

TIP-OFF

NISD gym project draws protests



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By Don Nelson

It has been a week of mixed—and extreme—emotions on some of the state's major university campuses.

The entire state has been mourning the loss of the 12 fine young men and women who died in the Texas A&M bonfire tragedy.

Because the tragedy became the lead story on all the major networks and wire services, the entire nation learned something about the legendary Aggie Spirit.

And suddenly, a football rivalry didn't seem so important.

I thought I heard on the radio that on the day after the tragedy, students at The University of Texas stood in line as long as 2½ hours to give blood for the 28 Aggies who were injured and hospitalized.

Both A&M and UT students are wearing white ribbons all week in memory.

"That's the color we share," said Parisa Fatchi, UT Student Government president.

They'll wear their ribbons at the football game Friday, too.

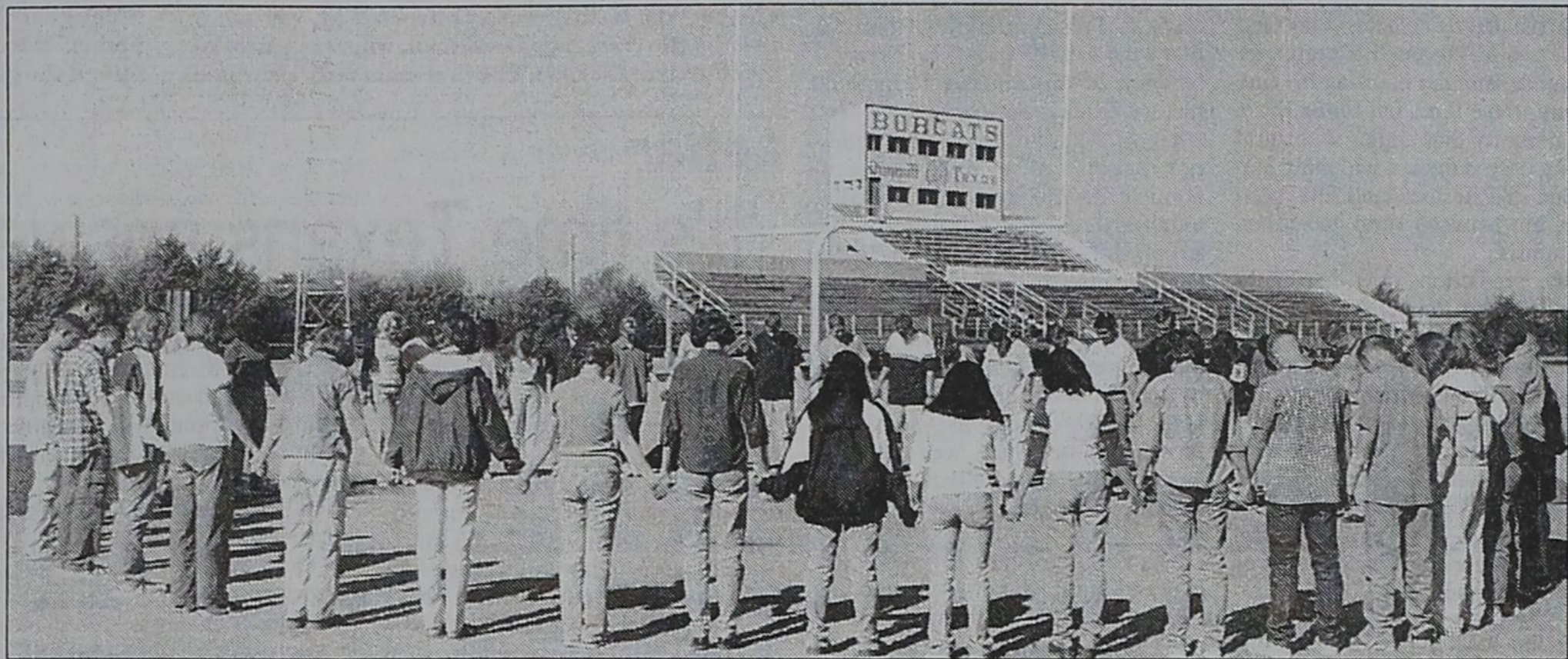
Instead of holding their annual "Hex Rally" Monday night, UT students gathered at 9 p.m. at the base of the tower for a memorial service. No fewer than 30 busloads of Aggies joined them there. Instead of lighting thousands of "hex" candles, they lit one large memorial candle.

The tower was darkened, and for the first time ever, the tower chimes played the A&M school song.

Will Hurd, A&M student body president, told the UT students, "It has been an incredibly noble act that you performed."

Alix Morrow, president of the

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Thanksgiving, 1999

Dimmitt High School students give thanks in a prayer circle at the south end zone of Bobcat Stadium. This is one way the Interfaith Youth Group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and other students responded to this year's cancellation of pre-game public prayer, which resulted from a federal appeals

court decision. Eventually, most schools opted for a moment of "silent reflection" before games. However you do it, publicly or privately, today is a special time to give thanks for our blessings, in a holiday set aside by tradition and law for that purpose—a holiday that no one dare challenge in court.

Photo by Don Nelson

County looking at jail bond issue

The Castro County Commissioners, despite voicing doubts of its success, have voted to pursue a bond issue election to build a new jail. They met in a special session Monday night with members of the jail committee and discussed what could be done about the jail situation.

An architect's estimate for a 48-bed facility came in at about \$2.2 million. General obligation bonds for the project over a 30-year period would have an estimated payoff of \$3,725,405, using a debt service rate calculated at 5.75%.

For property valued at \$100,000, the amount of tax increase to cover the bond issue would be from \$33 to \$55 per year, according to County Judge Irene Miller.

The bond issue was brought up due to problems with the present county jail.

An inspection of the facility by a

state inspector on Oct. 28 showed that the jail was out of compliance in three areas:

—Single cells throughout the facility have been occupied beyond the approved capacity.

—Multiple occupancy cells throughout the facility have been occupied beyond the approved capacity.

—Day rooms throughout the facility have been occupied beyond the approved capacity.

A note from Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspector Mark Wilson said, "On occasion, the Castro County Jail has been occupied beyond the designed capacity. Castro County has made an effort to control the population by housing inmates out of county, but need to insure that the population is maintained at or below the approved capacity. Classification of inmates should continue to be a factor when housing inmates. The jail

staff will be required to submit a weekly report each Friday indicating the daily population for the previous seven days."

A notice of noncompliance was sent to Miller and Sheriff CD Fitzgerald. The notice stated that "appropriate corrective measures must be initiated within 30 days from the date of this notice" (Nov. 5). The notice stated that the county must reduce the occupancy of single cells, multiple occupancy cells and day rooms upon receipt of the notice. Failing initiation and completion, a remedial order will be issued and enforced.

Fitzgerald said that prisoners already are being "farmed out" to other area jails, at costs ranging upward from \$38.50 per day per prisoner. The notice will require moving more prisoners to make sure occupancy stays within the approved capacity,

which is 18 prisoners. Fitzgerald said the average jail population has been 21.5 prisoners per day.

In a facetious tone, Fitzgerald "apologized" for "causing all these problems." He said, "I could refuse to take any prisoners, we could just not serve any warrants, we could not arrest violators, but I won't do that. I don't think that's what you want me to do."

"We have knocked down rural burglaries by 80% the last several years, and I credit my deputies with that in making their patrols."

"It is getting harder and harder to find jails that are not having the same problems we are."

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	77	36	
Friday	75	30	
Saturday	59	29	
Sunday	74	31	
Monday	66	30	
Tuesday	66	29	

November Moisture 0.00
1999 Moisture 31.69

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



NAZARETH COACH RICK PRICE hoists the Class A Area championship trophy as the Swifts celebrate their 14-7 win over Claude Friday night at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon. Nazareth will face Rankin Saturday at 2 p.m. in Brownfield for in a Region 1-A semifinal game.

Photo by Randy Schilling

Swifts will battle Rankin Saturday in regional semis

The Nazareth Swifts are in the regional football playoffs for the first time since 1983 and they want to make this appearance count with another "W".

The 10-2 Swifts will meet Rankin Saturday at 2 p.m. in a Region 1-A semifinal game at Brownfield's Cub Stadium.

The Rankin Red Devils are 9-2 on the season and they captured the District 7-A championship to qualify for the playoffs.

After a first-round bye, the Red Devils trounced Anton from the playoffs in the area round, 18-21, on Friday.

Nazareth, runner-up from District 3-A, eliminated Petersburg (31-8) and Claude (14-7) from the playoffs in the bi-district and area rounds, respectively, to reach the regional semis.

"I'm really pleased—I'm just tickled pink that the guys were able to make it this far," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price, who is in his 10th year as the Swifts' mentor. "I think I'm probably speaking for the whole team when I say that part of what makes this so satisfying is because of some of the bad draws (in the playoffs and district) we've endured with other good teams we've had in the past."

This is the Swifts' fifth playoff appearance in the 90's, but no other team since the 1983 squad has been able to reach the regional round.

"We finally got over the hump," Price said. "I've been thinking a lot about all those other guys (good teams from the past) this week. They laid the foundation for what we're doing today. They really started it all."

Price and the Swifts hope to take their success one more step this week by beating Rankin and reaching the regional finals for the first time in school history.

The Red Devils will be tough to handle, though.

Anton jumped out to an early 14-0 lead on Friday, but Rankin came back with 28 unanswered points to take the win.

The Red Devil attack is a speedy one and is centered around quarterback Chris Mendez (5-7, 156).

"Mendez is one of their better athletes," Price said. "A lot of their special plays are designed to go to him. He's a great passer, but he'll also tuck it away and run if he doesn't like the coverage downfield. Sometimes they'll line up with flanker Nathan Valencia (5-9, 156) at quarterback and he'll throw to Mendez on deep routes."

When Mendez is quarterback and decides to throw, he'll usually look to one of his running backs, Ruben De La Paz (5-9, 162) or Jeremy Armendarez (5-8, 160).

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AND A BIG HUG, TOO—Maegan Davis, 4, daughter of Matt and Rena Davis, visited with Santa last Thursday night during Santa's Open House in Dimmitt. She made her gift requests and then asked for a hug, too. Children need to get their Santa letters written and delivered to the Castro County News by Dec. 16 so they can be put in the Christmas issue, where Santa will be sure to read them.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Thanksgiving?

Prolonged cheap food policy at any cost has done farmers and rural America no favors. We may all pay the price.

By JIM STEIERT

By late October we began to see the ghostly gray cranes spiraling on high, and in their wake came the white chin-strapped Canada geese, and the emerald-headed mallard ducks as they fled the bitter winds and snow in the north country to return to the ancient wintering ground of the Plains. The returning fowl remind us that a year has come another circle, and we ponder change and what is timeless.

With fall, the myriad acres that towered with heads and ears in the green of summer were reduced to ocher stubble. The remnants of corn and sorghum fields rustle in the wind where ravenous machines gobbled up their bountiful grain to spew into waiting trucks that carted the "wealth" to elevators.

Though it was far from a cotton year, many fields turned white with fiber-filled bolls, their snow plucked from the stems and compacted for the journey to the gin by assorted machines. Beans and peas and big round-baled hay have been laid in. Fields sown to winter wheat have greened-up.

In the frost-tinged days of late fall, amidst the riot of seasonal colors of faded fodder, maize red, corn yellow, and pumpkin orange, Thanksgiving approaches. Most are given to pondering a time of rural beauty and bounty.

We are not much inclined, with our thoughts of turkey and cranberries and pumpkin pie, to face the harsh reality that the way of life that was once family farming may soon pass by the wayside if we continue our present course in this country.

For those of us still fortunate enough to live a rural-rooted life, there remain around us lovely country scenes and experiences—like something out of Robert Frost, or James Whitcomb Riley poetry...The

appeal is far from universal, though, with only 2% of the populace still on the farm. Even urban folk embrace rustic rural imagery and thoughts of the heartland in this season of Thanksgiving, but most Americans know little of the land and the labor that yield beauty, personal fulfillment, and prosperity for the rest of the country.

As we mark another day to give thanks this year, the majority of Americans are detached from agriculture and rural life, and that is a loss for our children and our country as a whole.

Few seem to appreciate that economic and social factors have conspired against the bastion of American values that is the family farm.

Surrounded by cement, connected to the "world" through a computer modem, urban man is losing his link not only to the land, but to the sense of community that comes with rural life. Not only is there a widening gap between the farmer and the consumer, but between rural and urban communities.

Dire predictions are that more than a third of the scant remaining family farmers could be out of business in the next few years. In a new "world economy," a combination of a recession in Asia, high production in other countries, problems with pests and weather disasters, and the demise of price supports in the U.S. due to revised farm legislation has created an American farming crisis of staggering proportions.

On the local scene, and nationwide, farmers are faced with costs of production at all-time highs, and prices for virtually all of their grain and livestock that aren't a bit better than they were prior to World War II.

Many long-time farmers are using up their equity hanging on in a profession with little propensity for mak-

ing them a living. Today's crisis in agriculture is more than economic. It carries psychological, social, and spiritual ramifications for all of America.

Thanksgiving is a fitting time to remind ourselves that the land, the water, the air, and all living things are gifts from God, and that we all bear a responsibility to be good stewards.

In a resolution on the family farm crisis, the General Board of the American Baptist Churches calls on us to recognize that we have often taken for granted the people and the resources of the family farm, the farm communities, and the land itself.

The General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church USA, in a stated clerk letter on the family farm crisis to President Clinton, reminds that "the family farm has been the bulwark of this country throughout history. Today, the continuing existence of the family farm is in question because of an escalating economic crisis that exists in rural communities throughout this nation. Catastrophically low prices have had a negative effect."

While American farmers are asked to compete in a world market, they're having a hard time doing so in a world where their foreign competitors, who seem to value their farmers more than we do ours, outspend the US more than 20 to one in export subsidies.

As we gorge on turkey and dressing and mashed potatoes, and the rustic nostalgia of the season, we need to be thinking hard about the fact that maintaining a cheap food policy for decades has come at an awful price for those few still left on the land. Treating agriculture cheaply has really done our kids and our country no favors by diminishing rural America, the last wellspring of work ethic and moral values.



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH in Nazareth recently celebrated its 50th anniversary in the current church building, and a special mass and supper for the community were held to recognize the milestone. The current facility was constructed in November 1949 by Rev. Gregory Boeckman, who was pastor of the church at the time. The first mass was celebrated

in the new church on Nov. 9, 1949. Those celebrating the anniversary mass on Nov. 6 were (from left) Holy Family Church Deacons Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer; current pastor, Father Peter Otto; and Monsignor Bud Erpen, who was a good friend of Father Boeckman's and other priests who have served the parish through the years.

Photo by Randy Schilling

Letter

'It's time Texans answered their call'

Dear Editor:

During October, Texas lost four law enforcement officers to senseless, violent deaths. Why? Because they did their job. They answered the call.

According to an FBI report in a front-page story in the *San Antonio Express-News* on Oct. 17, the most dangerous job in law enforcement is that of a rural deputy sheriff. They are required to enforce all laws—federal, state, county and city—not just local ordinances.

Do you know that many of these rural deputies (and police officers in small communities) earn less than \$22,000 per year? Because they earn so little, most of them must moonlight on their days off just to provide basic needs for their families.

It's time we Texans step up and answer our call. Because Texas is one of the fastest growing states and we want our state to be safe, it's up to us to see that all law enforcement officers are paid a respectable salary. It's up to you and me to write our state representatives and state senators to demand that Texas either provide a base salary for full-time law enforcement officers or a stipend to bring up those wages that are below the poverty line.

As parents of a law enforcement officer in rural Texas, my husband and I realize that there will always be danger in that job, but we would like to improve the quality of their lives. We need your help.

We need people from all 254 counties in Texas to pass around petitions and get signatures from their fellow citizens to present to our state legislature when it meets again in January 2001.

If you would like to join a real Texas "posse," send a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will send you the appropriate petition, information about how to obtain signatures and directions for delivery of your petition.

Send your request to me, Betty Harper Murphy, PO Box 102, Fort Stockton 79735; or e-mail request to bharpermurphy@hotmail.com.

Together our "posse" can round up the signatures needed to get the attention of our legislature.

Soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us also give

thanks for all those who willingly serve us as law enforcement officers. Let us remember our fallen heroes in those ranks, and let that memory move us into action to improve the quality of lives for their fellow officers, those who are still answering the call.

BETTY HARPER MURPHY

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Murphy and her husband are teachers and they have four grown children and seven grandchildren. They lived in Comfort for 20 years before moving to Fort Stockton 13 years ago.)

Margie Durbin named to the WTAMU Senate

Margie Durbin of Nazareth, a junior biochemistry and biology major at West Texas A&M University, was elected to serve as a senator for the College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences at WTAMU.

Durbin, the daughter of Paul and Joan Durbin, is a member of Colle-

giate 4-H, Gamma Beta Phi, Student Alumni Board, American Chemical Society and Pre-Med Club.

Student Government provides representation for WTAMU students, listens to the opinions of these students, and acts as a liaison between the university administration, local and state government.

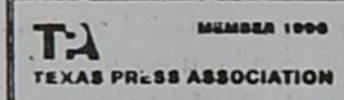
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Last Puzzle Solution

**WITH GRATITUDE ON
THANKSGIVING**

*We're filled with gratitude it's true,
For each and every one of you ...
So without hesitation or further delay,
Go our very best wishes for a great holiday!*

We will be closed Thursday.
OPEN FRIDAY MORNING from 8:30 to 11:30

**Hereford Texas
Federal Credit Union**

**With Best Regards
On Thanksgiving**

*A long, long time ago, two very different groups of people proved that teamwork can help overcome hardship and produce some very fruitful results. It is that sentiment that comes to mind today, when we think of the many kind neighbors who have grown with us.
Happy Thanksgiving and sincere thanks.*

The Residents and Staff of
CANTERBURY VILLA

ACROSS

- 1 Hidalgo Co. town
- 5 TXism: "coffin" (cigarette)
- 6 TX drug/grocery chain: Jewel
- 7 TX Henry Catto's federal agency
- 8 _____ warbler nests only in TX
- 18 only hit by TX Paul & Paula: "_____ Paula"
- 19 exRanger outfielder _____ Sierra
- 21 Cowboys score _____
- 22 Texans put out welcome _____
- 23 "in the _____" (top form)
- 24 early TX explorer: _____ de Leon
- 29 sail support
- 30 TX Bell Helicopter Textron's V-22 is a _____-rotor aircraft
- 31 money maker for the Boerne Star
- 32 TX Connally was caught in this in JFK's limo (3 wds.)
- 34 TXism: "that's a _____ how do you do?"
- 35 TX singer Trini (init.)
- 36 TXism: "about as _____ as _____ paying taxes"
- 37 Gen. Robert _____
- 38 TXism: "slick as a watermelon _____"
- 40 unlawful distiller
- 42 jeweled headpiece
- 43 air mover (2 wds.)
- 44 corn growers assoc. with HQ in Dimmitt
- 45 TXism: "plain as the _____ a mule"
- 46 TX singer Stuckey
- 47 Hawaiian "howdy" gift
- 48 ABC's Lisa who worked for Dallas' WFAA-TV
- 49 TXism for "help"
- 51 TX cowboys performed at _____-Disney in France
- 52 TX actor Wallach
- 53 TX Waylon's label
- 54 TX Gramm's title (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "strong _____ a horseshoe" (strong coffee)
- 2 roped
- 3 some Texans saw action here in WWII
- 4 TXism: "take _____ off" (sit down)
- 9 wipe the chalkboard
- 10 Granbury's historic _____ House
- 11 TX Rather network
- 12 TXism: "careless about which horse _____ saddles" (thief)
- 13 Big Spring had 1st TX motorized fire _____
- 14 this TX Jack was billed as "Tallest Man in the World"
- 15 TXism: "don't get your shorts in a _____"
- 16 haughty Texans have a big one _____
- 17 Alamo: Mission San Antonio _____
- 20 Houston _____ the army at San Jacinto
- 22 Harrison Co. seat
- 24 ex-Oiler Del Greco
- 25 TXism: "_____ exercising" (talking)
- 26 TXism: "fits like hide _____ horse"
- 27 _____-Marcus
- 28 "_____ gun"
- 29 Denton's Phyllis was _____ America
- 30 a row of seats
- 33 Sherilyn of TX-filmed "Ruby" (92)
- 34 TX "market" type
- 35 TXism: "mad as a _____ snake"
- 37 Army Corps of _____ built _____ many TX lakes
- 38 TX tornado warning device
- 39 TX George's VP
- 41 Slurpee forerunner
- 42 Scarlett's home
- 45 sound repeat in Palo Duro Canyon
- 48 TX John Tower and this daughter were killed in '91 plane crash in Nueces Co.
- 50 on 44: Agua _____

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255



PLEASE, SANTA, WILL YOU BRING ME A . . . Landon Carpenter makes his request to Santa with a smile, as Santa visited with over 100 children at the annual Santa's Open House event held in Dimmitt last Thursday. Carpenter is the son of Donny and Melissa Carpenter.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nino takes top honors at research conference

Dimmitt native Emilio Nino, a senior plant science major at West Texas A&M University, took top honors Nov. 5 at the Sixth Annual Student Research Conference at WTAMU in Canyon.

Nino won second place in the agriculture category for "Field Evaluation of Bt Corn." His faculty advisors were Dr. Greta Schuster, Dr. Carl Patrick, and Dr. Pat Porter.

The conference had 110 undergraduate and graduate students representing 21 colleges and universities from seven states competing for three places in the 10 categories of the competition. Participants were selected to make 15-20 minute presentations of their original work.

Applications being accepted for 'Angel Tree'

Organizers of the "Community Angel Tree" project are currently accepting applications from needy families who might not be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children.

The annual Angel Tree project is co-sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and Panhandle Community Services.

The project is designed to help families with economic needs supplement Christmas gifts for their children. To qualify, there must be a financial need and the child must be under 11 years old.

Applications may be picked up at Panhandle Community Services and completed forms must be returned to PCS by Dec. 3.

First place winners in each category received \$200, second place got \$100, and third place was awarded \$50.

Christmas pageant will be Dec. 17-20 at Amarillo church

The annual Christmas pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo will be held Dec. 17-20.

Dates for this year's presentations are Friday, Dec. 17, through Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances starting at 3 p.m. will be held on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19.

Tickets for the event are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office, located on the east entrance of the church at 4000 Mays Ave. Tickets may be picked up beginning Monday, Nov. 29.

The annual show is held in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium and it portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama.

Dramatic lighting and special effects enhance the audience's experience, but it is the simple message of the love, forgiveness and acceptance that Christ brought to this world that touches their hearts and soul. The pageant takes the audience back 2,000 years to experience the life of Christ.

Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the pageant always remains fresh and exciting.

Surprise, surprise, surprise! That is what Carla Pybus was greeted with Monday by the mothers of the children attending Pybus Christian School. The mothers were Kyla Riley, Camille Williams, Connie Gilbreath, Debby Underwood, Carla Schilling, Vicky Aljoe, Elaine Heard, Tammy Nelson, Leigh Durbin and Cheryle Pybus.

Our sympathy goes to Donna and Ricky Kuntz in the death of her grandmother, Grace Ayers. Donna's dad, Jim Freeman, is ill also. Be sure to put him on your prayer list. His address is 3308 66th Street, Lubbock. They would appreciate a card or note.

