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### County population drops 8.65%

According to the 2000 Census figures from the US Census Bureau, Castro County's total population has dropped 8.65% from the 1990 count, although the Hispanic or Latino population has grown 2.1% over the past 10 years.

For the three main communities in the county for which Census figures were available, Nazareth was the only one to show a population gain for the decade, with an increase of 21.5%. Hart's population dropped 1.88%, while Dimmitt's went down 0.74%.

The total population for Castro

County in 2000 has been declared at 8,285, according to Bureau figures. In 1990 there were 9,070 people here.

Dimmitt was listed with 4,375 people this year, compared with 4,408 in 1990—a drop of only 33. Hart also showed a drop from 1,221 in 1990 down to 1,198 in 2000, a loss of 23 people. Nazareth gained 63 in population, with 356 counted in 2000, after having 293 in 1990.

The total Hispanic or Latino population in the county was listed at 4,279 for 2000, while in 1990 the number stood at 4,187, representing

a gain of 92 people for a 2.1% increase. Hispanics also gained in the percentage of population in the county. In 1990, the county's population was 46.16% Hispanic, while in 2000, the percentage rose to 51.6%, giving them a majority.

In a separate chart, the total Hispanic or Latino figures for each community were listed, with Dimmitt having 2,491, Hart showing 894, and Nazareth with 21. That represents 57% of the population for Dimmitt, 75% for Hart and 6% for Nazareth.

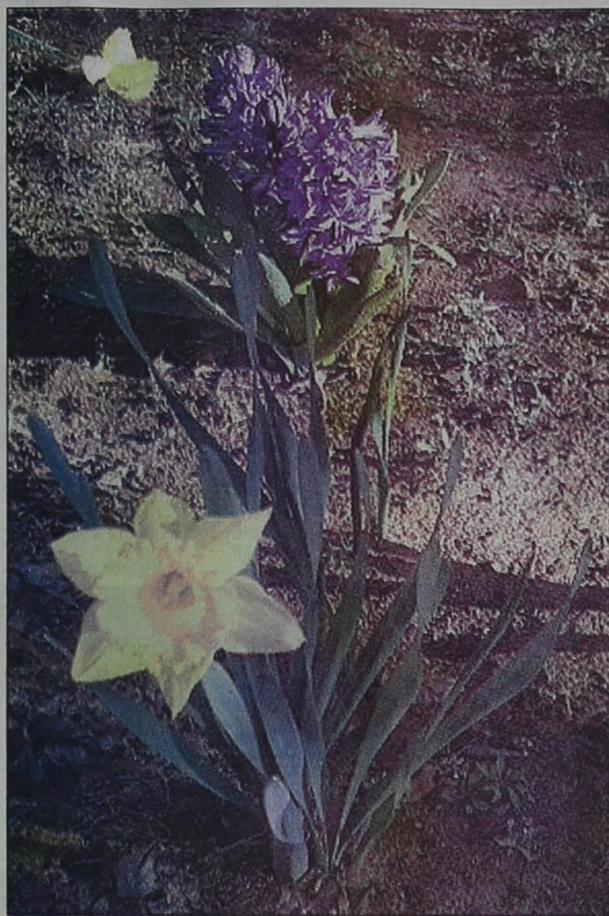
The non-Hispanic population dropped 17.96% over the 10 years, with 4,006 non-Hispanics counted in

2000, after showing 4,883 in 1990.

The number of Black or African-Americans in the county for 2000 was listed at 188, a 27.9% decrease from the 261 that were listed in 1990.

In a break-down by age, those under age 18 have decreased faster than those age 18 and over. In 1990, those age 18 and over were counted at 5,774, leaving 3,296 under 18. In 2000 there were 5,541 who were 18 and over, with 2,744 under 18. Those under 18 decreased by 552, or 16.74% over the decade, while those

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READY FOR SPRING—Annie Calvert of Dimmitt is growing yellow daffodils and purple hyacinths in her flower bed at 710 Maple Street.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

### Commissioners set 'Agriculture Week'

The Castro County Commissioners tabled decisions on carpet and insurance, but readily passed a resolution declaring March 18-24 as National Agriculture Week in Castro County.

The resolution was requested by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, since \$80 billion of the state's economy comes from agriculture, making it the number two industry in the state.

The commissioners discussed the carpet in the district judge's chambers. County Judge Irene Miller said the carpet is old and needs to be replaced. She said she had obtained an estimate from Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt.

The commissioners suggested tabling the matter until they can look into adding the clerk's office and the county judge's office to the project.

Proposals received for providing the county with liability insurance were tabled until the information in them could be tabulated by County Auditor Maretta Smithson to make it easier to compare the proposals. They will be considered at the March 26 meeting of the commissioners.

An estimate of \$14,355 was re-

ceived from Dimmitt Ready Mix for working on the drainage problem at the Tax Appraisal District office. The cost included removing asphalt and replacing it with concrete in a 24' by 175' area. Commissioners said they felt a less expensive alternative could be found and the matter was tabled.

The commissioners gave approval for submission of a grant application for money to cover part of the cost of having an investigator for the district attorney's office. Delbert Morris holds the position.

Smithson said it is a decreasing grant, that comes from the Criminal Justice Dept.

In open forum, Miller told the commissioners that the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. is requesting funds for a new fire truck at an estimated cost of \$158,000. They will present their request at the March 26 meeting of the commissioners.

Miller also told the commissioners that she had received a proposal from Ken Burns, an architect, on a project for making the district courtroom handicapped accessible. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.



STATE RUNNER-UP TROPHY—Nazareth's Wade Price (right), the only senior on the Swifts' squad, accepts the state runner-up trophy along with Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson last Thursday at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Swifts fell to Goodrich, 62-51, in the title game.

Photo by Anne Acker

### March 21 is local candidate deadline

Wednesday, March 21, is the deadline for candidates who want to sign up for positions on local governing boards, subject to the May Selections. Candidates may sign up

at the administrative offices of the entity they wish to serve.

Write-in candidates have until March 26 to sign up, but they will not be listed on the ballots.

Candidates will draw for a place on the ballots on March 23 and March 27 is the earliest an election may be canceled. Elections may be canceled if all candidates are

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### 1:1

By Don Nelson

If you live in Dimmitt or Nazareth, then an occasional trip to a state basketball tournament is your birthright. (Make that a regular trip if you're from Naz and have mostly girls.)

Thirty-six Dimmitt and Nazareth teams have gone to state in the last 25 years. And before that, 17 Dimmitt teams went from 1930 through 1976. That's 53 teams in all over a 71-year period.

Dimmitt's boys hold the Class AAA record for state tourney appearances with 16. Nazareth's girls hold the national public-schools record for most state championships with 15.

We're not talking about a flash-in-the-pan here.

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### Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	58	35	1.59
Friday	41	38	.37
Saturday	56	36	
Sunday	61	32	
Monday	56	30	
Tuesday	64	26	
Wednesday	68	27	

March Moisture . . . . . 2.03  
2001 Moisture . . . . . 4.27

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

### Town Hall meeting Tuesday to discuss CCHD affiliations

A Town Hall meeting has been called for Tuesday night to discuss the Castro County Hospital District's new affiliation agreements with two regional health-care systems.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dimmitt City Hall.

The local hospital district has agreed to affiliate for professional purposes with the Northwest Texas Hospital System of Amarillo and the Lubbock-based Covenant Health Care System.

Joe Sloan, the district's chief executive officer, emphasized that these new affiliations will not affect local

control of the Castro County Hospital District or any of its facilities.

"We entered into these agreements mainly because of the benefits that the affiliations will provide to our people here," Sloan said. "We're holding this Town Hall meeting to explain those benefits."

Representatives of both the Northwest Texas Hospital System and Covenant Health Care System will be on hand to field questions, Sloan said.

The public is invited to attend and ask questions or make comments "on this or any other topic concerning the hospital district," Sloan said.



BRENT JOSSELET (13) of Dimmitt confronts Corpus Christi West Oso point guard Chris Williams (10) while teammate Julian Velo (32) keeps an eye on West Oso's Cameron Teague in the Class AAA state semifinals Thursday in Austin. The Bobcats had their coldest game of the year as they lost to the Bears, 45-21.

Photo by Carter Townsend

### Corn Growers hear about gas, insurance

A crowd of about 50 people turned out for the Texas Corn Growers' Association meeting held last Thursday night in Dimmitt.

Carl King, president of the association, spoke about the farm bill, the need for a national energy policy, possible legal action against the manufacturers of StarLink corn, and Energas's policies.

Johnny Merritt, a Lubbock attorney and former Dimmitt resident, spoke on specific provisions of the new Energas contracts farmers have been asked to sign.

Gary Moddrell of Blanchard, Okla., regional manager of the Growers National Cooperative Insurance Agency, explained about the patronage dividends that are offered to participants in the program, which meets all existing insurance regula-

tions and requirements. Larry Whitehead of Cross Plains, state representative of GNCA, also attended.

Brian Hamilton, a Castro County farmer, told the others present what he discovered about gas taps.

King said that farmers have been losing market share due to the StarLink mistake, in which genetically-engineered corn briefly entered the food chain. He noted that attorneys have been consulted about a possible lawsuit against StarLink.

King also told the crowd that even though the USDA is projecting a record corn crop this year, "farmers won't be having a record income." He said projections show income will be down over 24% from last year.

"One of the biggest problems for farmers is farmers," King said. "They

won't help themselves."

He noted that the last TCGA meeting held in Dimmitt (about two years ago) was attended by about 25 farmers. He also said the West Texas Natural Gas Users' Association has had a difficult time raising the per-well assessment from growers.

King said, "El Paso Natural Gas has a charge of 12 to 14 cents per mcf for transport of natural gas. Energas charges 75 cents. They also have a \$10 per month availability charge. It's a rip-off."

Merritt told the producers to look carefully at their individual contracts for natural gas service. He pointed out some general issues they might be concerned about in the standard contract distributed recently by Energas.

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SPEAKING OUT—Lubbock Attorney Johnny Merritt (center) told the crowd at the Texas Corn Growers Association meeting in Dimmitt last Thursday night that farmers need to work together as a group in standing up for their rights. Also at the

head table are Todd Pebsworth (left) of Brooke Insurance of Dimmitt, which helped arrange for the meeting and supplied some of the door prizes, and Carl King (right), president of the TCGA.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

# Corn Growers . . .

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He said the final paragraph may dismiss any claims a producer may have had against Enernart, and the first paragraph states that the producer will indemnify Energas.

Merritt said the contract allows Energas to shut off service to a customer if the gas is needed by another customer deemed more important. He said it also states that Energas may raise the price at any time.

Merritt suggested that producers work together as a group in standing up for their rights.

"Farmers are important to the economy of Amarillo, Lubbock and Dimmitt," Merritt said. "The economy depends on you, guys."

Moddrell told the group that other insurance agents may try to tell producers that it is "illegal" for the GNCIA to pay dividends to its customers, but he said that it is the same as for any other cooperative.

The dividend is paid according to the patronage given by the cooperative member. He said producers may join the cooperative by paying a one-time fee of \$50 (not an annual fee) and also maintaining a yearly membership in any qualifying producers' association, such as TCGA or the National Wheat Growers Association.

Moddrell said more associations are joining in the arrangement as an additional benefit for their members. He said a wide range of insurance is available, including crop, life, health, auto, and hazard insurance.

Hamilton told those present that they should research their property for gas easements and see if they have a "grantor's tap." If so, the property owner has control of such a tap and can designate which gas company may access the tap.

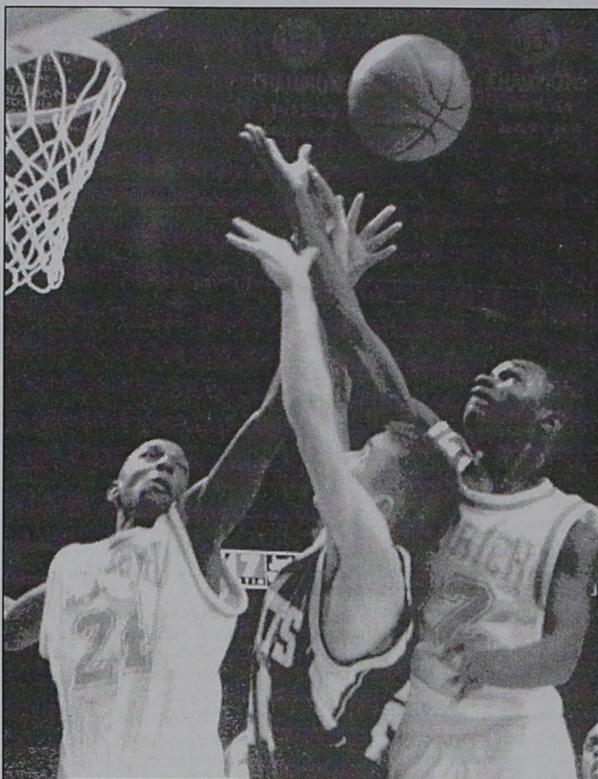
"You can tell Energas to get off of it," Hamilton said. "You don't have to put up with them, but it will take some effort on your part."

Hamilton said he had another gas line installed to his tap at an estimated cost of \$2,000 for about a half mile of line.

He told the group that he has a contract with West Texas Gas for \$2.50 per mcf, whereas he said Energas is running over \$5 per mcf at present.

"If you own your taps, you can control who is on them," Hamilton said.

The meal of barbecue and all the trimmings was catered by Dyer's Barbecue of Amarillo and sponsored by GNCIA. Brooke Insurance of Dimmitt helped GNCIA provide door prizes of caps and travel mugs.



**SURROUNDED**—Blake Birkenfeld (22) finds himself surrounded by Goodrich's Jeremy Walker (24) and Jonathan Brown (32) as he drives the baseline in state championship action last Thursday at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Swifts fell behind in the third quarter and couldn't recover the lost ground, despite making a fourth-quarter run at the Hornets. Goodrich claimed the Class A Division II state championship with a 62-51 win over Nazareth.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Eric Schilling is named to all-state tourney team

Eric Schilling of Nazareth has been named to the Class A All-State Tournament Team.

