff.

That's when Garrett told Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson and Principal Deb Clinton that Courtney was in labor.

A short time later, Johnson told Garrett that Laney had offered to fly Garrett back to Dimmitt on his private plane so he could be with his wife. It didn't take long for Garrett to agree.

Garrett boarded Laney's plane, piloted by Mark Thompson, around noon on Friday. The plane landed at the Dimmitt Airport about 1:15 p.m., and Garrett headed straight for the labor and delivery ward at Plains Memorial

Hospital. He was there with time to spare. "I'm very appreciative to Pete for what he did for me and my family," Garrett said. "I'm know he did it out of the kindness of his heart. I'm just glad

there are people out there who care about others." The little guy took his time in arriving, finally entering the world Friday at

8:30 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The baby's name was a natural—Austin Matthew

"We had already decided on the name beforehand," Garrett said.

Coach Garrett hopped back aboard Laney's plane around 10:30 p.m. Friday and headed back to Austin. He was wide awake and ready for the state finals

Courtney and the proud grandparents gathered around a radio in the hospital room and cheered the coach and team on to victory in Austin while a peaceful Austin rested in his crib, oblivious of the momentous events his parents were

experiencing. On Saturday afternoon, Garrett was on a commercial flight back to the Panhandle to celebrate the victory with his wife and son.

"I was looking forward to playing the game Saturday, but I was also ready to get back home and be with my family," Garrett said.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE?—The 1999 cotton harvest here didn't end until Friday, when custom harvesters finished stripping this field just inside the county's southern boundary east of Dodd. The delay was caused by legal wrangling. The grower, Bryan Hamilton, said the crop was damaged last June when an unlicensed applicator sprayed a herbicide on a nearby field. Hamilton said the herbicide was LandMaster,

which is a mixture of Roundup and 2,4D. The neighbor agreed to pay for the crop's harvesting and ginning, Hamilton said. He estimated the yield at less than half a bale per acre, whereas his 10-year average has been almost two bales per acre. All surrounding counties allow the spraying of 2,4D only at specified periods during the year; however, Castro County has no such restrictions. Photo by Don Nelson

More about

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son of the Amarillo Globe-News used to describe Naz basketball:"The most storied girls' program in history." Wish I had come up with that.)

Congratulations again, Swiftettes. We're all proud of you.

As one who was there at the beginning, when Cathy Wilson took her first team to state in 1976 and when they won it all for the first time in '77, and who has witnessed all 13 state championships under seven different coaches since then, I can tell you:

It never gets old.

What a great story about Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett's flying trip home to be here for the birth of his son, Austin Matthew, between the semifinals and the championship that.

But is that the most hectic any Swiftette coach has ever had it during a state tournament?

I don't think so.

Remember when Joe Lombard was the coach for both the girls' and boys' teams at Nazareth High?

When he had the Swiftettes in the state tourney and the Swifts in the regional tournament at the same time two years in a row, and had to fly back and forth to coach five games in three days at Austin and Levelland both years?

When his teams won the state girls' championship and the regional boys' championship on the same Saturday in 1985, and did it again in

It just doesn't get more hectic than

At least Coach Garrett got to sit down after he got home, and let his wife, Courtney, do the work.

Honorable Pete Laney, Speaker Texas House of Representatives Austin, TX 78768

Dear Pete:

One more time: Thanks again from all of us!

On Saturday morning, the 1975 Dimmitt Bobcats will be recognized as this year's Class AAA Honor Team during the state finals in Austin.

I'll have a picture and a story about it for you in next week's edition.

It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. . . .

Trustees for the Castro County

Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group completes water supply availability assessment

ground water is available to satisfy regional water management plans the current and future needs of resi- that identify short-term and longdents in area towns and cities?

water supply availability studies just gies to address those needs. distributed to officials in the 76 towns and cities within the 21-county completed the work under contract Llano Estacado Regional Water with the Texas Water Development Planning Region.

explanation of the geology and hy- complete a statewide water plan by drology of the water rights area, an 2002. assessment of the town's water supplies, saturated thickness maps of the Water Planning Group members and Ogallala Formation, and maps of the the water user groups they represent town's water rights area," said Don are Dr. Lloyd Urban of Lubbock, McReynolds, technical division director of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation Dist. No. Bob Josserand of Hereford, Jerry 1 in Lubbock. "These water assessment studies have allowed us to determine the water needs of small bock, municipalities; Gene Monttowns and cities within the Llano gomery of Houston, industries; S.M. Estacado Regional Water Planning Region through 2050."

High Plains Water District staff members visited the city manager and/or water superintendent in each town within the planning group area to learn about its water rights and the location of its municipal water wells. The information was brought back to the water district office in Lubbock, where maps of the water rights areas were plotted onto saturated thickness

maps of the Ogallala Formation. The maps were then planimetered to determine the current volume of water in storage in the city's water rights area. The resulting value was compared to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) projections of future water use to determine the adequacy of the town's water supply in meeting future demands through the planning horizon of 2050.

As part of the provisions of Senate Bill 1, passed during the 75th Texas Legislative Session, the TWDB divided the state into 16 regional water planning groups. Each region is responsible for developing its own long-term water plan. Since

How much surface water and meeting on a regular basis to develop True Jr of Plainview, Delaine term water supply needs and to rec-The answer is contained in the ommend water management strate-

Board, which has the responsibility "Each report contains a general to use the planning group's data to

The Llano Estacado Regional Plains, county governments; Mayor Webster of Tahoka, and Bruce Blalack, and Ches Carthel of Lub-

Baucum of Seminole, Delmon Ellison of Seagraves, Richard Leonard of Lamesa, Dr. John Abernathy and Harold "Bo" Brown of Lubbock, agriculture; Jim Steiert of Hereford. The High Plains Water District environment; Don McElroy of Muleshoe, small business; Bill Harbin of Floydada, electric generating utilities; John Garland of Waco, river authorities; A. Wayne Wyatt of Lubbock, Lee Arrington of Brownfield, and Kent Satterwhite of Sanford, water districts; and Henry Rieff of Cotton Center, water utili-

The water planning region inpublic sector; Judge Dallas Brewer of cludes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum coun-

<u>Letter</u>

AFS sets 'Host Family Recognition Week'

Dear Editor,

ican Field Service (AFS) Host Family munity for meeting and working with Recognition Week. It is the time these students and participating in our when AFS, the world's oldest and effort to encourage more understandmost diverse exchange organization, ing worldwide. recognizes families who have embraced the global concept by opening vite you to do so and to learn more their homes to AFS high school ex- about their countries through their change students the world over.

Nazareth Michael Kormann of Austria have been learning about American sports, traditions, culture-and Texas English—while we are learning about their countries.

AFS honors the Lance and Terri Loudder family for hosting Lars, and the Jerry and Judy Lange family for February 1998, the groups have been hosting the second time with AFS in

hosting Michael. Thanks also go to Next week, March 12-18, is Amer- the teachers, administrators and com-

If you have not met them, we inexcellent presentations. The AFS In Dimmitt and Lazbuddie High program involves 7,000 students Lars Angantyr of Sweden and in annually in exchange programs from one to 11 months in length world-

> For further information on hosting or study and community service abroad, call the central regional office, 1-800-876-2377.

> > DARLENE BIRKES AFS Area Rep

place in shows

Members of the Dimmitt FFA won placings in three recent stock shows around the state, including a group award at one show.

Houston

In the Barrow Show, Tyler Cornett showed the Breed Champion Chester White. Eric Odom had the second place heavyweight Berkshire. Matthew Wright showed the fifth place Cross. Tucker Self had the 13th place Hampshire. Jake Porsch showed the 23rd place Cross.

In the Heifer Show, Tanner Self showed the second place Shorthorn; and in the Steer Show, Taylor Matthews had the 10th place middleweight Brahma, while Dennis Underwood showed the 13th place middleweight Shorthorn.

San Antonio

Winning the first place Group Herdsman Award in the Sheep Show were Cliff Wright, Heather Jeter, Shae Odom, Dakota Pitcock, Laura Rasor and Jinna Wright. A cash award for the club came with the banner award

In the Barrow Division, Adam Wright showed the ninth place Hampshire.

Fort Worth

In the Barrow Division, Dennis Underwood showed the 12th place medium Cross, Mary Bradley had the 13th place light Duroc, and Jeremy Simpson showed the 15th place heavy Hampshire.

Love, though proverbially blind, is often very prone to see something which has no existence whatever.

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Dimmitt FFA'ers Local candidate filing continues

school and hospital board positions, through March 22.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who had filed as of Tuesday are listed below.

members whose terms are expiring are Roy Garza, Dist. 1; Gloria Hernandez, Dist. 2; Charles Richard, Dist. 3; and Roger Malone, Dist. 4.

DISD-Terms are expiring for

John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has filed in Place 1.

Hart

City of Hart—Terms are expiring for Aldermen Harold Smith, Richard Entrekin, and Horace E. "Tom" McLain.

Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed.

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ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

In the May 6 elections for city, Hospital District whose terms are candidates may file for office expiring are Mark Welch and Dr.

Dimmitt

City of Dimmitt-City council

All incumbents have filed for re-

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5.

Entrekin and McLain have filed, along with Bill Rich.

HISD-Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and

Nazareth

City of Nazareth—Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are coming to the end of their terms.

NISD-Those whose terms are

More about DHS prom

Welch has filed.

W.J. Hill.

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result and parents will be contacted. Students will be required to sign both in and out to establish a record that they were there and took the screening tests both coming in and

going out. All adults admitted to the building also will be asked to participate in the same screening measures as the students.

Students will be allowed to go outside the building only if they are accompanied by a school sponsor. If a student leaves without a school sponsor, the student will not be allowed to return to the prom.

Class sponsors of each grade level at the high school signed a letter of support for the proposed guidelines, and students and parents were involved in drawing up the proposal.

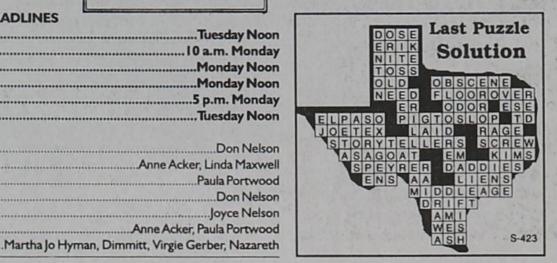
In other business, the board: -After an executive session, accepted the resignations of DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill, and Greg Ragland, an assistant coach at

DHS. —Voted to continue the district's property/casualty insurance with the Texas Association of School Boards, but to increase the level of general liability and professional legal liability to \$2 million.

-Heard reports on the FFA program, and girls' and boys' basket-

-Heard quarterly reports on the food service and investments.

—Approved textbook lists. -Accepted the 1999-2004 technology plan as presented by Doricell Davis.





The Original

SARA SCHULTE (20) drives baseline, pulls up and takes a short, but is fouled by Moulton's Melanie Dornak on the play. Schulte makes one of her two free throw attempts to give Nazareth a 10-6 lead with 1:23 left in the first quarter of the Class A state semifinal game last Thursday. The Swiftettes used a stifling press to hold Moulton at bay for a 63-43 win. Nazareth went on to win the state title Saturday morning with a 72-56 win over Valley View.

TEXAS

CROSSWORD

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On the GO with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Grayson Robert Smith, born Feb. 17. Grandparents are Robert and Norma Smith of Dimmitt. Grayson has two Presbyterian Church at Hereford sisters, Courtney Elise and Kynzee Sunday. He preached and then held Blair. They are all excited about having a baby boy in the family.

I know how the Smiths feel. We Her name is Riley Ann Durbin. The Ann is for her great-grandmothers, Anita Baccus and Anna Schulte. Riley's grandparents are Martha Jo Hyman and Harold Hyman of Dimmitt and Joan and Paul Durbin of Nazareth. She weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a big sister, Aubrie Nikkole Durbin.

Speaking of babies, not many births of the firstborn can equal the exciting birth of Austin Matthew Garret. Austin's father is the head girls' basketball coach at Nazareth. With his wife, Courtney, in labor and his team vying for the state championship—that has to be a perplexing situation.

Friends, neighbors and just genuinely nice West Texans came to the rescue. Pete Laney offered his plane and brought him home in time for the baby's birth, and then took him back. There have to be several "Good Neighbor for the Day" nominations. This has to be one for the books. Two champions in one day.

Congratulations both to the Nazareth girls and to Austin Matthew Garrett and parents, Courtney and

The Community Concert group went to Plainview for a presentation by Gloria Saarinen and Mark DeBois of Toronto, Canada. Also in atten-

John and Kelli Smith of Amarillo dance were former Dimmitt residents when Mark came out in the audience are the parents of a baby boy named Don and Bea Ethington and Jack and Murna Miller.

> Ed Freeman held services at the communion services. The church

there is temporarily without a pastor. The Pro Family Forum will meet have a new baby girl, born March 1. Friday at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Cotton Patch in Plainview. This group has been together for over 20

> Lee Street Baptist Church held a luncheon for senior citizens on Friday. Those attending said it was a very nice meal. About 17 or 18 attended, including some members of the Hospital Auxiliary. The church plans to hold the meals on the first Friday of each month, and any senior citizen is welcome to attend. For more information, call the church at land, and Neely and Adria Lankford 647-5474.

Also, on Sunday Lee Street Baptist held a covered dish luncheon honoring their pastor, Jeff Addison, on the one year anniversary of when he was called to serve here. Several rillo. church members gave testimonials about how Bro. Jeff and his wife, Christina, have blessed their lives and what a difference they have made for the congregation.

Mary Edna Hendrix celebrated her 85th birthday last weekend. It started on Friday morning when she went to the beauty shop and they sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Friday night the Hopsons took her to Plainview to eat at Furr's and then to the community concert performance with Gloria Saarinen, pianist, and Mark DuBois, soloist, both of Toronto, Canada. The highlight was

and got on his knees and sang to Mary Edna.

The Kirbys had planned to go, but had another engagement, so Billie took Mary Edna some home-canned

On Saturday, Mary Edna's daughters, Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo and Sue Vaughan of Dallas, hosted a luncheon at the Divine Grind Tea Room in Amarillo. They were assisted by Mary Lynn's daughter, Lauren Feazell of Midland, Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt, and Annise Goodell of Amarillo.