Carolyn Jones visited her sister, Patsy Rodgers, a while back. Patsy lives in a retirement home at Barton Springs near Austin. It sounds like a lovely place to live. They have different games for the guests and residents.

The Friday Night Group is slimming down in numbers, not pounds. Carolyn and I met V.C. and Dorothy and their great-grandson, Dylon McDaniel, at K-Bob's on Friday night.

The First Baptist Church had its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday. There certainly was a good crowd. Today was our youth direc-

tor's first week. V.C. and Dorothy went with their granddaughter, Carol Ann Garza, to Odessa to watch the Hereford playoff game. Carol Ann's husband, Charlie, is one of the Hereford coaches.

Jo and Bill came down and spent Wednesday night with me. All of the girls, Leigh, Jo, June Sutton and I went to Lubbock for holiday

happenings. We got ideas, but will come home to purchase our gifts. Edith Graef was hostess for bridge at the Senior Citizens Center this past week.

The ladies are all so thoughtful of each other and I feel so indebted to them. Lorann Hamilton calls me every week to see if I need a ride. She, Dude and Martha Dannevik

have taken me to therapy. I'm know I'm leaving some out, but not intentionally.

Connie Aguilar, Norma Ramos and Olivia Herrera have been staying with the girls' grandmother, Julia Aguilar, who has been in Amarillo recuperating from open heart surgery.

Christmas Open House

IN DOWNTOWN HART
Wednesday, Dec. 1

Participating businesses are:

<p>The Company Store Open House 6-9 p.m.</p> <p>Powerstone Bracelets, Candles, Clothing, Texas State Capital Ornaments</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Register for drawing with purchase</p>	<p>KOSY KORNER Open House 2-9 p.m. Refreshments</p> <p>BEANIE BABIES DEPT. 56 VILLAGES PRECIOUS MOMENTS Register for drawing with purchase</p>	<p>JJ's Art, Gifts & Floral Open House 2-9 p.m. Refreshments 6-9 p.m.</p> <p>IN-HOUSE SPECIALS Dreamsicles, Candles, Christmas Decorations, Painted Wooden Items</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Register for drawing with purchase</p>
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Traditional Thanksgiving Greetings

Hope you and yours enjoy a hearty helping of health, prosperity and good fortune on this most special holiday and far into the future.

Thank you all for your kind friendship!

THRIFTWAY

DIMMITT Market

Both stores will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

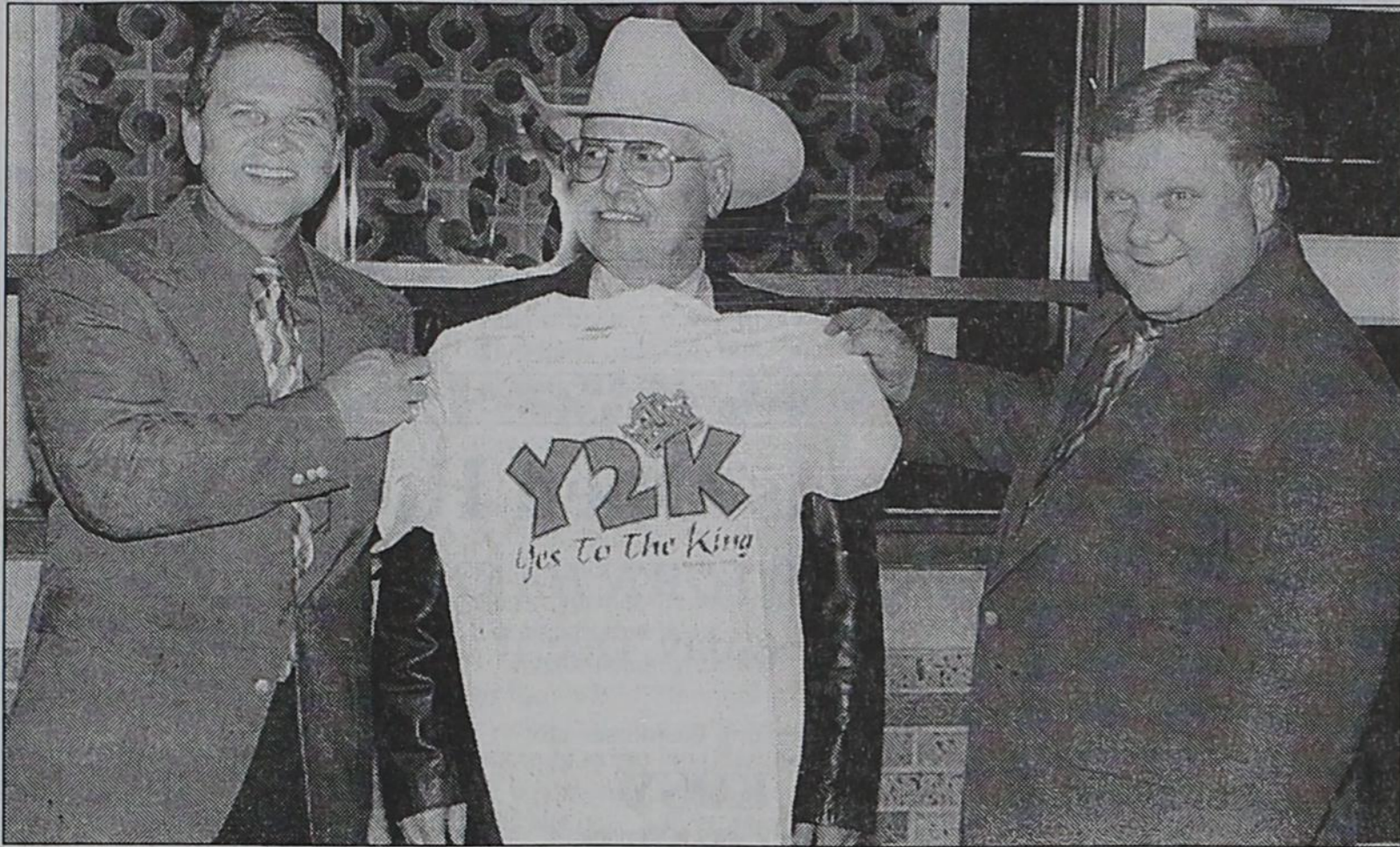


Let's Count Our Blessings

For family and friends, bountiful food on the table, love and laughter in our hearts, we are truly thankful. Let's cherish our good fortune in life all the year through, as we express our thoughts of Thanksgiving today.

Agro Distribution, L.L.C.

People



TEXAS MUSIC JUBILEE held in Dimmitt Saturday night featured a wide variety of entertainers, and part of the proceeds from the show will go to the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. for purchase of needed

equipment and training. Here (from left) Rod Treme and Don E. Thomas of "The Relations Quartet" show a promotional t-shirt to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. Photo by Linda Maxwell



PANCAKE HOUSE
 313-A N. Broadway, Dimmitt 647-2065
 Open Sunday through Friday 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Open Saturday 6 to 11 a.m.

Luncheon Special Served Daily
 Meeting Room Available (Capacity 16)
 Take-Out Plates ♦ Free Delivery

Francis and Bea Acker

THE RELATIONS QUARTET was one of the numerous acts that entertained at the Texas Music Jubilee in Dimmitt Saturday night at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Part of the proceeds from the show will go to the Castro County Sheriff's Dept.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

A group of quail is known as a bevy, a group of birds is known as a volery and several larks are known as an exaltation.

Pohlmeier marries LeGrow Nov. 13 at Holy Family Church

Jill Pohlmeier became the bride of Tony LeGrow on Nov. 13 when the two exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Monsignor Harold Waldo officiated at the nuptial service. He was assisted by Deacon Al Maurer of Nazareth, the bride's great-uncle.

The bride is the daughter of J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Bruce and Muriel LeGrow of Linden.

The Ellsworth String Quartet and Willy Strider, trumpeter, provided music for the service. Vocalists included Noreen, Alan, Nathan, Seth and Jessica Carson, Dwayne Kleman and Nicole Schulte. Schulte performed a solo, *On Holy Ground*.

The church was decorated with fall topiaries and a candelabra accented with oak leaves. The pews were marked with gold candleholders accented with oak leaves, fall-colored roses, mums and berries.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of candlelight Italian satin designed by Mon Cheri. The sleeveless bodice and round neckline was accented with rum pink in an empire effect with Venice flowers. The Basque waistline allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a semi-cathedral train. The deep vee back was banded in the rum pink and was finished with a drape of rum pink over the train, which was accented with Venice lace flowers. To complete her ensemble, she wore matinee gloves in candlelight, banded with rum pink and lace to echo the look of her gown.

For her hair, she wore rum pink and candlelight rosettes finished with satin-edged veiling.

She carried a nosegay of mixed bronze and red roses with berries and oak leaves. In the bouquet was a handkerchief her mother carried at her wedding. The handkerchief belonged to the bride's Great-Grandmother Kleman. The bouquet also included a rosary the bride's mother had received from the bride's Grandfather Kleman.

Amy Pohlmeier of College Station served as maid of honor for her sister. Matron of honor was Nicole Schulte of Nazareth, aunt of the bride. Bridesmaid was Jennifer



MRS. TONY LeGROW
 ... nee Jill Pohlmeier

Kliesen of Amarillo, friend of the bride.

The bridal attendants were attired in two-piece suits of crepe by Jordan. The sleeveless jacket was accented with a satin lapel and buttoned with iridescent crystals. The fitted skirt was floor-length with a front slit. The outfits were accessorized with stone opera gloves and tinted shoes.

They carried bouquets of lilies and chrysanthemums in fall colors and the bouquets were fashioned after the bridal bouquet.

Best man was Mike Kliesen of Amarillo, friend of the groom. Groomsman were Brian LeGrow of College Station and Steven LeGrow of Houston, brothers of the groom.

Candle lighters were Natalie Kleman of Plano and Nikki Wethington of Nazareth, friends of the bride.

Guests were registered by Heather Schilling and programs were distributed by Adrian Ellison and Brady Schulte.

Ushers were Colby Pohlmeier of Lubbock and Daryl Pohlmeier of Nazareth, brothers of the bride; and Will McFerraz and Lincoln Talbert, both of Lubbock, friends of the groom.

Gift bearers were Sierra Wilcox and Sara Ellison.

Acolytes were Eric Schilling, Chase Schulte, Kade Wilcox and Ky Wilcox. Readers were Gabe Aguilar and Heath Schulte.

After the ceremony, a reception honoring the newlyweds was held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Guest tables were decorated with topiary trees and votive candles along with fresh floral arrangements of autumn leaves and flowers.

The bride's table featured bridal portraits accented with fresh flowers and foliage. Punch was served from a silver punch bowl. Large tassels, additional fresh foliage and pewter candle holders completed the table decor.

The bridal cake, designed with large swirls, contained layers

wreathed and topped by roses and berries in the bride's chosen colors. Her bouquet, candles, and rope tassels graced the front of a lattice arrangement filled with oak leaves and draped in ivory fabric.

The groom's table displayed a hockey motif featuring the groom's Texas Tech hockey shirt along with pictures of the groom playing hockey at Texas Tech and as a small boy. His cake featured a hockey rink.

The bride selected a black dress and boots for her traveling attire.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M.

The newlyweds have established their new home in Lubbock.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1998 with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sports science. She is teaching and coaching at Makenzie Junior High in Lubbock.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Linden High School. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin University in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry. He earned his master of science degree in physiology from Texas Tech University in 1999. He is employed as a lab technician at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

4-H stock show is Dec. 4

The Castro County 4-H Stock Show will be held on Dec. 4 in the barns at the Expo Building, and special showmanship clinics have been planned for exhibitors prior to the show.

A peewee showmanship classic will be held in addition to the usual junior and senior showmanship contests.

The show is open to all Castro County 4-H'ers who are working with livestock projects.

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Kirby and Birkenfeld exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy David Birkenfeld are home in Eagle Nest, N.M., after enjoying a wedding trip to Angel Fire, N.M.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 9 in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Bro. Howard Rhodes at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride is the former Asia Tyria Kirby, daughter of Dean and Belinda Kirby of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

The altar area of the church was decorated with four candelabra holding 15 candles each. The candelabra were draped with white tulle and green ivy. The carved unity candle was decorated with yellow and red bows and greenery. The pews were marked with bows of white tulle and red and yellow ribbon.

Music was provided by pianist Randy Singer, a cousin of the bride. He also sang *I Cross My Heart*. A'lynn Garza sang *From This Moment On*.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a Victorian-style gown made by the groom's mother. It was fashioned with a scalloped vee neckline and backline. The bodice and sleeves were made of embroidered satin embellished with sequins and pearls. The sleeves were accented with inlaid lace motifs. The lace motifs also highlighted the bottom of the smooth satin skirt and the train, which was created from the same embroidered satin as the bodice.

She carried a bouquet of yellow, white and red roses accented with swatches of material from the bride's dress and the bridesmaids' dresses.

Maid of honor was A'lynn Garza of Dallas, the bride's best friend.

Bridesmaids were Tiffany Wilcox of Dimmitt and Tamber Lerman of Vega, cousins of the bride, Heather Jeter of Dimmitt and Mika Karber of Vega, friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore long red dresses accented with yellow shoulder straps and a yellow bow which flowed down the back. They carried long-stemmed yellow roses accented with ribbons.

Best man was Malcom Jones of Nazareth, the groom's best friend.



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Groomsmen included Quentin Dobmeier of Lubbock and Dale Birkenfeld of Nazareth, cousins of the groom, Patrick Birkenfeld of Snyder, brother of the groom, and Ky Kirby of Dimmitt, brother of the bride.

Ring bearer was Kylar Kirby, the bride's son. Jayden Kirby, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Jennifer Hiatt, cousin of the bride, and James Birkenfeld, nephew of the groom, served as candlelighters.

Guests were seated by Ronald Kirby, brother of the bride; Wesley Mays, cousin of the bride; and Chris Birkenfeld and Phillip Birkenfeld, brothers of the groom.

After the wedding, a cake and punch reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride's table was covered with a hand-crocheted cloth made by the bride's great-grandmother. It held the wedding cake, which was a four-cake creation with each cake joined by staircases. A porcelain bride and

groom were placed on top of the ladder and a fountain with flowing red water was underneath. The cake, made by the groom's mother, was decorated with the same type of lace used on the bride's gown.

The cake, punch, nuts and mints were served by Denise Kirby, the bride's sister-in-law; and Sabrina Hiatt, cousin of the bride.

The groom's cake, also made by his mother, was a German chocolate variety and it was decorated with nuts, bolts and a "Taz" figure working on a truck.

Presiding over the groom's table were his sisters, Patsy Wells, Christy Christian and Linda Hopper.

Following the reception, a meal was held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She holds a cosmetology license.

The groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1996. He is employed by Red Willow Construction in Eagle Nest.

CofC awards Dimmitt Dollars

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce held its first Dimmitt Dollars drawing of the holiday season during Santa's Open House last Thursday and awarded \$100 to a Friona woman and two \$10 prizes to Dimmitt residents.

Winner of the \$100 grand prize was Betty Burnett of Friona. Dan Goldsmith and Kelly Taylor each received \$10.

The \$100 winner registered for the drawing at The Village Shop last Thursday. The \$10 winners entered the drawing at Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack and Seale Florist.

Burnett had registered at The Village Shop and at Tots and Teens during Santa's Open House, according to Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

"Remember, the more often you register, the greater your chance of being our big weekly winner. Check the notices in participating stores and sign up in all of them every week," Sava said.

The Chamber of Commerce will conduct additional drawings for Dimmitt Dollars on Dec. 2, 9, 15 and 23.

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- Red X Travel Center
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Plainview Symphony will hold Christmas show Dec. 2

A "Christmas Festival" will signal the beginning of the Christmas season as the Plainview Symphony Orchestra performs next Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Harral Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus.

This is the symphony's 21st year and Plainview remains the smallest city in Texas to have a recognized symphony. Between 65 and 70 area musicians perform.

Two guest pianists, Tammy Burger

of Anchorage, Alaska, and Mark Sanders of Albany, will be featured in Saint-Saenz' *Carnival of the Animals*. Guest conductor will be Dr. Eric Fried of Lubbock, according to Artistic Director Timothy S. Kelley. The selections will include *A Christmas Festival* by Leroy Anderson, *Carnival of the Animals* by St. Saens, *Winter Wonderland* by Smith/Bernard, *Sleigh Ride* by Anderson, *Fantasia on Greensleeves* by Vaughn Williams, *White Christmas*

by Irving Berlin, *The Christmas Song* by Mel Torme/Welles, and *March of the Toys* by Victor Herbert/Isaac.

Kelley said there would be an audience sing-along and a chance for children to visit on stage during intermission.

The box office will open at 7 p.m. for a limited number of seats. Adult tickets are \$8 and student tickets are \$3. Season tickets for the remaining concerts are \$20 for adults, \$40 for a family and \$8 for students.

Shelli Conkin honored with bridal shower

Shelli Conkin, bride-elect of Tait Crow, was honored with a bridal shower on Nov. 13 at the home of Katy Wright.

The serving table was decorated with a floor-length mauve tablecloth featuring a large fresh flower arrangement in a cut-glass vase. Crystal serving appointments completed the table decor.

Guests were served miniature cinnamon rolls, quiche and apple slices with dip and fruit tea.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Wright with the shower presented the honoree with a set of bed linens.

Special guests include the bride-to-be's mother, Rita Conkin of Anton; her grandmother, Jean Monroe of Ruidoso, N.M.; the prospective groom's mother, Belinda Crow of Friona; and his grandmother, Louise Crow of Memphis.

Also attending were a number of other relatives and friends from Amarillo, Dumas, Lubbock, Anton, Claude, Sunray, Earth and Canyon.

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Water District is accepting applications for board seats

Persons interested in being a candidate for director or county committee member for Precincts Three and Four of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 must complete an application for place on the ballot by Wednesday. Precinct Three includes Bailey and Parmer Counties as well as most of Castro County. The incumbent district director is Dale Gober of Bovina.

Current members of the Castro County Committee are Donny Nelson, Kevin Riley, Vic Nelson, Darrall Buckley and Hubert Backus. Incumbents and others who wish to have their names placed on the ballot for these positions must turn in a completed application to High Plains Water District Office in Lubbock before 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Anyone who intends to run as a write-in candidate must register with

the Water District office no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 6. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and reside within the area they want to represent. Water District Directors consider legal, financial and business matters at their monthly meetings. Board members also set long-range goals and direct staff activities through the Water District manager. County committee members serve as a "grassroots" liaison between the Water District board of directors and the residents of their communities.

County Committee responsibilities include recommending approval or denial of applications for water well permits and agricultural irrigation equipment loans. Precinct Four includes the portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall counties within the Water District service area. Additional election information is available by contacting Becca Williams at the High Plains Water District Office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

More about 1:1

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Texas Lassos service organization, said it well: "Getting together helps." Meanwhile, at the Texas Tech-Oklahoma football game Saturday in Lubbock, they flew the flags at half-mast in memory of the A&M students. It was a day of mixed emotions for Tech exes and fans. The Red Raiders beat both the odds and the Sooners in a well-played, emotional game that started at the curious time of 11:30 a.m. and required four hours to play, including commercial breaks. (Who says TV producers don't rule the world?)

Immediately after the game, Head Coach Spike Dykes announced his retirement, in the way that a gobbler announces that he has decided to be the main course at Thanksgiving. The handwriting had been on the wall for some time, and there was probably nothing that could have reversed the course of Spike's departure. Those in the Athletic Dept. knew that, and already had contacted possible successors before Spike made his decision. Spike is a class act—more so than many Tech fans have been—and I hate to see him step down. He has given the Tech football program a lot of respect and a good image through the strength of his own personality. And Tech opened its new basketball palace, the United Spirit Arena, with games Friday and Saturday nights.

Yeah, I went. Couldn't stay away from the Lady Raiders' first game in the new arena—especially with a local girl, Melinda Schmucker-Phares, on the court to help christen it. Because of its vertical, open design, the United Spirit Arena is an intimate place that puts the fans close to the action, no matter where they're seated. It's so intimate, in fact, that it looks too small to hold 15,200 fans.

When it's jam-packed with people, as it was Saturday night, you wonder why the place looks so huge from the outside. It's a great basketball facility, and I hope we'll get to use it for our regional high school tournaments. (I understand that there may be a problem of whether the UIL can afford the rent.) With the opening of the arena and the Lady Raiders' victory, and considering the fact that Spike was able to go out with his head up, Saturday was a good day for Tech. Don't forget to count your blessings today. If you do, you can't help but have a happy Thanksgiving.

Seedlings available through SCS

Seedling applications for conservation windbreaks are now available to Castro County landowners through the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt. Several varieties of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs are available. They come in one-gallon and five-gallon sizes.

Windbreaks create permanent natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion and increase land value and aesthetics.

Wildlife packets for habitat establishment also are available. Each wildlife packet contains 100 bare-root trees and shrubs.

Seedlings and trees ordered now will be shipped in the spring of 2000. To order windbreak trees or for more information, contact the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District at 114 W. Belsher in Dimmitt or call 647-2153, Ext. 101.

Symposium to offer CEUs at Farm Show

The 15th annual Panhandle Farm Management Symposium will offer area producers CEUs in sessions set for Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show at the Amarillo Civic Center. The symposium will cover the subjects of precision agriculture, risk management, crop and beef cattle production, and policy issues that may affect producers in the upcoming year, according to conference coordinator Dr. Steve Amosson, agricultural farm management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 1 for the symposium. Three continuing education units will be offered to certified crop advisors and to private, commercial and non-commercial chemical applicators who participate in the morning session. An exhibit gallery will highlight agricultural education and production technology, in addition to issued important to today's farm and ranch families. "This year's program will look at many of today's production and marketing uncertainties and offer producers good information to help them plan for the future," said Jim Allison, ag extension agent for Potter County. The morning session will include presentations on worker protection standards and record keeping issues, new advancements in weed control in wheat, and production issues for sunflowers and triticale growers, along with discussions on insect and disease control, and drift management.

Higgins is officer of Texas WIFE

Marilyn Higgins of Hart was elected second vice president of the Texas WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) group at a recent meeting of the state chapter.

The annual meeting of Texas WIFE was held in Lubbock.

Other officers installed at the meeting, in addition to Higgins, were Wanda Horsford of Cotton Center, president; Doris Howell of Cotton Center, first vice president; Inette Johnson of Tulia, treasurer; Pat Jones of Lubbock, secretary; and Tina Lyles of Plainview, publicity.

The membership presented a gift to Janinne Brooks of Silverton, past president who served from 1998-99.

Texas WIFE is excited about the challenges ahead for agriculture and are working to find ways in which they can help to inform and educate this area on agricultural issues.

The Hale-Lamb County chapter of WIFE has changed its name to South Plains Chapter of WIFE. With members from Crosby, Hale, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Potter, Randall and Upton counties, the group has a broad representation of the interest in agriculture.

If you would like to become a member of WIFE, contact membership chairman Mildred Brown at (806) 839-2706 or Pat Jones at (806) 745-2719.

Developments in water planning and the beef cattle industry, and updates in policy and marketing issues. The symposium is being sponsored by the Potter County Extension Service Program Committee and the TAES. For more information, call Amosson at 359-5401 or Allison at 372-3829, or your local extension agent.