Schilling, a 6-4 sophomore, scored 19 points, picked off 8 rebounds and blocked a shot in the Swifts' 62-51 loss to Goodrich in the Class A-I state championship game.

Also named to the Class A all-tournament team were Stratford's Adam Bell, a 5-10 Jr. guard; Goodrich's Joe Henderson, 6-2 Sr. forward, and Josh Venson, 6-0 Jr. guard; and Evadale's Jason Wilkins, a 6-6 Sr. center.

The all-state tournament teams were selected by members of the media covering the tournament, who were instructed to pick the five best players in each class regardless of position.

Here are the all-state tournament selections in other classes.

**Class AA**

Senator Barnes, Ponder, 6-7 Sr. C  
Lance Boxell, Ponder, 6-0 Jr. G  
James Gaskin, Danbury, 6-6 Sr. F

Tyson Johnson, Hale Center, 6-5 Jr. F  
Jeremy Young, Ponder, 6-0 Sr. G

**Class AAA**

Richard Gonzales, West Oso, 6-3 Sr. G  
Rickey Huckaby, Mexia, 6-1 Sr. G  
Jesse Kimbrough, Mexia, 6-0 Sr. G  
John McGilvray, Mexia, 6-5 Sr. C  
Chauncey Purvey, Gainesville, 6-2 Jr. G

**Class AAAA**

Bryan Hopkins, Dallas Lincoln, 6-0 Jr. G  
Albert Marshall, Beaumont Ozen, 5-11 Sr. G  
Joseph Mnarinez, San Antonio Lanier, 5-11 Jr. F  
Josh Martinez, San Antonio Lanier, 6-0 Sr. G  
Kendrick Perkins, Beaumont Ozen, 6-11 Sr. C

**Class AAAAA**

Leonard Brown, Converse Judson, 5-7 Sr. G  
Daniel Ewing, Sugar Land Willowridge, 6-4 Sr. G  
Terrance Ford, Sugar Land Willowridge, 6-0 Sr. G  
Daryl Mason, Bryan, 6-6 Sr. F/C  
Bracey Wright, Lewisville The Colony, 6-2 Jr. G

## Hart to receive \$250,000 grant for a third well

A block grant of \$250,000 has been approved for the City of Hart to help improve the city's infrastructure.

Hart was one of more than a dozen Panhandle Towns approved for grants of \$250,000 each over the next two years in funding announced Tuesday by the Texas Community Development Program.

The community development funds are part of a larger program that sends federal money to the states. The funds come from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and are earmarked for building infrastructure in areas with significant numbers of low- to moderate-income households.

City Secretary Sue Hawkins said the grant money will be used to drill a new municipal well, which is expected to cost more than \$300,000.

"Our two existing wells were drilled in the mid-1950s, and the water from them has decreased noticeably through the years while our population has increased," Hawkins said. "One well is operating at 60% capacity and the other at about 80% because of the depletion of the water table, and they've been lowered as far as they can go."

The City of Hart recently used another \$250,000 block grant to upgrade its sewer system.

## Police Calls

Friday evening, a 47-year-old Monahans man was jailed for display of a fictitious license plate.

Sunday, a suspect was stopped in the 200 block of Southwest Third and was found to be driving while license suspended.

A shoplifting suspect was apprehended at the ALCO store in Dimmitt Saturday afternoon. An earring valued at \$4.99 had been taken.

Those jailed for alcohol-related offenses included:

—Last Thursday, a 20-year-old Olton man, driving under the influence; and a Plainview man, 53, driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Jailed on warrants or court matters during the past week were:

—March 6, a Dimmitt man, 40, on a warrant for a motion to revoke probation stemming from DWI charges.

—March 7, a Sulphur Springs man, 36, on two warrants from there on charges of speeding and failure to appear.

—Friday, a 37-year-old Goodland, Kan., man on charges of criminal non-support; and a Dimmitt man, 20, on a warrant for criminal mischief of a church or cemetery, under \$20,000.

—Saturday, a 21-year-old Amarillo man on a Potter County warrant for indecency with a child/sexual contact.

**Jail Count**

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

March 5 at 3:30 p.m. a 1991 Chrysler driven by Ray Francisco Lopez, 17, of Dimmitt, backed into a parked, unattended 1992 Ford Explorer belonging to Argelia Jimenez of Dimmitt. The vehicles were in the east parking lot at Dimmitt High School. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light to moderate.

March 3 at noon, Whitney Nutt, 14, of Dimmitt, was driving a 2001 Ford pickup and turned left into a driveway, turning in front of a 1999 Ford Mustang driven by Ricky Pompa, 18, of Dimmitt. The Mustang struck the back right portion of the pickup. The crash happened in the 200 block of Northwest Fifth Street in Dimmitt. Two of the passengers in the pickup, Stevie Hays, 14, and Kayla Acker, 14, were listed with possible injury. Other passengers in the pickup, Matthew Calderon, 14, Cory Back, 14, Brandon Mullins, 15, and Nicole Heard, 13, were listed as not injured. Damage was rated light for both vehicles. Nutt was given a ticket for no driver's license and turning when unsafe.

## Naz students win at writing

Students from Nazareth High School participated in "The Writer's Classic," a mail-in contest sponsored by The Winner's Circle, and won several placings.

In ready writing, Trinity Robb took second place. In news writing, Mark Birkenfeld won first, with Blake Birkenfeld took second.

Craig Birkenfeld won first in editorial writing, with Mark Birkenfeld second. Lindsey K. Gerber won second in feature writing and Laura Gerber won third.

In headline writing, Blake Birkenfeld won first, Eric Schilling was fourth, and Adam Acker took fifth.

## St. Patrick's Day dance set Saturday

It's time for the annual St. Patrick's Day benefit dance at the Community Hall in Nazareth. Doors will open at 9 p.m. Saturday and all ages are welcome. Admission is \$10 per person.

The Sizzlers will be playing for the dance, and various donated items will be auctioned at midnight.

Ads can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Columbus and will include two tickets to the dance.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the projects of Catholic Family Services.

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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# Candidate deadline . . .

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unopposed and there are no referendum items on the ballot.

Applications for early ballots by mail will continue to be accepted through April 27.

Early voting will be held April 18-May 1.

Positions that are expiring for the various governing entities are listed below, along with any candidates who may have already filed.

**Castro County Hospital District**

Terms are expiring for Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, and Jerry Annen. Sides has filed for re-election.

**Dimmitt**

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins and the three at-large council members, Trish Elliott, Bobby Murdock and Clint Seward.

Murdock has filed.

DISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Rick Wright in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4.

Wright has filed for re-election. The DISD administration office will be open today (Thursday) and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day for those who want to file as candidates. The office will be open its regular hours next week.

**Hart**

City: The terms of Mayor Mar-

guerite McLain and Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez are expiring.

HISD: Those whose terms are ending are Daniel Higgins and Sandy Farris.

Both incumbents have already filed for re-election.

Today (Thursday) and Friday during Hart's Spring Break potential candidates may contact Nelda Ethridge at 938-2194. Next week, candidates may file at the administrative office.

**Nazareth**

City: City Commissioner Joel Gerber is the only one facing an expiring term.

NISD: Terms are expiring for Keith Hoelting and Patti Kern. Also, the two-year unexpired term for the place vacated by Mike Huseman must be filled.

Unregistered persons may register by April 5 and still be eligible to vote in the May 5 elections.

Residents who have not registered to vote may do so at any time by filling out a voter registration application and returning it to the office of Voter Registrar Billy Hackleman in the Castro County Courthouse.

Also, voters who have had a change of address need to notify Hackleman's office so that they may receive a corrected voter's registration card.



**INSIDE BATTLE**—Daryl Pohlmeier (32) of Nazareth takes the ball inside, but finds Goodrich's Joe Henderson (34) waiting on defense. Henderson, the game's Most Valuable Player, scored 25 points in leading his team to the Class A Division II state championship with a 62-51 win over the Swifts.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

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**ACROSS**

- 1 in Abilene: Dyess Air Force
- 5 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
- 6 TXism: "\_\_\_ your poison"
- 7 TXism for "against"
- 8 all Southwest flights are \_\_\_ smoking
- 9 Cowboy false start: "\_\_\_ play"
- 16 TX O. Henry book set in TX: "\_\_\_ in Santone"
- 18 TX JoBeth film: "Adam: His Song"

- 21 singing sister of TX Tanya: \_\_\_ Costa
- 22 Mayberry's town drunk
- 23 TX Ann Richards was chairwoman of this in '92 (abbr.)
- 24 Port \_\_\_ TX
- 30 this Texan sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- 34 when repeated, a British "adios"
- 35 Rockets draftee in '93: Marcelo \_\_\_
- 36 electrical measure
- 37 TXism: "\_\_\_ delight" (milk)
- 39 "The eyes of \_\_\_ you"
- 43 pouring pitchers
- 44 Dallas & Houston
- 45 TX Ginger film: "Shall \_\_\_ Dance"
- 46 reverence & respect

- 47 TXism: "can't hunt with \_\_\_ gun"
- 49 "good ol' boy" is good-
- 52 River before Oklahoma
- 53 "JFK" director (init.)
- 54 TX shot putter Matson
- 55 freshly minted money so. of the border (2 wds.)
- 58 Sunday dinner meat
- 59 religious ceremony
- 60 Alamo custodian org. (abbr.)
- 61 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ tight he squeaks when he walks"

**DOWN**

- 1 long fruit
- 2 TXism: "\_\_\_ bones" (skinny)
- 3 seat of Gaines Co.
- 4 TX Larry Hagman dreamed of this actress Barbara
- 9 TX cooler (abbr.)
- 10 TXism: "brave enough to eat in a \_\_\_ cafe"
- 11 "Do \_\_\_ others . . ."
- 12 TXism: "so many you couldn't \_\_\_ 'em with a stick"
- 13 absorbent paper
- 14 Rangers sportscaster Nadel (init.)

- 15 bad bomb
- 17 this island was hit by 1900 hurricane
- 19 came in
- 20 wound reminders
- 24 TXism: "he sits tall \_\_\_ the saddle"
- 25 TXism: "can't \_\_\_ still for that"
- 26 TX Strait's "\_\_\_ in the Hole Band"
- 27 TXism: "packed like cows in a \_\_\_"
- 28 John Steinbeck's TX wife
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ as long as a June bug in a hen house"

- 41 Stenholm is U.S. \_\_\_ from Abilene
- 42 the horse shoe \_\_\_ the stake gets a point
- 48 North Sea feeder
- 50 TX cuisine: "\_\_\_ of Texas"
- 51 "one" so. of the border
- 56 TXism: "\_\_\_ wrangler" (writer)
- 57 two queens and two kings

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Probably you've not been breathlessly waiting to learn how Deanne Clark spent the two airline tickets that she won at the Johnny Ray Watson Concert in Lubbock.

I wrote about her good fortune in this column. I mentioned that she and her late husband, Bill Clark, had won tickets at a Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet for a flight to anywhere Southwest flies in the past and that lightning does, indeed, strike twice in the same place.

Deanne gave this some careful thought and then approached me about flying to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada to visit some of our very dear friends.

The family I'm speaking about is Enoc and Mayra Rodriguez and their two sons.

V.C. and I met Enoc in 1976 at the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Chalchuapa, El Salvador. We, and about 12 other members of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, boarded a plane with approximately 160 other Baptists on a mission trip to El Salvador.

The Dimmitt group included John Street, pastor of First Baptist, and Ben Vera, pastor of the Spanish-language Baptist congregation. We landed in San Salvador and then we were assigned to three Baptist churches in Chalchuapa.

Enoc was the youth minister at Primera Iglesia, a P.E. teacher in the high school, and he was the owner of a 1975 Volkswagen. He became our means of transportation as we shuffled around to the three churches.

Throughout our 10 days, we all became very fond of the El Salvadorean people, but we were especially fond of Enoc, our chauffeur.

I extended a sincere invitation to him to come see us in Texas. Five years later, after El Salvador was embroiled in a civil war and school teachers were targeted by the military coup as enemies, Enoc came to Texas.

He was a guest in our home and church for several weeks, and we

## Two-Cylinder Club sets tractor show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host the annual Ollie Liner Antique Tractor Show March 24-25 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

Exhibits will begin arriving on March 23 and the show hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 24 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

The show will include antique tractors, antique farm machinery, stationary engines, miniature replicas, and much more. Activities will include a parade of the tractors each day at 2 p.m.

Concessions will be available courtesy of the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association.

## Carrasco and Smith earn leadership award

Hart students Vanessa Carrasco and D'Neise Smith have been named recipients of the *Plainview Daily Herald's* Tomorrow's Leader Award.

Carrasco, a senior at Hart High School, is the daughter of Camerina Rodriguez. She is active in basketball, cheerleading, cross country, Student Council and PALS. She also has participated in AAU basketball, People to People Sports Ambassadors, and the National Student Safety

## School board candidate workshop set March 22

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop on March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center at 1601 S. Cleveland in Amarillo.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the

begin a concerted effort to find employment for him.

Ten months later, his fiancée, Mayra Merino, joined him, and they were married in Dimmitt First Baptist Church. They were featured in an article in the *Castro County News* in 1983.

Because we could not secure a permanent work visa for him, it was necessary for them to move to Canada. Canada was very open to El Salvadoreans and had jobs available to them.

They flew out of Dimmitt on January 10, 1984. By this time, they were the proud parents of a little boy, J.R., and expecting another baby, Luis Carlos. That was 17 years ago.

And now, Deanne will tell about our flight to Hamilton, Ontario:

V.C. drove Dorothy and me to the Lubbock Airport Friday morning, March 9. Of course, we were excited to be reunited with the Rodriguez family after 17 years (11 for me). Dorothy decided to interview people we met on our way to Canada for this column.

We first met a delightful, good-humored gal, Sue Whitten, a second grade teacher at the Frenship School who is married to Paul, a former superintendent at Frenship who is now working for the TASA (Texas Association of School Administrators).

She was visiting him during Spring Break, and they will be moving to Austin soon.