A delicious lunch was served to guests Louise Kemp, Kate Beecher, Bertha Thompson, Irene Carpenter, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Mearle Morgan, and Louise Mears, all of Dimmitt; Decimae Dennis of Midof Amarillo. Debbie and Alyson Smith went by after Alyson's soccer game. Annise brought a beautiful birthday cake. Bobby Murdock was brave enough to drive them to Ama-

Mary Edna received many cards and gifts and telephone calls. Rosetta Bellinghausen called from Munday, along with Kate Beecher's cousin, Nancy Hawkins of Munday, and sang "Happy Birthday." Mary Edna's sister-in-law called from New York. Oleta Gollehon was not able to attend the luncheon, so she called and sang "Happy Birthday."

Mary Edna would like to thank everyone who had a part in helping her celebrate.

Chauncey Gilbreath and her two friends wished Mary Edna "Happy Birthday" during "Greeting Time" at church Sunday morning.

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joe or corn dog,

tossed salad, fried okra, applesauce, fruit salad

FRIDAY: * Cheese pizza or baked potato,

MONDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger and

TUESDAY: * Chicken nuggets and bread or

WEDNESDAY: * Nachos or com dogs;

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak and

FRIDAY: * Bean chalupa or chef's salad;

Items designated with an asterisk () will

rolls or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy,

lettuce, peas, applesauce, green Jell-O and milk

grapes, dessert and milk or juice.

green beans, pineapple, tropical apples and

salad, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk or

French fries, lettuce, corn, peaches, brownies

chef's salad, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes,

pears, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.

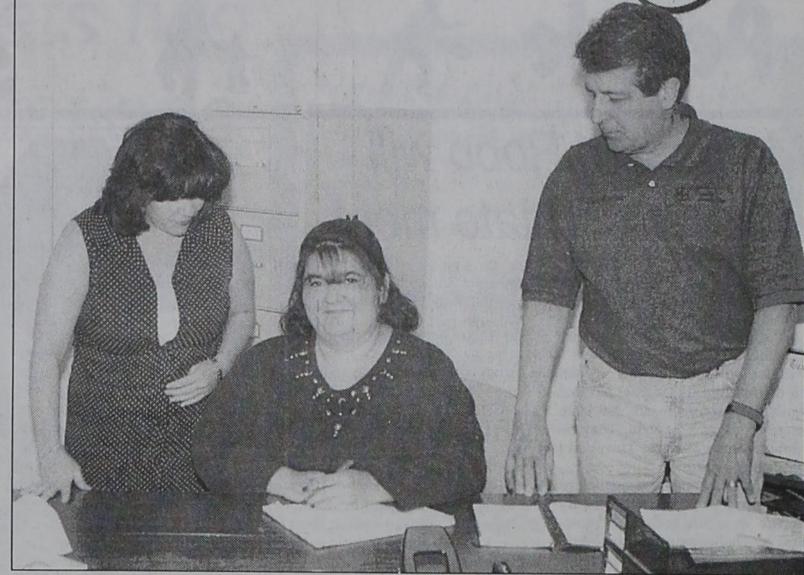
cereal, orange juice and milk.

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juice and milk.

and milk or juice.

and milk or juice.



WELCOME TO DIMMITT—Susana Mondragon (seated) is welcomed to her new job as a counselor with Catholic Family Services in Dimmitt by fellow-

counselor Donna Montes (left) and At Risk Youth Program coordinator Dick McCann, M.Ed. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Mondragon is new counselor at Catholic Family Services

Susana Mondragon is a counselor brother, Fernando Herrera, who with Catholic Family Services in Dimmitt. She began her duties here recently, and works with clients in

Castro, Bailey and Parmer counties. Mondragon said she was hired because the case load has increased so much for the local office. Mondragon is a STAR (Services for Truant And Runaway youth) Counselor, and works mainly with children ages 7 to 17.

She said the primary focus of the CFS program in Dimmitt is dealing with severe family conflict, runaways and truants.

She said they work for family unification, with programs available that offer parenting skills classes for parents, as well as life skills classes FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange for youths.

A native of Hereford, Mondragon graduated from Hereford High School in 1990 and attended West Texas A&M University for a year, before dropping out of college. Five years later, she got back in school at WTAMU, then transferred to Texas Tech University, where she obtained her bachelor of arts degree in social work with a minor in psychology in December 1999. She hopes to complete work on a second degree in Spanish, and wants to work toward her master's in social work. She faces her state licensing exam in June to obtain her Licensed Social Worker

certification Mondragon said she is living in Dimmitt and really enjoys the community. She is a Catholic. Her family still lives in Hereford, but she has a

works at the Castro County Jail in Dimmitt. In Hereford, Mondragon helped

start NAMI Hereford, a chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She also has been asked to serve on the board of a Domestic at the CFS office or call 647-0323 Violence/Rape Crisis shelter that is being established in Hereford and that also will serve Dimmitt.

She said she also would like to way house established in Dimmitt. see a NAMI chapter established in

the stigma that is attached to mental illness by the community," Mondragon said. "They need help the community."

Mondragon said one of her big dreams for Dimmitt is to see a recre-

"There is a need in Dimmitt for blessed in my life."

something for the youth to do," Mondragon said. She said CFS is conducting a survey to see what the public feels are the most pressing needs for the community. She said anyone is welcome to fill out a survey form. The forms can be obtained for more information.

Mondragon also said she would like to see a youth shelter or half-

"I think there is a big need here in Dimmitt, otherwise we wouldn't "The hardest part is trying to fight need two counselors here," she said. "I think more need help than we

She said the adversity she faced where they can live and integrate into growing up in a poor family helps her to understand what kids are facing when they come for help.

"I have a very strong spiritual ation center established for local faith instilled by my mom," Mondragon said. "I have been very

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 10-18.

DIMMITT **Elementary Breakfast** THURSDAY: Com Pops cereal, fresh

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

banana and milk.

High School Breakfast THURSDAY: Hot oatmeal, fresh banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk. FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater

tots, hamburger salad and milk. MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger, cheese enchiladas or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and choco-

late milk, white milk or punch. MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

> 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-FRIDAY: No school

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice steak finger basket or chicken sandwich with chips, rolls, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or

FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich with chips or cheese enchilada; tortilla pieces, salad, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH Breakfast

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

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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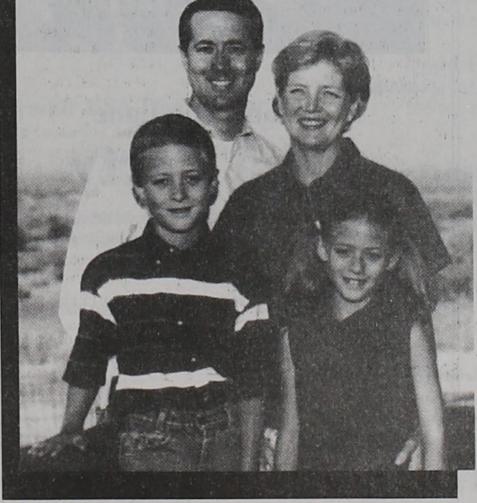
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Trinity Robb and Jase Merritt, sophomores at Nazareth High School, will go for the gold in the 2000 University Interscholastic League (UIL) state cross-examination meet this week in Austin.

Robb and Merritt teamed to win the district title in January and that finish qualified them for the state meet, which will be held Saturday through March 18 at the University of Texas in Austin.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problemsolving and critical thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL debate director. "This year's cross-examinaresearch extensively in order to examine educational policies designed to increase academic achievement in ing, the soldier will receive instrucsecondary schools in the United tion in drill and ceremonies, weap-States.

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ideas through the debate forum has challenged students and increased their awareness," Riggins said.

Through participation in the state meet, Robb and Merritt will qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) scholarships.

Martinez reports for basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Andy D. Martinez has arrived at Fort Knox, Key., to complete basic combat training.

Martinez is the son of Mati Martinez of Plainview. His wife, Rosie, is tion debate topic required students to the daughter of Barney Luna of

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Chad Rogers and Carrie Bradley

Bradley and Rogers to wed

Ray and A'llan Bradley of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carrie, to Chad Willis Rogers, son of Andy and Kay Rogers of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange vows June 3 in the First United Methodist Sava said. The only rabbit in the pen

A 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School, the bride-elect is a junior at that little Curtis Tate hit in the head Texas Tech University, where she is majoring in elementary education. She is with a stick and threw in there.' The employed with the Everett Seymour and Jeffery Peck Law Firm.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of DHS, and is a senior at Tech, and between our legs and around us. where he is majoring in general business. He is employed in his family's ranching business.

and the bride-elect plans to finish her college education.

Quilt Festival entry deadline set March 18

March 18 is the last day that entries will be accepted for the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April

"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

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Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 5 at 9

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 4. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop of Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, The Needle Nook in Midland, The Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., or Susie Edwards, 1936 N.

Doris Lust at 647-5637.

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

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

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Chamber seeking ideas for rollicking new event

merce is hoping to organize an event "that would be fun and might attract a few people to visit Castro County."

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava said he ran across "Give us a call at the Chamber if you information about the "Great Jack have ideas about activities we might Rabbit Roundup" that was held here use to turn The Great Jack Rabbitt on April 1, 1925, and it sparked an Roundup into Dimmitt's own version idea for something similar today.

Sava came across the information ver's Cow Chip Throwing Contest." when he was researching original county history stories for The Times & Tales of Mr. Goose, based on stories told by Goose Ramey of Dimmitt.

"It seems that the county was overrun with 'them critters,' and some of our town fathers came up with the idea of a round up as a way to eradicate them," Sava said. "The premise was to have all the local folks make a big circle out around the county that morning and to start driving the rabbits into a chicken wire pen that had been constructed in the vicinity of where AgriFarm Industries is

"It didn't go well, according to Mr. Ramey. Apparently those organizing the event didn't realize that jackrabbits don't drive. Each one has its own territory and won't leave it," at the end of the day was 'a dead one rest of the rabbits 'jumped over us

The Dimmitt Chamber of Com- They just wouldn't drive," Sava recounted.

"Now it seems to me that we have a ready-built event here that we simply need to develop," Sava said. of Liberal's Pancake Race or Bea-

Anyone with input about the proposed project should contact Sava at the Chamber office at 647-2524.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL Matt and Courtney Garrett of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Austin Matthew Garrett, who was born at 8:30 p.m. on March 3 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Austin checked in with a weight of 7lbs., 11.6 ounces; and he was 21 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Malcolm Jr. and Marilyn Garrett of Lubbock. Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Dorothy Grote of Mason. Great-grandparents are Maudell McDonald of Mason, Malcolm Garrett Sr. of Lubbock and Earl and Lois Langley of

After the wedding, the couple plan to reside on a ranch near Clovis, N.M., Art show dealine dependence of the bride-elect plans to finish her college education. set for March 23

The Plains Art Association will hold its annual Spring Art Show & Sale March 27-April 20, with the category will receive \$100, with \$60 entry deadline set for March 23.

ham Family Art Gallery at Wayland Baptist University, 1900 West Seventh Street in Plainview, between 3 and 7 p.m. March 23.

Judging will be on March 24, with the show going on display to the Charles Adams, owner of the Charles public starting March 27. Works Adams Gallery in Lubbock. submitted but not selected for the show need to be picked up on March 27. Awards will be presented at a reception on March 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery.

All selected works, including Purchase Awards, must remain on exhibit for the duration of the exhibi-

There is an entry fee of \$6 per water media (under glass), pas- (TSHL). tels/graphics (drawing, pencil, ink, (sculpture, pottery, fiber arts, etc.).

two years. The work must not have expenses. been shown before in a PAA show. eligible.

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The Best of Show award will be \$250 cash, and first place in each for second place, and \$40 for third. Entries must be taken to the Abra- Also purchase awards will be given, ranging from \$50 to \$250.

For more information, call Candace Keller, show committee chairperson, at 291-5050.

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STRING TECHNICIANS will be featured in a March 19 presentation of the Promised Land Network at the historic Home Mercantile in Nazareth. They are Joe Gillis, guitarist; Jean Warren, fiddler; and Chet Calcote, bassist. Courtesy Photo

PLN sets Irish and Celtic music concert March 19

rick's Day on March 19 at the historic Home Mercantile in Nazareth. rillo.

Advanced tickets for the concert may be purchased for \$8 per person by calling the PLN office at 364-4445. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

The evening will begin with a meal of Irish stew and soda bread at 6 p.m., along with Irish folk dance lessons with Mary Jo Russell of Am-

At 7 p.m., the "String Technicians" will perform more than 20 pieces of Irish and Celtic jigs, reels and popular music. At some point during the event, participants will have the chance to meet Nazareth's

Durbin nominated for WTAMU honor

Marjorie Durbin of Nazareth, a junior pre-med major at West Texas A&M University, as been nominated for Student Employee of the Year at the university.

She is a student worker for WTAMU's Nursing Learning Center. She has been with the department for three years.

This year, for the first time, the WTAMU Student Employee of the Year winner will be entered in regional and national competitions, according to Elise Copeland, coordinator of Student Employment Services.

All nominees will be recognized and the winner will be announced at a reception at 1:30 p.m. on April 7 in Rm. 107 of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on the WTAMU campus.

A rabbit less than six months old is called a junior

The Promised Land Network earliest Irish resident, T.P. (PLN) will host an "Irish and Celtic McCormick, portrayed by Keith Music" Concert to celebrate St. Pat- Birkenfeld. The concert also will feature singer Sara Atherton of Ama-

> The "String Technicians" are a trio, comprised of guitarist Joe Gillis, fiddler Jean Warren, and bassist Chet Calcote.

> "These are versatile and wellhoned musicians," a PLN spokesperson said. "It will be a fabulous night to celebrate Irish and Celtic heritage and the Vernal Equinox, so wear your green."

> The Home Mercantile is a 70year-old historical building in Nazareth that the PLN is renovating as a community center for the re-emergence of neglected rural arts: music, poetry, dance, drama, painting, handcrafts and hospitality. In addition to the antique stage, the public can view the newly added kitchenette.