Sandhills bazaar planned Saturday

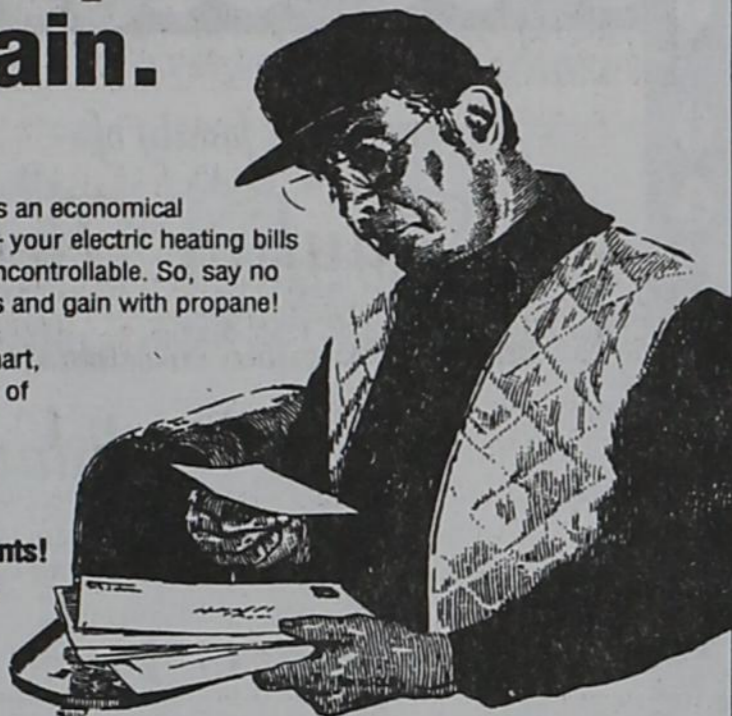
The annual Sandhills Arts and Crafts Show, sponsored by the Olton Young Homemakers, has been scheduled for Saturday in Olton. The show will be held at the Olton School Cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, Dec 1
8:30am - 4:00pm Panhandle Farm Management Symposium
1:00pm Ladies Program "Christmas Past" - Texas A & M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo

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Agricultural producers, commodity groups, cooperatives and small businesses have until Dec. 31 to submit applications. Those applications will be considered for initial funding at the GoTEPP advisory board's Jan. 14, 2000, meeting, the first meeting in which project requests will be considered.

Applicants are required to outline their proposed marketing projects in detail and answer specific questions about the potential impact of their projects. Project requests submitted after Dec. 31 will be considered by the board at its next quarterly meeting. All applicants must be GO TEXAN members.

"This is a chance for us to put our heads together and develop innovative, fun projects with the folks on the front lines," said Susan Combs, Texas Agriculture Commissioner. "We've got a lot of bright ideas for Texas agriculture. GoTEPP helps us put those ideas into concrete, progress-oriented projects to benefit agriculture—everything from cotton to cantaloupe."

GoTEPP's dollar-for-dollar match from participants includes a 15% allocation for generic GO TEXAN brand development. GO TEXAN is TDA's campaign to promote and market Texas food, fiber, wine and horticultural products.

TDA's recently appointed nine-person GoTEPP advisory board will determine which applicants will receive funding through the program. For more information or to receive an information packet, call TDA at 1-877-99GO-TEX or send inquiries to Lapham at TDA, PO Box 12847, Austin 78711.

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Group compares water demand estimates with projected supply

In calculating how much water must be pumped from the Ogallala Aquifer to meet future water needs, the first step taken by the Llano Estacado Water Planning Group was to estimate the future demands by county, by decade, to the year 2050. Results of the research indicate that Castro County's total water demand in 1990 was 361,423 acre feet. Projected water use for the year 2000 in Castro County was estimated at 318,893 acre feet. By the year 2010, the demand is expected to be 308,756 acre feet of water. Other future projections for water use include 299,119 acre feet in 2020, 289,602 acre feet in 2030, 280,783 acre feet in 2040 and 272,481 acre feet in 2050. The estimated volume of water in storage in the portion of the Ogallala Aquifer in Castro County in 1995 was estimated at 9,023,308. The estimated annual net change to the

aquifer levels from 1985 to 1995 was -133,104 acre feet. The group also estimated the volume of water in storage for the next 50 years and results for Castro County's portion are 8,357,788 in 2000, 7,159,852 in 2010, 6,081,710 in 2020, 5,111,381 in 2030, 4,238,086 in 2040 and 3,452,120 in 2050. Irrigators utilize ground water to supplement precipitation in the Llano Estacado Planning Region. Water use for irrigation currently equals about 95% of the total water use in the region. The amount of precipitation that will occur during each year in the Llano Estacado Planning Region during the 50-year planning cycle is an unknown factor that will greatly affect the amount of water removed from the aquifer during each year of the planning period. Normally, the best way to estimate

what will occur in the future is to use what has happened in the past as a guide. The planning group did this by calculating the changes that occurred in aquifer storage as a result of historic water use. The calculated net depletion rate of the aquifer which occurred between 1985 and 1995 and used these values to project future changes in aquifer storage. Withdrawals from aquifer storage were reduced by 10% per decade to reflect increased conservation efforts and reduced well yields resulting from thinning of the aquifer. The average annual estimate of pumpage in each county in the planning region between 1985 and 1995 resulted in the net change in storage which occurred during that same time period. The average annual estimated pumpage between 1985 and 1995

was compared to the total demand estimate for 2000. Comparing the values indicates whether future pumpage resulting in the same net depletion rate would provide adequate water to meet future demands. If not, an additional amount of water would have to be extracted to meet these demands. Additional withdrawals of water had to be added to the previously calculated average annual net volume of water indicated by depletion to

meet future water demands only in available water exceeds the total estimated demand for the region in each county for each decade in the planning study period. The total estimated amount of

available water exceeds the total estimated demand for the region in each county for each decade in the planning study period.

County looks at more space

At their Monday meeting, the Castro County Commissioners made two appointments, discussed the phone system, and considered acquiring additional office space for the Extension service and the Adult Probation office. Each commissioner is to research construction costs and bring estimates to the next meeting of the court for constructing a new facility, approximately 50' x 100' to house the two entities. The commissioners looked at the space being vacated by Merle Norman in Dimmitt, but wanted to be able to compare the cost of remodeling with the cost of new construction. The former Cobb's building would require extensive remodeling and the addition of restrooms. In other business, the commissioners tabled action on the phone system in the courthouse until an estimate can be obtained on repairs or updating. In another matter, the commissioners approved the appointment of Shirley Barnes of Hart to the Castro County Child Protective Services Board; and the appointment of Carla Miller to the Rhoads Memorial Library Board. A contract was approved for juvenile residential services with Youth Service International, Inc., which has a detention center at Catula that is used by the county for placement of its juvenile offenders. The cost is \$99.68 per day for Level 5 offenders and \$82.64 per day for Level 4.



SANTA ARRIVES WITH FLAIR, riding a fire truck last Thursday night for the annual "Santa's Open House" event, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Merchant's Committee. Participating merchants offered specials and door prizes during the evening. In a chamber-sponsored drawing, \$100 went to Betty Butler, who registered at the Village Shop. Van Goldsmith and Kelly Taylor both won \$10 prizes. More drawings are slated for Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Extended local calling will start Tuesday for Nazareth exchange

GTE will extend local calling for all customers in the Nazareth telephone service areas beginning Tuesday. Under the plan, all calls from Nazareth to Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Redmon and Tulia will be local calls. Calls from Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Redmon and Tulia to Nazareth also will be local calls. "Prior to the start of extended local calling, each call between these areas was billed separately as a long-distance call, and customers would see a long-distance charge per call on their monthly bills. Now these calls are equivalent to local calls," said Danny Ammons, manager of GTE Regional Customer Operations in the Plains District. The implementation of this service may require modification to some telecommunications such as fax machines, speed calling, PABXs, key system, automatic dialers and other equipment that may restrict or automatically dial long-distance numbers. Customers are not required to take any action to take advantage of the new service offering. Once extended local calling is operational, it will no longer be necessary for customers to dial "1+" before the number when placing calls between these communities. Just dial the seven-digit phone number for local and expanded local

calling calls. This is a result of balloting which took place in the Nazareth telephone service area under the rules of Senate Bill 632 and the Public Utility Commission Rule 23.49 (c). Under those guidelines, certain communities were allowed to petition for extended toll-free local calling to nearby communities. With the addition of toll-free calling to Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Redmon and Tulia, the 73¢ surcharge on your bill will be replaced with the following monthly charge: \$3.50 per line for residences and \$7 per line for businesses. The charges will be listed as "Expanded Local Calling/Surcharge" in the tax portion of the telephone bill. More information will be provided to affected customers in their monthly telephone bill as the service becomes operational.

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Sports



Swift defense rattles Claude for 14-7 area win

By ANNE ACKER

Nazareth's defense slammed the door in Claude's face Friday night while the Swift offense invaded Claude's territory time and time again enroute to a 14-7 Class A Area championship victory at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon.

Nazareth's defensive front line was in the face of Claude's quarterback Kenny Herring all night long Friday, and the Swift secondary covered Claude receivers like a blanket, allowing Herring just two completions in the game for 14 yards.

Nazareth sacked Herring five times and most of those were thanks to good coverage by the Swift secondary down field.

The Swift defense also did a number on Claude's leading rusher Ty Knox, who gained only 33 yards on 11 carries in the game. As a team, the Mustangs were smothered on the ground, gaining just 84 yards on 34 attempts.

The Swifts avenged an earlier loss to Claude this season. In that game, the Mustangs burned the Swifts' secondary for a last-minute touchdown to claim a seven-point win. This time the Nazareth secondary dominated, picking off three of Herring's passes in the fourth quarter.

Nazareth's scoring drives both ended with big pass plays from Blake Birkenfeld to Kade Wilcox.

On the first play, Wilcox out-battled two Mustang defenders near the goal line to catch the 34-yard pass before jogging the final yard or two to paydirt in the first quarter.

The TD pass play capped an 11-play, 69-yard drive that featured seven rushes by Cameron McLain for 47 yards. He finished the night with 145 yards on 29 carries to lead the Swifts in a 182-yard ground performance.

The second drive saw Birkenfeld thread the needle with a pass to Wilcox on a post pattern across the middle. The sophomore receiver caught the rifled ball, then streaked 61 yards to give his team a two-touchdown lead in the third-quarter.

Nazareth finished the game with 8-of-14 completions for 145 yards and Wilcox was the leading receiver, catching seven of the balls for 140

yards. Birkenfeld was 3-of-7 for 95 yards while Ky Wilcox completed 5-of-7 throws for 50 yards.

Claude's lone strike came in the fourth quarter after the Mustangs recovered a Cameron McLain fumble on the Nazareth 20 late in the third period.

After recovering the loose ball, Claude had to use seven plays, one of which was a big fourth-down conversion that netted nine yards, setting the offense up on the Nazareth 5. Three plays later Knox scored from a yard out.

With the area playoff victory, the Swifts improved to 10-2 on the season and will now face Rankin in a Class A regional semifinal game Saturday at 2 p.m. at Brownfield.

The regional appearance will be the second for the Swifts in the school's 11-man history. The first time the team qualified for regional was during the 1983 season when the Swifts lost in the first regional game to Knox City.

Nazareth got its hands on the ball first after Claude won the toss and deferred to the Swifts.

McLain was the workhorse in the series, rushing for three first downs. After gaining 29 yards on his first five carries, he finally found a big hole in the Mustang defense and picked up 25 yards to the Claude 29 before he was finally brought down.

A five-yard gain by Aaron Kern moved the ball inside the 24, then McLain picked up another three yards to the 21.

Nazareth was moved back 13 yards to the Claude 34 on the next play; however, when the officials flagged the team for holding.

Facing a third-and-15 situation, Nazareth went to the air, but Birkenfeld's pass was knocked down by Claude defenders.

The Swifts decided to try for the fourth-down conversion and this time Birkenfeld was right on the mark with his throw to Kade Wilcox for the 34-yard scoring strike.

Stanton Wethington's kick split the uprights for a 7-0 Swift lead with 7:41 left in the first quarter.

Claude managed eight yards on

two carries by Herring in its first offensive series, but the quarterback's pass on third down was broken up by the Swift secondary and the Mustangs had to punt.

After the teams traded punts, the Swifts started their third series at their own 43. They didn't hold onto the ball long, though. On the first play of the drive McLain found a hole up the middle for a seven-yard gain, but he was popped by Claude defenders and the ball came loose. It was recovered by the Mustangs at midfield.

The Mustangs were unable to cash in on the opportunity and lined up in punt formation again.

The Swifts returned the kick after going three-and-out, then Claude set up its most successful drive of the first half.

Knox got his longest run of the game on the first play from scrimmage, gaining nine yards before he was stopped.

Kade Wilcox just missed intercepting a Herring pass on the next play, and the Mustangs decided to keep it on the ground for the next three plays.

Knox picked up the team's first first down on his second carry of the drive, moving the chains to the Nazareth 33.

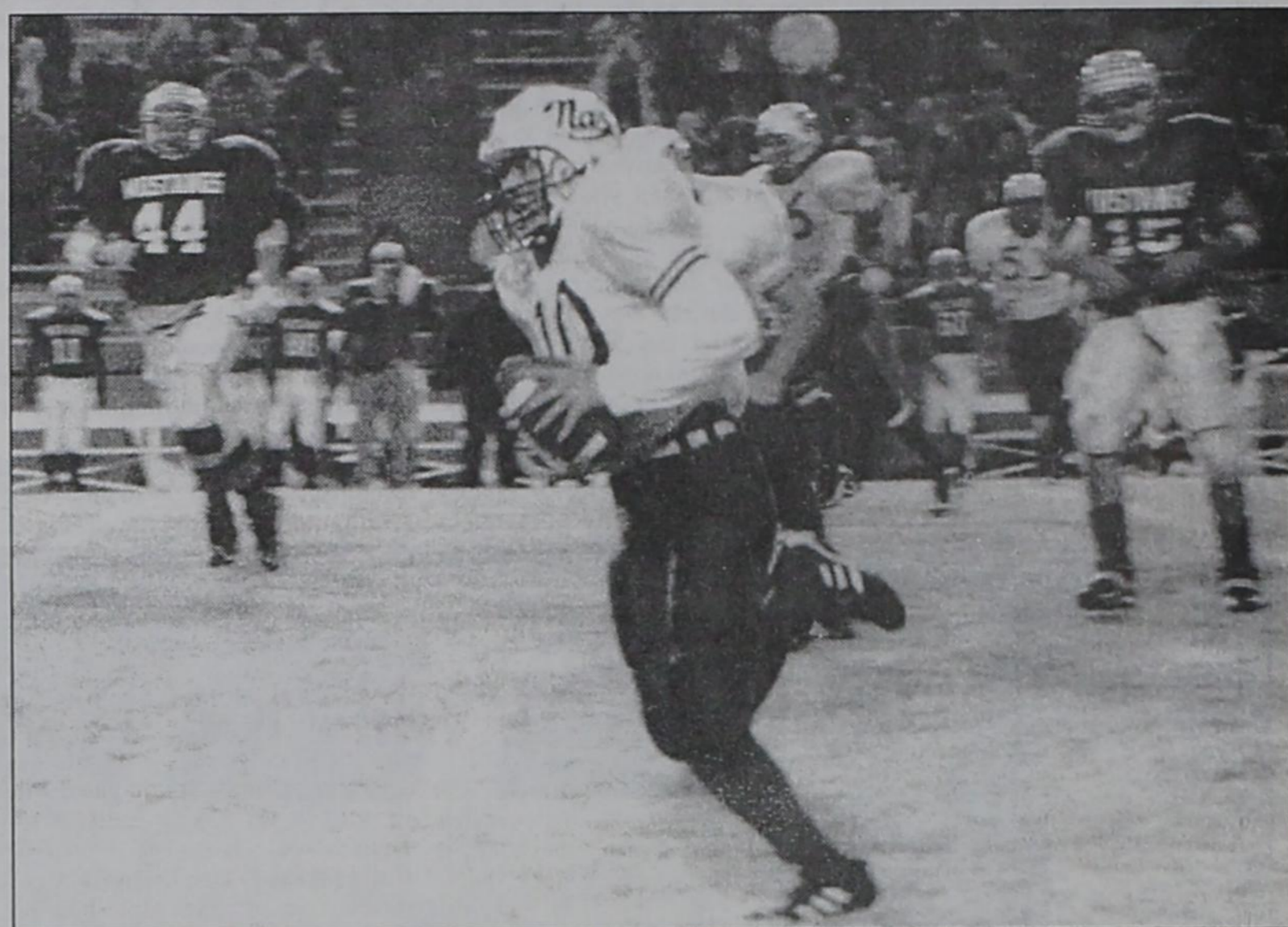
After a four-yard rush by Knox, Herring attempted a pass into the end zone, but Ky Wilcox and Daryl Pohlmeier were there and both went for the ball along with a Claude receiver. A yellow flag fluttered to the ground and Claude's receiver was charged with offensive pass interference. That killed the drive.

After 15 yards were marched off, Claude tried to pass again, but Herring was dropped for a two-yard loss as the Swift secondary had good coverage on all receivers down field. The Mustangs had to punt again.

The Swifts struggled on their next series and punted after three plays netted just three yards.

Claude returned Matty McLain's short punt 20 yards to the Swift 31, but a holding penalty on the Mustangs moved the ball back 10 yards and they had to start from the Swift 41.

Claude would pick up a first down



KY WILCOX (10) returns an interception in the fourth quarter of Nazareth's Class A area championship game against Claude Friday night in Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon. Wilcox's interception

came with the Swifts hanging onto a 14-7 lead and stopped a Claude drive at the Nazareth 47. It was the first of two fourth-quarter pick-offs that thwarted the Mustangs' final hopes.

Photo by Don Nelson

behind the running of Knox and Herring, but Nazareth's defense got tough and gave up nothing after that.

The Swifts smothered Herring for no gain after he found no one open down field, then Wethington buried the quarterback on the next play, forcing a fumble. Herring was ruled down, and Claude retained possession. Herring would keep the ball on the fourth-and-16 play and gained 12 yards, but it was well short of the first-down marker and the Swifts took over on their own 24.

Nazareth would use a mixture of passes and rushes to eat up the rest of the time in the first half and on the last play of the half, Cameron McLain raced from the Swift 48 to the Mustang 40 before he was knocked out of bounds by the Mustangs. He was hit after the play and

Claude was charged with a late hit.

The 15-yard penalty was assessed on the second-half kickoff, which Nazareth's Matty McLain booted from the Claude 45.

The Mustangs picked up one first down on the initial play when Herring broke a tackle for a 17-yard gain—the longest Claude would have in the game. Three plays later Claude came up short of the first down marker and had to punt.

Nazareth went back to Cameron McLain for two plays on its first drive of the second half, and the big back gained 13 yards to move the chains to the Nazareth 39.

That's when Birkenfeld connected with Kade Wilcox for the 61-yard play that gave the Swifts a 14-0 lead after Wethington added the extra point with 8:54 left in the third stanza.

Nazareth's defense attacked Herring with a vengeance on the next series, sacking Herring for a two-yard loss on the first play, then chasing him all the way back to the Mustang 28. Herring tried to get rid of

the ball before he was sacked again, but he was whistled for grounding and the Mustangs lost 12 yards on the play, bringing up third-and-25 from the 28. Herring's pass into the end zone was broken up by Pohlmeier, ending the drive.

The Swifts had several big plays on their next series, with the Wilcox brothers teaming up for a 27 yards on two pass plays. Cameron McLain gained 26 yards on four totes to spark the running game, but the offense sputtered inside the 10 and on fourth-and-seven from the 8-yard line Nazareth elected to try for the field goal. Wethington's 25-yard kick was just wide left, and the Mustangs took over at their own 20.

After going three and out, Claude punted and Nazareth got the ball at their own 22. On the third play of the drive, Cameron McLain couldn't get a handle on the pitchback and the loose ball was recovered by Claude at the Nazareth 20.

That set up the Mustangs' only scoring play of the drive.

Knox, who gained seven yards on the drive, capped the seven-play series with a one-yard surge up the middle and across the goal line. The extra-point was good by Eddleman, bringing Claude within a touchdown, 14-7, with 9:41 left in the game.

After a penalty nullified a long pass play to Pohlmeier which would have given the Swifts the ball deep in Claude territory, Nazareth's offense sputtered, then died and the Swifts had to punt.

With time running down, Claude was forced to try the air waves, and that's when the Swifts took control of the game.

Herring's first interception of the game came at the 6:32 mark when Ky Wilcox snatched the ball out of a Mustang receiver's hands and set up the Swifts on their own 47.

After three plays and a punt, Claude took over again, but had a long way to go after the kick was fielded at the Claude 1 by Glen Stephenson. He made it to the 8-yard line before Pohlmeier grabbed on to his foot from behind and upended him.

A sack on Herring, then an incomplete pass rattled the Mustang pilot, and his next attempt was picked off by Kade Wilcox at the Claude 40.

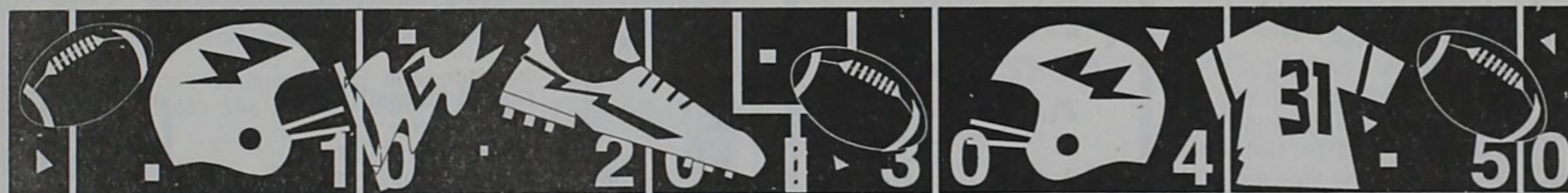
Nazareth had to settle for another punt three plays later and Claude had one last chance with possession at the Mustang 19 and 2:20 showing on the clock.

Herring's first pass was incomplete as he was hammered by Nazareth's Bo Hunter as he released the ball. His next pass was picked off by Pohlmeier.

The Swifts took over at the Claude 42 and Matty McLain gained 29 yards on the first play, giving Nazareth a first down at the Mustang 13. The Swifts were able to run out the clock and preserve their 14-7 lead for the area title.

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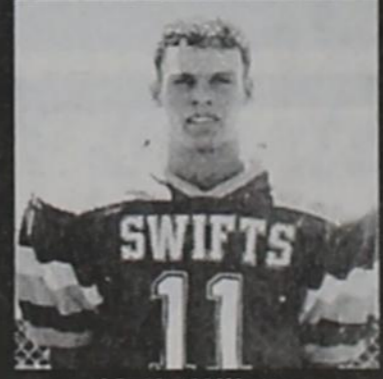
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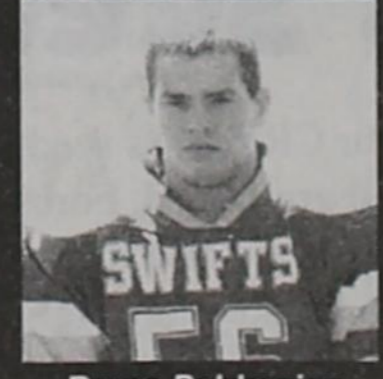
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Game at a Glance

CLASS A AREA PLAYOFF
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Swifts 14, Claude 7	
Nazareth	7 0 7 0 —14
Claude	0 0 0 7 —7

	NAZ	CLAUDE
First Downs	15	6
Rushing Yards	182	84
Passing Yards	145	14
Total Yards	327	98
Passes-Completions	8-14	2-11
Interceptions by	3	0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Punts-Avg.	6-33	7-40
Penalties-Yards	5-51	7-72

Score by Quarters

First Quarter:
NAZ—Kade Wilcox 34 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Stanton Wethington kick), 7:41.