Tom Burton, department chairman

## Girl Scouts plan Spring Break fun

Local Girl Scouts are planning a Spring Break activity time today (Thursday) at Rhoads Memorial Library from 2 to 4 p.m. and all girls ages 5 to 12 are invited.

"We will be discovering science and making new friends," said Rachel Clark, Girl Scout spokesperson.

There is no cost for participating. Those who are interested may call Clark at 1-800-530-4957 or Shani Shofner at 1-800-530-4823 for more information.

## Band Boosters to meet Monday

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School band hall, and all band parents are welcome to attend. It is imperative for the parents of high school band members to attend.

The meeting will include discussion of financing for the upcoming band trip, in addition to final plans for the band banquet. Also, band camp scholarships and senior scholarships (for college) will be discussed.

Program.

Smith is the daughter of Patricia and Davis Smith. She is an eighth grader at Hart Junior High School. Her activities include band, sports, cheerleading, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Student Council. She also is active in the One Hart Youth Ministries at First Baptist Church. Last fall she qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program on the basis of outstanding TAAS scores.

school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants also will view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6104, or check the TASB Web site at [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org) for other dates and locations.

of Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech, sat beside us to Baltimore. He was going to meet his family at State College in Pennsylvania. He told us his favorite all-time female athlete is Melinda Schmucker-Pharies.

Tom sits near the Dimmitt football coach, Wade Wilson, at the Texas Tech football games. Tom's wife, Susan, is an active civic volunteer in Lubbock, having retired as an attorney.

Next, we met Karen, who is from Buffalo, N.Y. She had been to Austin for a federal conference. She is the manager of a government agency, and was anxious to get home.

One young couple we met while waiting in line for the washroom told us they had met in New Mexico. He had proposed to her in Texas. Amarillo was very special to them, because they had their first fight at a truck stop there. They were flying with their 6-month-old baby, and all is well.

Gery Novak, a very friendly traveler from Buffalo, was returning from a Naples, Fla., vacation. He commutes weekly from his job in Bethesda, Md., to Buffalo by plane.

This would be a 7½ hour drive by car. His vocation is medical insurance rater.

Enoc and his two sons, J.R., 18, a senior at Barton Secondary High School, and Luis Carlos, 16, a junior, at the same school, were beaming when we arrived in Buffalo. They drove us to their home in Hamilton where they have lived for 12 years.

Enoc works for a concrete pipe manufacturing company and Mayra teaches Spanish classes and volunteers at the school.

On Saturday, we made a trip to the quaint city of Niagara on the Lake and went on to the fabulous Niagara Falls. I have never been colder.

Sunday, we attended Iglesia Bautista Hispana Monte Calvario. Both boys served on the music team for the church. J.R. plays the piano beautifully and Luis Carlos plays a mean drum. Mayra has a Bible class for children and is treasurer, and Enoc presides over the worship service.

This day, Monday, at 8:30 a.m. it is 5 degrees below zero, the sun is

shining and the weather is beautiful.

On Tuesday, we will be visiting Tonya and Alex Linsky, formerly of Dimmitt, in Toronto. We are looking forward to our visit, and hope to learn about their son, Sergio, who is attending a University some three hours away from Toronto.

V.C., in the meantime, connected with Don Graham in Plainview. They drove on down to Llano to fish in the Llano River while Paula is tending to her mother in Plainview.

Dorothy's turn: We have been pampered and catered to by Mayra and Enoc, a very gracious hostess and host. They have a lovely home

and exceptionally delightful children. They send greetings to Dimmitt. All is well!

We will return to Texas by way of Houston. V.C. is meeting me there. We will spend time getting acquainted with our newest great-grandchild, Mallory Marie McDaniel.

She was born March 9, 2001 in the Katie Herman Memorial Hospital, weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and is the sister of Madison and daughter of Todd and Dawn McDaniel of Pattison and granddaughter of Cindy Lee of Hart, Mel Grimm of Frazier, Colo., and Donnie and Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt.

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# People



## Entry deadline Saturday for Ogallala Quilt Festival

Entries are invited for the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 5-7 in Dimmitt.

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. The entry fee is \$5 per quilt, and the entry deadline is Saturday.

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

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

Completed entry forms should be mailed to Becky Holley, Quilt Show Chairman, 707 ECR 320, Midkiff, TX 79755, along with a picture of the quilt. The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 4 at 9 a.m.

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 3. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop II in Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, the Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., The Needle Nook in Midland, Jill's Fabric & Quilts in Roswell, N.M., or call Michelle Watts at 505-623-1826, or mail your quilt to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt 79027.

Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards will be given.

Also in connection with the festival, classes and various activities have been scheduled.

The deadline for meal reservations is March 27. For more information, contact Davis.

The evening of April 5 there will be a fajita supper at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided and ribbon award winners will be

announced, in addition to the winners of the Fat Quarter and Silver Dollar Awards. Tickets for the meal are \$11 per person, and must be ordered in advance.

At 7 p.m. on "Fantastic Friday," April 6, there will be a steak dinner at \$13 per plate. Again, reservations are required. In addition to the meal, the 2001 "Feature Teacher" Sharyn Craig will give a lecture and show some of her quilts. Also, the miniature quilt auction will be held, with proceeds going to the Ogallala Quilters Society to help defray the costs of the festival.

A general membership meeting of the Ogallala Quilters Society will be held April 7 at 12:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Classes, demonstrations and lectures will be given by a slate of 14 teachers, and there will be commercial displays from area merchants.

## Quilters will need housing

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

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

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

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



**STATE COMPETITORS**—These members of the Dimmitt High School Business Professionals of America qualified to attend the State BPA competition in Fort Worth March 1-3. They are (from left) Ramona Guzman and Becky Porter, who competed in general competitive events, business law and business knowl-

edge skills, Cliff Wright, who competed in spreadsheet applications and general competitive events, business knowledge skills, network concepts, financial math and analysis, and administrative support concepts, and Erika Mendoza, who competed in C++ programming. *Courtesy Photo*

## Red Cross hopes to raise \$25,000 during the month

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is dedicated to being prepared in times of disaster, but the group needs your help to do so.

During the month of March, the chapter has established a fund raising goal, hoping to earn \$25,000 to help with its disaster preparedness programs.

Local businesses have agreed to place a "March is Red Cross Month" bank on their counters, and donations can be made in these designated "banks." Donations also may be sent to the Tri-County Branch, PO Box 1371, Hereford 79045.

The money raised will be used to purchase materials, supplies and for training people to work in times of disaster. A donation toward Red Cross will help fund these items.

The National Weather Service has indicated that we can expect several severe weather systems to pass across the Texas Panhandle this year, and the Red Cross hopes to be prepared in the event that a disaster happens.

## Bridal shower honors Loveless

Jody Loveless, bride-elect of Brian Simpson, recently was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Wanda Nelson.

The honoree was presented with an eight-piece place setting in her selected pattern, Orchard Estate by Noritake, by the hostesses.

The serving table was covered with a crocheted runner and it featured a silk centerpiece in peach and rust colors.

Special guests attending the shower were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Jay Oakley of Amarillo; the prospective groom's mother, Vea Simpson of Dimmitt; the honoree's stepmother, Mrs. Butch Loveless of Tulsa; her grandmother, Mrs. Nick Miller of Amarillo; and the prospective groom's aunt, Mrs. F.R. Steakley of Amarillo.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Dean Beddow of Amarillo; Mrs. Jay McCormick and Mrs. Don Moore, both of Canyon; Mrs. Dick Mason, Mrs. Jimmy Campbell, Mrs. Loyd Lindley, Mrs. Stoney Griffith, Mrs. Earl Harkins and Mrs. Clark Andrews, all of Hereford; Mrs. Lanny Crow of Friona; and Mrs. Paul Smythe of Olton.

## 'Irish Stew' celebration set Sunday in Nazareth

The Home Mercantile in Nazareth will present "Irish Stew" on Sunday, with a meal served at 6 p.m. followed by entertainment at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and donations will be accepted.

The event is planned as a celebration of the Celtic heritage that brought settlers, cowboys, music and so many other gifts to Southern Plains life and to the world in general, according to a news release from the Promised Land Network.

The meal of Irish stew, soda bread and Killlean's Red beer will be provided, and those who attend are

asked to bring along a side dish or dessert if possible.

The entertainment will include music by the String Technicians and folksinger Sara Atherton and band. There also will be a dramatization of Nazareth's first Irish settler, T.P. McCormick, performed by resident Keith Birkenfeld. Also there will be some featured folk dances and "audience request" jam sessions from a combination of musicians.

Members of the String Technicians are Joe Gillis, guitar and vocalist, Chet Calcote, bass, and Jean Warren, fiddle. The trio's repertoire

includes cowboy, Celtic, light jazz, and blues music.

Atherton brings to the stage the comedy of Irish folk songs, as well as stirring ballads from centuries of struggle against political domination, according to information from the PLN.

## Alzheimers support group to meet today

The Hereford support group for family care givers of persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia will meet at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in the Fellowship of Believers church at 245 N. Kingwood in Hereford.

Group facilitators will be Roy Puente, LSW, with the Welch Home Place in Dimmitt, and Shelly Moss, who is social service director at King's Manor in Hereford.

The gathering will include a time of sharing with other caregivers. Also, Puente will speak about changes in the laws concerning advanced directives. Family members of Alzheimer's patients who want to make sure their loved ones' advanced directives are up to date are invited to attend. Bi-lingual assistance will be available.

Copies of *The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life* by Mace and Rabins are available in English or Spanish at no cost by calling the Fellowship of Believers Church at 364-0359.

## Local AFS host families are recognized this week

The American Field Service (AFS) is honoring its host families this week during AFS Host Family Recognition Week, and the Steve Buckley family of Dimmitt and the Kent Birkenfeld family of Nazareth are among those recognized.

During the week of March 12-18, AFS, the world's oldest and most diverse exchange organization, recognizes families who have embraced the global concept by opening their homes to AFS high school exchange students from around the world.

In Dimmitt, Libor (Lee) Cejna of the Czech Republic is living with the Buckleys.

The Birkenfelds are the host family for Philip Bergendahl of Sweden. Cejna and Bergendahl are learning about the American traditions and culture while their American families

and friends are learning more about their countries.

"Thanks also goes to the teachers, administrators and communities for meeting and working with these exchange students in our effort to encourage more peace through understanding worldwide," said Darlene Birkes, AFS area representative.

"If you have not met Cejna or Bergendahl, we invite you to do so and to learn more about the AFS program with a network of experienced volunteers serving over 10,000 students in 54 countries annually," Birkes said.

For more information on sending a student to study abroad, or about hosting an exchange student, contact a local AFSer, call 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit the web site at [www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa).

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(It's a girl)  
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**STUDENTS ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE**—Members of the Dimmitt High School chapter of Business Professionals of America attended the BPA conference in Amarillo Feb. 2-3 and competed in several events, with some qualifying to attend the state competition. Shown are (front, from left) Leticia Sanchez, who competed in fundamental accounting, Vanessa Arellano, legal office procedures, Melanie

Walls, keyboarding production, and Ramona Guzman, third place in business law; and (back, from left) Olga Gonzales, desktop publishing, Erika Mendoza, third place in C++ programming, Lupe Fierro, database applications, Matthew Sandoval, computer-aided graphics, Cliff Wright, first place administrative support concepts, and Becky Porter, fourth place management concepts. *Courtesy Photo*



# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 15-23.

**DIMMITT**

**Breakfast to go**  
 THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.  
 MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple slices and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
 THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.  
 MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Hamburger on a bun, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
 THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.  
 MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; vegetable medley, tater tots, or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajitas with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli, with cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment

salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; and wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**HART**

**Breakfast**  
 THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.  
 MONDAY: Breakfast burrito with cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal and milk.  
 TUESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
 THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.  
 MONDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito, spaghetti and meat sauce or lasagna with ground beef; green beans, rolls, gelatin dessert, fruit cocktail, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken strips and nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, peaches, cherry cobbler, and milk, punch or tea.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; chips, tortilla pieces, corn, salad, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, pizza with cheese topping or chalupas; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH**

**Breakfast**  
 THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 MONDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal,

orange juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**

THURSDAY: \* Hot turkey sandwich or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, dressing, oranges, cranberry sauce and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* Baked potatoes or chef's salad, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, S'mores and milk or juice.  
 MONDAY: \* Nachos and roll or corn dog, Frito salad, beans, pears, dump cake and milk or juice.  
 TUESDAY: \* Barbecue sandwich or hamburger, potato cubes, lettuce, green peas, peaches, gingerbread and milk or juice.  
 WEDNESDAY: \* Spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, Jell-O and milk or juice.  
 THURSDAY: \* Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, pinto beans, pineapple, strawberry shortcake and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* Bean chalupa or chef's salad, lettuce, Spanish rice, applesauce, peanut butter bar and milk or juice.

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

## Reyes finishes training course

Air Force Airman Melinda Reyes, daughter of Leo and Maria Reyes of Dimmitt, has graduated from the traffic management apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Students were taught procedures for shipment of government property by military and commercial carriers. The course included training in date automation, security, safety, and freight and packaging of passenger and household goods.

Reyes is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

## Girl Scouts mark 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Girl Scouts in Dimmitt, across the South Plains and the country are celebrating the anniversary of the organization's founding 89 years ago this week (March 11-17), during National Girl Scout Week.

With the same dedication that the 12 initial Girl Scout members had in 1912, local girls will participate in activities that celebrate fun and friendship that Girl Scouting provides. The 3.6 million members in the organization today continue to move forward with the founder's vision of helping girls everywhere grow strong.

From nature walks and learning Morse code in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to meeting with members of congress and developing web sites in the year 2000, Girl Scouts have always been in step with the times.

Traditional activities to commemorate the Girl Scout heritage will take place throughout the Caprock Council's 18-county area—including in Dimmitt—with girls performing community service

projects, wearing uniforms to school and houses of worship, holding birthday celebrations and much more.