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Adams is a founder of the Gesundheit Institute in Northern Virginia. He has a goal of building a full-scale free health care center that will be open to anyone in the world. He has dedicated his life to the belief that "healing should be a loving human interchange, not a business transaction."

On March 29 at 8 p.m., the British Rock Symphony will perform in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on the Tech campus.

The group will deliver "timeless, musical masterpieces with renditions of over 54 British rock songs from such legendary composers as Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Peter Townshend, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, David Gilmour and Roger lish.

of the group's "Symphonic Rock Jackson.

World Tour of 1999-2000," the appearance in Lubbock will feature guest stars Billy Preston, keyboard player; Darlene Love, vocalist; Si-On March 22 at 8 p.m. Patch mon Townshend, lead guitarist; Alvin Fiedls, singer, songwriter, producer and arranger; and Jimmy Jewell, composer, producer and ar-

The British Rock Symphony was inspired by the integration of orchestral arrangements into classic rock performances.

For ticket information or other information, call the University Center Ticket Booth at 806-742-3610 or UCTICKETBOOTH e-mail @TTU.EDU

Barrios named student of week

Caleb Barrios, son of Jose Barrios, has been named the student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle

Barrios was born May 27, 1990, in Plainview. He enjoys attending Dimmitt Middle School because he "gets to do fun things."

Barrios's favorite food is pizza and his favorite book is Reptiles. His favorite animal is the bobcat.

He says he is a good math student and would like to do better in Eng-

When he grows up, Barrios wants The concert in Lubbock is a part to be a policeman. He admires Mrs.

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Greenbugs are causing wheat damage in Texas Panhandle

Mild weather across the Texas build up in sorghum and can virtusimply cut their losses. damaging levels in some fields.

greenbug numbers, according to Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service hampered by any beneficial insects temperatures, at least 20 degrees or in Amarillo.

"First, blame the warm weather," too few beneficial insects like lady beetles to devour the aphid.

"Then, parasitic wraps that usually

Panhandle since October has allowed ally reduce greenbug numbers to the greenbug, an aphid that attacks zero, just weren't around this year," Warminski agreed. wheat, to increase to economically he said. "The pests moved onto Several factors can cause the high the maturing sorghum became a less moisutre," said Warminski. attractive food source.

or cold weather," he said.

said Patrick. "Then there have been tion-the current drought-is far temperatures prevail, then Patrick costlier. Patrick thinks most producers, particularly the dryland farmers literally knocking the aphids off the cannot reproduce at these temperawith their stands all but gone, will plants. But the worst may be yet to tures."

Carson County farmer Stephen

"Our producers are keeping a wait wheat in much greater numbers as and see attitude and praying for

What would turn things around? "This year, the greenbugs weren't The expert said a succession of cold colder for more than a week, would A third, more critical condi- kill off the greenbugs. If the warm said a heavy, hard rain would help by

"Greenbug infestations typically are highest in late February and March, so the earliness of this

outbreak is a concern," Patrick said. He noted that parasite numbers aren't keeping pace with the greenbugs largely because of tem-

"With a range of 45 to 50 degrees, aphid numbers might not be large but the greenbugs can still reproduce," he said. "Parasites and lady beetles

Insecticide treatment might work for irrigated wheat, but only under certain conditions. Studies have shown that wheat, three to six inches high, can tolerate 300 aphids for each foot of row. Some fields had greenbug numbers that high since last October with other fields over 500 per foot of row.

Temperatures need to be at least 65 to 70 degrees before insecticide is applied. Colder levels drastically reduce overall effectiveness. Control can be difficult because greenbugs historically become resistant to some insecticides.

"The area spray pilots I've talked to haven't been flying," said Warminski, who also sidelines as a demonstration technician surveying farmers, crops and field conditions with the Extension Service Agri-Partners program. "It costs \$8 or more per acre for aerial application, and farmers are definitely doing the

Dryland crops are rated very poor at this time. If the wheat hasn't been hurt or destroyed by drought, freezes or greenbugs by now, then whatever action a producer might take would be marginal at best, Patrick said.

"We're basically betting on the weather to change things," he added. "If conditions remain the same, then there just won't be much dryland wheat to harvest."

Texas enduring third drought in four years

in the midst of its third drought in the spring." four years and is entering a crisis situation as most farmers and ranchdroughts of 1996 and 1998.

fered through a severe drought last condition. year, Castro County farmers and others in the Texas Panhandle area or moving livestock to other pasenjoyed one of the wettest years on record. However, a lack of significant moisture over the past month or so has many worried about the upcoming growing season.

summer," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "1999 has ended as one of the driest years on record and weather forecasts call winter forage crop for cattle, has

The Texas agricultural industry is for dry conditions to continue into suffered significant losses. Because

hardest hit by the drought. Stock ers have not recovered from the tanks are drying up in many counties and 71% of the state's ranges and crop is in fair to very poor condition. While most areas of the state suf- pastures are in poor to very poor

> "Some ranchers are hauling water month to water his cattle."

last year, but Texas ranchers may "Many areas of the state have not lose out if they have to liquidate and soil moisture is needed. If it received significant rainfall since last herds because of lack of water, poor forage conditions and high hay prices.

Winter wheat, which is a major

of drought conditions, Texas produc-Livestock producers have been the ers have planted 5.8 million acres, down 6% from last year. Ninety-one percent of the state's winter wheat

If dry conditions continue through the spring, crop producers face a serious situation.

"The dry winter is taking many of tures," Combs said. "One rancher our farmers into a spring planting reported having to pay \$7 a head per season with no surface soil moisture and no sub-surface soil moisture," Current cattle prices are up from Combs said. "We are six weeks away from planting corn in South Texas, doesn't start raining, many areas of the state may not see any spring planting."

> The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) is taking action to provide relief with drought information assistance packages, one version for producers and one for local officials who need to apply for emergency relief, Combs said.

county judges, county Extension under "Producer Information." agents and local Farm Service Agency and Texas Farm Bureau offices. Farmers and ranchers may receive a copy of the producer information package by calling the agency's State Drought Coordinator Bill Breese at (512) 463-7517.

In addition, Combs is notifying state and federal lawmakers about the growing crisis.

Currently, 75 Texas counties have been declared disasters due to drought and are eligible for disaster assistance. An addition 13 counties are in Washington waiting for ap-

Combs also has requested USDA to grant a waiver for graving on the 3.9 million acres of grasses and forages enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program in Texas.

"Not only will this waiver give our livestock producers access to additional forage, but there are also much-needed water resources on this land," Combs said.

USDA already has denied the waiver for 10 Texas counties.

TDA's Hay and Grazing Hotline is receiving about two to three calls a day from ranchers needing hay, Combs said. The hotline has been updated to notify ranchers about available pastures for forage.

The hotline is toll-free at 1-877-429-1998 and also can be accessed throuh TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. Drought re-TDA has sent the packets to sources on the website are found

TDA also has available disaster relief loans through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority's Linked Deposit Program, which the Legislature granted additional lending authority to during last year's session.

Combs said TDA will continue to work on providing information and assistance on disaster relief as the dry spell continues.

Crop insurance deadline is Tuesday for Texas farmers

Texas farmers have until Tuesday per crop, per county, farmers may to take advantage of an estimated 25% premium discount on higher levels of crop insurance protection.

"We're trying to make higher levels of protection affordable," said Ronald L. Berryhill, director of the Risk Management Agency's regional office in Oklahoma City, Okla. "Farmers should contact an insurance agent immediately to discuss coverage options on crops insurable crop insurance agent. A listing of in their county."

In addition to higher levels of coverage, the catastrophic level of insurance protection (CAT) is also available to producers. For only \$60

obtain a low level of protection. Limited resource farmers may not have to pay the \$60 fee for CAT coverage if they fill out a waiver available from their crop insurance

Farmers who need more information about sales closing dates or their insurance options should contact a crop insurance agents is available at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices ОГ http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/age

Rally for Rural America slated for March 20-21

other groups to organize participation in the Rally for Rural America, set for March 20-21 in Washington, D.C.

The event will bring a cross-section of rural America to the nation's capital to call for changes to federal farm policy, including the addition of an adequate farm safety net to provide protection in downturns, according to a news release from the Texas Farmers Union (TFU).

New forecasts showing no signs of a rebound in the nation's commodity prices are yet another indication of the need for a farm policy overhaul, according to Wes Sims, president of TFU.

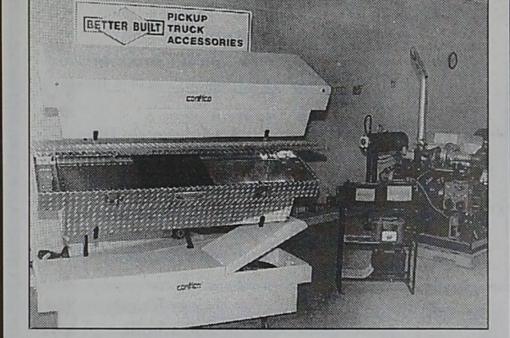
The most recent forecasts from the US Dept. of Agriculture predict that soybean prices this year will fall to their lowest point in nearly a quar-

Farmers Union is working with will dip to their second lowest point since 1972, and wheat prices will drop to their lowest in 14 years.

> "Low farm-gate prices across the board are the fundamental cause of the devastating economic conditions in our area," said Sims. "The price crisis has impacted farm and ranch families, as well as the greater com-

"I urge farmers and ranchers here in Texas to go to Washington for the Rally for Rural America to tell lawmakers firsthand how difficult it is to survive at these prices."

Low prices have substantially reduced net farm income for US producers, according to the TFU. Projections show that 2000 net farm operating income, excluding direct government payments, will have declined 51% since 1996, when the ter of a century, while corn prices current farm program was enacted.



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Furrow dikes to capture rainfall maximize precipitation benefits

No one knows when the next rainfall will occur on the Texas High Plains; but it makes good sense for area producers to install furrow dikes in their fields to maximize precipitation benefits when it does rain again.

Furrow dikes are small mounds of soil mechanically installed in the furrow. Installation of these mounds of soil creates a small reservoir in front of each dam.

In most instances, area soil infiltration rates are adequate to absorb small amounts of rainfall with little runoff. However, when rainfall occurs in amounts exceeding soil infiltration rates, the furrow dikes hold the water in place until it can soak into the soil

"Water is the most limiting factor in crop production in this area," said Scott Orr, acting water use/conservation division director of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation Dist. No. 1 in Lubbock. "It must either be obtained from precipitation or by pumping ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer. Maximizing precipitation benefits reduces the amount of water pumped from the aquifer, reduces agricultural production costs associated with meeting crop water needs, and has the potential to significantly increase crop yields."

A three-year study at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Lubbock indicated an average annual runoff of 2.73 inches from land with varying degrees of slope.

Keeping rainfall on the field rather than allowing it to flow into roadside ditches and/or playa basins provides additional water for crop

For every inch of water available above the basic water needs for plant development, cotton will yield 50 to 100 pounds of lint per acre; grain sorghum will yield 300 to 400 pounds of grain per acre; and wheat will yield two to three bushels per

The potential crop yield increase

Friday deadline set for DSREC scholarships

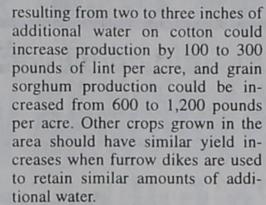
Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday. Awards will be announced within 60 days of this

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, or counselors. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include: written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic hon-

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Here-

The Great Smokey Mountains are so named because they are usually covered by a smokey mist or haze. The 250 species of trees which cover it create a dense humid atmosphere that looks like a smoky mist on the mountaintop.



Producers should also remember that furrow dikes are especially effective when used under a center pivot sprinkler system. The furrow dikes hold the irrigation water in place until it can soak into the root zone soil profile.

"Furrow dikes should be an essential part of a water use efficiency program on any farm. This is a lowcost, high-return practice that can increase profitability for High Plains producers," said Orr.

Additional information about furrow dike use is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation Dist. No.1, at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The District's web site is www.hpwd.com, and its e-mail addresses are hpwd@hpws.com and info@hpwd.com.

Canterbury Villa parent company names new CEO

Lee Wallace of Arlington, a 22year veteran in the long-term health care industry, has been named president and chief operating officer of Texas Health Enterprises, parent corporation of Canterbury Villa nursing home of Dimmitt.

Wallace will be responsible for all operating activities of the company, and also will serve on the THE board of directors, according to Peter C. Kern, chief executive officer and chairman of the board.

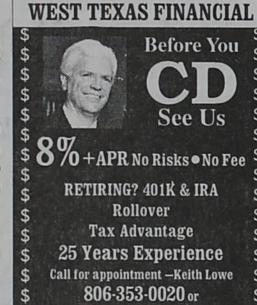
Wallace most recently directed the Texas and Arkansas operations of Extendicare (formerly Unicare), a multi-national long-term care provider. He serves on the board of directors of the Texas Health Care Association, the trade association of the industry.

PCA to hold annual meeting

The Panhandle-Plains Production Credit Association will hold its first annual stockholders' meeting Saturday at the Radisson Inn on I-40 East in Amarillo.

The business meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

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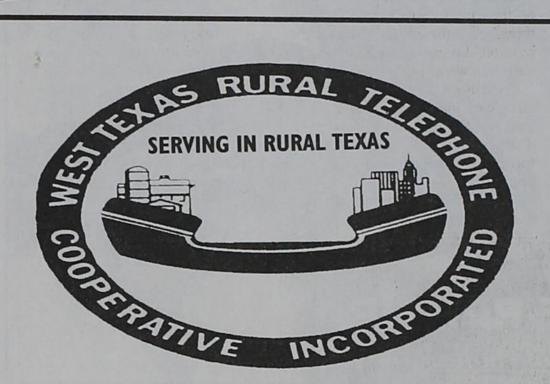
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THE 1990 NAZARETH SWIFTETTES, who won the state championship in Class A, were honored Saturday during halftime of the Class A state championship game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Those present for the honor ceremonies were (from left) Dana Schulte Johnston, Peggy Huseman Ramaekers, Jill Pohlmeier LeGrow, Noel Johnson, Marla

Ramaekers Gayles, Monica Kleman Fry, Darla Leavitt Davis, Assistant Coach Leslie Martin Storer and Head Coach Sandy Heiman. Team members not pictured are Stephanie Farris Schilling, Natalie Schmucker Kleman, Jodie Johnson Fulton, Janay Johnson and Tami Ball Albracht. Photo by Dwayne Acker

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Sports



GIVE IT TO ME! Nazareth's Lesley Brockman (22) ties up Valley View's Sarah Schneider (35) as she works on bringing the ball downcourt Saturday morning in the Class A state championship game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Whitney Hoelting

helped in the defensive effort by blocking Schneider's way. Nazareth forced 19 Valley View turnovers enroute to a 72-56 victory and the Swiftettes' 14th state championship. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swiftettes cruise in state semifinals

Moulton's offense wilts under Nazareth's full-court pressure

By ANNE ACKER

The Nazareth Swiftettes conjured up a little defensive magic against Moulton in the Class A state semifinal last Thursday morning.