Third Quarter:
NAZ—Wilcox 61 pass from Birkenfeld (Wethington kick), 8:54.

Fourth Quarter:
CLAUDE—Ty Knox 1 run (Lee Eddleman kick), 9:41.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Cameron McLain 29-145; Matty McLain 5-32; Ky Wilcox, 4-5; Aaron Kern 4-7; Blake Birkenfeld, 4-(-7).

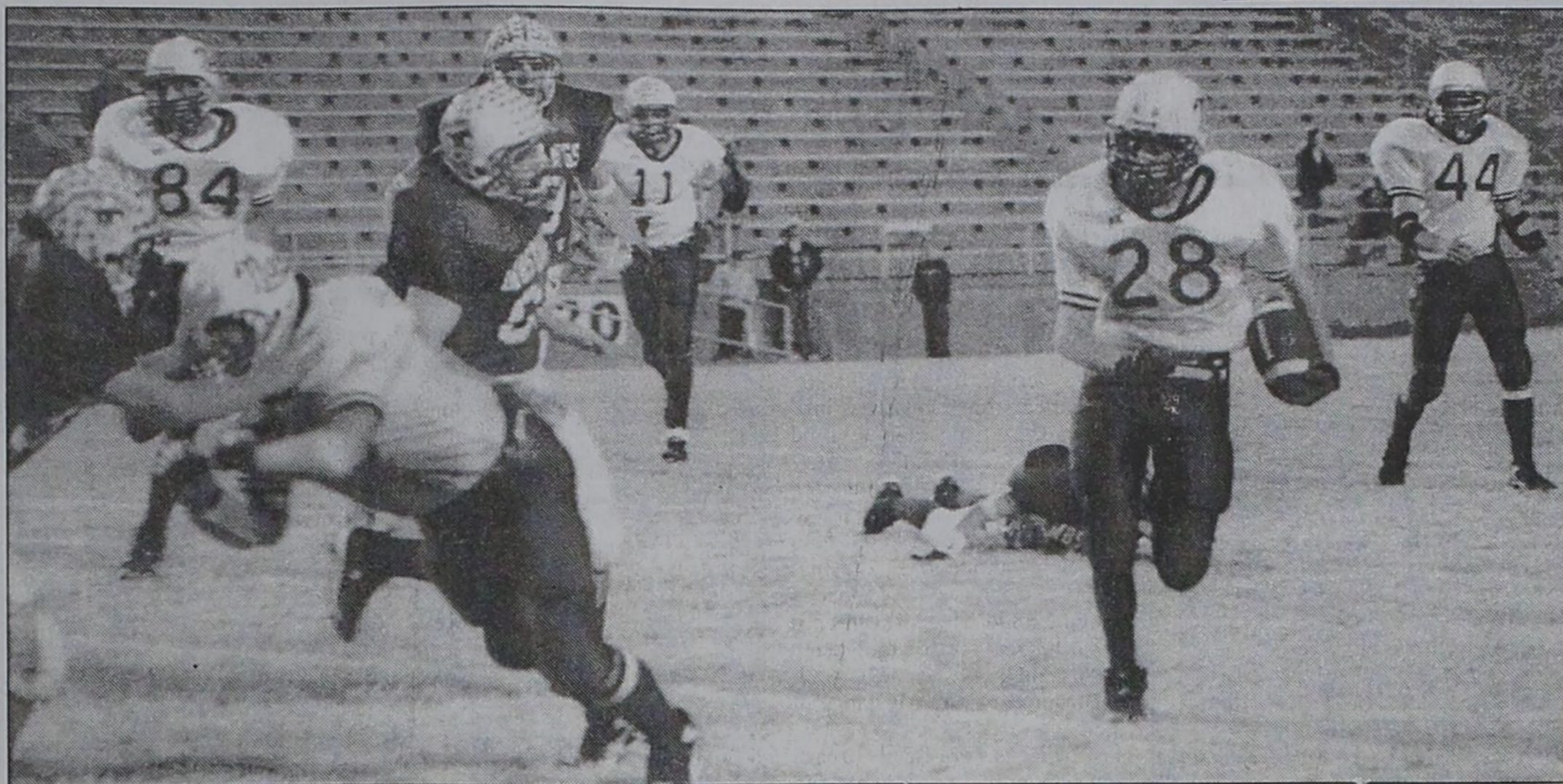
Passing: Blake Birkenfeld, 3-of-7 for 95 yards, 2 touchdowns; Ky Wilcox, 5-of-7 for 50 yards.

Receiving: Kade Wilcox, 7 catches for 140 yards and two touchdowns; Daryl Pohlmeier, 1 reception for 5 yards.

Tackles: Aaron Kern, Bryce Pohlmeier and Stanton Wethington, 7 each.

Fumble Recoveries: None

Interceptions: Nazareth 3 (Kade Wilcox, Ky Wilcox and Daryl Pohlmeier, 1 each).



TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS—Nazareth safety Daryl Pohlmeier (28) makes a good runback after intercepting a Claude pass late in the Class A area championship game Friday night at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon. Pohlmeier's interception came with just 2:01 remaining

in the game and sealed the 14-7 victory for the Swifts, who dominated play throughout the game. Other identifiable Nazareth players are Eric Schilling (84), Kade Wilcox (11) and Matty McLain (44). The Swifts made three interceptions in the fourth quarter. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Swiftettes will meet Perryton in Canyon Classic

The Nazareth Swiftettes will face one of their "tallest" challenges of the young season when they take on the giant Perryton girls next Thursday, Dec. 2, in a first-round game at the Canyon Classic.

The Nazareth-Perryton game will tip off at 8:30 p.m. at the Canyon High School Gym. The winner of that game will face the winner between Canyon and Muleshoe on Friday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 p.m. losers of

the two matches will square off in a consolation semifinal Friday, Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m.

The top half of the tournament bracket features Tascosa vs. Happy and San Antonio Clark vs. Panhandle.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, the tournament schedule continues with the seventh-place game at 1:30 p.m., consolation finals at 3 p.m., third-place game at 4:30 p.m. and the championship at 6 p.m.

Bobcats will face Estacado in Pioneer Classic

Lubbock Estacado will be the Dimmitt Bobcats' first opponent in the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic, slated for Dec. 2-4 in Plainview.

The Bobcats will play Estacado at 3 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Hutcherson Center in Plainview.

Other first-round games will feature Andrews vs. Plainview, Lubbock High vs. Muleshoe, and Hale Center vs. Hereford.

The Dimmitt-Estacado winner will meet the Hale-Center Hereford winner on Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. Winners of the two first-round games will meet Friday at 2 p.m.

The schedule on Dec. 4 opens with the seventh-place game at 1:30 p.m., followed by the consolation championship at 3 p.m. The third-place champion will be decided in a 4:30 p.m. game while the championship game is slated to start at 8 p.m.

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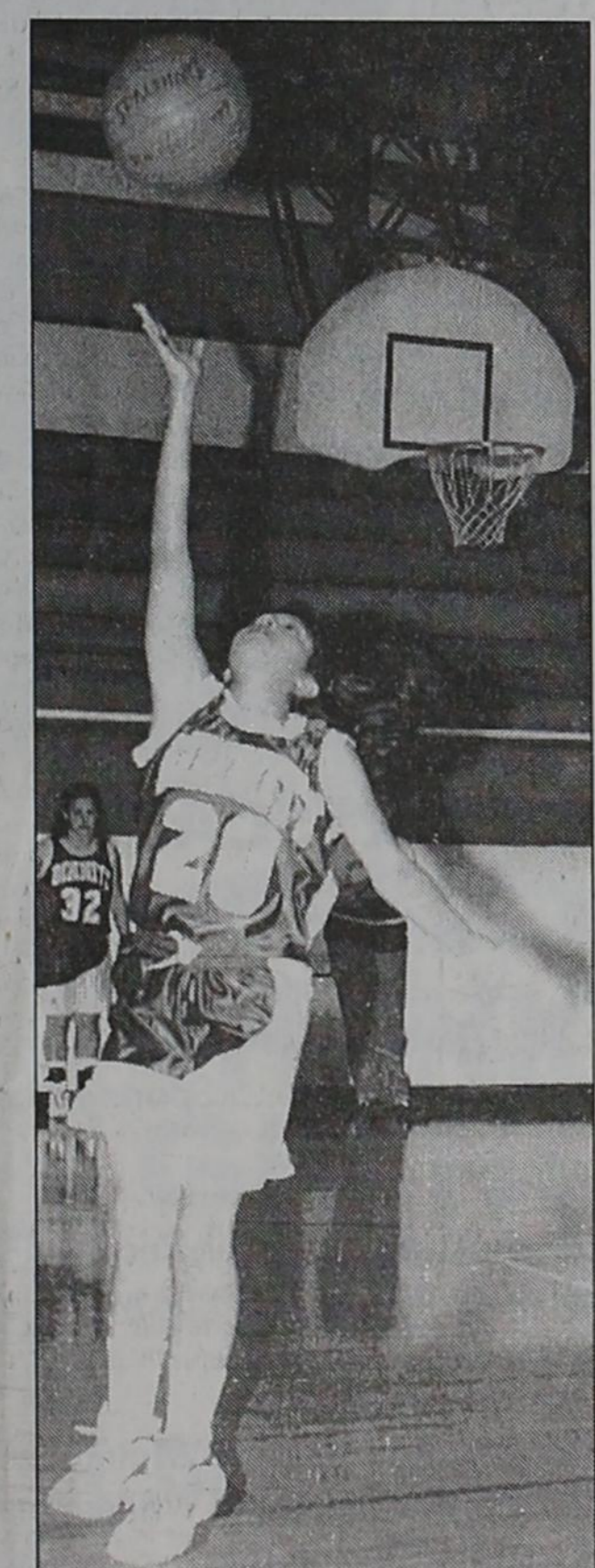
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Schedule and Scores

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Nov. 25-27—Queens Classic (Girls), Plainview
Nov. 27—Farwell (Boys), Here
Nov. 30—Hereford, Here
Dec. 2-4—Lions Classic (Boys), Plainview
Dec. 2-4—Levelland Tournament (Girls), Levelland
Dec. 7—Muleshoe, Here
Dec. 9-11 Abernathy Tournament (Boys), Abernathy
Dec. 17—Friona, There
Dec. 18—Lubbock Coronado, Here
Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
Dec. 31—Littlefield, There
Jan. 4—Slaton, Here
Jan. 7—Muleshoe (Boys), There
Jan. 7—*Perryton (Girls), There
Jan. 11—*Tulia, Here
Jan. 14—*River Road, There
Jan. 18—*Sanford-Fritch, Here
Jan. 21—*Dalhart, There
Jan. 25—*Tulia, There
Jan. 28—*Perryton, Here
Feb. 1—*Sanford-Fritch, There
Feb. 4—*River Road, Here
Feb. 8—*Dalhart, Here
Feb. 11—*Perryton (Boys), There
Feb. 25-26—Girls Regional, Lubbock
Mar. 3-4—Boys Regional, Lubbock
Mar. 2-4—Girls State, Austin
Mar. 9-11—Boys State, Austin

Bobbies
32, Randall 56
32, Levelland 37
Season Record: 0-2

Bobcats
54, Randall 61
69, Levelland 60
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CRUNCH!—Nazareth's Stanton Wethington nails Claude quarterback Kenny Herring after chasing him out of the pocket and pursuing him halfway across the field in the third quarter of Friday night's Class A area championship game at West Texas A&M's Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon. Coming in to assist on the play is Nazareth's Adam Schulte (64). The Swifts won, 14-7. Photo by Don Nelson

Swiftettes dominate Tulia, 85-60

The Nazareth girls were virtually unstoppable Friday, scoring at will against the Tulia Lady Hornets enroute to an 85-60 win at home.

The Swiftettes managed a slim 15-10 lead after the first quarter, then exploded over the next three.

Nazareth's offense ravaged the Tulia defense for 28 points in the second stanza and 23 in the third to take a commanding 66-31 lead into the deciding stanza.

Tulia finally put together a little offense late in the game, outscoring Nazareth 29-19 in the fourth quarter, but was too little, too late.

The Swiftettes were led by Whitney Hoelting, who poured in 27 points. Stephanie Thiel added 19 and Cassie Birkenfeld chipped in 18 to aid the Swiftettes' effort.

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Bobcats and Bobbies split games with Levelland Friday

The Dimmitt Bobcats held off a fourth-quarter Levelland rally for a 69-60 win Friday, but the Bobbies came up short in their last-stanza rally bid, falling to the Levelland ladies, 37-32.

In the first game, the Bobbies started off slow on offense, falling behind 8-4 in the first quarter and 20-9 at the half. But Dimmitt outscored Levelland over the second half, 23-17, and pulled with five points of the Lady Lobos in the fourth quarter as time expired.

Tamara Robertson was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 10 points while Heather Black finished with seven.

Dimmitt's boys did the job defensively on Levelland in the first half Friday, limiting the Lobos to just eight points in the second quarter while reeling of 16 themselves to claim a commanding 33-19 lead at the half.

The Bobcats poured 17 points through the nets in first-quarter action while Levelland managed just 11. Dimmitt continued to gain momentum through the second period to build the big lead.

The Lobos' offense started to come together in the second half, though, and they trimmed Dimmitt's lead to 11 points, 50-39, after three quarters. The Lobos continued to rally in the fourth, but the Bobcat defense prevailed for the nine-point win.

Dimmitt had three players finish in double figures including Sammy Prieto, who finished with a game-high 28; Taylor Matthews, who

chipped in 12; and Daniel Proffitt, who counted 11.

As a team, the Bobcats hit 40% of their shots from three-point land (6-of-15) and were 43% from the field overall (23-of-54). The Cats hit 17 of their 25 free throws while Levelland made just 12 of 19 attempts.

Prieto was hot Friday, nailing four of seven three-point shots in the game. He also hit five of six other shots from the field, most of them inside the paint; and was four-of-six from the charity stripe.

Leading rebounder for the Bobcats was Matthews, who pulled down 10 balls.



FRIDAY

Bobbies 32, Levelland 37

Dimmitt	4	5	11	12	—32
Levelland	8	12	12	5	—37

Scoring: DIMMITT—Tamara Robertson 10, Heather Black 7. Record: Dimmitt 0-2.

Bobcats 69, Levelland 60

Dimmitt	17	16	17	19	—69
Levelland	11	8	20	21	—60

Scoring: DIMMITT—Sammy Prieto 28, Taylor Matthews 12, Daniel Proffitt 11. Record: Dimmitt 1-1.

Swiftettes 85, Tulia 60

Nazareth	15	28	23	19	—85
Tulia	10	10	11	29	—60

Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 27, Stephanie Thiel 19, Cassie Birkenfeld 18. Record: Nazareth 2-0.

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First Round

JV Bobcats 55, Valley Varsity 54

Dimmitt JV	13	17	10	15	—55
Valley	10	2	23	19	—54

Scoring: DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 12, Brent Josselet 10.

Championship Semifinals

JV Bobcats 41, Levelland JV 52

Dimmitt	9	6	13	13	—41
Levelland	12	15	10	15	—52

Scoring: DIMMITT—Dewon Norman 20, Austin Sherman and Matthew Sandoval 9.

Third Place

Bobcats 51, Spur Varsity 42

Dimmitt	12	14	12	13	—51
Spur	7	17	10	8	—42

Scoring: DIMMITT—Dewon Norman and Austin Sherman 10.



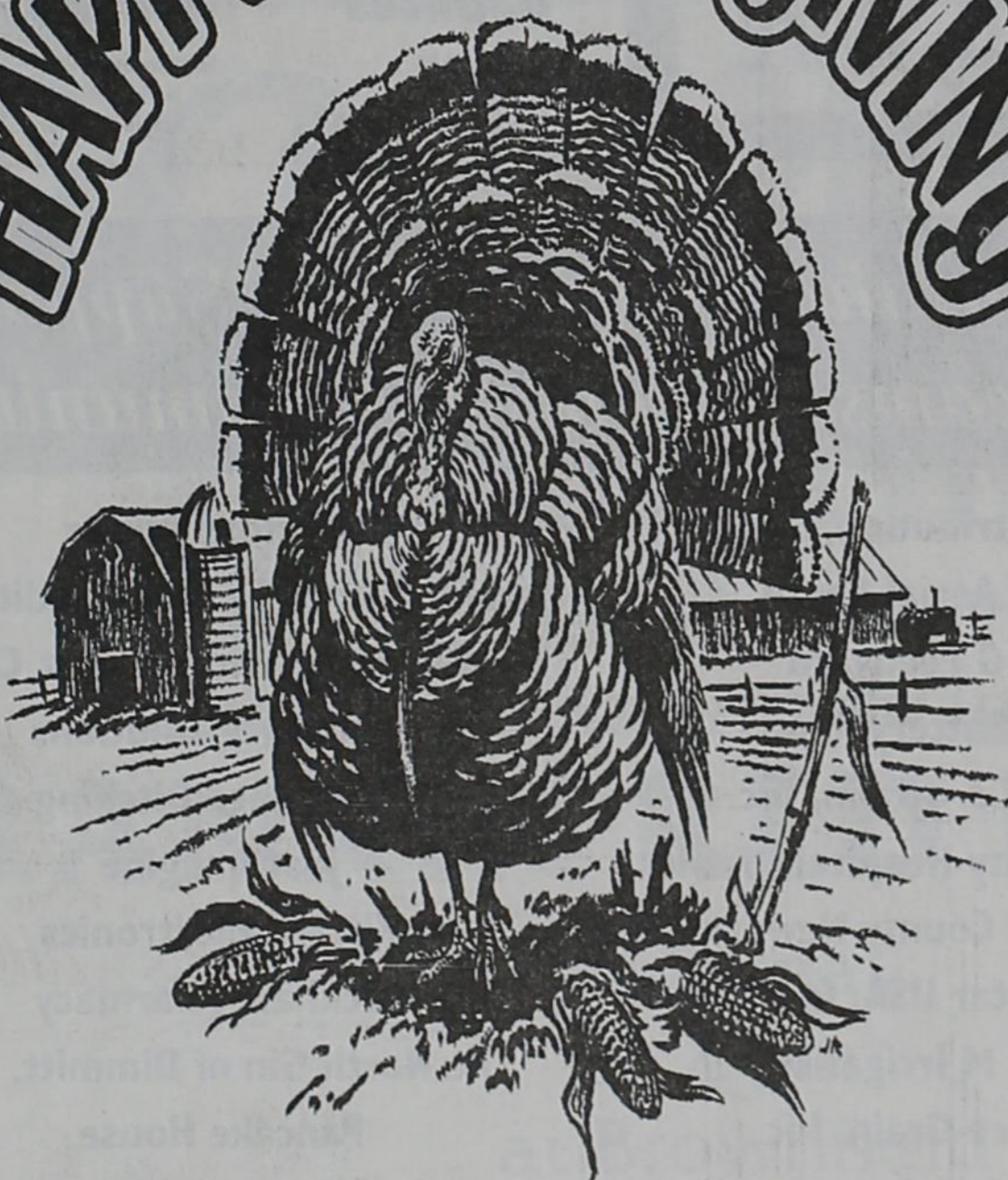
TAMARA ROBERTSON eyes the basket and pops in a shot Friday when the Bobbies hosted Levelland in a regular season game. Robertson was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 10 points on the night, but the Bobbies were edged by the Lady Lobos, 37-32. Photo by Carter Townsend

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8:10 a.m.	Sports Texas

Saturday:

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Tuesday:

6:30 p.m.	Dimmitt Bobbies vs. Hereford Whitefaces
8:00 p.m.	Dimmitt Bobcats vs. Hereford Whitefaces



1470 A.M.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The annual Christian Mothers Thanksgiving dinner and raffle was very well attended and enjoyed Sunday. It was great to see so many of our families and friends come back to Nazareth to enjoy a good Thanksgiving dinner and the Nazareth Art Club's holiday arts and crafts bazaar, which was held in the school cafeteria.

A big thanks to the dinner committee and everyone who did the job assigned to them.

A great number of football fans attended the area playoff game Friday night between the Nazareth Swifts and Claude Mustangs, with the Swifts winning, 14-7.

The game was played at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon. We are very proud of our team and coaches.

Congratulations to Ricky and Crystal Backus of Hereford on the birth of a girl, Laci Lynn, Nov. 21 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Hubert and Joan Backus of Nazareth and Clarence and Sue Kitten of Slaton. Great-grandparents are Helen Backus and Louise Braddock.

Fritz and Julene Gerber and Lydia Schacher drove to Stamford to attend the funeral of Mary Beth Law, Cindy Gerber's mother. Anyone wanting to send Cindy a card may use this address: HCR 2, Box 57C, Dumas 79029.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Leonard Wilhelm, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Gene Schacher, Paul Venhaus, Sam Albracht, Alvin Anderle, who is a surgery patient at Northwest Texas Hospital; and Sister Bertha Franco, a good friend of Darlene Fetsch. Sister Franco is with the Charity of the Incarnate Word Sisters in Springfield, Mo. Darlene spent last week with her friend while she underwent surgery.

Cyril and Mitzi Brockman will host their last Santa Party on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Brockman home.

Cloggers, who didn't show this year.

Best of luck to the Nazareth Swifts' football team, Coach Price and other coaches as they play Rankin in the regional playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. in Brownfield.



OH, LOOKIE!—Betty Jones and her granddaughter, Carly Gilbreath, admire some of the Christmas delights on display at Just Imagine during Santa's Open

House last Thursday night. Shoppers had pleasant weather for exploring the "first showing" of local stores' Christmas offerings. Photo by Don Nelson



HOLIDAY BUFFET—First Bank/Dimmitt Branch employees Martha Martinez, Linda Jo Ramaekers and Sue Stephens (at left of table) serve holiday pastries, dips and other holiday delights to visitors during

Santa's Open House last Thursday. The bank traditionally serves the holiday buffet and unveils its newly decorated Christmas tree during the annual event. Photo by Don Nelson

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We truly thank you for making our year a special one.

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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 Nov. 27 to Dec. 3.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple slices and milk.
 TUESDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, peaches and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, savory green beans, garlic bread, haystack finger salad and milk.
 TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, chicken taco or pork rib patty, savory green beans, Chinese style vegetables or seasoned black-eyed peas, tossed salad, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad, garlic bread, hot rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate

milk, white milk or punch.
 TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or ravioli with meat sauce; peas, baked potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; potatoes au gratin, country rice dressing or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato with apple 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 on a bun, cheese enchilada with sauce 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 chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Sausage, biscuits, graham

crackers, variety of cereal, raisins, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Junior High/High School Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping, and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, ice cream, potato chips and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, or chicken strips and nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef, wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, beans, pears, brownies and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Pizza or chef's salad, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, cookies and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, orange, peaches and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Chicken fried steak and roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple, Jell-O and milk or juice.

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

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More about

NISD gym project . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
 sources," and those donations are earmarked for the project—either for retirement of the bonds or construction of the facility.