"As we celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts, we continue to commit ourselves to providing girls with a place where they can develop qualities of character, conduct and community service while growing into tomorrow's leaders in the process," said Becky Burton, executive director of the Caprock Council. "While the values that were synonymous with Girl Scouting in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century still hold true today, we continue to evolve with a program that works best for girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Through a recent study conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute, the organization found that although girls are maturing earlier than previous generations, they still very much want and need to express their concerns and dreams. Along with teachers, parents and other

responsible adults, Girl Scouting provides a safe environment where girls everywhere can express themselves and obtain the skills to become confident women.

March 12, 1912, marked the beginning of an organization that for nearly nine decades has helped girls grow strong.

For more information about Girl Scouts, contact Girl Scouts of the Caprock Council Service Center at 1-800-530-4957.

## County 4-H'ers plan fashion show Tuesday

The Castro County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

Categories for this year's contest will be the following:

- ◆ Dressy
- ◆ Formal
- ◆ Casual
- ◆ Specialty

4-H'ers may enter either the "Buying" or "Construction" contest in any of the previously-mentioned categories.

A complete set of rules for the contest is available at the Extension Office.

Senior 4-H'ers who win at the county level will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show, which will be held on Tuesday, April 3.

For more information, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

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## Deaf Smith Electric sets annual meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner on March 27, starting at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

The refunds will be from the remainder of 1989 and a portion of 1990, totaling \$1 million.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served. Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow Bishop's first performance. Candidates for Position One are incumbent Vick Christian and nominee Jerry Roach; and those vying for Position Two are incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Jared Blankenship.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,000, with a color television for

the grand prize.

Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will be making their first appearance at the cooperative's annual meeting. Their act includes strong vocals, rich harmonies and a variety of musical styles, such as classic country, nostalgic rock and roll of the 50's and 60's, rhythm and blues, gospel and patriotic music.

"In addition to the music, the on-stage banter of Mike and his wife, Dale, is reminiscent of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo," according to information about the entertainers. They are joined by a group of multi-talented "hand-picked" musicians who perform on over a dozen instruments collectively and are each experienced entertainers in their own right.

"Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy and the band always succeed in giving their audiences a show they won't soon forget," a spokesperson said.



TEXAS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION held a meeting at the Expo Building in Dimmitt last Thursday night with about 50 in attendance. TCGA President Carl King spoke on concerns facing farmers, including the natural gas situation and the outlook for agriculture in general.

Other speakers included Johnny Merritt of Lubbock, attorney, and Gary Moddrell of Blanchard, Okla., on a new insurance cooperative venture.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## USDA advises farmers to check corn seed

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that farmers should not plant any corn unless they are certain that the seed has been tested and found free of the protein Cry9C.

According to USDA, farmers should insist that seed companies verify that the seed corn has been tested for the protein Cry9C to ensure that only tested seed is planted this spring.

StarLink is the trade name for corn genetically modified to be pest resistant by producing a protein called Cry9C. The protein acts as a pesticide and is able to protect the plant from pests, such as the European corn borer.

The protein was developed by Aventis Crop Sciences, a subsidiary of the French company, Aventis S.A., and sold through various US seed companies.

Last week, some seed companies reported finding isolated occurrences of extremely low levels of Cry9C in seed originally intended for sale this year.

Based on aggregate information voluntarily provided by the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), of those companies reporting, it is estimated that less than one percent of corn seeds for 2001 planting may contain Cry9C protein.

Companies involved have recovered and taken control of all lots of hybrid corn seed found to have this protein. Seed companies routinely test their products for impurities and many took steps to detect Cry9C before USDA recommended testing procedures on Dec. 29, 2000.

Major seed companies have informed USDA of their intent to continue following recommended testing procedures designed to detect Cry9C, and USDA will monitor this activity. In the event Cry9C is found, these companies will not sell the corn seed for planting.

USDA continues to work closely on this issue with the Food and Drug

Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa State University, National Corn Growers Association, American Seed Trade Association and Aventis.

Additional information can be found on the following web sites:

◆ US Dept. of Agriculture: <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/biotech/starlink/starlink.htm>

◆ Food and Drug Administration: <http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/starguid.html>

◆ Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/factsheets/fs006466t.htm>

◆ Iowa State University: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/grain/publication/buspub/0010s.tar.pdf>

◆ National Corn Growers Association: <http://www.ncga.com/1/biotechnology/Starlink/index.html>

◆ American Seed Trade Association: [http://www.amseed.com/newsupdate/asta\\_special\\_news\\_022601.html](http://www.amseed.com/newsupdate/asta_special_news_022601.html)

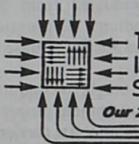
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## WT Rural Telephone is offering scholarships

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is now accepting applications for 10 scholarships for \$1,000 each, which will be awarded in May.

The scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Parents, guardians or students must have a telephone prefix of 258, 276, 265, 578, 825, 295, 357, 225, or 289 to be eligible. Applicants also must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, one who has completed high school, or one who has received a GED.

Scholarship money will be disbursed in increments per semester.

An official application form accompanied by two letters of recommendation and a wallet-sized photo must be submitted. One of the letters of recommendation must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending or did attend, or from a college/trade school instructor where the applicant is currently enrolled.

In Hereford, applications may be picked up only at the WTRT office on South Hwy. 385.

Applications and rules may be picked up at the high school counselors' offices in Dimmitt, Lazbuddie, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Adrian and Vega.

To be considered, applications must be fully completed, have no attachments other than the photo and two required letters of recommendation, and must be received at the offices of WTRT, Box 1737, Hereford 79045, no later than April 2.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview at the discretion of the WTRT board.

## County 4-H sets Roundup for Tuesday

The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt, and 4-H'ers who are planning on entering a Method Demonstration in this year's contest should begin working on their project now.

"If you cannot think of a topic or have questions about Method Demonstrations, please feel free to come by and we can help you with some suggestions," said Castro County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Marilyn Neal.

## Swisher Electric to send two youth to Washington

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., will be awarded to two area youth by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The winners of the trip will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 17 at Swisher Electric in Tulia. Those wanting to enter the contest must fill out an entry form and turn it in by April 5.

Any students ages 14 to 19 who are attending school in Hart, Nazareth, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silverton or Olton, or who are home schooled in Swisher Electric's service area are eligible to enter the contest.

Representatives of the cooperative will visit area high schools during the remainder of March to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest. Anyone interested in more information may contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric

Cooperative in Tulia at 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344. Also, information is available on the cooperative's web site: [www.swisherelectric.org](http://www.swisherelectric.org).

This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year that Swisher Electric has sponsored students to attend the "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington, D.C. The 2001 Youth Tour is scheduled for June 14-26. The local winners will travel to Dallas, where they will join other young people from all over Texas for the trip to Washington.

In Washington, the students will visit their US Congressmen, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court Building, and visit the White House.

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# County soil needs up to eight inches of water

Castro County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 may need from two to eight inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity prior to spring planting.

The deficit moisture results were determined from a pre-plant soil moisture survey conducted by the Water District and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

At the time the pre-plant soil moisture readings were made last November and December, approximately eight percent of the Water District land in the county needed between two and four inches of moisture to bring the soil to field capacity. About 39 percent of the county needed about four to six inches of moisture and the remaining 53 percent needed from six to eight inches.

Since December 2000, the area has received some winter precipitation and rains that may have slightly improved soil moisture conditions, especially during the past week when significant rain fell across the area.

The pre-plant soil moisture survey provides general soil moisture information for the entire five-foot soil profile since most crops have the ability to extract moisture from that depth.

"It is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields so that they can make the best possible pre-plant irrigation decisions to conserve water and save fuel costs," said Ger-

ald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS soil scientist.

There are several factors that can influence a producer's decision whether or not to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity. These include the availability of irrigation water, the type of irrigation system used, irrigation water management and rainfall received prior to the growing season.

"If a producer is growing a non-irrigated crop, then he will very likely be concerned with storing moisture throughout the entire five-foot soil profile, since most crops can extract moisture from this depth," said Crenwelge. "However, producers using LEPA center pivot systems may only need to concern themselves with storing moisture in the top two to three feet of the soil profile, since they can apply more frequent applications of water."

If the producer determines that a pre-plant irrigation is needed, it is recommended that it be done early enough in the year to avoid water evaporation losses caused by warm temperatures and high winds.

Pre-plant irrigation should also be applied early enough in the year so that the moisture can soak into deeper parts of the soil prior to planting. This deep moisture can be used by the crop if irrigation and/or rainfall is not adequate to furnish moisture in the upper portion of the soil profile.

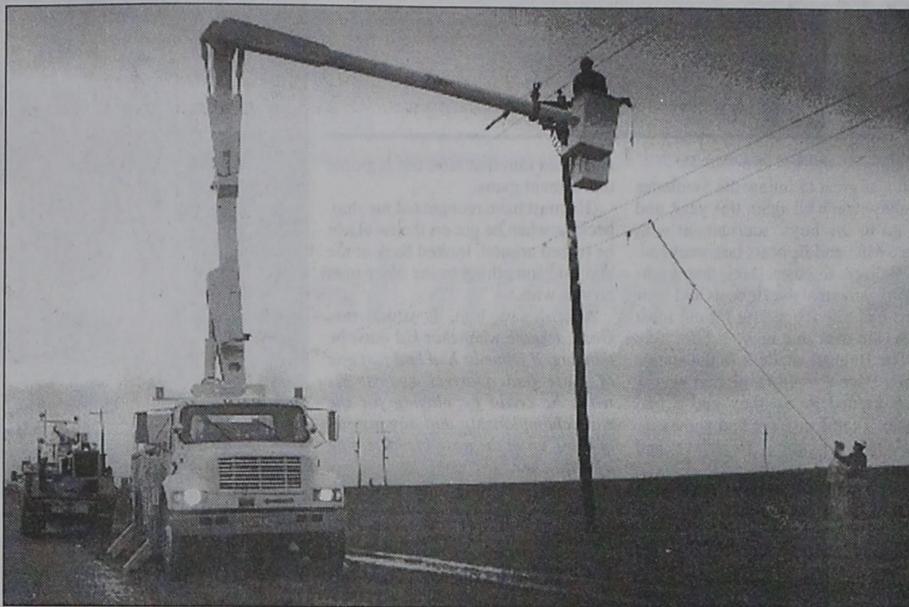
A Water District publication, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance*, can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture condi-

tions. Anyone within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area can request a free copy by contacting the district headquarters in Lubbock.

It is important to keep soils in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. Techniques such as furrow diking keep rainfall in place so that it can soak into the soil.

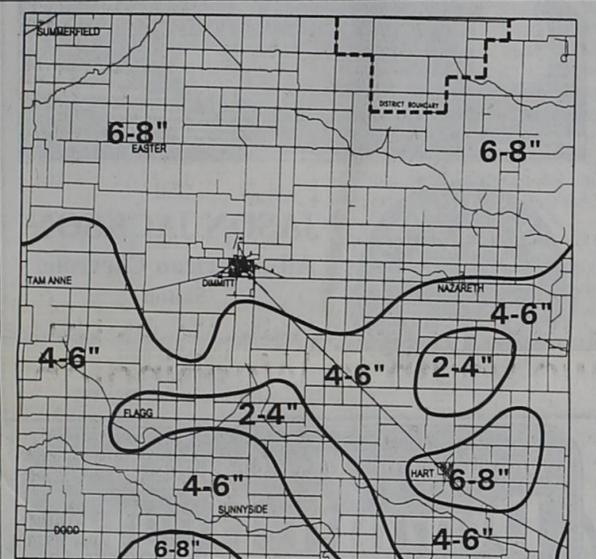
"Since there is some moisture already in the soil, producers can help keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," said Crenwelge.

Copies of the regional and/or Castro County pre-plant soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting the USDA-NRCS office or the Water District office at 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.



**FIXING THE PROBLEM**—A power pole east of Dimmitt lost a cross arm March 7 that had been struck by lightning and was being repaired last Thursday morning by this work crew from Deaf

Smith Electric Cooperative. The skies remained overcast most of Thursday, intermittently delivering more rain for the county. Photo by Linda Maxwell



Producers should check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields.

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## Telephone co-op sets new director election

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative in Hereford will hold a directors' election in conjunction with its annual meeting Tuesday.

The meeting is slated to begin at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Registration will start at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served then. A business meeting will begin at 7 p.m., during which time new direc-

tors will be elected.

Three directors will be elected from the following nominees:

**MILO CENTER:** Carl Straufuss.

**WESTWAY:** Ernest Flood and Janice Brumley.

**THARP:** Jimmie Cockerham and Richard Carson.

Several door prizes will be awarded to those attending.

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It was great to follow the Swiftettes as they won it all again this year, and to go to the boys' tournament with the Swifts and Bobcats last weekend.

Well, yeah, there was that gosh-awful game that the Bobcats and their fans had to endure. But I think most of us are over that now.

The Bobcats made it to the state's Final Four the old-fashioned way—they earned it. So they had a bad game. Teams do have bad games.

So are we going to grieve and wail?

Not I, Bubba. Our boys had a great season, and I'm proud of 'em.

I hope that, in future years, the boys will be able to joke about that game.

After all, look where they finished. Just about any team anywhere would be willing to risk an ugly game to get to play in a state tournament.

What's more, that wasn't their game that they were playing Thursday when they scored only 21 points—and everybody in the house knew it or suspected it.

As Coach Alan Steinle said, sometimes you need to look past the negatives and focus on the positives.

So let's look at it this way:

If the Bobcats make it back to the state tournament next year—as I think they will—they'll probably carry with them a special determination. And if they happen to win it all, then something positive will have come out of that ugly game after all.

The Swiftettes won the Class A-I state championship and the Class A Texas Cup with only one senior in their starting line-up.

The Swifts were the state Class A-I runners-up without a single senior in their starting line-up.

Let's not put any pressure on them about next year; they need to be able to play and enjoy their game.

But I will say that things look mighty positive for Naz.

I was standing in the TCBY line outside Section 34 in the Erwin Center Saturday, talking hoops with a couple of guys, when this tall, good-looking kid with wavy black hair walked past.

That kid looks familiar, I thought.