The Swiftettes, making their 18th appearance in the state tournament, pressured Moulton from one end of the court to the other the whole game. Nazareth forced 25 turnovers as its defense wore the Bobkittens down in the second half, and the result was a 63-43 Swiftette win before a crowd of about 5,000 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

The Swiftettes got their second wind during intermission, despite running the floor with a full-court press the whole game. The up-tempo pace seemed to take a toll on I've had to bring the ball down Moulton in the third quarter.

"We've run all four quarters, all year long. We're used to pressing man-to-man and the girls are conditioned to push the ball down the floor. They don't know any other way. We're not a walk it up team," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett, who was making his first trip to the Final Four.

"It's a great feeling to make it this far, but we're not finished yet," said Nazareth's Shawna Gerber, who led the Swiftettes in the semifinal win with 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

'We are so motivated," said Nazareth senior Cassie Birkenfeld. "We know every game is important, and just having the opportunity to go for a state title is great."

A year ago, the Swiftettes were left on the sidelines when the playoffs came around, and Gerber said that motivated the team this year as it worked toward its goal of bringing home the school's 14th state championship.

Moulton is no stranger to the state tournament either. The Bobkittens have been to the state's Final Four 17 times including this year, but they have come away empty-handed each time.

Despite both teams' experience at "The Drum," each was jittery in the tournament opener last Thursday morning.

It was a sloppy game.

Nazareth's defense may have forced 25 Moulton turnovers, but the Bobkittens' defense also was aggressive, forcing 19 Swiftette miscues.

"I thought we played a great game, barring the turnovers," said Garrett. "The girls have done a great job in getting to this point.

Nazareth's sophomore point guard Stephanie Thiel had to bring the ball downcourt under intense pressure from Moulton's defense and she handled the challenge.

"Moulton is the toughest team that against," said Thiel, who finished with 17 points, eight rebounds, one steal and one assist. "They're so small and quick."

But despite their defensive success, the Bobkittens couldn't get into an offensive rhythm, missing shot after shot. Moulton only made 29.6% of its shots from the field during the game, compared with the Swiftettes' 38.1% shooting range.

"Our shots just weren't falling," said Moulton's Allison Pustka, who finished with 12 points and seven rebounds. "I thought we did a better job against their press in the second half, we just couldn't hit outside."

"I think they're more aggressive on defense in North Texas than what we're used to," said Moulton's Nikki Weeaks, who was her team's leading scorer with 16 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter after Nazareth had constructed a big lead. Weeaks had 10 turnovers in the game.

Moulton held a brief lead early in the game, but repeated turnovers allowed Nazareth to pull away as the game progressed.

The Swiftettes controlled the game with a 28-14 halftime lead and virthally put the game on ice in the third quarter by outscoring the Bobkittens, 18-6, for a 46-20 lead.

"Our defense has been the key to our victories all year," said Birkenfeld. "We knew we'd have to step it up and apply a lot of pressure on teams at state.

Swiftette steals and Moulton mistakes gave Nazareth a 14-8 lead in the first quarter.

Moulton held a 3-2 lead with 5:46 left after Pustka got an offensive board and bucket. That was the last time the Bobkittens would control the game.

After a Weeaks turnover, Gerber launched a three-pointer that swished the net for a 5-3 Nazareth lead. She made a free throw seconds later for a three-point Nazareth edge.

Moulton pulled within a point when Pustka took a pass from Nicole Dierschke and scored with 3:45 left. Dierschke added a free throw to tie

the game at 6 at the 3:16 mark. Another Gerber three from the baseline started an 8-0 run that gave Nazareth a 14-6 lead in the first quar-

Sara Schulte made a free throw, then got a steal and drove coast-tocoast for the layup to make it 12-6; then a Whitney Hoelting steal resulted in a Gerber layup that made it 14-6 with 40 seconds left.

Moulton cut the Nazareth run with an offensive putback for the 14-8 final first-quarter score.

Nazareth pulled away in the second, getting several shots off of penetrations, including two by Gerber and another by Birkenfeld. A Hoelting offensive rebound and follow shot dropped through the hoop, too, and Nazareth held a 22-12 lead with 3:24 left.

Moulton cut the Nazareth run after Pustka nailed a short bank shot from the left side, but the Swiftettes would reel off the final six points of the quarter for a 28-14 advantage.

Nazareth shut down Moulton for the final three minutes of the second quarter and didn't give up a single point to the Bobkittens until Kellie Darilek made a free throw with 3:55 left in the third.

Nazareth had no problems scoring after the half, counting threes by Birkenfeld and Hoelting, free throws by Thiel and a penetration and short jumper by Gerber for a 38-14 lead before Darilek's free throw.

Moulton hit a few shots in the fourth quarter, but the 26-point lead Nazareth built in the third was a mountain the Bobkittens couldn't scale. "We weren't as aggressive as we

normally are," said Moulton Coach Mike Albers. "Their defense hurt us and we had some open shots and we didn't take them.'

Moulton ended its season with a 32-4 record while Nazareth advanced to the state finals with a 32-5 mark.

CLASS A STATE SEMIFINAL at The Frank Erwin Center, Austin

Swiftettes 63, Moulton 43

Nazareth NAZARETH-Cassie Birkenfeld 4-17 0-0-9; Shawna Gerber 9-15 2-4-22; Stephanie Thiel 5-15 3-4-17; Sara Schulte 1-5 1-2-3; Whitney Hoelting 4-5 0-0-9; Lesley Brockman 1-2 0-0-2; Wendy Black 0-1 1-2-1; Mandy Hoelting 0-2 0-0-0; Tara Kleman 0-1 0-0-0; Lindsie Gerber 0-0 0-0-0. TOTALS: 24-63 7-

MOULTON-Melanie Dornak 0-5 0-0-0; Nikki Weeaks 5-17 4-5-16; Allison Pustka 6-14 0-0—12; Nicole Dierschke 1-3 1-2-3; LeAnne Chaloupka 2-6 0-0-5; Tane Jasek 0-0 0-0—0; Christina Burke 0-0 0-0-0; Stephanie Krejki 1-1 0-0-2; Tiffany Osborne 0-0 0-0-0; April Billimek 0-0 0-0-0; Lindsay Novosad 0-0 0-0-0; Tiffany Simper 0-0 0-0-0. TOTALS: 16-

THREE-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 8-of-21 (Thiel 4-7, Shawna Gerber 2-2, Whitney Hoelting 1-1, Birkenfeld 1-6, Schulte 0-3, Brockman 0-1, Black 0-1); Moulton 4of-20 (Weeaks 2-11, Chaloupka 1-5, Darilek 1-4.) REBOUNDS: Nazareth 47 (Whitney Hoelting 9; Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber and Thiel 8); Moulton 39 (Weeaks and Pustka 7). ASSISTS: Nazareth 7 (Birkenfeld 4); Moulton 7 (Dornak and Darilek 2). STEALS: Nazareth 15 (Schulte 6, Shawna Gerber 4); Moulton 11 (Dornak 6). TURNOVERS: Nazareth 19 (Birkenfeld 4) for 19 Moulton points; Moulton 25 (Weeaks 10) for 12 Nazareth points. FOULS: Nazareth 13, Moulton 11.



WHITNEY HOELTING (34) of Nazareth steps around Moulton defenders and scores an easy basket after taking a pass from Cassie Birkenfeld (10) who penetrated to open things up inside last Thursday in a Class A state semifinal game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Hoelting scored nine points and had nine rebounds in the game, which Photo by Dwayne Acker Nazareth won, 63-43.





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Class A state championship trophy presentation

Nazareth seniors Sara Schulte (left) and Cassie Birkenfeld (center) accept the school's 14th state championship trophy from Texas Speaker Pete Laney Saturday morning at the Frank Erwin Center in

Austin. Nazareth beat Moulton, 63-43, in the semifinals last Thursday; then trounced Valley View Saturday, 72-56, to claim the state championship.

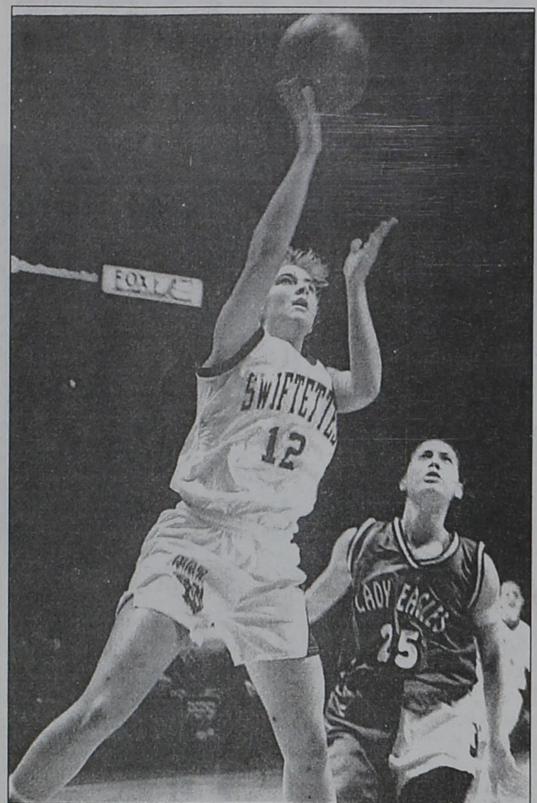
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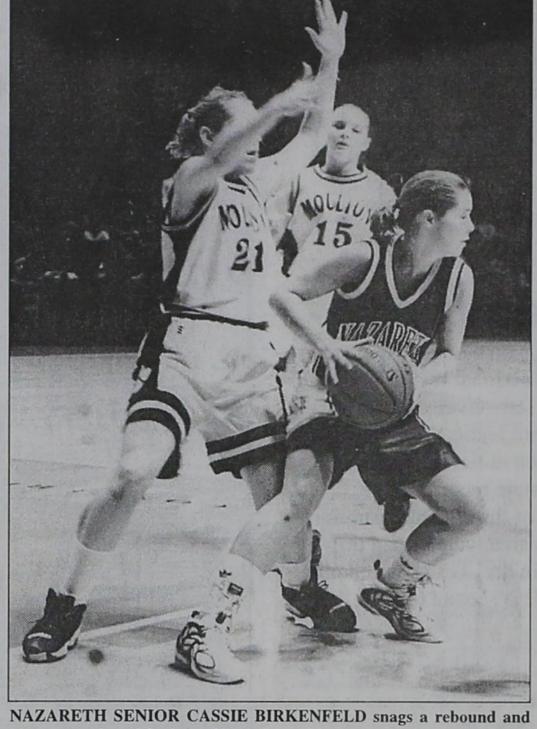
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State hoop highlights



CLASS A MVP-Shawna Gerber of Nazareth (12) assaults the Valley View defense for a fast-break layup, one of several she made Saturday morning in leading the Swiftettes to their 14th state championship with a 72-56 win over the Lady Eagles. Attempting to defend Gerber on the play is Valley View's Dabney Clifton, an all-state tourney selection. Gerber was named the Class A Most Valuable Player after scoring 23 points, pulling down eight rebounds and recording three steals and three assists in the championship. Photo by Dawn Ramaekers



pivots away from Moulton's Nicole Dierschke (21) and Allison Pustka (15) last Thursday in a Class A state semifinal game. Nazareth won the game, 63-43, then went on to win the state title Saturday morning. Birkenfeld had nine points, eight rebounds, four assists and a steal in the semifinal; and finished with 20 points, eight boards, eight assists and a steal in the finals to earn all-state tourney honors. Photo by Dawn Ramaekers

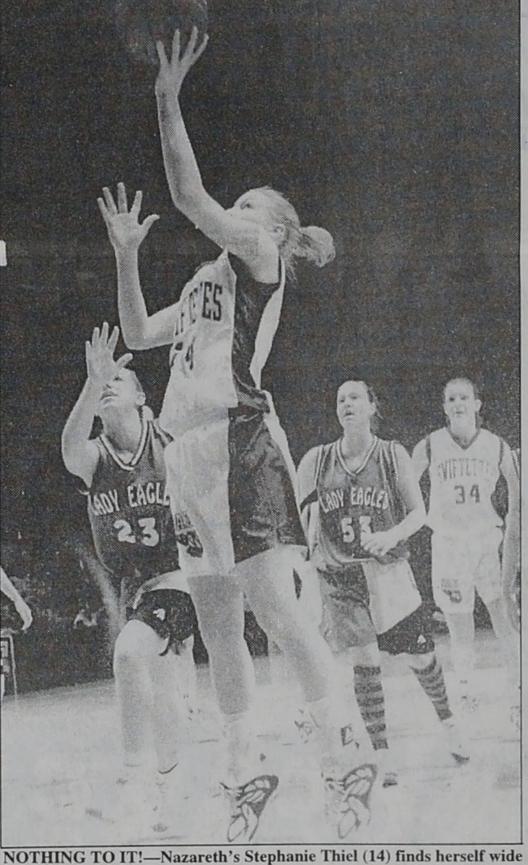


INSIDE BATTLES-Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth (34) battles for position inside and comes away with a big rebound Saturday morning when the Swiftettes squared off against top-ranked Valley View in the Class A state finals. Nazareth claimed the gold medals and state trophy with a 72-56 win over the Lady Eagles. Hoelting was named to the allstate tournament team after finishing with 12 points and four rebounds in the title game. Also pictured is Cassie Birkenfeld of Nazareth (10).