At its Nov. 3 meeting, the school board voted 4-3 to proceed with the project and sell the bonds, with board members Rex Ramaekers, Keith Hoelting, Peggy Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber casting the assenting votes; and David Olvera, Jeanie Birkenfeld and Patti Kern opposing the measure.

But some taxpayers in the district believe the school should halt its plans for the project because of budget deficits and declining enrollment in the school.

A petition was circulated asking the board to reconsider its decision to proceed with the project.

After being presented with the petition, the board held its special called meeting Monday night to hear the concerns of those voters. Proponents of the project also presented their views to the board.

NISD has had budget deficits for the past three years—\$11,193 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1997 (the year in which additional classrooms were constructed for the elementary school); \$55,435 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1998; and \$114,000 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1999. There also is a projected deficit of \$150,000 for the current year.

The school district currently has \$450,000 in its reserve fund.

Those speaking against the project Monday night said the budget deficit and enrollment figures are a major concern for the 252 registered voters who signed the petition.

"Mr. Johnson has expressed his concern regarding the current dilemma that our school system is in. He stated that changes will be made with or without the proposed PE facility. He even went so far as to suggest that in the future it may be necessary for the school to hold fundraisers . . ." said Mike Huseman, one of the opponents of the project.

"Are we in a situation where it is not possible for us to purchase basic educational supplies? If so, is it feasible for us to construct and maintain a

PE facility? The registered voters are concerned and the community is concerned."

Huseman said he felt that the school should concentrate on erasing the budget deficit before proceeding with a project that could place more of a burden on that budget.

The enrollment figures have dropped from a high of 264 in 1994-95 to a low of 235 during the 1998-99 year. Enrollment figures this year reveal another drop—to 217 students.

The school receives approximately \$5,000 per student, per year.

Huseman said he feels that the continued decline in enrollment will place an even bigger financial burden on the district.

Huseman said over the next five years, projected figures suggest the school will lose approximately 101 students, based on enrollment in the eighth grade through 12th grade. He added that estimated new enrollment over the next five years (from younger students entering kindergarten each year) would be around 50 students.

"This decrease in the number of students will cause a decrease in the amount of money we receive from the state each year," Huseman said.

Dale Wilhelm also spoke on behalf of opponents of the project.

"With perseverance and proper instruction from mentors at this school, excellence has been achieved by many students," Wilhelm said. "All of the championships won by this school are not the result of a physical building, but rather a determination to be the best and do whatever it takes with what's available to be the absolute best and not settle for anything less."

"There is an awe-inspiring feeling when you walk into our current gymnasium, and just imagine the intimidation opposing teams must feel when they enter and look around at the legacy of such a winning tradition. Talk about a home-court advantage!" Wilhelm said. "Nothing can ever replace that spirit."

Wilhelm encouraged the board to be careful not to take future funding for granted.

"We cannot afford to ignore the facts of our situation. At the time of the bond election, the financial facts that were presented do not include the consecutively running deficits that are present today and continue to grow," said Wilhelm. "At the current rate, there will be a time when there won't be any more money. Common sense tells us that we cannot afford to add to already snowballing red ink. A gift is not a gift if it costs the receiving party money it cannot afford. If we have to cut back on current programs to afford this facility, is it worth it?"

Keith Birkenfeld and Kent Birkenfeld represented voters who are in favor of the project at Monday's meeting.

"I couldn't be more in favor of this project, even though I know my taxes will be raised," said Keith Birkenfeld. "I would like the school to offer many opportunities to all students. It's hard for a small school like ours to fund a first-class school and top facilities and it won't get easier or cheaper with the passage of time. That's why I urge the school to take advantage of this grant. This is money that didn't come out of local taxes and it never has to be repaid. I can't see how such a huge windfall amount will not be a major plus for the school. If anyone has an alterna-

tive means to raise that kind of money, bring it on."

Keith Birkenfeld pointed out that the proposed gym has nothing to do with the current budget deficit and that costs for construction of the new facility would be entirely funded by the state award and bonds. He added that stopping the project will not cause the deficit to be "magically erased, but that going forward will bring \$860,000 of tax-free money to the school."

Kent Birkenfeld said he agreed that the deficit issue needs to be addressed by the board and that it will take aggressive action, but he still believes that the chance to construct a PE facility using the grant is an opportunity the school can't afford to pass.

"I was on the board when this subject first came up and I know there was a lot of discussion and debate," said Kent Birkenfeld. "We held informational meetings and at the time thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime shot for our school. We decided to let the voters decide and held the bond election. I feel like the voters spoke at that election and they supported the bonds. Granted, it wasn't a large majority, but it was a majority."

"I appreciate the concerns of the public," he continued. "Those concerns are valid. The deficit is accelerating and it will have to be addressed, but I do not think it directly pertains to this matter. Indirectly it does, because there will have to be maintenance costs. But I do believe this community is the best at rallying and coming together in times of need."

"I know enrollment is dropping, but I also think that there is enough support here that things can be done," Kent Birkenfeld said. "I urge you to proceed with the project."

After hearing from parties on both sides of the issue, the board discussed the proposal.

"I just feel like we've been running at a deficit for so long and I'm afraid that this will add to it," said board member Jeanie Birkenfeld. "I hate to see us cut academic programs to build a sports facility."

Kern told the board that several people had approached her and asked if the school was operating under a budget deficit. She told them yes, and she said when they heard that, they said they wouldn't have voted for the bonds if they had known.

"Just because we have the money offered, do we have to take it?" Olvera asked. "Do we need this gym? I don't think all of our students will benefit from it. If you can show me all students will utilize the facility, I'll reconsider."

Jeanie Birkenfeld made a motion to rescind the previous motion made at the Nov. 3 meeting to sell the bonds and it was seconded by Kern. The two were joined in the vote by Olvera, Gerber, Hoelting, Ramaekers and Peggy Birkenfeld cast the dissenting votes, killing the motion.

The child's game of jacks, it's believed originated in Asia where the knucklebones of some small animal was used for the jacks.

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Bill and Vicky Murphy

Lee Street Baptist Church revival starting on Sunday

Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will hold revival services starting Sunday and continuing through Wednesday (Dec. 1), and everyone is invited to attend.

The evangelists will be Bill and Vicky Murphy of Killeen.

The series of meetings will open with Sunday morning worship at 10:45, with Bill Murphy bringing the message and both he and his wife, Vicky, leading out in music.

After the morning worship, there will be a covered dish luncheon and everyone is invited. The second service of the series will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. Services also will be held Monday through Wednesday at 7 each evening.

For more information or to in-

quire about transportation, call the church at 647-5474.

Bill and Vicky Murphy are the parents of Christina Addison, the wife of Jeff Addison, who is the pastor at Lee Street Baptist. They are in full time evangelism, traveling across the southern US throughout the year.

Bill preaches, sings and teaches Bible studies. Vicky plays the piano, keyboard and flute, sings, and is the author of "Bible Art," a Bible study for women. She also has written a book about her life called *Not Just My Heart*.

The couple surrendered to full-time evangelism in 1983, and in 1994 they sold their home and bought a bus to travel year-round sharing the gospel.

TCFA names fed beef winners

Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico traditionally lead the nation in fed cattle production and this reputation as a top place to feed cattle was reaffirmed during the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's "Exploring New Horizons" annual convention in San Antonio last week.

At this year's convention, the "best of the best" were recognized as winners of the 1999 TCFA Fed Beef Challenge.

Sponsored by TCFA, the Fed Beef Challenge is a contest designed to let cattle feeders compete in producing the high quality beef that consumers demand. A total of 27 feedyards brought 46 pens of steers and heifers. The pens of three were scored on an index developed by TCFA to identify optimum carcass value. The index uses a base of 100 points and is adjusted for ribeye area, internal fat, back fat and quality grade to arrive at a final score.

The first-place pen of steers was won by Wrangler Feedyard of Tulia with a set that had a final index score of 342.32. Second-place honors went to Caprock #6 at Lockney with a pen that indexed 297.06 and third place was captured by Carrizo Feeders at

Texline with a pen that indexed 279.9.

Caprock #6 at Lockney came back to win first place with a pen of heifers with a set that indexed 313.26. Second place went to C-Bar Feedyard at Plainview with a pen that indexed 302.24, and third was captured by Southwest Feedyard at Hereford with a pen that indexed 269.06.

Grand champion individual carcass honors went to Wrangler Feedyard at Tulia with a steer from the first-place pen that had an individual index score of 125.

The manager's evaluation contest was won by Ryan Davis with Cactus Feeders in Amarillo and the "Judge Your Own Pen" evaluation contest was captured by Leo Vermedahl of Carrizo Feeders at Texline.

First place in the public evaluation contest went to Laban Tubbs of Clarendon. Second was won by Matt Cravey of Canyon and third went to Gale Seibert of Garden City, Kan.

TCFA represents cattle feeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, an area that produces 32% of the nation's fed cattle.



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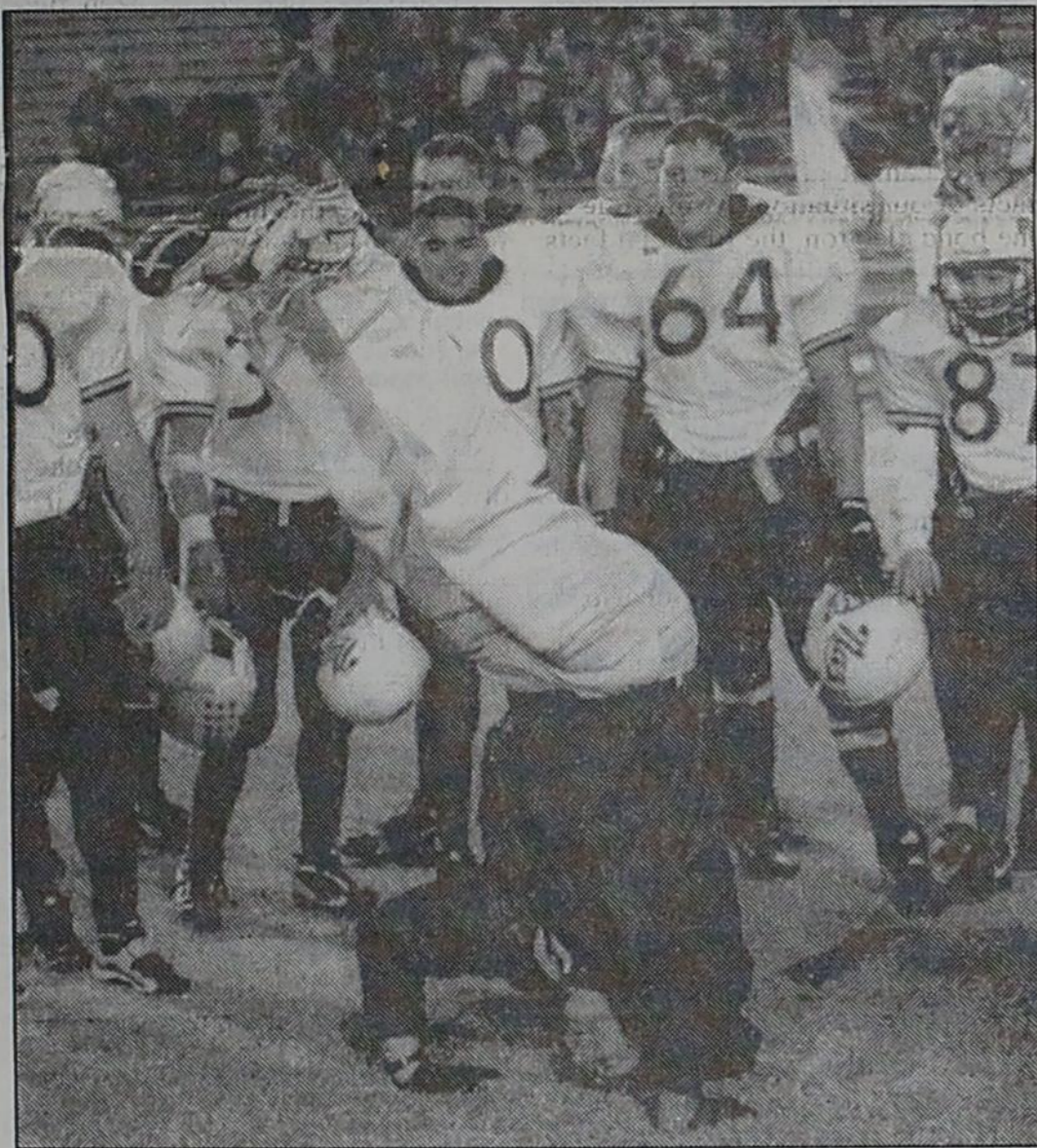
Many, many sweet thanks!



Canterbury Villa

wants to thank everyone who contributed to the fun time and the great support shown from our community during our annual Cake Auction.

Jason Wooten did a great job as our auctioneer, we had many wonderful baked goods and other donations, and we raised almost \$4,000 for our Christmas gifts and other activities.



NAZARETH COACH RICK PRICE stands on his head to the cheers of the Nazareth Swifts and fans Friday night after his team captured the Class A Area Championship with a 14-7 win over Claude. The win moved the Swifts into the regional semifinals against Rankin Saturday at 2 p.m. in Brownfield.

Photo by Randy Schilling



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From all of us to all of you, we'd like to extend our gratitude and warm wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving holiday filled with family and friends. Thank you for being our friends.

Rafter 3 Feed Yard

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Our very best wishes this Thanksgiving season.

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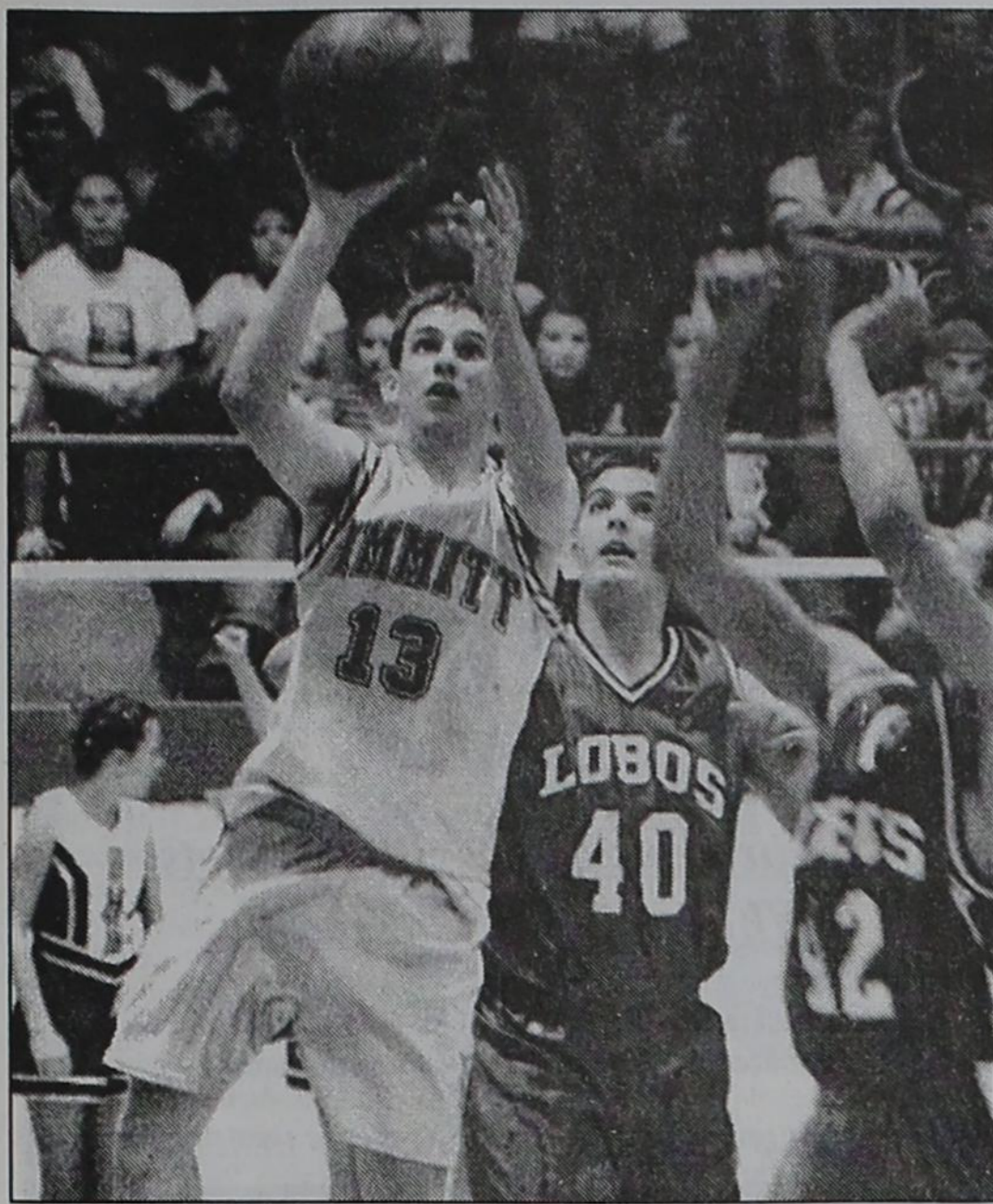
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DIMMITT POST TAYLOR MATTHEWS (13) works inside against Levelland's defense and picks up two of his 12 points Friday when the Bobcats and Lobos met in a regular season game at Dimmitt. Matthews had a double-double Friday, hauling down 10 rebounds in addition to his 12 points as the Bobcats won, 69-60. Dimmitt's leading scorer in the game was Sammy Prieto, who had 26.
Photo by Carter Townsend

More about

Swifts vs. Rankin Saturday...

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De La Paz picked up 122 yards on 18 carries against Anton. He also scored two of the Red Devils' touchdowns. Armendarez also picked up a TD against Anton.

"Those guys are slashing type runners—they don't really pound it inside much. But if they get in the open field, they're dangerous. They like to run behind their big 214-pound lineman, (Willie Bautista) quite a bit. He's a good blocker."

Tight end is Bryan Hill (5-11, 181) and receiver is Steven De La Pena (5-11, 156).

Joining Bautista on the line are Carlos Cura (5-8, 155), Zac Iskra (5-10, 163), Skyler Dusek (5-6, 162) and Dustin Ratliff (6-1, 178).

"Their linemen aren't that big, but they work hard to get the blocks those runners need," Price said. "The key for us is to use our size advantage to control the line of scrimmage and keep those three backs from

getting started. We can't let them get into the open field."

On defense, Rankin will line up in a split formation with a 4-4 look, although sometimes they'll come out in a 4-3, according to Price.

"They're very quick and aggressive on defense, just like they are on offense," Price said.

"We feel like our power game might work against them. We're hoping to control the line of scrimmage and make those guys tackle a couple of big physical running backs all night."

"They're aggressive on defense and they flow, so we feel like maybe some misdirection and play action will hurt them."

Price said the Red Devil defense doesn't really have a star, but there aren't any glaring weaknesses, either.

"I think their corners, Mendez and De La Pena, are a little better than some we've been playing," Price said.

Tackles are Wade Russom (6-0, 260) and Brandon Brown (5-9, 196)

while Joseph Armendarez (5-4, 149) and Bobby De La Pena (6-1, 185) are the ends. Linebackers include Iskra, Steven Armendarez, Marcus Halfmann (5-10, 155) and De La Paz. Hill is the safety.

A Thanksgiving Wish

All the best of everything to you and your family this Thanksgiving. We are so pleased that you came to see us all through the year, and hope you'll come back again very soon.

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Police Calls

Dimmitt Police had to physically restrain a 28-year-old Dimmitt man on Nov. 16 at about 3:20 p.m. in the 600 block of Southwest Sixth. Officers attempted to arrest the man on a warrant for a motion to revoke probation/DWI. Officers said the man resisted, and a struggle ensued. He was finally handcuffed and taken from the residence.

A suspect was arrested Nov. 15 at 1:55 p.m. in the 300 block of Southwest Fifth on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. Items seized in the incident included two pipes, a plate with marijuana residue, and cigarette rolling paper.

Edward Silva of Amarillo told police Sunday morning that someone removed the registration sticker from his pickup while it was parked in the 700 block of West Dulin. The sticker was valued at \$59.94.

A 1994 Nissan Van belonging to Adam Ruiz Cisneros of Dimmitt suffered over \$50 in damage in an incident of criminal mischief that was reported to police on Nov. 15 at 2:05 p.m. at Dimmitt High School.

An employee at Allsup's told police last Thursday morning that a suspect or suspects drove off without paying for two batches of unleaded gasoline—for \$18.62 and \$5.

Saturday at 3:25 a.m. a 21-year-old Earth man was charged with DWI, first offense, in the 400 block of east Dulin.

A New Home man, 33, was jailed for DWI, third or more offense, late Sunday night. He was stopped by a deputy for driving erratically and weaving about four miles south of Dimmitt on US 385.

Also late Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 19, was jailed for DWI, first offense; and a Hereford man, 50, was jailed for DWI, second offense, breath test refused.

Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—Nov. 17, a Dimmitt man, 26, for assault/family violence/bodily injury; and a 30-year-old Dimmitt man, violation of parole stemming from charges of possession of controlled substance and evading arrest.

—Friday, a Hart man, 30, on DPS warrants for parole violation; and a Dimmitt man, 25, on two charges of forgery.

—Saturday, a 21-year-old Dimmitt man on DWI, first offense charges, and a 22-year-old Dimmitt man on charges of failure to identify

Guitarist will perform in Nazareth

Susan Grisanti, who has been billed as "one of the most exciting new guitarists of the southwest," will perform at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth Sunday, Dec. 5.

The concert will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and admission is \$5 per person.

For more information, call (806) 364-4445.

More about

Jail bond issue...

(Continued from Page 1)

Commissioner Clyde Damron made the motion to begin the process of seeking a financial advisor and bond attorney in view of setting a bond election, even though he expressed doubt that the issue will be approved by the county's voters "the first time." Commissioner Dan Schmucker seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Jail Committee members Garner Ball and Danny Rodriguez also expressed doubt that the issue will be approved by voters.

Miller said she was expected to call Texas Commission on Jail Standards Executive Director Jack Crump Tuesday morning to tell him what action the commissioners planned to take in resolving the jail problems.

"We at least need to go ahead and get it in the works, so the jail commission can at least see we tried to do something," Miller said.

Payments on the bond issue as estimated would range from \$110,336 to \$192,606 per year over the 30 years.

Fitzgearld said farming out all of the county's prisoners would cost \$291,270 per year at the current rate of 21 prisoners at \$38 per day.

In the past seven years, the county has spent \$108,200.25 on farming out prisoners, with \$7,700 of that coming from the 1999-2000 fiscal year, which started Oct. 1.

If the jail does not come into compliance, it is feasible that the jail commission could reduce the population

cap even more.

Miller said she was told that the jail commission may review the variances that have been granted to the jail, and if the variances are revoked, it would reduce the population cap further.

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FCCLA MEMBERS (front, from left) Angela Montiel and Sylvia Medrano; and (back, from left) Miranda Mirelez, Melissa Maldonado, Laura Cardona and Gina Arredondo all attended a leadership training conference in Fort Worth Nov. 12-14. Not shown are Jennifer Heck and Heather Snitker.

Local students attend national FCCLA leadership conference

Youth from the Dimmitt High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FFFLA) recently participated in a weekend leadership training conference held Nov. 12-14 in Fort Worth.

Attendees participated in a weekend of workshops and sessions to learn more about "Leadership for Tomorrow" through FCCLA (formerly known as Future Homemakers of America).