Then I realized: He was the post forward for Graham, a super kid by the name of Blaine Wilbanks. He had almost beaten our Bobcats by himself in the regional semifinals by scoring seven points in the final two minutes.

I thought he was the best post forward we had played against all year,

and I told him that after our regional tournament game.

(He must have recognized me, too, because when he got on the escalator he turned around, looked back at me and said something to the older man he was with.)

After I saw him, it struck me: Gosh, I know what that kid must be thinking. If Dimmitt had had just one of those bad quarters against his team, he could be playing for the state championship that day instead of being up in the nose-bleed section as a watcher.

Ecstasy and agony. They're both part of it.

Let me share something with you that Coach Alan Steinle told me before the state tournament, when I asked him if he felt that he had gotten a monkey off of his back and was no longer in Ken Cleveland's shadow:

"I don't feel the monkey on my back. I appreciate people feeling that way, wanting me to 'get the monkey off of my back.' I know that Coach Cleveland would not have wanted me to feel any pressure.

"There are people who probably make a bigger deal out of it than it really is, and that's okay. That's part of what's fun about it. I'd really rather be in a place where they care about winning, than in one where they don't. . . .

"There's a way to win, and a way to win and do things right, and that's what I try to do as much as possible.

"I love basketball; I love coaching; I love working with kids; I love teaching; I love winning games. But the most important thing in my life is my relationship with Christ.

"That, to me, is what life is all about. We lose sight of that sometimes, but that's what I want my boys to know—what life is really all about.

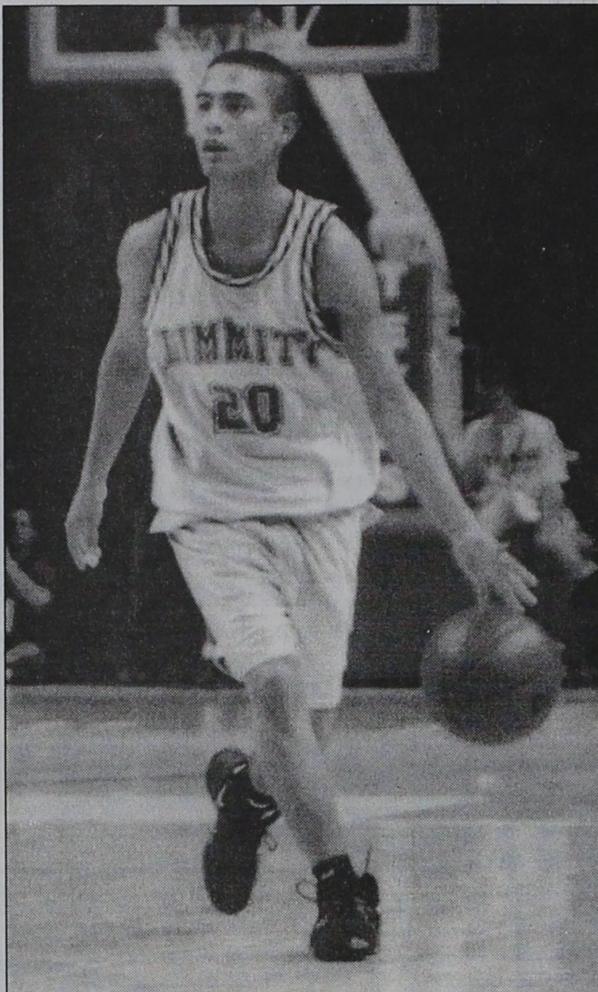
"My family comes next. I've got a wonderful wife and kids. Basketball takes a lot of your time. You want to be excellent at whatever you do; you want to be good at your profession. And it's difficult sometimes to give adequate time to your family and at the same time give adequate time to your profession.

"It's easy to get lost in the hoopla of success and the winning and all that.

"But winning and losing games is just a portion of it to me.

"I just want to make my mark by helping kids and doing the best I can."

So, do you still want to worry about an ugly game?



MARCUS LARRA works the perimeter for Dimmitt Thursday in the Bobcats' state semifinals game against Corpus Christi West Oso. The senior guard scored four points and logged three assists and three steals in the game. West Oso won it, 45-21, to advance to the state title game against Mexia. Photo by Carter Townsend

Beef ambassador program seeks speech contestants

The National Beef Ambassador Program is a speaking competition sponsored by the American National Cattlewomen, and the group is asking youngsters between the ages of 15 and 19 to help promote the beef industry by entering the contest, one of which is slated in Hereford.

Those involved in the competition will learn about and promote the beef industry as they compete for the position of National Beef Ambassador. Scholarships awarded to contestants total \$5,500.

No agricultural background is necessary, and all youngsters are invited to join the contest.

The Hereford Cattlewomen will be holding an area contest on April 28 at the Hereford Community Center. Two contestants in this competition will qualify for the state contest.

Winners will compete for a \$500 savings bond and other prizes on the local level.

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Population . . .

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18 and over decreased by 233, or 4%.

Another break-down by race for the county in 2000 listed 6,243 White (which includes some Hispanics), 188 Black, 97 American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN), two Asian, one Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (NHOP), 1,584 as some other race, and 170 as two or more races.

In Dimmitt, the figures were 3,282 White, 131 Black, 74 AIAN, 792 some other race, and 96 two or more.

Hart was listed with 730 White, 37 Black, 11 AIAN, one NHOP, 384 some other race, and 35 in the category of two or more races.

Nazareth counted 345 as White, with four as some other race and seven as two or more races.

All population figures were obtained from the US Census Bureau's web site: www.census.gov

The data in the latest tables have not been adjusted for estimated net census coverage error.

Castro County is declared eligible for flood insurance

Castro County has joined over 19,000 communities nationwide who are allowed to purchase federally backed flood insurance. This availability follows the county's adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Lenders must require borrowers whose property is located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The NFIP, implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is a self-supporting program, requiring no taxpayer support to pay claims and operating expenses. There are over 4 million flood insurance policies in the more than 19,000 participating communities nationwide.

It is much easier to tell an American alligator from an American crocodile, experts say, because the alligator has a much broader snout. What you can tell them, however, the experts don't say.

In this world what matters is not to know mankind, but to me smarter on the spot than he who stands before us.

-Goethe

Castro County is eligible to participate in the NFIP as of Feb. 5. Residents of the county will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the emergency phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before the coverage goes into effect. For single family homes, this limit is \$35,000 and \$10,000 for the contents. Renters also can protect their belongings through the contents coverage. For commercial properties, this limit is \$100,000. After the initial emergency phase, higher limits of coverage will be available.

Obituaries

Bobby D. Davis

Graveside services for Bobby D. Davis, 68, of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday afternoon in Dawson County Cemetery of Lamesa with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Davis died at 11:25 a.m. March 7 in Plains Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 13, 1932 in El Paso. He graduated from Friona High School in 1951 and served in the US Air Force for two years during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Davis graduated from West Texas State College in Canyon in 1980 and taught history at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Buster Davis, in 1981.

He is survived by a daughter, Margo Wendt of Florence, Ariz.; his mother, Nell Davis of Dimmitt; and cousins, Alvin and Frances Frazier of Dimmitt.

The family suggests memorials to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home of Dimmitt, 1621 Butler Blvd., Dimmitt 79027.

Charlie E. Sims

Charlie E. Sims, 71, of Hart, died Saturday at 9:05 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Memorial services are planned for a later date. The body was cremated under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Sims was born Jan. 7, 1930, in Tulia. He was raised in Tulia and graduated from Tulia High School. A graduate of West Texas State University in Canyon, he also obtained a master's degree from the University of Lexington in Kentucky.

He served in the US Navy from 1950 to 1953 as a radioman. Mr. Sims taught school before joining the Civil Service, serving 31 years before retiring. He had served at many military bases in New Mexico and at El Paso, and had worked in Vietnam, Taiwan and Turkey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

He is survived by a sister, Shirley Nelson of Hart; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church in Hart.



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# Sports



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## Bobcats experience worst nightmare

By DON NELSON

The Bobcats saw their worst nightmare come true last Thursday in the worst possible place—the state tournament.

Not only did they lose to Corpus Christi West Oso, they finished with only 21 points, including a single basket in the second quarter and only three baskets the entire first half.

West Oso hit less than a fourth of its shots in the first half and less than 35% for the game, but that was good enough for a runaway 45-21 win in the state tourney's ugliest game.

"This was one of those things that you hope and pray never happens to you," a dejected Coach Alan Steinle said.

The Bobcats relied heavily this season on outside shots because of a lack of inside height, and they got really good at it.

Hitting a torrid stride as they marched through the playoffs, they had sizzled the nets for 78 points on three-pointers alone in their two regional tournament games the previous week as they gunned down two other Top 10 teams.

But Thursday afternoon, when they met No. 11 West Oso in the huge, imposing Erwin Special Events Center at UT-Austin, their shots would not fall.

The game was almost two minutes old when Matthew Wright nailed a three-pointer off of a feed by Marcus Larra. Wright's trey tied the score after West Oso's Richard Gonzalez had netted one of two free throws and a layup following a steal to give the Bears a 3-0 start.

West Oso wasn't having much better luck at shooting, but Gonzalez sank another free throw at the 5:48 mark, Cameron Teague managed a tip-in at 4:30 and Gonzalez sank a 6-ft. baseline jumper to give the Bears an 8-3 lead with 3:18 remaining in the opening period.

Daniel Proffitt got a three-pointer to fall with 3:02 left to make it 6-8—again off of an assist by Larra—then the two teams went scoreless the rest of the first quarter.

The Bobcats had a nightmarish 11-minute scoring drought that ran until

the final ticks of the second quarter. Larra sank a 17-ft. jumper with one second left to keep Dimmitt from having a never-before scoreless quarter.

Meanwhile, four West Oso players sank a basket apiece during the second period—one of them a three-pointer by Jimmy Fling—to give the Bears a 17-6 lead, which Larra narrowed to 17-8 with his jumper, the Bobcats' third field goal of the game.

Both teams relied on defense to offset their shooting problems during the first half.

"We knew our offense wasn't working as well as it usually does, and we knew their offense wasn't working either, so we concentrated on defense," Gonzalez said.

The Bears' defense proved to be potent as they recorded 17 steals to the Bobcats' nine. Dimmitt had 26 turnovers during the game to West Oso's 18, and the Bears collected 35 rebounds to Dimmitt's 27.

"When I went in at halftime I had two choices," Coach Steinle said. "I could have gone in and ranted and raved and screamed like an idiot, but I'm not going to do that. It's not my nature."

"I went in and tried to be positive about what few good things did happen out there," he said. "We felt like, since it was 17-8 at the half, if we could come out and hit a couple of baskets we'd be right back in it."

"At halftime, I could tell we were dejected, down, disappointed," he added. "It's very easy in those situations for kids to start doing less than you would expect them to do, but I'm very proud of my team that they did not do that."

Dee Norman, the Bobcats' scoring leader, opened the second half with his first field goal of the game, and Larra followed with a fast-break layup a minute later to cut West Oso's lead to 17-12, and the Dimmitt crowd perked up.

But then the scarlet-and-black Bears ran off nine unanswered points over the next 3½ minutes before Norman put back a rebound to make it 14-27 with 2:03 left in the third.

Teague sank a layup with 49 seconds left and Armando Valdez heaved a 23-ft. "hail Mary" at the buzzer that swished through for three points and a 32-14 West Oso lead.

At that point, most of the 9,567 onlookers were filing out of the Drum, except for the Dimmitt and West Oso faithful.

The Bears opened the fourth with a pair of free throws and a layup to make it 36-14, then Brent Josselet scored his first basket of the game, a layup, with 5:55 remaining.

After another layup by West Oso's Teague, the Dimmitt crowd breathed a sigh of relief when Norman rebounded and put up a basket while falling backwards. That bucket gave Dimmitt 18 points, two more than the record low team score of 16 set by Elkhart in 1942.

Proffitt followed with a three-pointer—his second, the team's third—to make it 21-38 with 3:43 left. That was to be Dimmitt's last basket as West Oso closed with a 7-0 run to make the final score a disastrous 45-21.

The Bobcats, who had hit 85% of their field goal attempts in the second half of the regional championship game against Seminole, had to settle for 25% in their final game—9 of 36. From three-point range they hit 3 of 17 for 17.6%.

Proffitt and Norman led Dimmitt's scoring with six points each.

The Bobcats got to take only two free throws during the game, and missed both.

The Bears were below their usual par also, hitting 17 of 49 field goals (34.7%), including 3 of 15 from three-point range (20%).

West Oso sank 8 of 12 free throws (66.7%), including 6 of 7 in the second half.

Leading scorers for West Oso were Gonzalez with 16 and Teague with 12.

No one on either team fouled out.

It was the final high-school game for six Dimmitt seniors—Daniel Proffitt, Marcus Larra, Matthew Sandoval, Lee Cejna, Corey Lane and Julian Velo.

Although this was Dimmitt's 16th appearance in a state boys' tournament—a Class AAA record—it was a first for everyone on this year's team, who were making the Bobcats' first appearance at state since 1988.

This was West Oso's third trip in a row.

West Oso Coach Floyd Campbell credited his team's quick-handed defense for the Bears' first state tournament victory in three tries since 1999.

"I think our kids did a good job the whole game on the press and the transition," he said. "It was a matter of waiting for our offense to show up."

Coach Steinle agreed that the Bears' defense was a major factor.

"I think we had a little case of nerves to start with, then once we didn't get off to a good start—their defense played awfully well—once that happened, it seemed like we started just waiting, waiting for somebody else to get something going."

"I told them, 'Hey, you can't wait on somebody else. If we've got five people out there waiting on somebody else to do it, then it's not going to get done.' We just couldn't seem to get anyone to step up today, for whatever reason."

"We tried a few things to relax our team to start with," Steinle added. "We just never could get anything going."

"Offensively, when a team scores 17 points in a half on you, you feel like you've got a shot. I just felt that if we could get through the first half, if it was nerves, then we could come out in the second half and do a lot better job. We had a couple of little spurts there, but that was just about it."