Photo by Dwayne Acker



TRAPPED! Nazareth Swiftettes Mandy Hoelting (32) and Stephanie Thiel (14) trap Valley View's Dabney Clifton (25) along the baseline and force a turnover Saturday morning in the Class A state finals in Austin. Nazareth forced 19 Lady Eagle turnovers enroute to a 72-56 win and the Photo by Dwayne Acker school's 14th state title.



open and scores on a back-door play with 7:04 left in the third quarter to give Nazareth a 36-35 lead over Valley View in the Class A state finals. Nazareth used a tough defense and some hot shooting to pull away from Valley View in the second half for a 72-56 win. Defending on the play are Lady Eagles Nichole Mahan (23) and Penny Foster (53). Also pictured is Photo by Dwayne Acker Nazareth's Whitney Hoelting (34).

All-state tournament

Class A MVP Shawna Gerber vs. Moulton: 22 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals vs. Valley View: 23 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals

Cassie Birkenfeld

vs. Moulton: 9 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal vs. Valley View: 20 points, 8 rebounds, 8 assists, 1 steal

Whitney Hoelting

vs. Moulton: 9 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal vs. Valley View: 12 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist

Team says thanks

Jerry Kittrell of Kittrell Electronics in Dimmitt played a part in the Nazareth Swiftettes' state championship weekend, according to Head Coach Matt Garrett.

Kittrell allowed the team to use a DC adapter so they could operate a television on the bus. That adapter was a big help, according to Garrett.

"We were able to watch some scouting films," Garrett said. "We would like to thank Mr. Kittrell for his generosity,"

Garrett added.

Class A State Semifinals Nazareth 63, Moulton 43

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BEST IN THE STATE—The Nazareth Swiftettes captured the Garrett, Assistant Coach Amy Huseman, managers Macee Schulte, Nichole Huseman, Whitney Hoelting, Shawna Gerber, Cassie school's 14th state title Saturday morning at the Frank Erwin Holly Kleman and Jaci Birkenfeld; and team members Wendy Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte. Shawna Gerber was named the Center in Austin with a 72-56 win over the No. 1-ranked Valley Black, Danette Ramaekers, Stephanie Thiel, Wendy Black, Lesley tournament's Most Valuable Player and was named to the all-View Lady Eagles. Pictured are (from left) Head Coach Matt Brockman, Mandy Hoelting, Tara Kleman, Lindsie Gerber, tournament team along with Birkenfeld and Whitney Hoelting. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Bobcats earn 1-AAA honors

The District 1-AAA boys' honor team released last week includes two Dimmitt Bobcats on the first team and two others on the second team.

Earning first-team all-district honors were Dimmitt's Keevin Sanders, a 6-0 senior post; and Sammy Prieto, a 5-9 senior guard.

Second-team honors were bestowed upon Bobcats Taylor Matthews, a 6-1 senior post; and Daniel Proffitt, a 5-10 junior wing.

Three Bobcats earned honorable mention all-district honors. They are Daniel Flores, Marcus Larra and Matthew Sandoval.

Mikey Marshall, Tulia all-stater, was named the district's Most Valuable Player while Russell Camp of Dalhart was named the Coach of the

Those joining Sanders and Prieto on the first-team all-district squad are Levi Bentley of Sanford-Fritch; Jeff Gillmore of River Road; Bernardo Estrada and Cody Merrell, both of Perryton; Cash Rodgers of Tulia and Patrick Guatney of Dalhart.

Those earning second-team honors include Shiloh Reed of Sanford-Fritch, Clay Jessop of Dalhart, Cuyler Dear of Perryton, Isaiah Subealdea of Tulia and David Ferril of River Road.

Bobbies named to honor team

Dimmitt's Carol Summers and Heather Black were among those named to the first-team all-district squad while teammate Tamara Robertson earned second-team honors for the 1999-2000 season.

Summers, a 5-10 senior point guard; and Black, a 5-8 junior guard, were among Dimmitt's leading scorers as the Bobbies earned a playoff berth with a third-place finish in District 1-AAA.

Robertson is a 5-11 junior forward and also played a pivotal role in the Bobbies' season.

Earning honorable mention alldistrict honors was Dimmitt's Lori Schulte, a 5-4 junior guard.

Most Valuable Player of the district was Erin Hale of Perryton. She was joined on the honor team by teammates and first-team all-district selections Courtney Nowlin and Lacie Holt.

Other first-team honorees were Rachel Smith and Alicia Ott of Sanford-Fritch; Andrea Vaughn of Tulia; and Carrie Mullins of River Road.

Second-team honorees in addition to Robertson were Melissa Williams and Brittany Howard, both of Tulia; Jennifer Long and Magan Porter, both of Dalhart; Chris Swain of River Road; Amy Mills of Sanford-Fritch and Terrah Manross of Perryton.

Horns and Swifts top 8-A team

Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez was named District 8-A's Most Valuable Player while Nazareth's Kade Wilcox earned Offensive MVP honors and Swift Eric Schilling copped the Newcomer MVP award for the 1999-2000 season.

The trio headlines a long list of Hart and Nazareth players named to the all-district team. Local honorees include Nazareth's Ky Wilcox, a 5-10 sophomore guard, and Blake Birkenfeld, a 5-9 sophomore guard; and Hart's Keith Finch, a 6-0 sophomore post.

Others making the honor squad were Lance Martin of Sudan, who earned Defensive MVP honors; Eric Edwards and Donyale Weaver, both of Sudan; Quaid Furr, Buck Angeley and Craig James, all of Springlake-Earth; and Justin Noggler and Irabor Okogbo, both of Vega.

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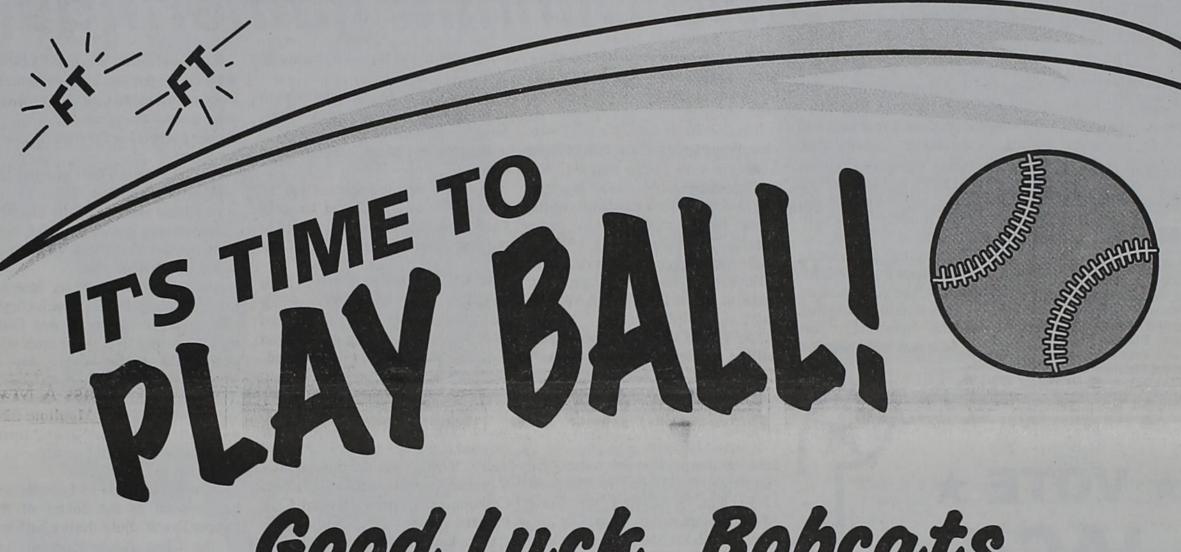
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2000 Bobcats

Seated, from left: Team Managers Sharla Kenworthy, Caitlin Buckley and Mary Bradley. Kneeling, from left: Bobby Hill, Jeremy Furr, Tanner Griffitt, Josh Hardwick. Standing, from left: Head Coach Jesus **Quiroz**, Michael Penney, Sammy Prieto, Jacob Dones, Daniel Proffitt, Brent Josselet, Oscar Melendez, Wesley Harkins, B. J. Hill, Johnathan Stevens, Assistant Coach Jeff Photo by Don Nelson

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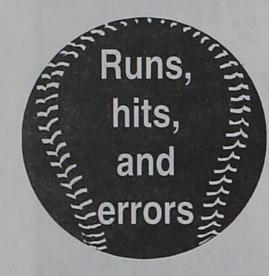
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interested community members and TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580individuals thinking about running for their board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to



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Sims re-elected **NFU** treasurer

Wes Sims of Sweetwater, the President of the Texas Farmers Union, was re-elected National Farmers Union treasurer at the recent NFU 98th annual convention, held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Leland Swenson was re-elected as the organization's president, Alan Bergman was elected vice president, and Jim Miller was re-elected secre-

During the convention, organization members also adopted a legislative platform for 2000, debated the future of farm policy, and heard from key officials.

Delegates to the convention voted Normal Trade Relations for China until that country proves it can meet international standards in the areas of human rights and trade.

"We discussed and debated longterm solutions to the price crisis in every region of the country is facing the same challenges. The convention was an opportunity for us to craft a comprehensive policy program for the coming year."

Delegates passed a special order calling for a study on consolidation champions are the Class AAA Honor in the US food retailing, market and distribution system, a strengthening of antitrust laws, and incentives and programs to give producers access to additional markets.

Another highlight of the meeting was the announcement that a producers' referendum will be conducted by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service on the mandatory port checkoff. A date was not specified for the vote.

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DIMMITT'S 1975 STATE CHAMPIONS will be the Class AAA Honor Team at the state boys' basketball tournament this weekend. They'll be introduced and honored during halftime of the Class AAA championship game Saturday morning. Team members, from left, are Dudley Wooten, Travis Hampton Jr., Kelly to withhold support for Permanent Moore, Jim Birdwell, Terry Young, Danny Vaughan, Steve Myatt, Robert Calhoun, Cliff Parker, Craig Williams, Wayne McKee, Brad Sanders and Johnny Hampton. Kneeling, from left, are manager Ricky Hunter, Coach Kenneth Cleveland and manager Billy Stephenson. Not pictured here are senior guard Edward Nino and assistant managers Jerry Schaeffer and Kevin Cleveland. Photo by Don Nelson

Boys' tourney to feature our area and around the country," said Sims. "Every commodity and every region of the country is facing.

ment in Austin will feature two spe-ship. cial gatherings of Dimmitt exes and fans Saturday.

Team this year, and its members will times. be introduced and honored in a spe-Saturday morning.

The Saturday morning session will ter. include the Class A championship game at 9 and the Class AAA title were senior post Steve Myatt, senior game at 10:30.

will be singled out as the Class A Honor Team during halftime of the 9 o'clock Class A title game, according

the state tournament are invited to a Terry Young, junior post Danny "Dimmitt Reception" starting at 12:30 p.m. (following the Class AAA, championship game) at the Parker. Caucus Club, 912 Red River in Austin. The reception is being hosted by Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt and by the Frontier Capital Group.

The 1975 Bobcats, picked origi-District 3-AA behind defending state finalist Friona and perennially tough Morton, captured the district championship with a dramatic triple-overtime victory over Friona, 72-67, in a playoff game at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Abernathy 61-39 in bi-district, and at in the state. the Region I Tournament in Lubbock they downed Coahoma 76-57 in the first game of the season, 86-84, the semifinals and Childress 69-62 in the Bobcats would later lose only to regional championship game.

In the state semifinals in UT's defeated Kountze, 67-56.

game, the Bobcats turned back Van encounters (75-73 and 56-48).

The state boys' basketball tourna- Vleck, 49-43, for the state champion-

It was the first of three state championships that Coach Kenneth Cleve-Dimmitt High School's 1975 state land would win; he was destined to come whisker-close several more

The 1975 state tournament was the cial ceremony during halftime of the next-to-last one played in Gregory Class AAA championship game Gym before the event was moved to the new Erwin Special Events Cen-

Members of that 1975 Bobcat team forward Craig Williams, senior guard The 1975 LaRue La Poyner team Wayne McKee, senior guard Brad Sanders, junior forward Jim Birdwell, senior guard Dudley Wooten, senior guard Travis Hampton Jr., to University Interscholastic League sophomore guard Johnny Hampton, senior guard Edward Nino, senior Then, all Dimmitt exes and fans at forward Kelly Moore, senior forward Vaughan, senior forward Robert Calhoun, and senior forward Cliff

> Cleveland's assistant coach was one of his former players, David Land. Team managers were Billy Stephenson, Ricky Hunter, Jerry Schaeffer and Kevin Cleveland.

Williams, McKee and Birdwell all nally to finish second or third in were named to the all-state tournament team. Later, Myatt was chosen for the consensus all-state team by the Texas Sports Writers Associa-

District 3-AA, with Friona, Morton and Dimmitt, was generally regarded The Bobcats then went on to defeat to be the toughest Class AA district

After losing to Levelland in their Morton once and to Friona once. The loss to Morton was in the champion-Gregory Gym in Austin, the Bobcats ship game of the Caprock Tournament (61-68); the Bobcats defeated Then, in a close, hard-fought the Indians in both of their district

After defeating Friona 53-50 in their first meeting in Dimmitt, the Bobcats lost to the Chieftains there in their second encounter, 55-57, forcing the playoff for the district championship.

Coach Cleveland later said that the triple-overtime game against Friona at Levelland was essentially the state championship game, although both Kountze and Van Vleck were tough in the state tournament.

And after the Bobcats brought home the big gold ball, Coach Cleveland commented that it was Dimmitt's "second five"—the ones who pushed the starters every day in practice-that made the difference during that championship season.

He said the Bobcats' bench crew was better than most of the teams they played during the year.

Members of the 1975 Bobcats will be escorted to the center of the "Super Drum" floor during halftime of the Class AAA championship game Saturday morning. UIL officials will introduce them individually and tell where they live now and what they do.