Along with 4,200 other advisers and members, DHS's FCCLA chapter advisers Jackie Odom and Marilyn Carter accompanied eight members to the meeting.

The "Leadership for Tomorrow" theme was reinforced by Friday's general session, with Fran Kick as the keynote speaker.

Saturday's workshops involved training in FCCLA's newest membership campaign, Member Quest 2000, a program that offers ideas on how to recruit, recognize and retain members. The chapter members also

attended sessions that focused on community involvement, family related issues and public relations.

The Sunday session concentrated on developing leadership skills through *Dynamic Leadership* workshops. Keynote speaker Eric Chester

closed out the meeting with the message "The Time of Your Live."

Students attending were Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Laura Cardona, Melissa Maldonado, Jennifer Heck, Miranella Mirelez, Gina Arredondo and Heather Snitker.

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Obituaries

G. D. Caison

Funeral services for G.D. Caison, 74, of Hereford, a graduate of Dimmitt High School, were held Monday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church of Hereford, with Tom Fuller officiating.

Burial followed at West Park Cemetery of Hereford, under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Caison died Nov. 20 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 12, 1924, in Wellington. He joined the US Army in 1944 during World War II and served in the 2nd Division, Company K, 23rd Regiment, 1st Platoon. He served on the front lines in Germany, France and Czechoslovakia. He was in charge of the guard at the Grand Hotel in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, where the Nazi war criminals were held during the war trials. After discharge from the army, he married Jeannie France on July 16, 1949, in Hereford. He was in the restaurant business and owned and operated Caison House Restaurant for more than 40 years.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dee Ann Trotter.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Rodney Caison of Hereford; a daughter, Sandy Flowers of Amarillo; a sister, Helen Smith of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist St. Anthony Hospice or the First United Methodist Church permanent fund.

Ina Rae Cates

Services for Ina Rae Cates, 84, of Lubbock, former Dimmitt resident and aunt of Polly Simpson, were held Tuesday afternoon in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Rev. Jim Gerlt, pastor of the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cates died on Sunday afternoon at Mackenzie House.

She was born Dec. 8, 1914, in Floyd County. She graduated from Floydada High School and attended West Texas State College. She married J.D. Cates on March 21, 1937. He died in 1980.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. She had lived in Dimmitt from 1983 to 1998.

She had been a resident of Lubbock most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and by a son, J. Mac Cates, in 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, D'Ann Shamburger and Carma Jones, both of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hospice of Lubbock or the Leukemia Society of America.

Frances Hoffman

Frances Margaret Hoffman, 83, of Lubbock, mother of Arlene Dyer of Hart, died Nov. 17 at Lubbock Health Care Center.

Funeral mass was read Saturday afternoon at Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock with the Rev. Ben Kasteel officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hoffman had been a Lubbock resident since 1941. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and Christ the King Catholic Church. She worked at Furr's Pie Kitchen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1971; a son, Bill, in 1990; and a grandson, Aaron, in 1990.

Survivors include three daughters, Arlene Dyer of Hart, Donna Macik of Anaheim, Calif., and Debbie Jackson of Wolforth; a son, Harold Hoffman of Lubbock; a sister, Wilma Schultz of Mantador, N.D.; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Christ the King School.

Three Cats named AD

Justin Sutton, Fred Traylor and Daniel Proffitt of Dimmitt were recognized by District 1-AAA coaches for their play during the 1999 football season, and each was named all-district.

Sutton earned first-team all-district honors as a running back and defensive back. Traylor was named first-team defensive lineman. Proffitt earned second-team honors as a receiver.



Here's hoping the holiday brings all good things to you and your whole family.

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Sports



Bobbies aiming for return to post-season play

There's only one starter returning from Dimmitt's 1999 regional qualifying team, but that doesn't worry new head coach Tim Gilliland.

Only four lettermen are back to join veteran starter Carol Summers on this year's squad, but a host of talented newcomers bring a lot of height, a lot of desire and big dreams for future success. Those dreams include another post-season ticket.

Summers, a 5-10 senior guard, was a post a year ago, but she has quickly adapted to her new assignment as point guard for the Bobbies. A year ago, she averaged seven points and nine rebounds per game for the Bobbies and Gilliland said he expects her to contribute more on the offensive end of the floor this season.

Joining Summers in the starting lineup will be lettermen Larissa Fuentes, a 5-4 senior guard; and Heather Black, a 5-8 senior forward. Varsity rookie Tamara Robertson, a 5-11 junior post, will join the trio. The other inside slot will be filled by either Ironica Traylor, a 5-5 senior post who lettered a year ago; or newcomer Audrey Saenz, a 6-1 junior post.

The other lettermen returning from last year's squad is Lori Schulte, a 5-4 junior guard.

Rounding out the Bobbies' roster are Dorothy Hamilton, a 5-5 sophomore guard; Kylie Webb, a 5-5 junior guard; Kelsey Welch, a 5-10 sophomore post; and Jade Vick, a 5-4 junior guard.

Summers' main job this season will be the pilot the Bobbies when they're on the court.

"We expect Carol to run our team. She's our quarterback. She's so smart and quick and really talented, that we just use her to get us into our offense. She'll make sure all the girls are doing what they're supposed to be doing. She'll have to score a little bit more than other point guards do, though. She's a nice three-point shooter. If she has the open shot, she's supposed to take it," Gilliland said.



Bobbies' Tip-off

He said Fuentes' specialty is the three-point shot and quickness on defense.

"Heather is a true go-getter," Gilliland said. "She anticipates the ball on defense so well that I'm sure she's going to have a lot of steals and a lot of rebounds this year. Her specialty is driving the ball on offense. She's great at penetrating the lane."

When Saenz is in the game, she gives the Bobbies a "true post player" since she's 6-1.

"We'll rely on Audrey to play good post defense against some of the other teams' big post players. We'd certainly like to get the ball inside to her and see what she can do with it," Gilliland said. "She has a great touch on the ball—it's not the most beautiful shot in the world, but she does have a great touch."

Traylor may only be 5-5, but she's a strong battler inside.

"Because Ironica's only 5-5, that may pose some match-up problems for us inside, but she's a workhorse. She can post up with the best of them. I really like her intensity on defense, too," he said.

One of the Bobbies' first subs off

of the bench is Schulte, who Gilliland describes as "a great defensive player."

Another player Gilliland expects to contribute a lot this year is Hamilton, who moved to Dimmitt from Olton last spring.

"Dorothy's just a sophomore, but she's very quick and she brings a lot of intensity to our defense."

Welch is another sophomore that Gilliland really likes because she can play forward or post. He says Welch is a "real smart player."

"Kylie (Webb) is another good outside shooter and we'll rely on her shots, especially against zone defenses," Gilliland said.

Vick is listed as a guard on the Bobbies' roster, but Gilliland said she could see more time at the post position.

"Jade's another true workhorse. When she's in the game you see a definite rise in intensity," he said.

"We're going to be running a very structured offense. That's good for us since we lack a lot of varsity experience," Gilliland said. "At times it can be kind of complicated, too, so we're still in the process of learning it, refining it and getting better at it as we go through the year."

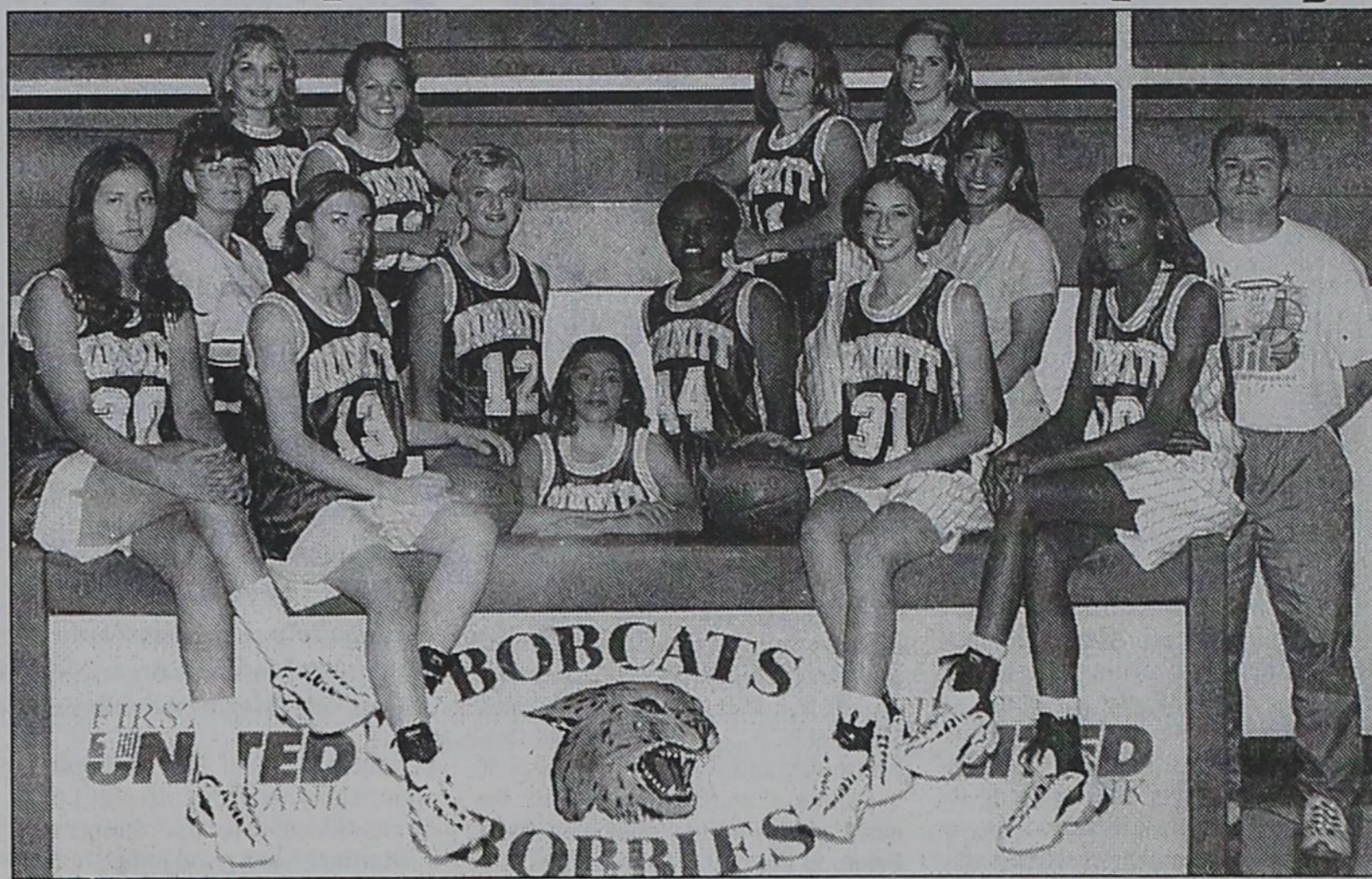
"One of the things I like about this offense is that it will allow us to create some mis-matches because of the size of our guards like Carol Summers and Heather Black."

Shooting is an area in which the Bobbies still need work, but Gilliland said he has already noticed improvement by several of his players.

"I can see us getting better. I think one of the things that will help us get better is just learning the offense. As we do that our shot selection will improve so our percentages should improve."

Gilliland said all of his five starters are scoring threats, but he expects Robertson, Summers and Black to be the main threats.

"I think we may see some balanced scoring early on. I don't think we'll have anybody just break out and



THE DIMMITT BOBBIES Varsity Basketball team includes: (front, from left) Audrey Saenz, Heather Black, Larissa Fuentes, Kelsey Welch, and Tamara Robertson; (second row, from left) manager Kendra

Shannon, Carol Summers, Ironica Traylor, manager Dee Sloan and coach Tim Gilliland; and (back, from left) Kylie Webb, Lori Schulte, Dorothy Hamilton and Jade Vick. Photo by Anne Acker

score 30 points a game.

"I think you'll see a lot of girls scoring the same number. I think that's better than having one do most of the scoring because it's harder for defenses to stop you when you can attack with several weapons," Gilliland said.

The Bobbies' strength is their quickness and anticipation on defense, according to Gilliland.

He said he really likes his team's effort on defense so far, and the longer they play, the better they get.

"We've really improved that part of our game. We're trying to play some pressure man-to-man defense along with some other things. We're still going to run some zone and we'll press. We'll run some full-court man and full-court zone. We're even tinkering with some three-quarter court presses."

"We want to have a nice package

to throw at teams to keep them off guard, and we want to try and force the other team into making as many mistakes as we can," Gilliland said.

"The pressure man-to-man defense has been one of the hardest things for the girls to pick up, but the team has shown improvement."

The Bobbies will be tested early and often this season.

The pre-district schedule is very tough and includes such Class AAAA powers as Randall, Levelland, Borger and Hereford. The Bobbies also are in the traditionally-tough Plainview Queens Classic, and they will meet another AAAA power, Plainview, in the opening round. The Caprock Tournament also will be super tough as always.

"Our schedule is going to be tough, but that's what we need to get these players some good varsity

experience," Gilliland said.

Things won't get any easier when district rolls around, either, but Gilliland is confident his team can make a run at the playoffs.

"I like our chances. Perryton is the favorite going in, but there are several other teams that could be in the thick of things."

Gilliland wants the Bobbies to be able to compete with some of the best teams in the area year-in and year-out, and he wants to give his players the most opportunities he can to make that happen.

"I think we can learn a lot about our game and have a good time doing it. I believe if you aren't having fun, then you're probably not doing well," Gilliland said.

"I think we have a good coaching staff and we're trying to develop a program with cohesiveness where every team from the seventh grade up is doing the same thing," he added.

"The work ethic on this team is really great. There's not a single one that's afraid to push herself and get better," Gilliland said. "The girls on this team are good people. They want to make a playoff run and I think we have a chance."

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Assistant Coaches: Jennifer Smith, Arnold Peralez, Shelly Conkin, Rejee Howerton
Managers: Dee Sloan and Kendra Shannon

Holiday home show planned Dec. 5 in Olton

A holiday home show and tour will be held in Olton on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Cost will be \$5 per person with proceeds going toward the indebtedness of restrooms at the Olton Pavilion Park. Persons are asked to pick up tickets for the tour at The Wild Plum, 708 Main, Olton.

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Bobcats will use team quickness in up-tempo game

The Dimmitt Bobcats may be out-sized in many of their games this year, but what the team lacks in height it makes up for with strong guard play, quickness, aggressive post play and pressure defense.

Those positive aspects of the Bobcats' game will improve as the season progresses and should propel Dimmitt into the playoffs once again.

Dimmitt lists just one player at 6-3, three at 6-1 and one at 6-0. The rest of the team stands 5-11 and under.

The Bobcats are extremely quick on their feet, though, and they'll try and use an up-tempo transition game to wear down bigger teams.

"Even though it may appear that we have a size disadvantage, I think we still have an advantage over most teams with our quickness. We're going to utilize that quickness and play intelligent, smart basketball," Steidle said.

"We're going to play our up-tempo game. Obviously, with our strength in the guard areas, we're going to push the ball as much as possible," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steidle.

"When we play against teams that have us out-sized, we're going to have to utilize our strength with our quickness, guard play and keep the tempo in our favor. We're going to do that by fast breaking and using a full-court press and aggressive half-court defense," Steidle said.

Steidle welcomes back just one full-time starter from last year's campaign, 5-10 senior guard Daniel Flores. Taylor Matthews, a 6-1 senior post; and Keevin Sanders, a 6-0 senior post, both were part-time starters last year.

Flores averaged 8.5 points and 3.1 assists per game while Matthews contributed 4.6 points and 3.4 rebounds, and Sanders chipped in 4.2 points and 2.7 boards.

Returning lettermen include Jeff Stovall, a 6-1 senior post; Marcus Larra, a 5-8 junior guard; Daniel Proffitt, a 5-10 junior wing; Sammy Prieto, a 5-9 senior guard; and Julian



Bobcats' Tip-off

Velo, a 6-1 junior post. While several lettermen are returning, they are virtually inexperienced, but all are good athletes.

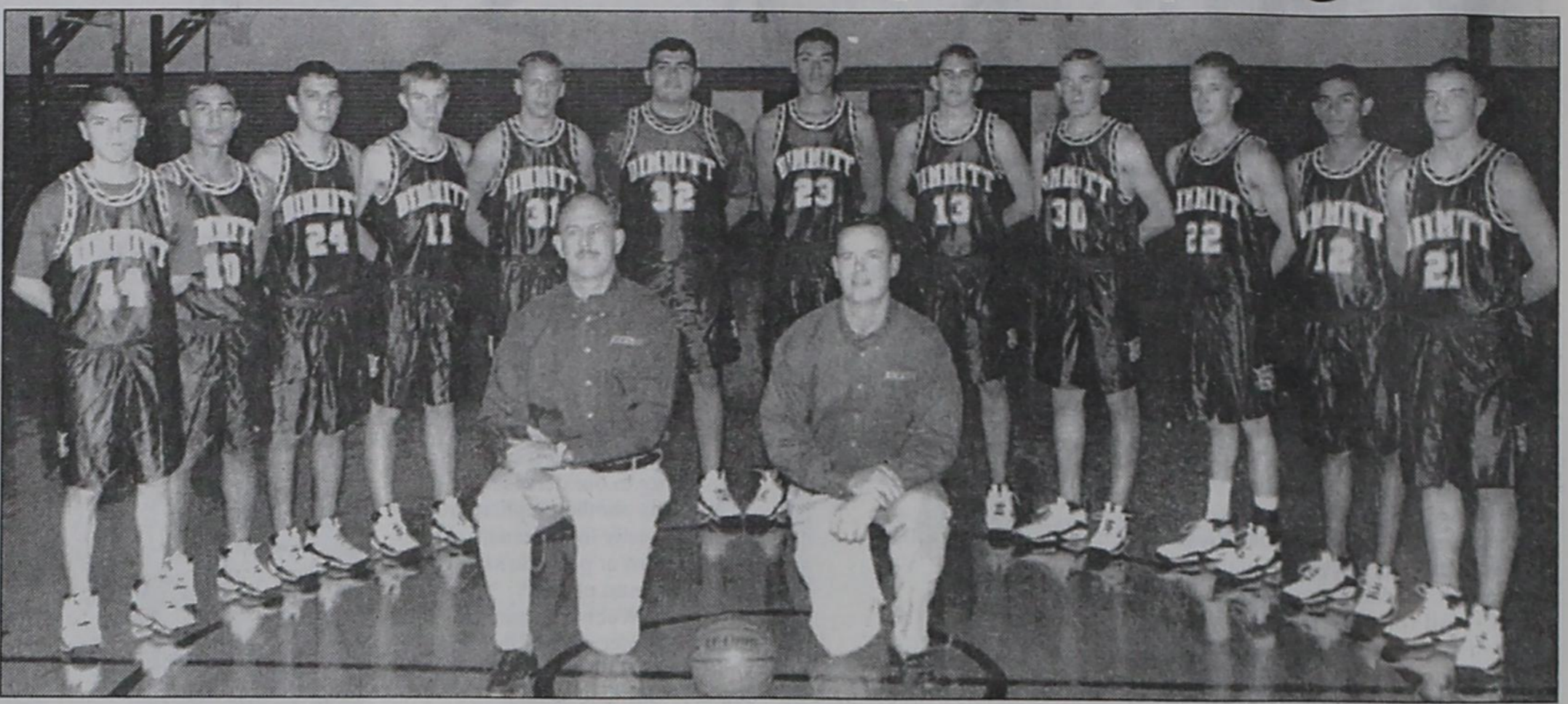
Rounding out the Bobcats' roster are Israel Martinez, a 5-9 junior guard; B.J. Hill, a 5-11 junior wing; Van Jeter, a 5-9 senior guard; and Matthew Sandoval, a 6-3 junior post.

Steidle's starting lineup in the early games of the season includes Prieto at the point, Daniel Proffitt at a wing and Taylor Matthews at post. Flores and Martinez will split time at the other guard slot while Sanders and Velo will share time at post.

Steidle says Prieto, Proffitt, Martinez and Flores are all "interchangeable," and will see a lot of action at the guard position this season. "Sammy's an exceptional perimeter shooter," Steidle said. "He has improved his ball handling skills and his mid-range jump shot."

A year ago, Proffitt suffered a season-ending thigh injury in December, but he's back full-strength now and Steidle expects good things from him.

"Even with his lack of varsity ex-



THE DIMMITT BOBCATS will use quickness and defense to keep their opponents in check this season. Members of the team are (from left) Israel Martinez, Marcus Larra, Mark Casares, Daniel Proffitt, Corey Lane, Julian Velo, Matthew Sandoval, Taylor Matthews, Jeff Stovall, Van Jeter,

Sammy Prieto and B.J. Hill. Not pictured are team members Keevin Sanders and Daniel Flores. Coaches for the Bobcats are (kneeling, from left) Alan Steidle, head coach; and Anthony Howerton, assistant coach. Photo by Don Nelson

perience, we feel like he'll play a significant role in our offense. I think he can fill a hole for us," Steidle said.

Martinez has a good jump shot and is good off the dribble, according to Steidle, and his quickness will be a plus for the Bobcats on both ends of the floor.

Flores also is a good perimeter shooter who has the ability to penetrate and hurt opposing teams with his quickness.

Dimmitt's posts aren't that tall, but they aren't afraid to mix it up inside with bigger players.

"Taylor has really improved his game," Steidle said. "He probably should be playing more of an off-guard position, but he's an over-achiever under the basket. He has the ability to get a lot of rebounds despite his lack of size. He's got good instincts under the basket."

Velo has been a pleasant surprise to Steidle through the Bobcats' scrimmages and first games.

"Julian has shown a lot of improvement and he's getting more confident and comfortable on the floor. He's learning and playing his role around the basket very well. Against Randall in our first game he was 4-of-6 on the night and he was our leading rebounder."

Sanders gained some valuable varsity experience a year ago, and with his jumping ability and athleticism, Steidle expects him to contribute a lot to the team.

"Keevin's good around the basket and he plays a lot bigger than he is.

"We're going to have to use Taylor and Keevin around the basket, but both are capable of popping out and hitting a 10 to 12-foot jumper, too," Steidle said.

Steidle also has confidence in the rest of his bench and says the talent there is "as good as it's been in a long time."

"I think our bench play is going to be a strength of our team through the year. We've got a lot of kids who can play in a lot of different areas," Steidle said. "A lot of times the emphasis is placed on the starters and

while they are important, the bench is equally as important. Every player is valuable. Sometimes I think the kids coming off the bench have the toughest role on a team. They don't know if they're going to play early in the game or late in the game, and they have to be ready for action at a moment's notice."

Jeter and Stovall are two seniors who will be expected to contribute off of the bench.

"Van is an exceptional shooter. His strength is he's a good spot-up shooter. He has good range and I can see us using him a lot against teams that aren't as aggressive on perimeter defense," Steidle said.

Jeter will back up the posts and will give the Bobcats a strong baseline attack when he's in the lineup.

"He's a good baseline player and a good baseline shooter," Steidle said. "He also does a good job on the boards."

Hill will play the off-guard position and also will run the baseline.

"B.J. is a very aggressive player. He's a battler around the basket. He doesn't have a lot of size, but he overcomes that with determination," Steidle said.