"Whether it was nerves or not, we could find a jillion excuses, but the bottom line is that we just weren't very good today."

"I'm very disappointed for our

kids. I'm not disappointed in them, just FOR them."

The victory sent West Oso into the championship game against Mexia, which had won a 59-58 shootout over Gainesville in the earlier Class AAA semifinal.

The powerful Mexia team domi-

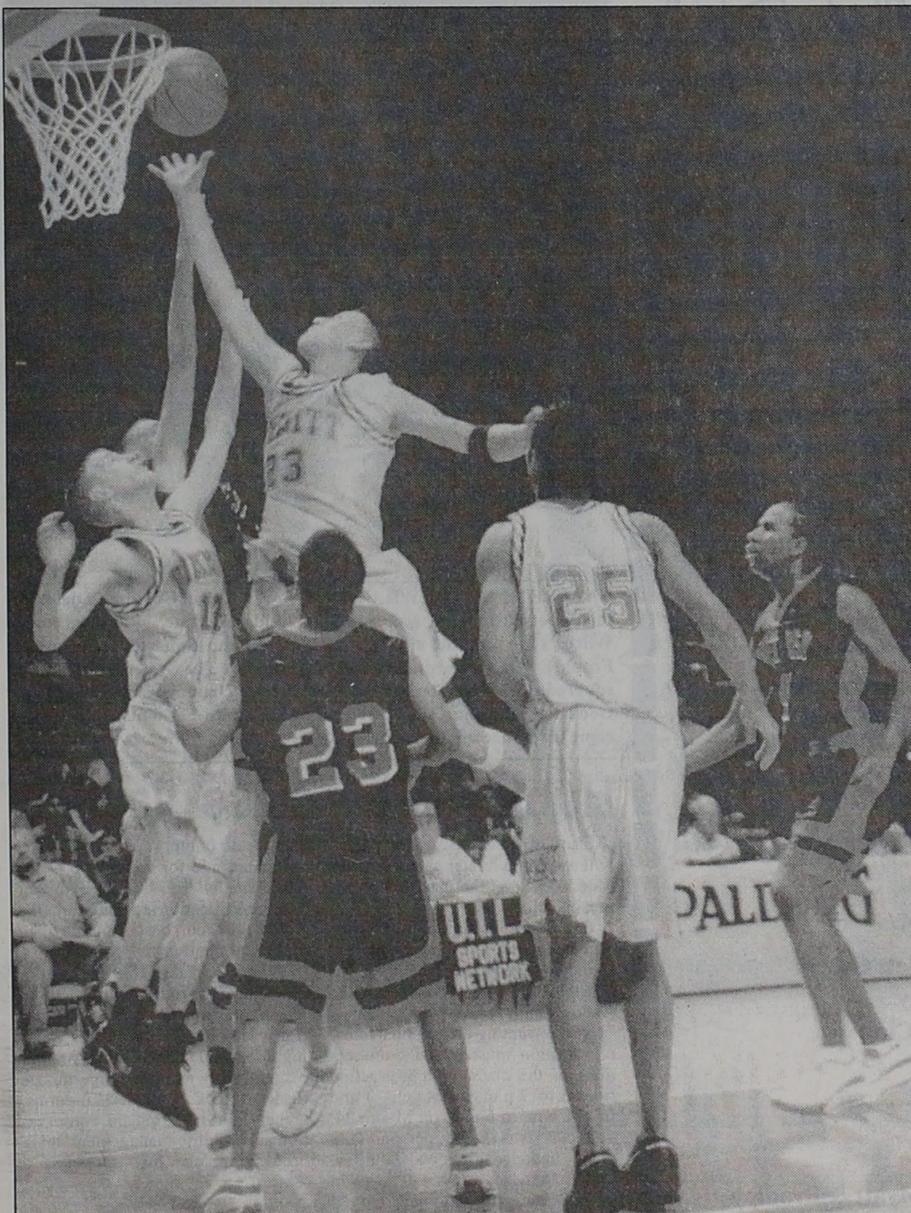
nated West Oso 74-49 in the state championship game.

Other state champions were Evadale in Class A-I, Goodrich in A-II, Ponder in AA, Beaumont Ozen in 4A and Sugar Land Willowridge in 5A.

In Class A, Evadale defeated Goodrich 66-60 Saturday for the first Texas Cup trophy.



MATTHEW WRIGHT looks for a teammate while being pressed by Corpus Christi West Oso's Cameron Teague during the Class AAA state semifinals at UT-Austin Thursday. Wright scored Dimmitt's first basket and logged two assists and a steal in the game, which West Oso won, 45-21. Photo by Carter Townsend



DIMMITT'S BOBCATS and Corpus Christi West Oso's Bears jockey for rebounding position during the Class AAA state semifinals Thursday in the Frank Erwin Center at UT-Austin. Dimmitt players closing in are Matthew Sandoval (23), Marcus Larra (left), Daniel Proffitt (11) and Matthew Wright (14). West Oso players are Cameron Teague (4) and Richard Gonzalez (5). Photo by Carter Townsend

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# Swifts fall short in state championship game

By ANNE ACKER

The Nazareth Swifts were dejected last Thursday after losing the state title game to Goodrich, but as quick as the game was over, the team was vowing to work harder next year to turn its dream of a basketball championship into a reality.

Goodrich used a tough, full-court pressure defense to slow down the pace of the game and the Hornets capitalized on opportunity after opportunity inside the paint as they posted a 62-51 win over the Swifts in the Class A Division II state championship game.

The Swifts will return their entire starting lineup next season and will

graduate just one senior from the roster.

All-state tournament selection Eric Schilling, a 6-4 sophomore post, led the Swifts with 19 points and eight rebounds in the title contest while 5-10 junior guard Kade Wilcox chipped in 17 points.

"We've worked for this since the fourth grade and we're not through yet—we'll be back," said Wilcox.

Nazareth couldn't find an answer to stopping 6-2 senior post Joe Henderson, who poured in 25 points and was voted the game's Most Valuable Player. He also was selected to the all-state tournament

team. Goodrich scored 48 of its 62 points inside the lane while the Swifts picked up just 18 points in the paint. The Hornets never attempted a three-pointer in the game. Nazareth was 7-of-21 from beyond the arc.

The Hornets connected on 58.1% of their field goals in the game while the Swifts were an uncharacteristic 32.2% from the field.

The Swifts were able to match Goodrich point for point until midway through the second quarter.

That's when the Nazareth offense locked down.

During an eight-minute span from the middle of the second quarter to the middle of the third period the Swifts didn't get a single field goal, and they only picked up two free throws. Beginning at the 4:40 mark in the second quarter, the Swifts missed 12 straight shots before finally getting back on track with 4:32 left in the third quarter.

Goodrich was able to pull away during that drought, constructing a 13-point lead that the Swifts wouldn't be able to erase.

Nazareth did cut the Hornet lead to five with three minutes left in the game, but that was as close as the Swifts would get as the Hornets sank 6-of-7 free throws and got a basket from Henderson in the final minute to put the game on ice.

"Goodrich has an excellent program and Joe Henderson is for real. He dominates in the middle and then they bring in Josh Venson (reserve point guard) to handle the ball, and he is quicker than anybody we've faced all year. We made a defensive adjustment in the second half, but still couldn't shut them down inside," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough.

Goodrich pressed the Swifts the entire game, and although Nazareth's guards managed to limit turnovers to 12 for the game, the pressure forced a slower-paced game and cut down on fast-break opportunities.

"I thought we handled the ball pretty well, but we just couldn't run the floor like normal. We knew the press was coming. It slowed down our break and got us out of what we really like to do," Scarbrough said.

The score was tied five times in the game and the lead changed hands 12 times before Goodrich took control for good in the second quarter.

Each team started off on fire, making four of their first five shots from the field.

Schilling opened scoring with a turn-around jumper, but Henderson countered with an offensive putback. A three-pointer by Schilling gave the Swifts a 5-2 lead with 7:19 left.

After Goodrich's Tim Grant scored with 7:03 left, Daryl Pohlmeier got in on the action, nailing a baseline jumper for a 7-4 Swift lead.

Schilling would add another three-pointer, then converted a three-point play with 3:35 left to keep the Swifts on top.

Goodrich took a two-point advantage on a pair of back-to-back jumpers by Venson.

Nazareth tied the game at 15 with just under two minutes left on a shot by Pohlmeier, but Henderson got in on the action after that.

He scored two straight shots underneath the bucket for a four-point Hornet lead.

With time running out, Wilcox connected on a long three to cut the Hornet lead to a point, 19-18, at the end of the quarter.

Nazareth owned its biggest lead of the game, 23-19, early in the second when Trey Robb counted a short jumper and Wilcox banked in a three from the top of the key.

Goodrich retaliated with shots by Jeremy Walker, Randy McGowen and Venson to regain control, 25-23, with five minutes left in the half.

A three by Blake Birkenfeld with 4:40 left signaled another lead change. It also was the last field goal the Swifts would see until midway through the third quarter.

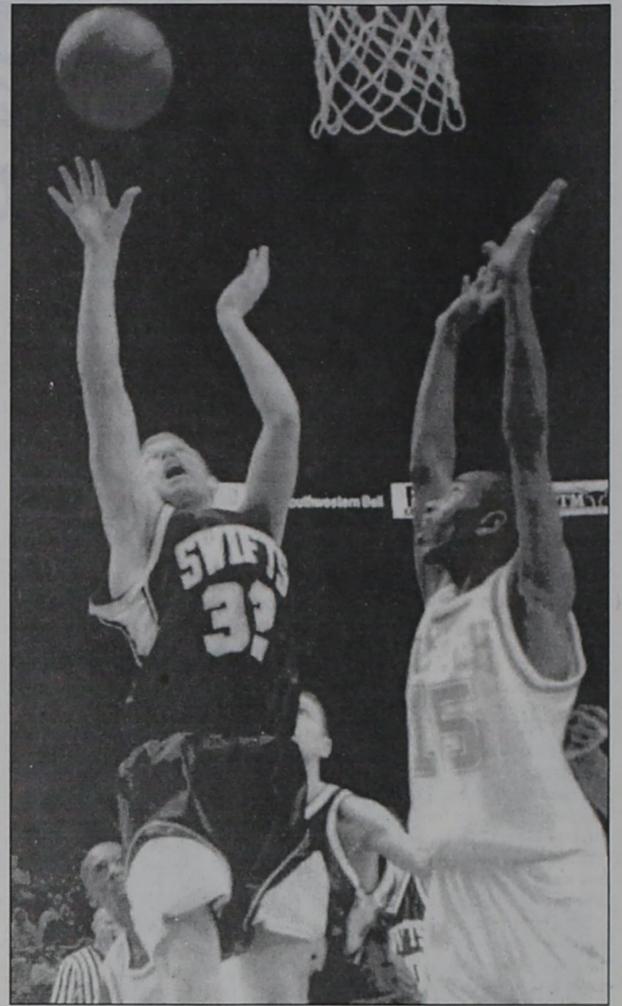
Henderson put his team on top for good seconds after Birkenfeld's three, scoring after nabbing an offensive rebound. He added another inside jumper seconds later and Nazareth was down by three.

A steal and coast-to-coast layup by Venson with seconds left gave Goodrich a 33-28 halftime lead.

Henderson and Venson combined for six points early in the third quarter, boosting the Hornets to a 39-28 lead with 5:53 left. Jonathan Brown penetrated and counted a layup that gave Goodrich its biggest lead, 41-28.

Schilling finally ended the Swift scoring drought with 4:32 left, and Nazareth would connect on five of its next six attempts from the field.

Schilling picked up two more points on an alley-oop play from Wilcox, Robb put back an offensive rebound for two more and Wilcox drained a three to trim Goodrich's



**BASELINE MOVES**—Daryl Pohlmeier (32) of Nazareth finds an opening along the baseline and picks up an easy jumper before Goodrich's Josh Venson can stop him last Thursday in a Class A Division II state championship game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. A long Nazareth scoring drought in the second and third quarters allowed Goodrich to pull ahead and the Hornets held on down the stretch for a 62-51 win and the state title. Pohlmeier finished with six points, five rebounds and a pair of steals in the game. Photo by Dwayne Acker

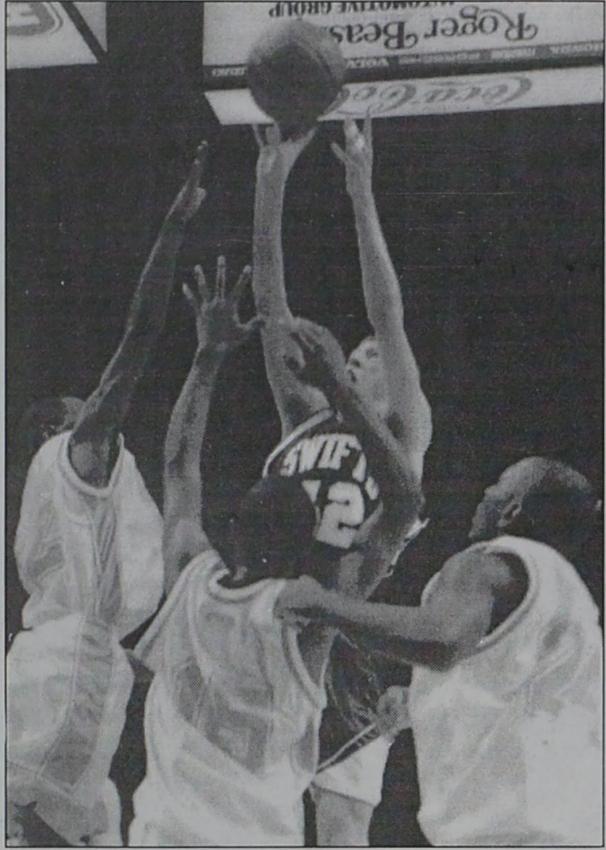
lead to six, 45-39, with 27 seconds left in the quarter.

Wilcox connected on three free throws, then added another three-pointer in the fourth, with the latter shot bringing the Swifts within five with 2:44 left.