Also, Coach Cleveland will be eulogized, along with two members of the team who also are deceased -Danny Vaughan and Robert Cal-

Watching the ceremony will be most of their parents and many of the fans who made the trip to Austin with them 25 years ago.

That was a trip that had been unexpected by everyone at the beginning of that historic season-everyone, that is, except the players themselves, who had predicted their state championship the previous summer.

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Blood drive set at NHS

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Nazareth High School on Wednesday (March 15) at the school cafeteria from 3 to 7 p.m.

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The Texas Panhandle needs 500 units of blood a week to meet the needs of the 24 counties we serve."

Those who are 17 years old or older and in good health may become blood donors. Currently, the blood bank is experiencing a shortage of O-positive blood.

"If you are not a donor, we encourage you to come by and see what we are about," the spokesperson said. "If you have any questions, please call 1-800-658-6178."

KCs set St. Patrick's Dance for March 18

The Nazareth Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 18 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Admission will be \$10 per person, with music provided by "Southern Thunder."

The celebration will be BYOB, with set-ups provided.

Proceeds will benefit the projects of the Knights of Columbus.

Boater education courses offered

Boater education courses are offered year-round in Texas, which is the fifth-largest boating state in the

Legislation that went into effect in 1997 mandated boater education for the first time in Texas. Those born on or after Sept. 1, 1984, must complete a boater education course in order to operate along a boat of 10 horsepower or more, including personal watercraft, or windblown vessels over 14 feet in length.

"Although this education is now required for certain teenagers in order to operate alone, we encourage the whole family to take the course together," said Tim Spice, Texas Parks and Wildlife boater education coordinator.

BOAT TEXAS, 1-800-460-9698, offers a home-study guide that includes a video, instructions, and mail-in test. The on-line version of the course can be accessed through www.tpwd.state.tx.us

'e Camp' set at WTAMU

West Texas A&M University will hold "e Camp" June 4-16, covering the basics of the entertainment indus-

Three rotations will be held, each covering a specific area: radio, television and film.

During the radio rotation, campers will fill air shifts at KWTS 91.1 FM and learn the basics of radio production and programming.

For the television rotation, they will learn to produce a television news cast.

During the film rotation, campers will produce a short film, learning to

write scripts, shoot, edit and produce a video. Director of the camp will be Dr.

Leigh Browning. For more information, contact Browning at 651-2412 or e-mail at lbrowning@wtamu.edu

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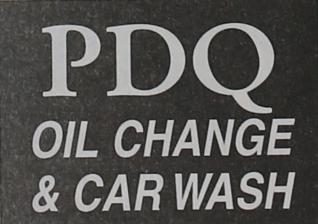
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THE BY ALL MEANS CAST COMPLEMENT ... Will be part of special services at Sunnyside Baptist Church

Sunnyside Baptist Church plans revival

The Sunnyside Baptist Church is spiritual needs. planning special services on March 17-19, declaring the days as "a time for spiritual renewal, praise and celebration.

Sunnyside Baptist Church is lo-US 385.

Featured during the services will be "By All Means," a contemporary Christian drama ministry group directed by Randy and Paula Sterrett and staffed by volunteer actors and singers. They will present Biblical truths that will touch and minister to

The program on March 17 will begin at 7 p.m., and it will feature a program for all the family---Randy Sterrett in "John, His Story." The play was written by Janette Cliffe cated 15 miles south of Dimmitt on George who played Corrie Ten Boom in the movie, The Hiding Place.

Saturday, March 18, and the program will include several skits addressing issues young people face today. "Time Goes," "All Souls Come

of the skits which will be presented on March 18.

Also on March 18, the skit "Humble Pie" will be featured for adults attending the service.

A youth fellowship will follow the program on March 18.

On Sunday, March 19, at 11 a.m., "Touch of God" will be presented. It Youth Night has been planned for and other featured presentations will "make you laugh, cry, rejoice and praise God," according to an organizer of the event.

For more information about the

Classes to be held at festival

A wide range of classes and activities will be offered at the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 6-8 in Dimmitt.

Darlene Christopherson of China Springs will be the feature teacher, leading out in three classes during the festival.

She will lead "Lady Bird's Rose Garden" from 9 a.m. to noon on the Friday of the festival; and Friday afternoon, she will speak on "Fabric Selection: Lessons I have Learned." The fee is \$25 for each class. All day Saturday will be devoted to "A Perfect Union: Combining Patchwork and Applique," with a class fee of quired for certain teen

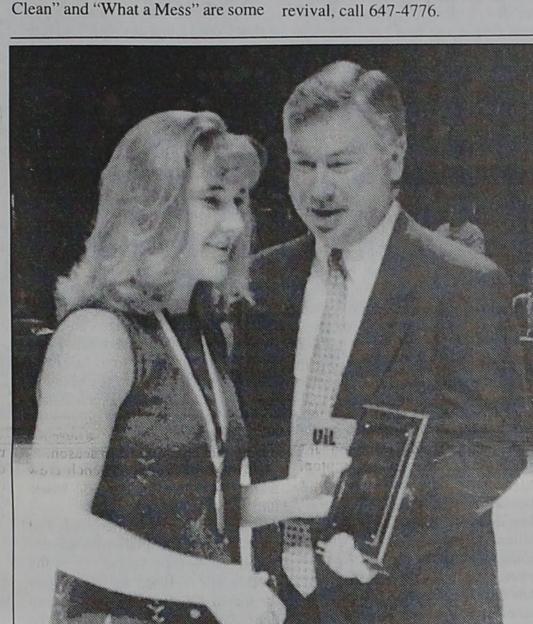
Other classes will all last 3 hours with a \$15 fee in addition to any required kits or materials.

Two special meals are planned. "Intergalactic Night" will be held April 6, starting at 7 p.m. and will include an enchilada supper for \$11 per plate. An "Intergalactic Fashion Show" from Roswell, N.M., will be featured.

"Fantastic Friday" on April 7 at 7 p.m. will include a steak dinner at \$13 per plate and a leacture and trunk show by Christopherson. Also, a miniature quilt auction will be held.

The deadline for ordering meal tickets for the two meals is March 31.

For more information or for registration forms, call Ogallala Quilter' Society member Joyce Davis at 647-5362.



SHAWNA GERBER of Nazareth accepts the plaque honoring her as the

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Class A Most Valuable Player Saturday morning after she and the Swiftettes ripped Valley View, 72-56, in the Class A state championship game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Gerber finished with 23 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals to lead Nazareth to the title. In last Thursday's 63-43 semifinal win over Moulton, Gerber had 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals to her credit.

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Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of the highway halfway to Hart. Katie Brockman, 82, who died March 4 at her home.

A funeral mass was read Tuesday morning in Holy Family Church with celebration. the Rev. Peter Otto, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery where her husband, Ar- ther Peter Otto giving the opening nold, was buried in 1996.

Survivors include three daughters, Naomi McGrath of Kansas City, Kan., Monica Mote of Tulia and Anthem, which he did quite well. Joyce Brockman of New Fairfield, Conn.; four sons, Ralph Brockman, Art Brockman and Dale Brockman, all of Nazareth, and Virgil Brockman of Dimmitt; a brother, Joe Schmucker of Nazareth; a sister, Mary Gerber of Nazareth; 15 grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

We are very proud of our Swiftette basketball team; their coach, Matt Garrett; and assistant coach, Amy Huseman, who won the school's 14th Class A state championship, which is a national record for public schools.

It was very rewarding to make such a comeback with a state title at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

A special honor was given to Shawna Gerber, who received the Most Valuable Player award for the Class A tournament. She had two great games.

On Friday evening, everyone from Nazareth was invited to a cookout at the Hill Country home of Floyd and Jo Ellen Hoelting. Everyone had a great time and as usual, the evening ended with a sing-a-long at the player-piano. An estimated 125 people attended.

The Swiftettes and their coaches, along with bus driver Deb Clinton, were welcomed home Sunday afternoon with a public escort by many parents and friends who lined



It's a girl, Megan Rose Adams, for Scott and Julie Adams of Amarillo. The infant was born Feb. 14 at 1:03 a.m. at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 9 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Older siblings are Holly, 5, and Ryan, 3. Grandparents are Doris Hatla of Amarillo (formerly of Nazareth) and Lee and Earlene Adams of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Shirley Adams of Amarillo and John and Norma Straub of Denver, Colo.

First things first—the girls got to spray paint Chuck Thiel's old yellow station wagon to kick off the

A reception was then held in the decorated school cafeteria with Faprayer.

Supt. N. Dean Johnson then asked Coach Garrett to sing the National

Coach Garrett then introduced his wife and new son, Courtney and Austin, to the audience and thanked everyone for their support.

An emotionally drained Amy Huseman spoke a few words, too.

The team's two seniors, Cassie Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte, also thanked everyone for their support all season.

Mr. Johnson thanked Colby Pohlmeier for scouting all the games and Chuck Thiel for filming the games.

A very entertaining skit was presented by the girls' parents with Jim Hoelting acting as "Regis Philbin."

Congratulations to Matt and Courtney Garrett on the birth of a son, Austin Matthew, on March 3 at Plains Memorial Hospital in rode the "Yellow Dog Bus." It was a Dimmitt.

On Friday, when everyone had to find something to do, Charley and Bev Hill drove to San Antonio to visit one of Charley's Army buddies, E.M. Rumph Jr. They hadn't seen each other since Feb. 17, 1946! Charley and E.M. served together on

Guam. After several hours of reminiscing, Charley and Bev drove to Canyon City to visit with friends, Bullet and Shirley Adams.

A big thanks to Charley's son, Todd Hill of Lubbock, who found his dad's Army buddy's address on the Internet.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Odelia Schulte, Dianne Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman, Virgil Brockman, Meredith Braddock, Amber Waite, Herman Birkenfeld and Mary Lou Birkenfeld.

Some of us were more than happy to spend Saturday night with Harold Gerber at his Lake Ivie home. The next morning, the five-hour drive from Lake Ivie to Nazareth was just right. We made it back in time to help welcome the team and all who great weekend.



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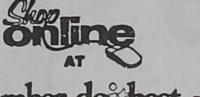
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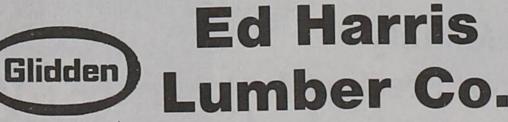
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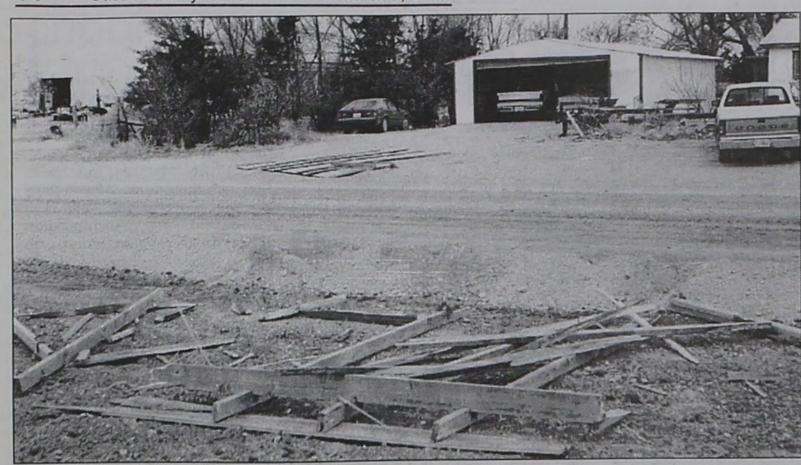


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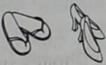




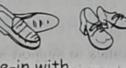
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Swiftettes rekindle flame . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

whole town comes down to watch at 2. and it's just so exciting," Birkenfeld and we didn't have a gold medal. It's great to finally be on a state championship team.'

Gerber, who was named the Class A Most Valuable Player Saturday, said getting to meet Valley View in the finals was special to her.

"I'm just glad we can start the tradition at Nazareth over again," said Gerber, whose mother, Karen (Schulte) Gerber and older sister, K'Lynn Gerber, were both all-staters. "Next year we're going to focus on getting back here."

Pre-game tragedy

That was

some wind!

The weather got scary Tuesday

afternoon as fierce winds ripped

across the area. Here are two

wind-damage scenes north of Naz-

areth. In above photo, the frame of

a porch lies across the highway

from the Joe Lynn Birkenfeld

home three miles north of town,

while the porch's sheet metal rests

in the Birkenfelds' driveway. The

porch roof is from a mobile home

on the other side of the trees. In

photo at left is one of several stock

tanks that fell victim to the high

wind; this one ended up wrapped

around a utility pole 11/2 mile north

of Nazareth. Wind damage was

worse north of Castro County,

where windows were blown out of

cars and large tractor-trailer rigs

were blown over. Winds were

clocked at 90 mph in Amarillo and

100 mph in Oklahoma and Colo-

rado as the front moved eastward.

Swiftettes,

Lady Horns

named AD

Stephanie Thiel, a 5-9 sophomore

guard from Nazareth was named the

District 8-A Offensive Most Valu-

able Player while Hart's Lacie Curry,

a 5-10 freshman post, earned New-

Lady Horn were named to the all-

district team as well. They include

Earning honorable mention all-

Schulte, Mandy Hoelting, Lesley

The district's MVP was Jill Stout

of Sudan. Thiel shared Offensive

MVP honors with Sheena Embry of

Sudan. The Defensive MVP was

LaWanda Young, Casie Legg and

Sheila Huey, all of Sudan; and

for the 1999-2000 season.

named to the honor squad.

Brockman and Wendy Black.

Kyla May of Vega.

Photo by Don Nelson

Valley View suffered a big blow during warm-up, minutes before the game started Saturday when leading scorer and point guard Jordan Davis landed awkwardly on her ankle and it twisted.

Davis did not start in the championship game, but she did try to play during the fourth quarter. She saw about four minutes of action.

Just after Davis was carried off the floor, her teammates gathered in a prayer circle on the floor.

"It's sad for Jordan because she worked as hard as anybody else," said Valley View Coach Bobby

"I thought the girls came together after that. I thought we handled the press well in the first half. We had some turnovers, but we executed and were scoring. We had an unbelievable effort. We had people step up when Jordan went down. We just didn't get it done today.