Sandoval is the tallest player on the Bobcats' roster, and he's got "fair quickness for a guy his size," according to Steidle. "Matthew is becoming a better defensive player and rebounder. He's really improving in those areas and that's where we'll need his help. His strength offensively is the low-post area, and we need him to develop more of a range as the season goes on."

Dimmitt will pressure teams up and down the court, using a 1-2-1-1 press, sometimes full-court and sometimes three-quarter court. From that, the Bobcats will drop back into a 2-3 zone. Steidle said he also may use a 1-3-1 half-court trap at times.

"We're going to have to be aggressive in our half-court game and utilize the quickness we have."

Rebounding is a concern for Steidle because of his team's size deficit, but in early scrimmages and

games the team has been holding its own in board battles with bigger teams.

"Rebounding is one of the areas we'll have to stay focused on. We can't use our lack of height as an excuse. We have to get position underneath. These guys played a lot together over the summer and they played against some all-star teams that had a lot of height, so they're familiar with being overmatched on the boards," Steidle said.

The team's goals this year are simple:

1. They want to improve each game.
2. They want to win a tournament.
3. They want to win their first district game, which is against Tulia.
4. They want to be district champions.

5. They want to win the bi-district area, regional and state championships.

These are lofty goals, but the Bobcats have a long tradition of surprising teams and they could achieve each and every one of those dreams. A super tough early schedule will give the Bobcats experience to handle those challenges in district and post-season play.

"We've got another strong schedule with games against some tough AAAA schools like Randall, Levelland and Borger. Playing those tough teams early will expose the areas in which we need to improve and hopefully we'll be able to fix those problems before district," Steidle said.

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Missing playoffs has made Swiftettes hungry

Desire. Determination. Defense. Those are the Three Ds that could lead the Nazareth Swiftettes back to *The Drum* in Austin this year.

The Swiftettes missed out on the playoffs last year for the first time in 25 years, then watched Vega, the team which won the district title, go on to claim the state championship. That just made the Swiftettes hungrier and more focused on this year's goal of winning their 14th state championship.

"These girls have a strong desire to win," said first-year Swiftette Coach Matt Garrett. "Not getting out of district is the worst feeling in the world, especially when you've done it 25 times in a row."

Garrett is excited about his first season at Nazareth, and has a lot of confidence in the ability of each of the 10 players he's carrying on the varsity squad.

Leading those 10 are five returning starters who are experienced and fundamentally sound in virtually all aspects of the game.

They are seniors Cassie Birkenfeld (5-8) and Sara Schulte (5-6), juniors Shawna Gerber (5-8) and Whitney Hoelting (6-0), and sophomore Stephanie Thiel (5-9). All started for Nazareth a year ago.

They are joined on the varsity squad by three returning lettermen



Swiftettes' Tip-off

including junior Tara Kleman (5-7) and sophomores Mandy Hoelting (5-6) and Lesley Brockman (5-7). Newcomers to the squad are freshman Wendy Black (5-4) and junior Lindsie Gerber (5-9).

Garrett doesn't expect to see any letdown when the second five Swiftettes enter the game, either.

"We are very deep on the bench. They can all hold their own and handle themselves well," Garrett said.

Garrett plans on using Thiel at point guard, with Birkenfeld and Gerber at the wings and Schulte and Hoelting at the forward positions.

The Swiftettes will run an up-tempo offense and Garrett has been encouraged by what they have shown in scrimmages so far this year.

The transition from last year's patient offense to this year's quick-paced game has been fairly smooth, Garrett said.

"We've had zero problems," Garrett said. "The girls are doing what they're supposed to be doing all the time. Basically we're heading in the same direction they were last year, only with a different leader."

"The patience and discipline they learned from the way they played in the past will only benefit the up-tempo game we're running today. They make good decisions on the court. They can read and recognize what we're being given (by opposing defenses) and they take advantage of that," Garrett said.

"Our ballhandling skills are second-to-none. They are all fundamentally sound and the talent is as good as anywhere I've seen. They've worked hard the last 12 to 14 years to get where they're at.

"Everyone we've got can shoot outside and everyone can post up inside. They've all got excellent range," Garrett said.

Shooting is one of the Swiftettes' biggest strengths and each has a green light to take any shot they are given.

"They understand what we want and if they're open, we expect them to shoot the ball. I wouldn't be surprised to see us shoot 50 or 60 times per game," Garrett said.

"How our offense is geared will be based upon what the defense gives us. If they give up the outside shots, we'll take the three. If they come out and cover the perimeter, we'll drive inside and take the layup. We'll have an inside-outside attack.

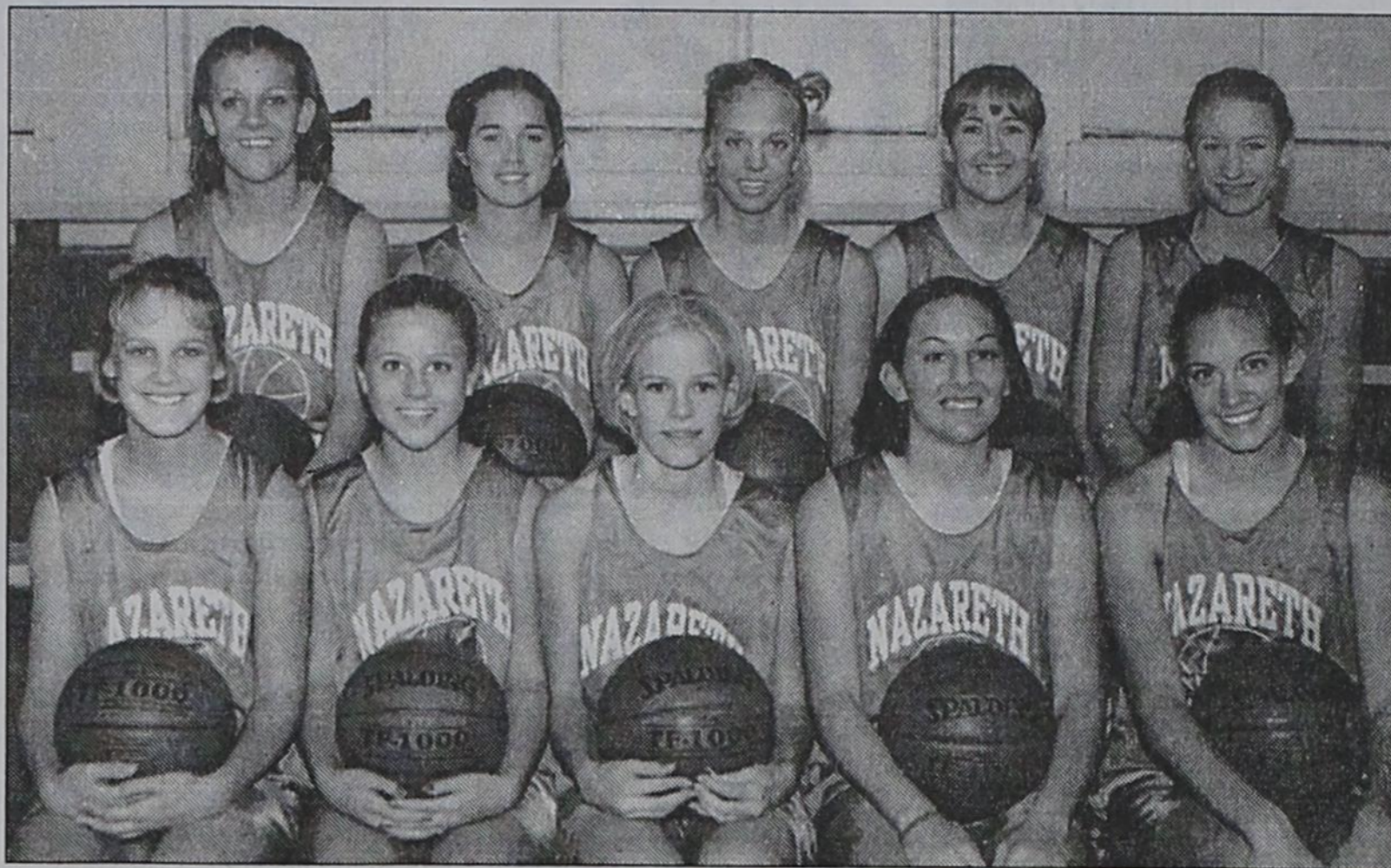
"We stress team, team, team as being more important than me, me, me. Individuals win honors and teams win championships. That's not a problem with these girls. They play together. They're not caught up in who makes the most points or who gets the most steals. They're focused on winning together," Garrett said.

The Swiftettes all ran cross country this fall and they are in excellent shape. They'll have to be, because Garrett is planning to press opponents from one end of the floor to the other. Nazareth's main press defenses will be a full-court man-to-man and match-up zone.

They'll drop back to an in-your-face man defense in the half-court, too.

"Our defense is going to be super quick. We've got quite a bit of height for a school our size and that will help us defensively as well. The girls are smart on defense. They don't make many mistakes. We plan on being patient on defense and we'll gradually wear other teams down.

"When you play hard man-to-man defense, everyone has to pull their



THE NAZARETH SWIFTETTES ARE HUNGRY this year after missing the playoffs a year ago and their goal is simple—"win it all." Members of the team are (back row, from left) Whitney Hoelting,

Cassie Birkenfeld, Sara Schulte, Shawna Gerber and Stephanie Thiel; and (front row, from left) Tara Kleman, Wendy Black, Mandy Hoelting, Lesley Brockman and Lindsie Gerber.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

weight and play together and that's something these girls understand," he said.

Nazareth has a tough non-district schedule which Garrett hopes will prepare the team for an even tougher district that includes three of the top-five Class A teams in the state.

Vega, the defending state champion, is ranked second in the Texas Basketball Coaches Association (TABC) pre-season poll. The Swiftettes are fourth and Sudan is fifth.

"Vega lost Cami Rea along with some depth to graduation, but they've got a good, big post player and an awesome left-handed guard, so I expect them to be strong again," Garrett said. "Sudan's still got Jill Stout and she's a great player. District is going to be a battle."

Prior to district, the Swiftettes will be tested each game, playing several state-ranked teams like Panhandle and Borden County in regular games. The Swiftettes could face even bigger challenges in their tournaments—Canyon Classic, I-27 Invitational and Caprock Tournament.

"Our three tournaments are as tough as they come. We could face Canyon in the second round of the Canyon Classic, and they are one of the best teams around. The I-27 will feature some of the premier Class AA and AAA teams in the area, so that'll be good for us. And the Caprock is like playing in a state tournament," Garrett said.

One of Garrett's personal goals for the 1999-2000 season is to claim his 100th career win. That should come sometime in December because he only needs 10 to reach that milestone.

The team's goal is clear.

"We plan to win the whole thing," Garrett said. "We do have other goals, too. We want to put a team out there that'll play tough day in and

day out. We want to be the measuring stick for other teams. For that to happen, we're going to have to go

out, execute our game plan and get the job done each time we step on the floor."

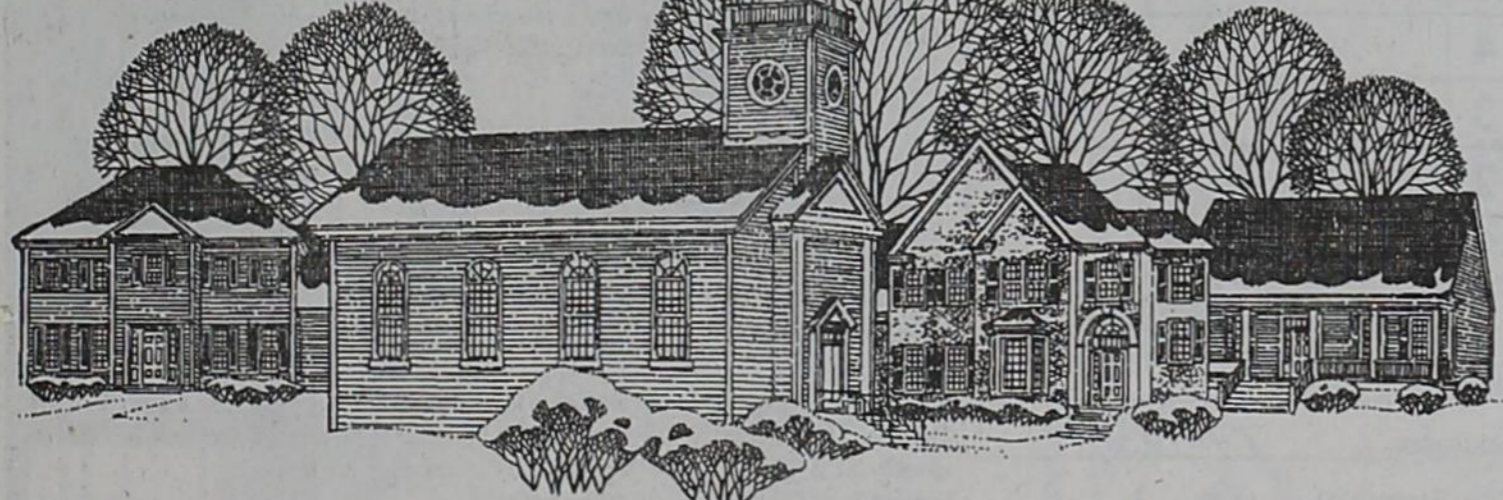
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Head Coach: Matt Garrett

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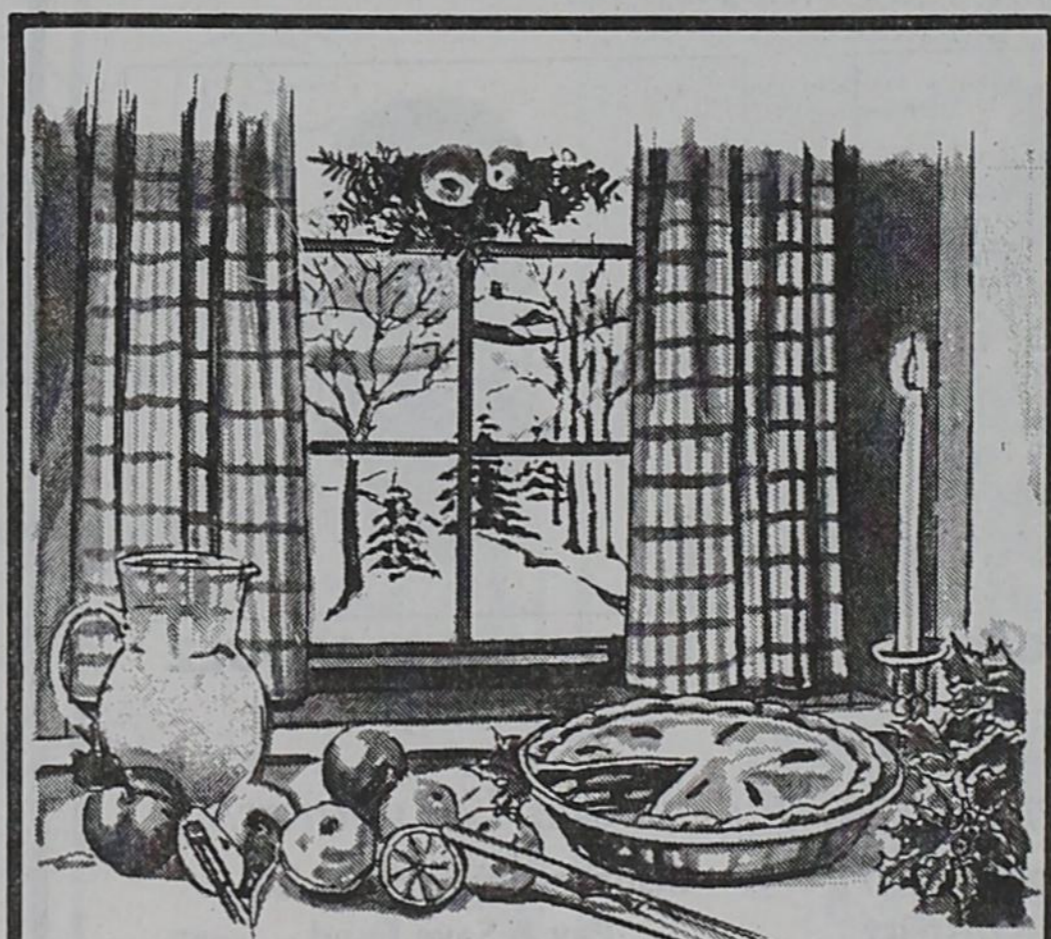
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Lady Horns have high hopes for season

A lot of new faces will be taking the floor for the Hart Lady Horns this year, but with a solid inside attack on offense and quick, pressure defense, the team could surprise some of its opponents this year.

New head coach Bob Libby feels that once the team comes together as a unit and the girls become familiar with the way their teammates play, success on the court will follow.

"I want our girls to be competitive in each game we play and I think we'll be able to do that. I hope we can surprise some people later in the year," Libby said.

The Lady Horns hope those surprises come during district play, when they'll meet some of the best teams in the state, regardless of classification.

Hart competes in the toughest Class A district in the state that features three of the top five teams ranked by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC)—Vega, Sudan and Nazareth.

"The girls know how tough our district is. We want to be able to go out and compete and give ourselves a chance to win in each game. To do that, we've got to work together as a team," Libby said.

Only two starters return from last year's team, but both are solid and provide a strong nucleus upon which Libby is building this year's team.

Among those returning starters is Geneva Finch, a 5-11 junior post who averaged 10 points and five boards last season. The other veteran is Vanessa Carrasco, a 5-3 junior guard.

Lettermen returning include Lindsey Montemayor, a 5-5 senior post; Amanda Ethridge, a 5-6 senior guard; and Angelica Perales, a 5-8 senior post.

Newcomers this season include Crystal Diego, a 5-6 freshman post; Becky Guzman, 5-5 senior post; Ruby Rodriguez, 5-4 junior guard; and Lacie Curry, 5-10 freshman post.

Libby's probable starters in the early season will be Finch, Montemayor and Curry at posts with Carrasco and Rodriguez at the guards.

"Not many of these girls have played together as a unit, but they're starting to figure each other out," Libby said.

Libby will count on Finch for inside scoring and rebounding. "Geneva's a pretty good



Lady Horns' Tip-off

rebounder. She really hits the offensive boards. She's also got a lot of speed and quickness for a big girl. She looks tough inside," Libby said.

He describes Montemayor as a hard worker and says she's very dependable.

"Lindsey is one of those girls that's real rugged. She knows how to get after it," Libby said.

Libby's other post, Curry, moved

to Hart this year and even though she's a freshman, he says she is "playing as good as anybody we have. She's a good shooter and she can rebound. She plays up and down the floor and she understands the game."

Carrasco's quickness and speed on the court are a plus for the Lady Horns, and Libby says she has a good vision on the floor and can make things happen. She's also a good outside shooter.

Rodriguez also has a good perimeter shot and Libby says she "has a good feel for the game."

Hart's sixth man this season will probably be Ethridge, who has really started improving in recent weeks.

"Amanda will be coming in off the bench and should see a lot of playing time. She's a very intelligent player and she's a hard worker," Libby said.

Libby said the rest of his bench players looks promising, they just need some varsity experience.

They've got a good basketball background, but they're still learning how things are at the varsity level," Libby said. "We're going to try and play everybody every quarter to try and build some experience. That will also allow us to keep the energy level up among our starters and give them a break every now and then."

The strength of the Lady Horn offense this season will be the inside game, especially with Finch as the



THE HART LADY HORNS are ready for the new season with several returning veterans operating under new head coach, Bob Libby (standing left). Team members are (standing, from second left)

Amanda Ethridge, Geneva Finch, Lacie Curry and Crystal Diego; and (front row, from left) Lindsey Montemayor, Becky Guzman, Vanessa Carrasco, Brenda Diego and Ruby Rodriguez.

Photo by Neoma Williams

big girl inside. Throw Curry into the mix and Hart's starting lineup in the paint is good sized.

"Geneva looks tough and Lacie's not bad, either. She's really more of a power forward than a post because she can play inside or outside and she's capable of driving inside. She's a solid rebounder, too," Libby said.

"We've got some good shooters and we pass the ball well. We've got to develop some patience on offense, though. We tend to get in a hurry. But we're still learning a new system and that will come with time."

Hart will play a pressure man-to-

man defense in the half-court and Libby plans to pressure the ball down the court, utilizing either a full-court man press or a three-quarter court zone.

"I feel like we can put pressure on people with our defense and we rebound well out of our defense," Libby said.

Hart's pre-district schedule includes some strong teams, including Floydada, Lockney, Happy and Friona; and the tournaments will be a challenge for the Lady Horns as well.

Hart is scheduled to play in the Friona Tournament, Lockney Tournament and Silverton Tournament.

Libby hopes the Lady Horns will learn a lot about the new system and each other during those games and will be ready for the tough district schedule that starts on Jan. 7 with defending state champion Vega.

"It's been seven years since I've been in the Panhandle area, so I don't know a lot about some of the schools we'll be playing before district, but I know that we'll face some larger schools that should help prepare us for district," Libby said.

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13	Becky Guzman	5-5	Post	Sr.
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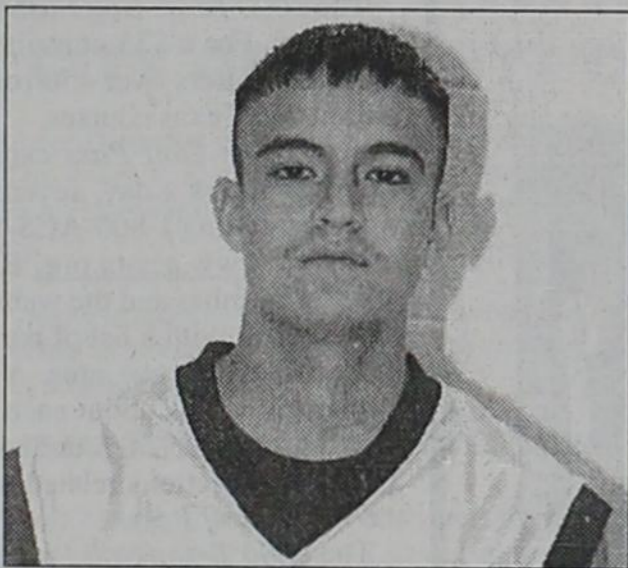
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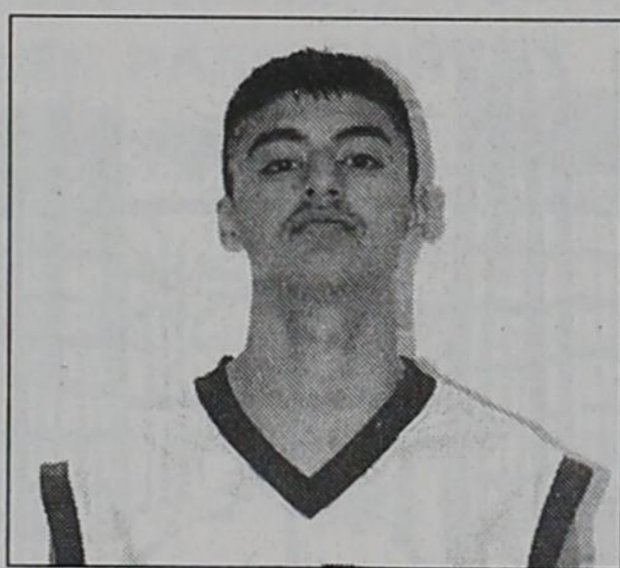
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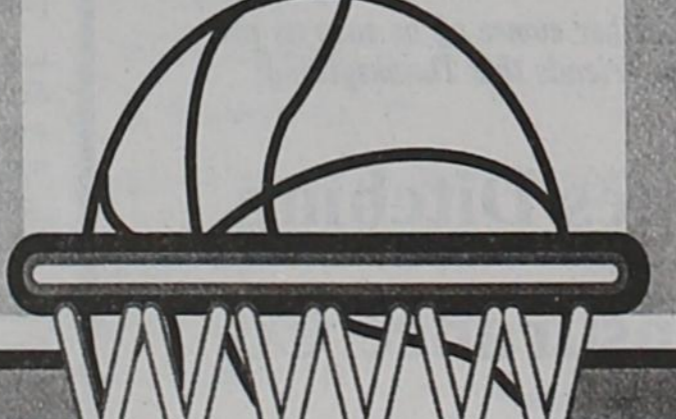
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- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Veteran Longhorns are aiming for playoffs

The Hart Longhorns were a game away from making the playoffs a year ago, and with three starters and a couple of lettermen returning for the 1999-2000 campaign, they are hoping to clear that final hurdle and reach the post-season.