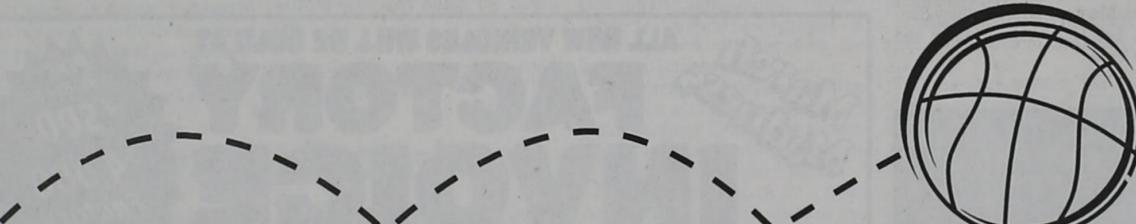
But a series of turnovers kept the Swifts from pulling any closer, and with a minute left, Goodrich preserved its lead by sinking the free throws down the stretch.

"I'm just so proud of this team," said Scarbrough. "We've overcome a lot of adversity this year with the injury to Ky (Wilcox), but the guys never quit. They wanted to get to the state tournament and they did it. They just came up a little short."

Nazareth ended its season with a 25-10 mark while Goodrich improved to 35-2 and advanced to the Texas Cup game with Evadale, the Division I state champion. The Hornets lost that game, 66-60.



**TRIPLE TEAM**—Goodrich's Jonathan Brown (32), Josh Venson (15) and Jeremy Walker (24) converge on Nazareth's Eric Schilling (42) as the 6-4 post attempts to score inside the paint last Thursday in a state final game in Austin. Schilling poured in 19 points to lead the Swifts, but Goodrich claimed the championship with a 62-51 win. Photo by Dwayne Acker



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**NAZARETH'S KADE WILCOX (22)** works against Goodrich's defense, then spots teammate Eric Schilling inside the lane. Schilling turns Wilcox's lob pass into an alley-oop bucket in third-quarter action at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin last Thursday. The Swifts and Hornets squared off in the Class A Division II state championship game, with Goodrich prevailing, 62-51. Wilcox finished with 17 points, 12 of which came from three-point range. Photo by Dwayne Acker

### Hunter safety class planned

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. will sponsor a hunter safety class on March 23-24 at the Courthouse Annex in Tulia.

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THE NAZARETH SWIFTETTES—Pictured, from left, Jenna Braddock, Erica Gerber, Megan Schulte, Danette Ramaekers, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Stephanie Thiel, Shawna

Gerber, Tara Kleman, Whitney Hoelting, Mandy Hoelting, Wendy Black, Teri Ramaekers and Kim Brockman.  
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THE NAZARETH SWIFTS—Pictured, from left, Ky Wilcox, Blake Birkenfeld, Daryl Pohlmeier, Wade Price, Kade Wilcox, Eric Schilling, Chase

Schulte, Justin Kleman, Trey Robb, Shane Kleman, Tyler Ehly, Brock Birkenfeld, Adam Acker, Evan Huseman and Brett Hoelting.  
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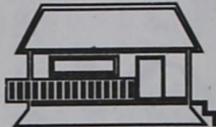
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**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
**KITRELL ELECTRONICS**  
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**STEEL BUILDINGS:** New, must sell: 40x60x12 was \$17,500, now \$10,971; 50x100x16 was \$31,500, now \$19,990; 70x150x16 was \$59,990, now \$42,990; 80x200x16 was \$94,500, now \$59,990. 1-800-406-5126. 6-50-1tp

## 9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

**FOR SALE:** Two-horse enclosed 1991 WW trailer, double axle, tires in good shape. \$2,250. 647-2974, nights. 9-50-2tc

## 10—Agricultural Services

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**CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING.** Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401, hon. 647-7066, mobile. 1-27-ftc

**CRP SOWING** and/or shredding. Seed available. Call Gerald Acker, 945-2274 or 647-6005, mobile. 10-41-16tp

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## 20—Help Wanted

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## 20—Help Wanted

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**FEED YARD ACCOUNTANT,** minimum requirements are accounting degree with two years' cattle feed yard experience. Reports directly to the Business Manager/Controller. Experience with Turnkey Accounting Software a plus. Must be proficient with Windows, spreadsheets and word processing applications. Responsibilities include daily cash management, AR, AP, PR, GL and NR as well as other assigned duties. Compensation and benefits based on qualifications and experience. This position requires approximately 50 hours per week. Please send a cover letter with salary history, requirements and resume to Accountant, Cattlemen's Feedlot, PO Box 676, Olton, Texas 79064-0676. 20-50-ftc

**UNITING PARENTS,** a grant program, has a full-time parent case manager position available in the Tulia area. High school diploma or GED required. Must be the parent of a child with disabilities. Experience in accessing services for children with disabilities preferred. Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred. Will train. Travel required. Must be able to work some evenings and/or weekends. Flexible time and benefits available. Position available now. For an application, call the Coalition of Health Services, toll-free, at 1-888-892-2273; or Maria Garcia, program director, at 1-806-212-6580. 20-50-2tc

## 20—Help Wanted

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation  
**Field Clerk—Dimmitt District**  
[www.tbollweevil.org](http://www.tbollweevil.org)

Administrative duties for our Dimmitt office

- General office duties
- Computer experience necessary
- Works independently

Submit your resume and cover letter to:  
Human Resource Department  
PO Box 5089  
Abilene, TX 79608-5089  
(915) 672-2846 ext. 3135  
Fax: (915) 677-1006  
Email: [jobs@tbollweevil.org](mailto:jobs@tbollweevil.org)  
Web site: [www.tbollweevil.org](http://www.tbollweevil.org)

All applicants must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable according to foundation fleet policy. Drug-free/EEO

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## TexSCAN Week of March 11, 2001

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## 20—Help Wanted

## Muleshoe Area HealthCare Center

is now accepting resumes and/or letters of interest for the following positions:

RNs LVNs  
CMAs CNAs Social Worker

Prefer applicants with Alzheimer's and/or Long Term Care experience

## Muleshoe Area HealthCare Center offers:

- NEW STATE OF THE ART FACILITY OPENING SOON IN A NEW LOCATION
- COMPETITIVE SALARY
- OUTSTANDING BENEFITS PACKAGE
- CARING ATMOSPHERE
- PLEASANT WORKING ENVIRONMENT
- OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Interested persons are asked to submit resumes and/or letters of interest to the Administrator of Muleshoe Area HealthCare Center, 106 West Avenue H, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. No phone calls, please.

All inquiries confidential. Please mark your envelope "PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL"

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## 22—Notices

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

## 24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
A very special thanks to my neighbors and friends for the many calls, visits and flowers during the recent loss of my sister, Bess Cain, who passed away Feb. 27. ANN CARPENTER & FAMILY 24-50-1tc

Reading or working in poor light cannot damage the eyes but may cause fatigue or eyestrain.

## 20—Help Wanted

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation  
**Field Unit Supervisor**  
Dimmitt District  
[www.tbollweevil.org](http://www.tbollweevil.org)

Desirable qualifications:

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- Supervisory skills
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Abilene, TX 79608-5089  
(915) 672-2846 ext. 3135  
Fax: (915) 677-1006  
Email: [jobs@tbollweevil.org](mailto:jobs@tbollweevil.org)  
Web site: [www.tbollweevil.org](http://www.tbollweevil.org)

All applicants must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable according to foundation fleet policy. Drug-free/EEO

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**FOR SALE**  
NEW SNYDER, TX brick plant now open. Buy direct and save! Call 1-915-573-1572.

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25—Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids for banking services. Sealed bids should be delivered to the CEO of Castro County Hospital District at 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2001. Bids should explain investment methods available for reserve funds, all interest rates to be paid by bank, any charges to be assessed by bank and method of securing the funds deposited. In addition, all services available such as, but not limited to, checks sorted in number order, overdraft protection, and free checks should be explained. The Castro County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

25-50-21c

25—Legal Notices

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

25-47-4tc



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Stony and Kyanne Griffith. Their daughter, Kasey Jo, was born March 4 weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs. She was 20 1/4 inches long. She has an older sister, McKenzie, who is 7; and a big brother, 18-month-old Cole. Maternal grandparents are Loyd and Pam Lindley of Hereford. Paternal grandparents are Lue Griffith of Dimmitt and Randy Griffith of Oklahoma. Maternal great-grandmother is Anita Pope of Midland. Paternal great-grandparents are Edith Richardson of Hereford and Doc and Nadine Griffith of Amarillo.

Wes and Kristi Cope of Timpson are the parents of a baby girl, Jaxson Pierce, who was born at 10:53 a.m. on March 12 at Nacogdoches Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. She has a big sister, Kelci Ka, who is 1-1/2. Grandparents are Glenda Morgan of Waco, James Sims of Dimmitt and Darrell and Judy Cope of Houston.

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Priscilla Saucedo and Robert Lopez Jr. of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Skyia Marie Lopez, who was born at 8:20 a.m. on March 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 8 lbs., 8.2 ozs., and was 20 inches long at birth. She has three older siblings including Ricardo Alvidrez, 4; Mark Lopez, 1-3/4; and Dominic Lopez, 11 months. Paternal grandparents are Robert Lopez Sr. and Diana Lopez of Lubbock. Maternal grandparents are Annie Saucedo and Ricardo Saucedo Sr., of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Paula and Larry Jackson and Alicia and Conrado Lopez, all of Dimmitt.

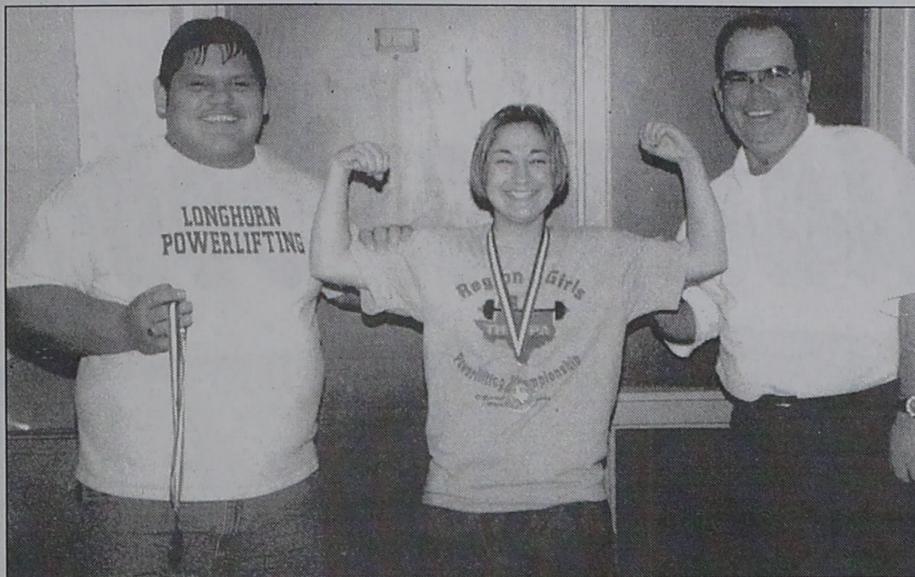
It's a boy for Ismael and Olga Marquez of Dimmitt. Their son, Hector Marquez, was born at 12:09 p.m. on March 2 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Hector weighed 7 lbs., 7.6 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long when he was born. He has two older siblings: 13-year-old Adrian and 3-year-old Mark Anthony. His paternal grandparents are Hector and Elvira Marquez of Dimmitt. Isidro and Maria Diaz of Dimmitt are the baby's maternal grandparents.

A horse focuses its eye by changing the angle of its head, not by changing the shape of the lens of the eye, as humans do.



**LUCKY WINNER**—Dustin Thomas, 10, the son of Jimmy and Julia Thomas of Dimmitt, was the winner of a drawing for a Corsican Ram Hunt at the 2001 Outdoor Show in Amarillo in January. He was able to fulfill his hunt on Feb. 15 at Webb Shooting Preserve at Clarendon, and took this trophy ram.

Courtesy Photo



**STATE-QUALIFIERS**—Hart power lifters (from left) Fabian Rodriguez and Yadira Anzaldua, coached by Martin Parker, will be competing in the state contest. Rodriguez will compete March 23-24 in Fort Worth while Anzaldua will lift today (Thursday) and Friday in Killeen. Photo by Neoma Williams

# Hart power lifters earn trips to state competition

Fabian Rodriguez and Yadira Anzaldua of Hart hope to bring home state championships in power lifting when they go up against the best in Texas.

Anzaldua will compete in the girls' state contest today (Thursday) and Friday in Killeen. Rodriguez will lift at the boys' state meet March 23-24 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The two qualified for state after placing in their respective regional contests.

Rodriguez finished as the top lifter in the 625 squat in the super heavyweight division at regional, and his lift tied for top honors in all divisions, which included competitors from Class A through AAAA schools.

Rodriguez also lifted 360 on the bench, which was 15 pounds lighter than his personal best of 375 pounds.

In the deadlift, Rodriguez handled 545 pounds, a record in the super heavyweight division.

The combined weights from all of his lifts totaled 1,530 pounds, which

was a record for all divisions.

Anzaldua finished fifth among all overall lifters in all divisions, and was the top lifter in Class A.

Also at regional, Isidora Anzaldua finished fifth with a dead lift of 270 pounds, but didn't qualify for state.

Cynthia Gonzales finished sixth in her weight division. Although she was first among Class A competitors, Gonzales's sixth-place regional finish wasn't high enough to qualify for state.

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to our Nazareth Swifts who played Goodrich in the state finals in Austin. They lost the game by 11 points, but they are still considered winners by competing in Austin.

A warm welcome was given to the boys' team and their coaches as the returned Saturday afternoon escorted into town by the fire truck and police car.

Supt. N. Dean Johnson opened the program with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wade Price, the only senior on the team, thanked his teammates and coaches for the great experience of going to Austin.

Coach Rick Price congratulated the team, said he was proud of them and added that they carried themselves with class and honor. He wished them well in their future efforts.

Coach Mike Scarbrough complimented the team on the way they conducted themselves in Wichita Falls and Austin.