"Nazareth just played great. They never gave us a break. They made us earn everything we got," Bates said.

"I thought Valley View played a great game," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "They had a chance to have a big mental letdown with what happened before the game, but they never did and that shows character and poise of a very good basketball team. I'm very sorry that Jordan got hurt. I think it would have been a much closer game. Jordan's a great player and I'm sorry about what happened to her."

The race is on

Nazareth applied full-court prescomer Most Valuable Player honors sure to Valley View early in the first half, testing the skills of Sarah Several other Swiftettes and one Schneider who moved to the point position when Davis went down.

Valley View was able to handle Nazareth's Cassie Birkenfeld, a 5-8 the press early and even picked up senior guard; Whitney Hoelting, a 6some fast-break buckets. But the 0 junior post; and Shawna Gerber, a Swiftettes were so hot from the field 5-8 junior guard. Hart's Geneva in the early going that nothing the Finch, a 5-11 junior post, also was Lady Eagles did could stymie the onslaught.

Nazareth made its first six shots district honors were Nazareth's Sara from the field and three of those were from three-point range.

The Swiftettes' first miss of the game was a free throw by Sara Schulte with 2:35 left. Nazareth would go on to make 9-of-13 shots from the field in the first quarter and Other all-district honorees were held a 25-18 lead at the end of the high-scoring period.

Valley View's Dabney Clifton got Kimberly Artho and Kelly a steal and layup to open scoring, then Birkenfeld followed by sinking

An inbounds play netted a basket said. "In 1998 we were runners-up for Valley View's other all-state tourney selection, Julie Prescher, and the race was on.

> Gerber and Clifton each made threes, then Hoelting knotted the game at 7 with a pair of free throws.

> An offensive put-back by McKinzi Meyer and a driving layup by Clifton gave Valley View an 11-7 lead three minutes into the game.

Nazareth answered those shots with back-to-back threes by Birkenfeld and the Swiftettes took control with a 13-11 edge.

Over the final 3:32 of the stanza, Nazareth outscored Valley View 12-5 to take the 25-18 lead.

Gerber started the run off with a three, then found a wide-open Sara Schulte inside and Schulte counted the bucket. Over the final minute, Gerber scored three straight layups—one off of a baseline drive, one after nabbing a defensive carom and driving coast-to-coast, and another after getting a steal and layup.

The Swiftettes were able to maintain at least a four-point edge through most of the second quarter, but Valley View put together a run over the last three minutes, cutting the Swiftette advantage to a point, 34-33, by the break. During Valley View's run, Nazareth shooters went cold from the field.

After Gerber stopped and popped a shot from 12 feet out with 3:42 left, Valley View went on the warpath.

Schneider hit a free throw, then Prescher left the paint and connected from outside. Meyer made it a twopoint game, scoring on a spin move inside with 3:05 left.

Both teams were silent for the next two minutes until Hoelting ended the drought with a jumper for a 34-29 Nazareth lead.

Prescher pulled Valley View within three with 42 seconds left, then Nichole Mahan pulled down an offensive board after a Schnieder miss and counted her follow-shot as time expired in the quarter.

Nazareth had pressed the Lady Eagles through the first half, but Garrett elected to drop the press in the second half and the Swiftettes dropped back into a zone defense.

"It wasn't that the press wasn't working for us, but I felt like we were wearing out our players and we weren't really getting that many turnovers," said Garrett.

Valley View took a one-point edge early in the third quarter on an offbalance jumper by Meyer.

Nazareth regained the lead when Valley View Stephanie Thiel converted a backdoor play on a feed from Gerber and Hoelting added a shot inside.

Clifton hit a three to tie the game with 5:59 left and Prescher gave the Lady Eagles a two-point edge seconds later.

"My thought at that point was to just keep it close and we'll see what happens in the end," said Coach Bates. "I thought we'd be there, but they went on a big run and we missed four or five shots in a row and you can't do that in games like this. They capitalized when we missed."

Birkenfeld wasted little time in countering Prescher's shot and the score was knotted at 40 with 5:14 remaining.

Birkenfeld's jumper started the big Nazareth run that would lead to the

Her shot was followed by a Gerber three, then a pair of free throws by Hoelting.

The 45-40 Nazareth lead with 3:28 left in the third pumped up the squad

a shot off the dribble to tie the game and the first-quarter spark that was responsible for the hot shooting was

> Birkenfeld and Gerber each hit three pointers over the next minute, giving the Swiftettes a 51-40 lead and forcing Valley View to call a

Nazareth was able to take a 13point edge after Birkenfeld pulled down a defensive rebound and launched a downcourt pass to a wide open Gerber who converted the fastbreak layup with 1:56 left.

Valley View would pick up a pair of free throws with 49 seconds left, but Nazareth's run had given the Swiftettes a 53-42 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Schulte, who had struggled from the baseline three-point range in the third, opened the fourth quarter scoring by canning her first trey of the game, and the Lady Eagles wilted.

Nazareth hit seven of its nine shot attempts through the first six-and-ahalf minutes of the quarter, building a comfortable lead.

Three of those shots were from three-point range by Schulte, Thiel and Birkenfeld. The other four goals came from Gerber, who had back-toback layups off of Birkenfeld assists; and from Birkenfeld and Hoelting.

Valley View called a time out with 1:26 left in the game after Nazareth put together its biggest lead of the game, 70-52.

Valley View's leading scorers were Clifton and Prescher, who had 21 and 18 points, respectively.

The Lady Eagles hit just 28.8% of their shots from the field while Nazareth made 51.9% of its attempts. Valley View forced 23 Nazareth turnovers and picked up 16 points for its efforts. The Lady Eagles' 19 turnovers resulted in 13 Swiftette points. Nazareth outscored Valley View in the paint, 34-22; but the Lady Eagles counted more second-chance shots, gaining 18 points from offensive putbacks compared with three for the Swiftettes. Nazareth counted 12 fastbreak points among its total while Valley View only managed six.

"In the second half we still had the looks, we just couldn't hit our shots. We lost our shooting touch," said Coach Bates. "They never gave us a break. They kept making shots. Everybody was hitting for them. They did a great job of penetrating and kicking it out. They were getting good looks and they knocked the shots down. They played great."

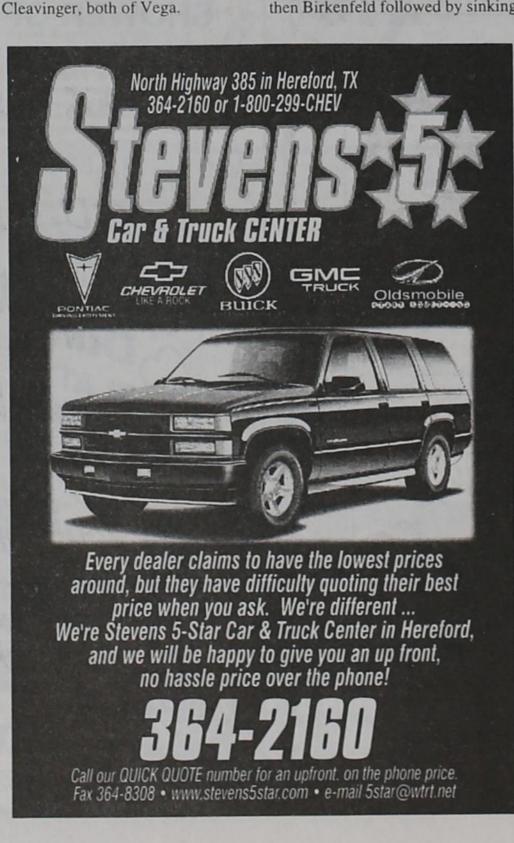
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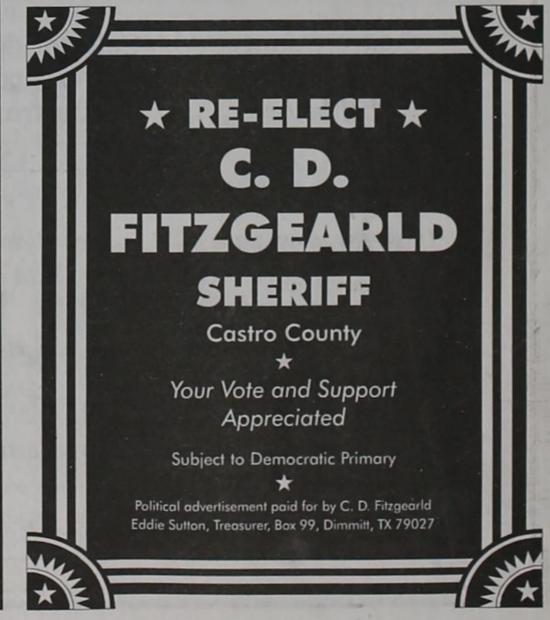
25 9 19 19-72 NAZARETH-Stephanie Thiel 3-8 0-1-8; Sara Schulte 2-8 2-4-7; Whitney Hoelting 4-5 4-4-12; Cassie Birkenfeld 8-14 0-1-20; Shawna Gerber 10-16 0-0-23; Lesley Brockman 0-1 0-0-0; Tara

Kleman 1-1 0-0-2; Wendy Black 0-1 0-0-0; Mandy Hoelting 0-0 0-0-0. TO-TALS: 28-54 6-10-72 VALLEY VIEW-Penny Foster 0-0 0-0-0; Julie Prescher 7-20 4-4-18; McKenzi Meyer 3-9 2-2-8; Dabney

Clifton 7-19 2-3-21; Sarah Schneider 1-11 4-6-7; Jordan Davis 0-3 0-0-0; Nichole Mahan 1-4 0-2-2; Tes Stewart 0-0 0-0-0. TOTALS: 19-66 12-17-56.

THREE-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 10of-28 (Birkenfeld 4-7, Shawna Gerber 3-7, Thiel 2-4, Schulte 1-7, Whitney Hoelting 0-1, Black 0-1); Valley View 6-of-29 (Clifton 5-15, Schneider 1-7, Davis 0-3, Mahan 0-2, Meyer 0-2). REBOUNDS: Nazareth 40 (Shawna Gerber and Birkenfeld 8, Schulte 7); Valley View 37 (Meyer 8, Mahan 7). ASSISTS: Nazareth 18 (Birkenfeld 8 Thiel, Schulte and Shawna Gerber 3) Valley View 11 (Schneider and Meyer 3). STEALS: Nazareth 9 (Shawna Gerber 3) Valley View 11 (Schneider 4). TURN-OVERS: Nazareth 23 (Shawna Gerber 6) for 16 Valley View points; Valley View 19 (Meyer, Clifton and Schneider 4) for 13 Nazareth points. TOTAL FOULS: Nazareth 15, Valley View 14. FOULED OUT:







CRYSTAL RIVER ... Hector, Carlos and Joel Gonzalez.

'Crystal River' to give free concert hear me sing, they believe it."

tal River.

West Texas area.

Crystal River will present an "All Praise to the King" concert in Dimmitt today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt.

Admission to the concert is free and concession stand items will be available for sale, including barbecue sandwiches. The concession will open at 6 p.m.

Crystal River is a trio of country/southern gospel singers. They were featured recently on a nationally televised TBN Program with Dale Evans.

"Bring the family and invite your friends to an evening of great fun and Christian fellowship," said a spokesperson for the group.

The members of Crystal River are the three Gonzalez brothers, Hector, Carlos and Joel.

"Even on the Christian side, there's a business side and a spiritual side. It is entertainment, but it's not just entertainment," Joel said. "We've always put a lot of emphasis on the spiritual. I tell people I'd rather be considered a minister first, and a singer second. When people

Childbirth education scheduled

Childbirth Education classes are scheduled for the next three Mondays (March 13, 20 and 27), from

6:30 to 9 p.m. each day. The classes are designed to provide information and skills to promote a positive labor and delivery experience. Topics will include breathing and relaxation techniques, the labor and delivery process, medications and epidurals, and the coaching role.

Instructor for the classes is Cindy Ellis, R.N., childbirth educator.

Preregistration is required. For more information, call 647-2194, 647-2191, or 647-5497.

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Fun Night set at RES

Family Fun Night will be held today (Thursday) from 6 to 7 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt and all students, parents and interested persons are invited to at-

There will be activities for the family to do together in the cafeteria and refreshments will be served. Parents may visit the Scholastic Book Fair's parent night, as well as their children's classrooms and resource rooms.

"Come spend some fun, quality time with your child," a school spokesperson said. "Although your child's teacher will be available to answer any questions, report cards will not be handed out until parent conferences set for the week of March 20."

Book Fair

ending Friday.

Books are available for sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and Parents' Night will be today (Thursday) from 5 to 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Students will have a chance to select books before and after school, as well as during their library time.

"Wish Lists" will be available for students and teachers to list the

the library, according to event chairperson Tara Wales.

set at RES

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt is having a Scholastic Book Fair this week in the school library,

books they would like to receive.

Half of the proceeds from the event will be used to buy books for

4-H'ers find success with animals at major stock shows

exhibited livestock in major stock shows in Houston and/or San Antonio recently, and many enjoyed

"We want Christians from all

denominations and people from all

walks of life to gather under one

roof and praise Jesus, not religion,"

said Robert Rios, president of Rivers

Productions, which represents Crys-

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ers for 191/2 years. The inter-denomi-

national ministry is headquartered in

Lubbock, and they have traveled

extensively. In the future, they plan

to concentrate their efforts in the

The brothers have been involved

Bridget Hochstein finished first in the Light Weight Land Race at the San Antonio Junior Livestock Show.

Kendra Huseman drove her Poland China barrow to a third-place finish at the San Antonio show.

At the Houston Livestock Show, Corey Laney's Chester barrow finished second in its class while Shawn Nelson exhibited a fourth place Maine Anjou steer.

Other 4-H'ers with top places at the Houston show were Meggie Lemons, ninth place Shorthorn steer; Anna Brockman, 14th-place Southdown lamb; and Aaron Kern, 23rd-place Yorkshire barrow.

Also competing at the shows were Raynee Bradley, Mary Bradley, Chauncey Gilbreath, Brandi Kern, Caitlin Huseman, Charlie Nutt, Bailey Nutt, Holly Lane, Brad Lane, Bryce Pohlmeier and Thomas Brockman.