"This is a great group of kids and they work hard. We were just one game away last year—this year they've made up their minds they want to win it," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant.

The Longhorns' team goal is to win district and to build a program that will enjoy continued success for several years to come.

Hart has a good group of quality veterans who will be leading the team this season including last year's leading scorer, Jeremiah Velasquez.

Velasquez, a 5-11 wing/post guard counted 18.8 points, 8.8 rebounds and 5.4 assists per game last year as he earned Most Valuable Player honors in the district. In addition to his all-district honor, he was named second-team all-region. Velasquez was injured in football and is still suffering from some knee problems and a sore wrist, but Bryant said he's playing and when he gets healthy, it will be hard for opposing teams to stop him.

Keith Finch, a 6-0 wing/post, scored 11.9 points and hauled down 7.5 caroms as a freshman last year and he is expected to help Hart a lot—when he can play. Finch is another all-district selection.

Finch also was injured in football and underwent knee surgery. He's still out for about three weeks, according to Bryant.

The third returning starter for the Longhorns is Jeff Bennett, a 6-0 junior wing who averaged 5.4 points and 4.6 rebounds last season.

Joel DeLaFuente, a 5-11 sophomore wing, was a part-time starter a year ago and Gabe Carrasco, a 5-11 senior wing, gained some valuable



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varsity experience.

Joining those five on this year's roster are Marcial Mendoza, a 6-2 sophomore post; Jacob Reyna, a 5-9 sophomore point; Salvador Velasquez, a 5-8 freshman point; Joey Pantoja, a 6-3 sophomore post; Albert Velasquez, a 6-0 sophomore wing/post; and Marcos Flores, a 6-0 senior wing/post.

In the first games this season, Bryant is going with Reyna at point guard, Jeremiah Velasquez and Bennett at the wings, DeLaFuente at forward and Pantoja at post.

He said when Finch is able to return to action, Jeremiah Velasquez could move to point and Finch would fill in the wing or forward slot. Finch also could see some time at point.

Jeremiah Velasquez is described by Bryant as the "mainstay of the team."

"Jeremiah is banged up now, but he's the best athlete we've got on the floor. He can dribble, he can shoot, he can rebound and he plays smart defense. I've talked to him about accepting the role as a team leader



THE HART LONGHORN roster for 1999-2000 includes several veteran players who hope to make a run for the playoffs. Members of the team include (from left) Salvador Velasquez, Marcos Flores, Albert Velasquez,

Marcial Mendoza, Jeremiah Velasquez, Joey Pantoja, Jeff Bennett, Keith Finch, Gabe Carrasco, Joel DeLaFuente and Jacob Reyna. Coaching the Horns will be Todd Bryant.

Photo by Anne Acker

and I think he will rise to that challenge," Bryant said.

Bennett grew quite a bit over the summer and that should help his game. He also is recovering from an injury after suffering a concussion during football season.

"I look for Jeff to be more aggressive this year. He understands his role on the team and knows what's expected of him," Bryant said.

Reyna was the point guard on junior varsity a year ago and he won the starting job on varsity this season.

Bryant said Reyna's quickness is a definite asset for the Longhorns.

"Jacob's so quick that sometimes it seems like he'll move and the ball will stay where it is. Once he settles down some and learns to channel that speed it will really help us. He scored 10 points against Floydada, just by using his quickness on the court."

DeLaFuente has worked hard and played all summer long, according to Bryant. He matured a lot over the summer, both physically and mentally, and Bryant thinks he's ready for the varsity challenge.

"We expect to use Joel as a defender against one of the other team's better players," said Bryant.

Pantoja is another player that Bryant thinks will develop into a big threat with some varsity experience. He was on JV a year ago and he is gradually becoming more physical as he battles with more experienced post players inside.

Carrasco is one of the Longhorns' best defensive players.

"Gabe takes pride in his defense. He has accepted that he can be guarding the other team's best player at any time. He's also just coming off an injury."

Bryant describes Finch as "a floor leader."

"Right now we're missing Keith on the floor. I think he can average 20 points per game if he wants to.

He's a big, physical kid with a lot of talent.

Mendoza has the "biggest heart" of any player on the team and his post defense has looked promising early

this season.

"Marcial shut down the big kid from Floydada in our first game. He's a good, hard-working kid and he's going to give us everything he has when he's in the game."

Salvador Velasquez ran the eighth-grade team from the point last year and he earned a spot on the varsity his freshman year. For someone as young as he is, he's already been thrown into a leadership role when he had to take over at quarterback for the football team late in the season.

"Salvador never gives up. He has a good knowledge of the game and he is a strong defensive player," said Bryant. "He guarded Floydada's point guard most of the game and he just wore the kid out."

Albert Velasquez has improved a lot over the past year and he played in a summer league at Lazbuddie.

"We feel like Albert can handle himself on the court. He's really athletic and he grew two or three inches over the summer," Bryant said.

Flores suffered concussion in an automobile accident recently and he hasn't been able to work out with the team yet, so Bryant said he's not sure what contribution he'll have to the team.

"I do expect him to be a motivator and keep the kids up in games," Bryant said.

Hart's starting lineup will be quick, and most of the players coming in off the bench will be quick as well. Bryant hopes to channel that into a successful motion-type offense.

"We'll run a motion offense to use our quickness to get to spots, and I think we'll be able to drive the lane. Anytime anybody plays man-to-man defense against us, I think we'll be okay because we can use that quickness to penetrate the lane and break defenses down," Bryant said.

The Longhorns are shooting better, but Bryant would still like to see some improvement in that area.

"Our shooting is better than it was last year at this point in the season. We worked on our form a lot last

year and the kids spent a lot of time in the gym this summer."

The Longhorns' quickness also will be an asset on defense.

Hart is planning to run a man-to-man defense in the half-court and to pressure the ball down the floor in either a 2-2-1 or 1-2-1-1 full court press. Hart could also defend with a 2-3 zone or 1-3-1 zone in the half-court.

"When the guys learn to get in the right spots and how to run a press correctly, I think we'll be able to run it with some success," Bryant said. "Last year we always seemed to be a step behind on defense. This year we're talking a lot about reading eyes and anticipating where the ball is going to go. The guys are starting to respond to that."

"With Jacob, Jeremiah, Joel, Keith and Jeff we really have a lot of quickness. Four of those guys have been on the sprint relay team, so you know there's a lot of speed and they can cover a lot of ground in a short

period of time," he said.

In addition to winning district, the Longhorns want to bring home a trophy from a tournament this year. Bryant said last year the team played for third place in each of its three tournaments. This year they want to play for the championship.

Winning the district championship is the team's primary focus this season, though.

"Nazareth is the favorite in the district and they've got a good program with good kids. Right now we're trying to catch them, but I think we've got a good shot," Bryant said. "I think both of us (Hart and Nazareth) are ahead of the rest in experience this year."

"Sudan has a good ballclub, too. I don't think they've got near as much height as they did last year. They've got a new coach and a new system, but they've still got some good athletes."

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Good forage and health programs are keys to success with stocker cattle

Getting stocker calves off to a healthy start on good quality winter forage is a key ingredient for a successful winter grazing enterprise, according to a livestock specialist with Texas A&M University.

"Growing good quality forage from planting to jointing and giving calves a healthy start after arrival is the best way to manage stocker cattle production risk," said Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Sickness can cost you up to \$4 per hundredweight—and possibly more—on the final selling price of a stocker calf, so it's important to know their health history before they arrive."

"Have the order buyer deliver your calves as soon as possible after they are gathered up and try to minimize stress when they arrive. Unload them quietly and let them settle down and rest in a pen for 12 to 24 hours. During that time, they should have free access to grass hay, a high-protein feed or weaning chow; and plenty of clean, fresh water."

Administering vaccinations is the next step.

"Check with your veterinarian if you're unsure which type of vaccines to use, and handle the vaccines carefully. Store them in a cool, dark container and label each syringe to avoid mixing medications among syringes," McCollum said. "Use only hot water instead of disinfectants to sterilize syringes before use."

It's best to work calves during the cool of the day after their "settling in" period, McCollum said. It's also a good idea to check each one's temperature with a rectal thermometer while they are in the chute. Calves that act "droopy" and have a temperature above 104 degrees are candidates for antibiotic treatment.

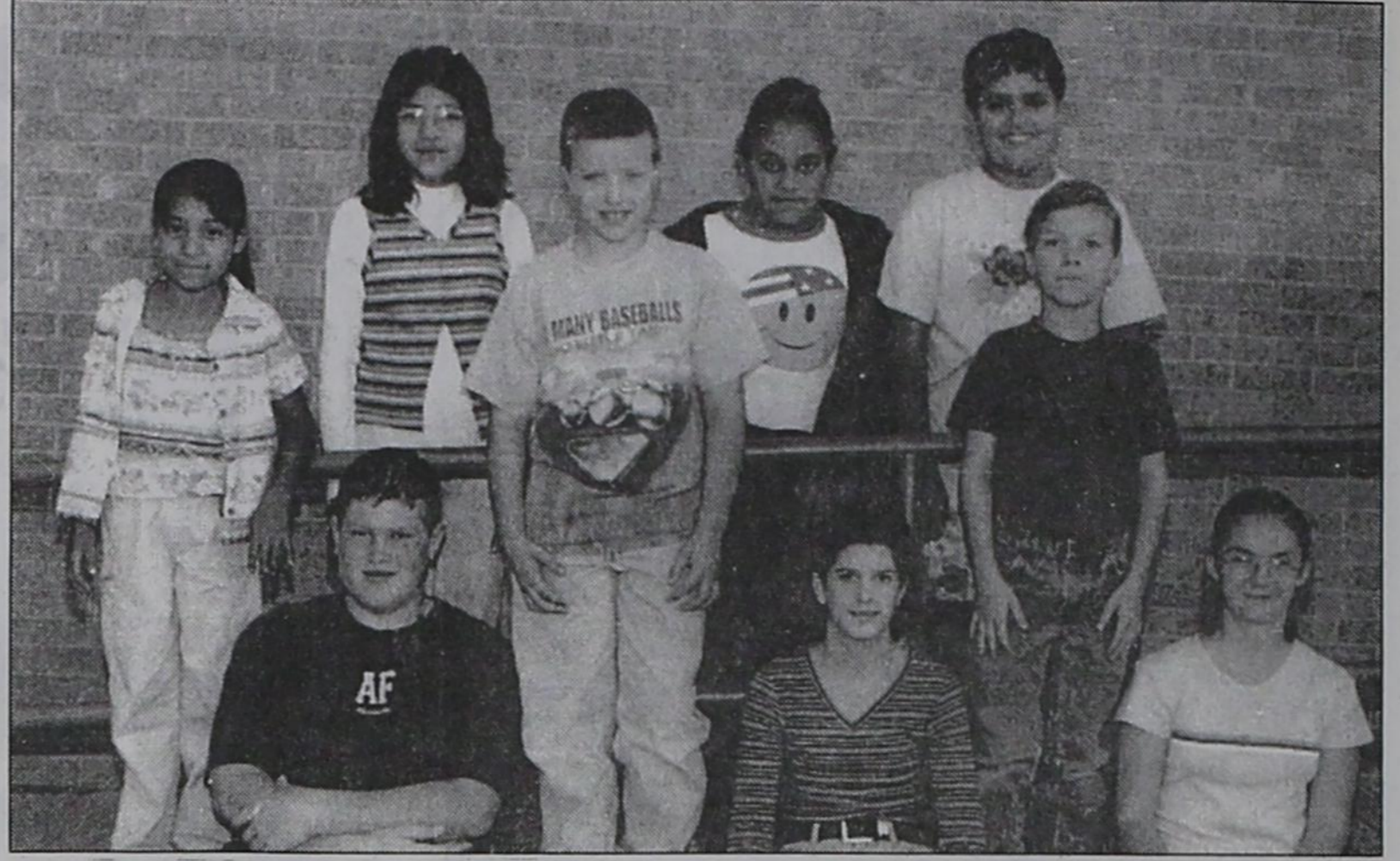
"Your vet can help you select antibiotics that will compliment the vaccinations they receive. Another option is giving each calf a vet-approved, broad spectrum antibiotic treatment—a preventative strike against future illness," McCollum said. "This helps lower bacteria numbers in each animal and reduces the

likelihood of cross infection when you're dealing with a lot of calves at one time. It can also help them get onto feed sooner."

Delaying castration and de-horning until after the calves have received their vaccinations and medications is another way to reduce stress and encourage them to get on feed, but this may not be a viable option for everyone.

"Give them a high-protein feed containing vitamins, minerals and a coccidiostat," he said. "Aside from promoting good health, a well-balanced feed will help enhance weight gain during the first 28 to 30 days. Vitamin E shots are a good option if you can't find a feed enriched with this vitamin."

"Feeding a full-feed, milled ration for the entire receiving period usually isn't a good option for calves that will be out on wheat forage. Milled feeds are more expensive, and the initial gains the calves achieve on it may not last throughout the grazing season."



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were named recently at Dimmitt Middle School. They include (front, from left) Caleb Dickerson, Holly Gilliam and Stephanie Hazel; (middle, from left) Vanessa Reyes, Curtis Thomas, and Edward Wait; and (back, from left) Daniela Zepeda, Arica Cisneros and Candis Rodriguez. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Entry deadline is looming for Fort Worth Stock Show

Junior livestock exhibitors hoping to show their animals in the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth must enter through their county Extension agent or ag science teacher by Wednesday. The annual show will be held Jan. 21 through Feb. 6 in Fort Worth.

Open Division competitors for cattle, sheep, swine, horses, donkeys, mules and llamas have until Dec. 10 to enter. The pigeon show deadline is

Jan. 5, and poultry and rabbit exhibitors must enter before Jan. 10.

Premium lists, general rules and information were sent to prospective exhibitors, but if you did not receive one, the rule books and entry forms are available at the Stock Show Office at PO Box 150, Fort Worth TX 76101-0150; or by calling (817) 877-2400. Information is also available at the stock show's web site, www.fwssr.com.

Included in the auction schedule will be sales for top quality quarter and miniature horses, as well as Fort Worth's Invitational Ranch Horse Show and Sale. Other sales are scheduled for llamas, Chianina, Polled Herefords, Shorthorns and Maine-Anjou; plus two commercial heifer sales. The sales of champions from the junior show is set on Saturday, Feb. 5, in West Arena.

More than 800,000 visitors from across the United States and some 70 foreign countries are expected to attend this year's show.

A new feature will be a 5,200-square-foot interactive agricultural educational exhibit dubbed "Planet Agriculture" which is produced by Texas Farm Bureau. This exhibit will be sponsored by the TXU, the major gas and electric utility which serves many Texas communities.

The "hands-on" display will be open daily as a free learning opportunity, and will compliment the barn tours program presented by Wells Fargo, the Winn-Dixie petting zoo, the FFA children's barnyard and the milking parlor.

The stock show continues to attract national quality livestock exhibitors. Among the national breeding cattle events this year will be shows for Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Hereford and Polled Hereford, along with a major Roll of Victory Angus Show and a Super Point Show for Santa Gertrudis.

Rodeo fans are urged to plan early for tickets to the 30 action-packed performances. Heralding the stock show's "ride into the new millennium" will be some top-flight entertainment. Highlighting the schedule will be the Catalena Cowgirls, a group of Texas ladies who perform precision drills on horseback; and Tommy Lucia with his "friends," Whiplash the Cowboy monkey and In His Glory II, a beautiful but physically challenged horse that will inspire visitors with a masterful performance.

Tickets to the Friday night and weekend rodeo performances are priced at \$18 each, and Monday through Friday matinees and Monday through Thursday nights are \$16 each. When ordering by mail, include \$4 extra per order for return postage. The ticket office at the north entrance to Will Rogers Memorial Center will open Monday for over-the-counter sales. Ground admission will be \$5 at the gate.

Bobbies will face Plainview in Queens Classic tonight

The Dimmitt Bobbies will face Plainview tonight (Thursday) in the opening round of the Plainview Queens Classic.

The annual Thanksgiving Tournament will be held at Hutcherson Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The Bobbies and Plainview will tip off at 9:30 p.m. in the final high-school first-round game.

Other first-round games will feature Lubbock Monterey and Sudan at 10:30 a.m., Randall and Hale Center at 12 noon and Levelland and Vega at 6 p.m.

If the Bobbies win their first-round game, they will meet either Vega or

Levelland Friday at 9:30 p.m. Should Dimmitt lose to Plainview, it will meet the Vega-Levelland loser on Friday at 12 noon.

Saturday's schedule includes the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., the consolation championship at 12 noon, third-place game at 6 p.m. and the championship at 9:30 p.m.

The tournament also features a college division, and girls' teams from Lubbock Christian University, Mary Hardin Baylor, Texas Wesleyan, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Oklahoma Baptist, Xavier, Wayland Baptist University and McKendree will be featured.

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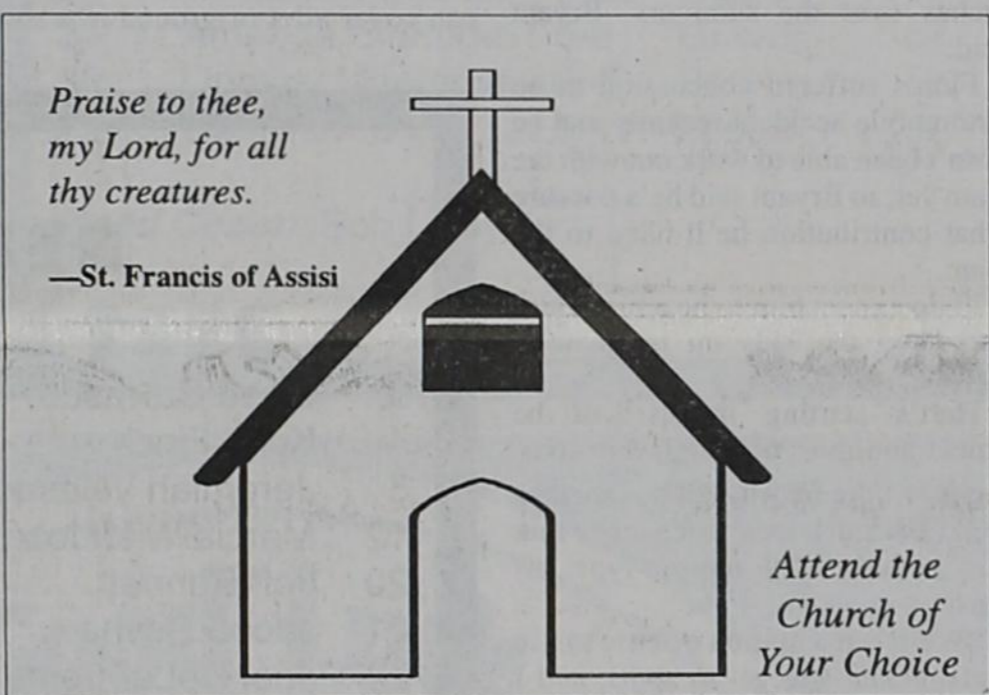
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POSTER WINNERS honored during Red Ribbon Week recently at the Dimmitt schools included these students: (holding t-shirts, from left) third grader Vivian Quiroz, fourth grader Tyler Cornett and fifth graders Dana Sandoval and Jason Doñes. Not shown is second grade winner Amy Saenz. The winning posters were slated to advance to area competition.

The theme for the posters concerned saying no to drugs. Judges for the local contest included members of the Dimmitt Student Council DASH Committee. Shown are (back, from left) Joshua Hardwick, James Jackson, Jessica Lopez, Carol Summers, Kylie Webb, Mary Bradley, Taylor Matthews, and Stephanie Casas. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Pig jackpot set Sunday in Dimmitt

The "First Out of the Box Pig Jackpot" has been scheduled for Sunday in the hog barn at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The jackpot is open to swine exhibitors of all ages, and gilts and barrows are eligible for the show.

The doors will be open from 12 noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday to allow exhibitors to bring their animals to the barns. The show will be held on Sunday.

Entry fees for the show are \$15 per animal if paid on Saturday, and \$20 if paid on Sunday.

Some bedding will be available, but supplies are limited.

No washing of the pigs will be allowed once the show starts.

Exhibitors must weigh in their own pigs, and a five-pound weigh-back will be enforced on pigs that finish first or second in a class.

WIFE plans green ribbon campaign

Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) held its 23rd annual convention in Spokane, Wash., Nov. 3-6, and discussion revolved around the fact that "family farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our country."

That statement was made by Sheila Massey of Animas, N.M., who is the national WIFE president.

"Profitability is the only way to maintain farm production capabilities and to retain the expertise of those in agriculture, therefore ensuring an adequate domestic and world food supply," Massey said.

The convention delegates initiated the green ribbon campaign to call attention to the agricultural crisis that is impacting US farmers and ranchers in every rural community. Plans are being formulated for all members to wear green ribbons on their clothing during the month of November and to collect food to help farm families during the Thanksgiving season.

WIFE members were challenged to flood Washington, D.C., with letters informing the executive branch of the importance of agriculture to the United States. WIFE is extremely concerned with the idea

that the executive branch feels that we can obtain cheaper food by importing it from the third world, thus eliminating our family farms and ranches.

"The American family farmer and rancher produces the highest quality and an abundant, safe supply of food in this world," Massey said.

Jim Jesering, director of Washington State's Dept. of Agriculture, spoke to WIFE about the upcoming Seattle Ministerial.

"Agriculture must not be separated or singled out in the negotiations," Jesering said. "Agriculture must have a level playing field and that we must have fair trade, not free trade."

WIFE elected new officers for the year 2000. They included Mary Schuler of Dutton, Mon., president-elect; Cindy Cruea of Pierre, S.D., vice president; Tammy Smith of Elgin, S.C., second vice president; Sharon Kindle of Malta, Mont., secretary; and Ardyth Triplette of Venango, Neb.

Area directors include Kathy Herdt of Veteran, Wyo., Deanna Hobleman of Republic, Kan., and Sue Morgan of Elgin, S.C.

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Cost of the program is \$250, payable to the Texas Extension Education Foundation. Applications for the program can be picked up at the Castro County Extension Office.

Applications and money must be returned by Dec. 15 to Dr. Jackie Smith, Rt. 3, Box 213-AA, Lubbock 79401-9746.

A selection committee will determine successful applicants. Those not selected will have their registration fees returned as soon as possible.

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