Supt. Johnson also told the team he was proud of the way they acted in Austin and had a letter from someone to prove it!

The cheerleaders then led those present in singing the school song.

Everyone was treated to punch and enjoyed a cake shaped like a huge

basketball and goal made by Vicky Kleman.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner and an evening at the Senior Citizens Center on Sunday.

Those with March birthdays were recognized, including Patsy Entreklin, Julene Gerber, Dorothy Kleman, Agatha Johnson and Margaret Brockman.

Four door prizes were given and winners were Linda Smith, Pearl Acker, Norma Schacher and Julene Gerber.

John and Linda Smith of Colorado were the guests of Cecil and Norita Hoelting. All enjoyed visiting with them.

Everyone enjoyed playing cards and/or dominoes for several hours. It was a fun evening.

Congratulations to Chris and Ammie Schmucker on the birth of a girl, Alexis Rose, born March 5 in New Braunfels. She has one brother, Peyton. Grandparents are Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker and Greg and Tinie Hoelting, all of Nazareth.

Brant Damon Nelson, infant son of Joyce and Lynn Nelson, was baptized Sunday morning following mass in Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Peter Otto officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman. His godparents are Dwayne and Anne Acker.

On hand for the ceremony were Brant's big brother, Dyllin; his great-grandmother, Rose Birkenfeld; grandparents Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld and George and Vicky Nelson; his uncle Shawn Nelson; his great-uncle Leslie Birkenfeld; and cousins Adam, Jenna and Lacey Acker.

Prayers are asked for Brad Klein, Leonard Gerber, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ray Schmucker, Mary Gerber, Ernie Brockman, Brenda (Birkenfeld) Crouse, Jimmie Schulte and Gladys Fortenberry. Jimmie and Gladys are recuperating from knee surgeries.

Prayers also are asked for Philip Brockman of Lazbuddie, who is being transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, for heart surgery.

## Handweaver's Guild to meet on March 22

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will hold its monthly meeting on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

Anyone who is interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome.

For the meeting location or more information, call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

# Scoreboard

**CLASS A DIVISION II  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
at Frank Erwin Center, Austin  
**Swifts 51, Goodrich 62**  
Goodrich 19 14 14 15—62  
Nazareth 18 10 11 12—51  
**NAZ**—Kade Wilcox 4-17 3-3—17; Eric Schilling 8-21 1-1—19; Daryl Pohlmeier 2-5 2-2—6; Blake Birkenfeld 1-6 0-0—3; Trey Robb 3-5 0-0—6; Justin Kleman 0-1 0-0—0; Tyler Ehly 0-4 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 19-59 6-6—51.

**GOODRICH**—Jeremy Walker 2-3 1-2—5; Darryl Woods 0-1 3-4—3; Joe Henderson 11-15 3-4—25; Jonathan Brown 1-2 1-1—3; Tim Grant 3-7 3-3—9; Josh Venson 6-12 1-3—13; Randy McGowan 2-3—4. **TOTALS:** 25-43 12-17—62.

**3-POINT GOALS:** Nazareth 7 of 21 for 33.3% (Wilcox 4-11, Schilling 2-5, Birkenfeld 1-4, Robb 0-1); Goodrich 0-0.

**REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 27 (Schilling 8); Goodrich 34 (Henderson 10).

**ASSISTS:** Nazareth 10 (Birkenfeld 4); Goodrich 5 (Henderson 2).

**TURNOVERS:** Nazareth 12 (Robb 5); Goodrich 16 (Venson 6).

**BLOCKED SHOTS:** Nazareth 1 (Schilling); Goodrich 5 (Venson 6).

**STEALS:** Nazareth 8 (Birkenfeld 3); Goodrich 6 (Venson 2).

**TOTAL FOULS:** Nazareth 17; Goodrich 9.

**FOULED OUT:** None.  
**ATTENDANCE:** 6,947.

**CLASS AAA STATE SEMIFINALS**  
at Frank Erwin Center, Austin  
**Bobcats 21, Corpus Christi West Oso 45**  
West Oso 8 9 15 13—45  
Dimmitt 6 2 6 7—21

**DIMMITT**—Matthew Wright 1-2 0-0—3; Dee Norman 3-15 0-2—6; Daniel Proffitt 2-5 0-0—6; Matthew Sandoval 0-0 0-0—0; Marcus Larra 2-7 0-0—4; Brent Joeslet 1-3 0-0—2; Kenneth Worsham 0-2 0-0—0; Julian Velo 0-2 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 9-36 0-2—21.

**WEST OSO**—Richard Gonzalez 5-12 6-9—16; Jimmy Fling 2-7 2-2—7; Cameron Teague 6-12 0-1—12; Lydell Anthony 1-8 0-0—3; Armando Valdez 2-5 0-0—5; Stephen Fillmore 1-1 0-0—2. **TOTALS:** 17-49 8-12—45.

**3-POINT GOALS:** Dimmitt 3 of 17 for 17.6% (Wright 1-1, Norman 0-8, Proffitt 2-4, Larra 0-2, Joeslet 0-2); West Oso 3 of 15 for 20% (Gonzalez 0-2, Fling 1-4, Teague 0-1, Williams 0-2, Anthony 1-3, Valdez 1-3).

**REBOUNDS:** Dimmitt 27 (Norman 9); West Oso 35 (Gonzalez 11).

**ASSISTS:** Dimmitt 5 (Larra 3); West Oso 9 (Williams 4).

**TURNOVERS:** Dimmitt 26 (Wright 7); West Oso 18 (Teague 6).  
**STEALS:** Dimmitt 9 (Larra 3); West Oso 17 (Anthony 6).  
**BLOCKED SHOTS:** Dimmitt 2 (Norman and Sandoval); West Oso 3 (Gonzalez, Fling and Teague).  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Dimmitt 12; West Oso 7.

**FOULED OUT:** None.  
**ATTENDANCE:** 9,567.



Whitney Hoelting

## Whitney Hoelting to play in 'Zebra' all-star contest

Nazareth senior Whitney Hoelting, a 6-0 post, has been selected to play in the Zebra Roundup, an all-star basketball game for high school seniors.

The all-star tournament will be held March 24 in Grandview. The girls' game will be played at 3 p.m., followed by the boys' contest at 5 p.m.

The Zebra Roundup is one of the premier all-star games in Texas, selecting players from only Class A, AA and AAA schools.

Last year's game was attended by University of Texas players Chris Mihm and Chris Ogden, as well as over 40 college coaches and scouts. At least 15 players from the game received athletic scholarships.

Grandview is located approximately 35 miles south of Fort Worth on I-35. Admission to the games is \$5 per person.

## Happy sets sale

The town of Happy will have a truckload sale Friday through Sunday to raise money for the Happy Community Center Building Fund and the public is invited.

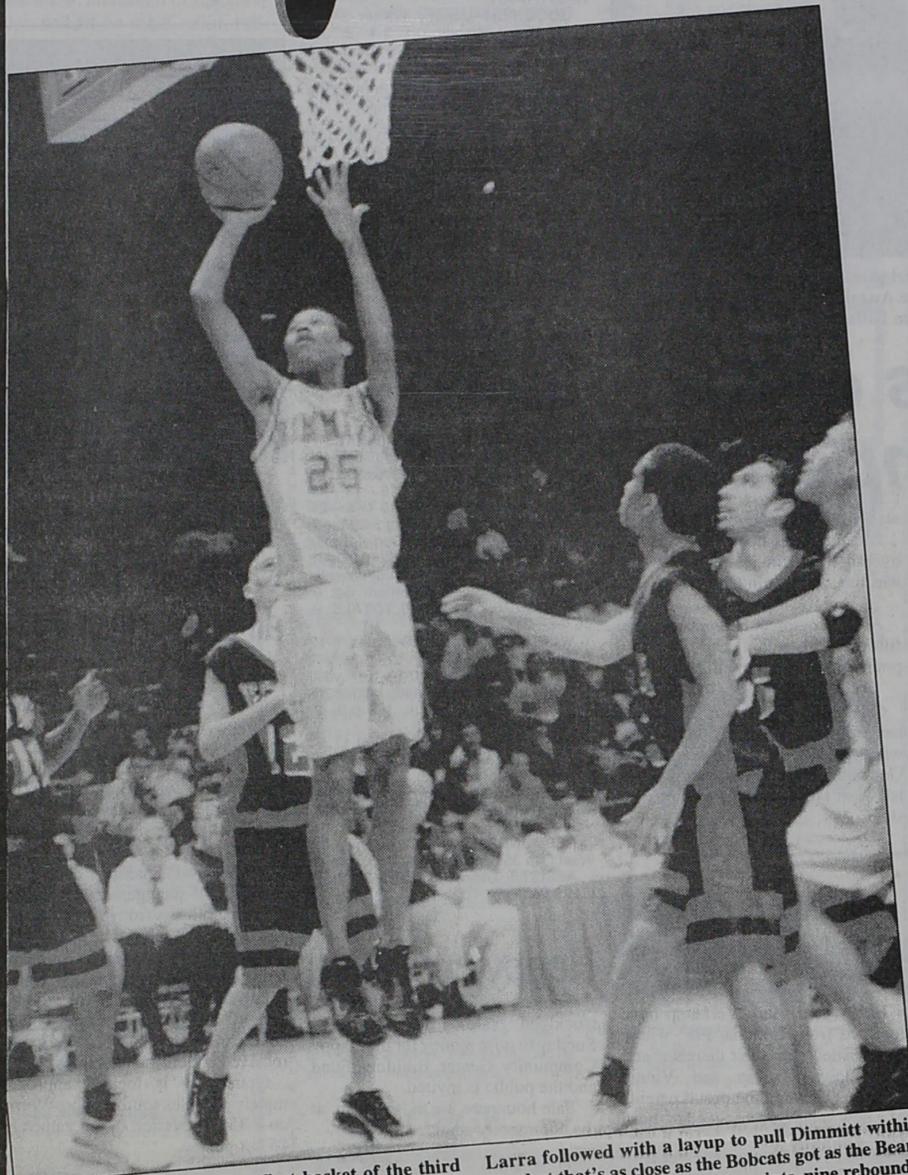
Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the community center.

The Board of Directors  
of the  
**Castro County  
Hospital District**  
invites you to attend a  
**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 20**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**  
in the  
**City Hall of Dimmitt**

*We will explain the Hospital District's professional affiliation agreements with both the Northwest Texas Hospital System, Amarillo, and Covenant Health System, Lubbock; our reasons for entering into these agreements; and the benefits of these affiliations (one of which is that there will be no loss of local control). Representatives of both the NTHS and CHS will be present.*

We would value your attendance and input

# Congratulations, Bobcats!



DEE NORMAN scores the first basket of the third quarter of the Bobcats' Class AAA state semifinals game against Corpus Christi West Oso Thursday. This basket cut West Oso's lead to 17-10 and Marcus

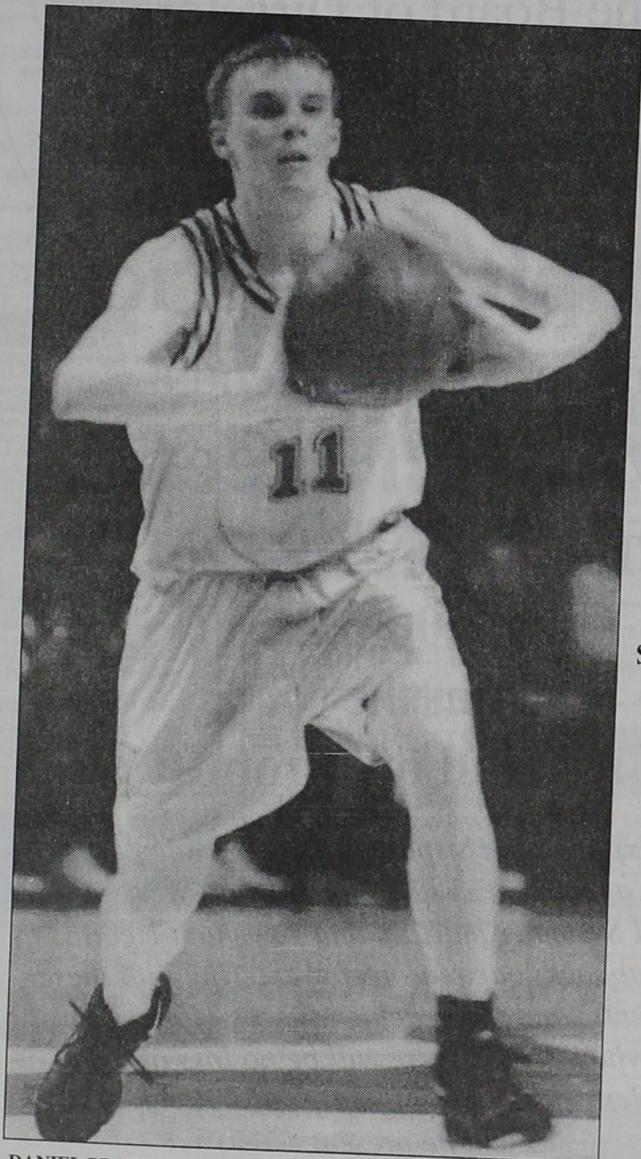
Larra followed with a layup to pull Dimmitt within five, but that's as close as the Bobcats got as the Bears won, 45-21. Norman logged six points, nine rebounds, a block and a steal.

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DIMMITT'S MATTHEW SANDOVAL (23) and Matthew Wright (14) go up for a defensive rebound during the third quarter of the Bobcats' game against Corpus Christi West Oso in the Class AAA state semifinals last Thursday in UT-Austin's Erwin Center. In foreground, with backs to camera, are West Oso's Lydell Anthony (23) and Dimmitt's Dee Norman (25). At right is West Oso's Cameron Teague. The Corpus Christi team won the game, 45-21, then lost to Mexia in the finals.

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DANIEL PROFFITT whips the ball to a teammate during the Bobcats' state semifinals game against Corpus Christi West Oso Thursday. Proffitt hit two three-point shots, grabbed five rebounds and made two steals during the game, which West Oso won, 45-21.

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