"These youth have spent many hours working with their livestock projects," said Castro County

Vote for

James R. Horton

for

County/District Attorney

in the March 14 Democratic Primary

Several Castro County 4-H'ers Extension Agent Pammy Millican. "Some of these youths have spent all year preparing themselves and their livestock projects for these stock shows. They have worked hard and deserve our congratulations for a job well done."

> Paintings in galleries sell for twice the price they would sell for at art auctions.

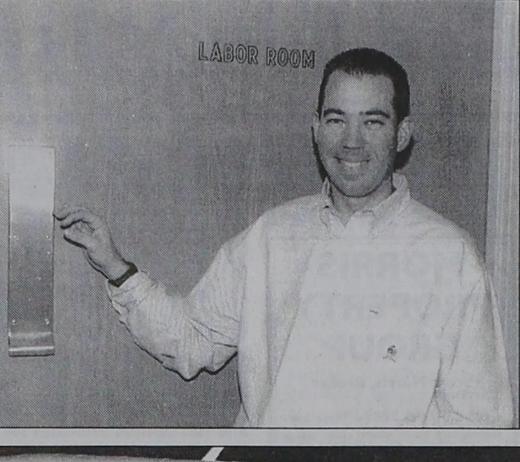
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COACHING—(LEFT) Nazareth Girls' Basketball Head Coach Matt Garrett heads into the labor room at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Friday afternoon to encourage his wife, Courtney, during the birth process for their son, Austin Matthew, who was born at 8:30 p.m. The infant weighed in at 7 pounds and 11.6 ounces and was 21 inches long. (BELOW) Garrett (right) stands beside State Rep. Pete Laney's private plane, which flew Garrett from the Girls Basketball State Tournament in Austin to be with his wife. Pilot of the twin-engine plane (not a jet, as has been commonly reported) is Mark Thompson (left). Laney heard about the coach's plight in Austin and offered the use of his plane.



Cargill donates \$20,000 to Hart Centennial Pavilion

to help fund a new pavilion that will be used for meetings and community celebrations in downtown Hart. The facility will include a stage, dressing rooms, bathrooms and a landscaped plaza area.

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Enrique Perez of Dimmitt, who

had been sentenced in district court

in August 1997 to 50 years on

charges of indecency with a child,

filed an appeal with the Seventh

been heard Wednesday (March 8) in

were to be heard at the Texas Tech

Law School, according to Castro

County/District Attorney Jerry

Matthews, who was to present the

appeal on the basis of "ineffective

Matthews said Perez filed the

prosecution's side of the appeal.

The appeal was scheduled to have

Oral arguments in the appeal

Court of Appeals.

Lubbock.

Police Calls

ties Feb. 27 at the horse pens on the week: south edge of Dimmitt. Items taken included a fire extinguisher valued at on motion to revoke, stemming from \$30, two crescent wrenches valued at theft by check over \$20 and under \$20, a pipe wrench valued at \$20 and \$200; a Dimmitt man, 21, on motion two c-clamps valued at \$10.

further details were available.

Jesus Alfonso Hernandez of Dimmitt, a custodian at Richardson Elementary School, told police Tuesday that someone pried open a side window on a pickup and took a CD player/radio valued at \$260, 20 CDs valued at \$320, a beeper valued at \$50, and speakers valued at \$150.

A student at Dimmitt High School told police Monday that a suspect had threatened to assault him on a warrant for aggravated assault and cause bodily injury to him.

A 19-year-old Hereford man was jailed March 1 for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

a Hereford man, 24, who was jailed Sunday at 5:57 p.m.

A burglary was reported to depu- revoke probation during the past

—March 1, a Plainview man, 22, to revoke, stemming from burglary A dog attack was reported to of a building, and warrant for burdeputies Monday at 7:03 p.m. No glary of a building; a 34-year-old Hart woman, motion to revoke, stemming from theft by check, and warrant for forged financial instrument; and an Amarillo man, 30, on motion to revoke, DWI, second offense.

-March 2, a 19-year-old Dimmitt woman, warrant for theft by check over \$500 and under \$1,500; and a 22-year-old Dimmitt man, Randall County warrant for DWI.

-Monday, a Seminole man, 21, with a deadly weapon.

Jail Count

As of Tuesday morning, 16 in-DWI charges were listed against mates were in the Castro County Jail. Eight had been farmed out for the week, at an estimated cost of \$304 Jailed on warrants or motions to per day and \$2,128 for the week.

all of Nazareth, and Virgil Brockman

of Dimmitt; a brother, Joseph

Schmucker of Nazareth; a sister,

Mary Gerber of Nazareth; 15 grand-

children; and three great-grandchil-

the Senior Citizens of Nazareth or to

the Saint Scholastica Monastery,

P.O. Box 3489, Ft. Smith, Ark.

The family suggests memorials to

ACP, (left) is a new social worker working with The Welch Home Place and Hospice through the Castro County Hospital District. Troy Wood, LMSW-ACP, is the director of WHP. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Susan Cothran is new at Welch Home Place

Susan Cothran began her duties County Child Welfare Board. as a social worker at The Welch Home Place and the Castro County Hospital District Hospice program on March 1.

She lives in Tulia with her husband, Mike, who is a farmer, and their two children, Ben, 16, and Em-

A native of North Carolina, she received her undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her master's in social work from the University of Tennessee at Knox-

She said she and Mike were both working with Child Protective Services in Dallas when they met and married. She said she decided to go for her master's degree and he decided he wanted something completely different. He began farming his grandmother's land near Tulia, and that is what brought them to the Panhandle.

Cothran said she has lived in Tulia for almost 17 years. She had been working at the hospital in Tulia, doing social work and working with the home health department there.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tulia and has served on the Swisher contacted for filing.

She said the reason she chose social work is that "I like the contact with people and trying to make a positive difference.'

She works with groups on inpatient care and also in the partial care program.

"I will be working with patients families, helping plan for the patient's return home, or deciding what is best for the patient and family when it is time for the patient to leave here," Cothran said.

"I am excited about being here and I look forward to being a part of the Welch Home Place unit, the hospital and the community," she said.

School board candidates may file during break

School board candidates for the Dimmitt and Hart schools may still file for office, even though the schools will be on spring break.

The DISD Administration Building will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday next week.

At Hart, a phone number will be posted for the person who should be



Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-

The greatest age authenticated for a crocodile is 66 years.

assistance of counsel."

March 9, 2000

Matthews said he feels that the appellate court will not find that Perez had ineffective counsel.

In a February session of the 64th Dist. Court, Juan Castillo entered a plea of guilty to charges of DWI, third or more offense.

The terms of the plea bargain included five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for five years; a \$1,000 fine, court costs of \$262.25, and a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line; 400 hours of community service; a oneyear-suspension of his driver's license; completion of the repeat offenders program and DWI classes; and 180 days in the Castro County Jail on work release.



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Katherine Brockman

Funeral Mass for Katherine "Katie" Brockman, 82, of Nazareth was said Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church with Fr. Pete Otto officiating.

Cemetery. Vigil services had been held Monday at 7 p.m. in the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Burial followed in Holy Family

Mrs. Brockman died March 4 at 10:25 p.m. at her residence.

She was born July 2, 1917, in Nazareth, and was raised in Nazareth. She married Arnold F. Brockman on Feb. 11, 1941, in Nazareth. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1996. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the Christian Mothers Society, and the Senior Citizens of Nazareth.

She is survived by three daughters, Naomi McGrath of Kansas City, Kan., Monica Mote of Tulia, and Joyce Brockman of New Fairfield, Conn.; four sons, Ralph Brockman, Art Brockman and Dale Brockman,

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for one (1) new tandem-powered motor grader for trade-in of one (1) 140 G motor grader.

Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2000. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 27, 2000, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge 25-48-2tc

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION TPDES Registration No. WQ0001565-000

APPLICATION. A2 CATTLE FEED-ING, INC., RR4, Box 35, Dimmitt TX 79027 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment to TPDES Registration No. WQ0001565-000 to authorize the applicant to operate an existing beef cattle operation at a maximum capacity of 40,000 head in Castro County, Texas. Application was received by TNRCC on September 20, 1999. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this Registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural

The existing facility is located on the north side of FM 145 approximately four miles west of the intersection of FM 145 and US 385 and approximately 11 miles south of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

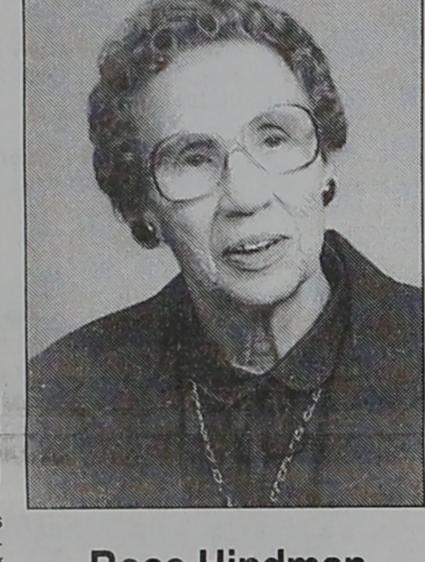
The application is available for inspection by the public at the Farm Service Agency of Castro County, 114-A Belsher, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Issued Feb. 25, 2000 LaDONNA CASTANUELA, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 25-49-1tc



Rose Hindman

Rose Hindman, 89, of Nazareth, died at 12:17 a.m. Tuesday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

A vigil service was held Wednesday afternoon at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Mass of Christian burial will be read today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Nazareth with Father Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hindman was born April 1, 1910, in Nazareth. She married Lew V. Hindman on Oct. 24, 1938, in Nazareth. He died on March 22, 1966.

She was raised in Nazareth and attended schools there. After her marriage she and her husband moved to Borger. They returned to Nazareth in 1947. She was a housewife and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. She also was a member of the Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters and the Senior Citizens of Nazareth.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and John Smith of Aurora, Colo.; a grandson, Shawn Smith of Aurora; a brother, Clarence Schulte of Nazareth; and a sister, Theresa Wills of Groom.

The family requests memorials be to the Nazareth Museum or Holy Family Cemetery.

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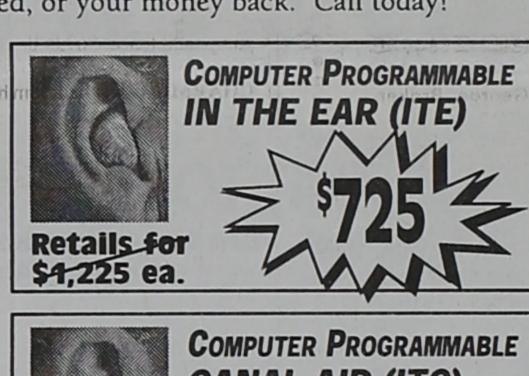
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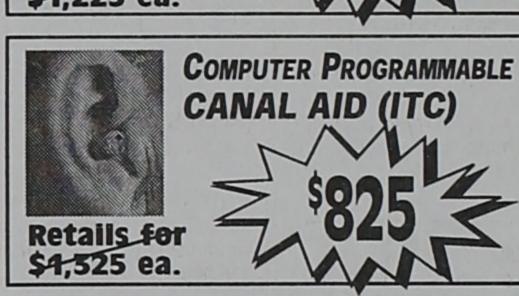
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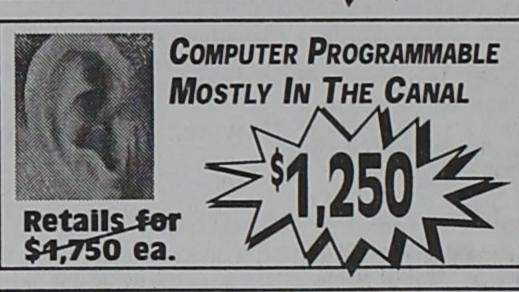
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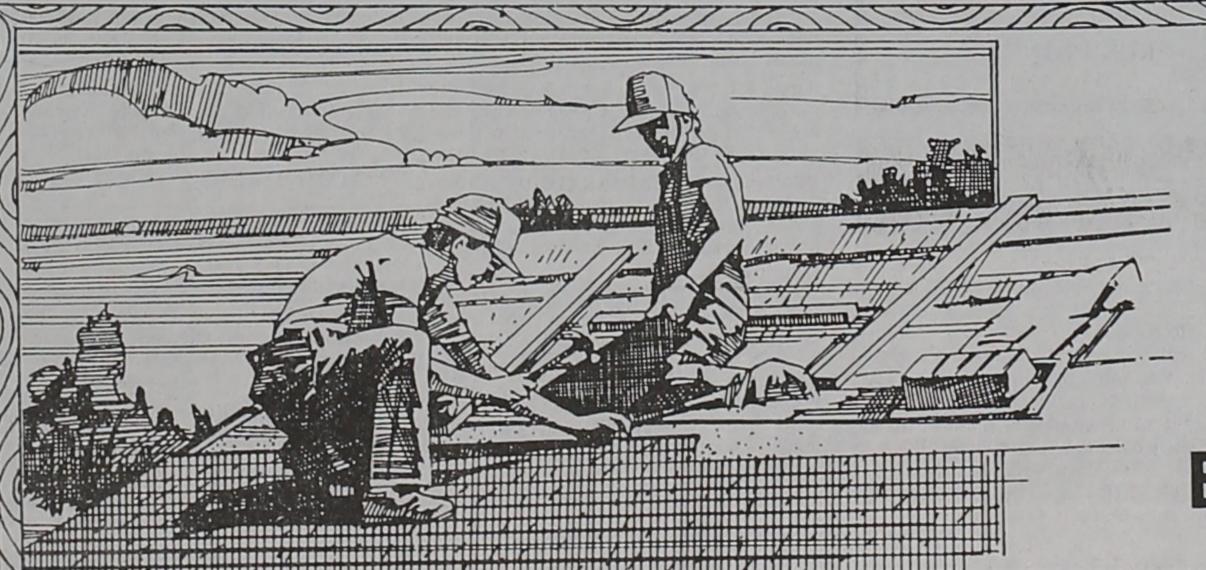






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