



# It's the guys' turn

## Bobcats, Swifts are in state tourney today



Castro County is the hotbed of basketball in the state of Texas this week. On the heels of the Nazareth Swiftettes' 15<sup>th</sup> state championship and Texas Cup victory, here come the guys!

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Nazareth Swifts earned trips to the state basketball tournament last weekend, and they'll be in action today (Thursday) at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

The Swifts (25-9) will face Goodrich (34-2) at 8:30 a.m. today in a Class A Division II state championship game, and they have a shot at earning a rare double if they can bring home the boys' state crown to go with the girls' title. Dimmitt's Bobcats (26-8) will meet Corpus Christi West Oso (32-3) at 3:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in a Class AAA state semifinal game.

The Bobcats pulled out of Dimmitt by charter bus at noon Tuesday after a

pep rally and hot-dog cookout at the high school and a motorcade sendoff. They stopped off at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum for a workout Tuesday afternoon before going on to Austin.

The Bobcats are staying at Embassy Suites North at I-35 and Hwy. 183, as are the Swifts. On Wednesday the Dimmitt boys worked out at a college gym in Austin in preparation for their appearance in the Super Drum Thursday afternoon.

"We may go (to the Erwin Center) early and watch some of the other games—especially the Naz game," Coach Alan Steinle said, "just to get the feel of the place, to get the boys familiar with the surroundings."

It will be a determined bunch of West Oso Bears that the Bobcats will meet in the semifinals Thursday afternoon. This is the Bears' third straight appearance at the state tourney, and they've been eliminated in the first round both

previous times.

"We feel like they're going to be there with a mission," Steinle said. "They may come out with their ears laid back and really try to make a statement. We can't panic. Our focus will be to match their intensity early on."

No. 5 Dimmitt and No. 11 West Oso appear to have a lot in common. Both like to play an up-and-down game and score in the 70s or 80s, but both are also capable of playing a low-scoring control game when they need to.

Because of "a really good scouting report," Steinle said, "We really feel like we know a lot about them and how they're going to approach this first game."

"They're a very talented, quick bunch," Steinle reported. "They're a simple, fundamental team with two inbound plays and one kind of defense—man to man. Defense is what they really hang their hat on; they try to get a ton of

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# Twice as nice in '01

## Swiftettes win 15<sup>th</sup> state crown and first Texas Cup



**CELEBRATING A RECORD 15TH STATE TITLE.** Mandy Hoelting, Wendy Black, Marsha Black and other Nazareth Swiftettes hug fellow teammate Shawna Gerber after the team captured its 15th state championship and the inaugural Texas Cup championship last weekend at the Frank Erwin Center in

Austin. Gerber, who was last year's state tournament MVP, suffered a season-ending injury this year, but she was still a big factor on this year's team, lending moral support and encouragement as the Swiftettes attempted to set a national record with a 15th title.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

By BRENDA SCHULTE

Winning two titles in one weekend is a first, even for Class A basketball powerhouse Nazareth.

Thursday, the Swiftettes managed a 61-51 win over Saltillo to claim the Class 1A, Division II state girls basketball title and a national record 15th state championship.

Then, on Saturday, the Swiftettes combined clever defensive tactics with some well-timed three point shots to whip the Class A, Division I champions from Kennard, 61-44.

The game Saturday at Austin's Erwin Center matched the class A large school state champion, Kennard, against the small school champion, Nazareth, in a quest for the first ever Texas Cup.

There were 6,542 fans on hand to watch the contest.

"It was like winning the state championship twice," junior Mandy Hoelting said.

"The Texas Cup adds to the Nazareth tradition," guard Stephanie Thiel said. "People will remember our team for starting a new tradition."

Kennard earned the right to play for the Texas Cup with a 61-54 win Thursday win over Windhorst.

Normally, the Swiftettes run a pressure man-to-man defense, but Saturday they came out in a 2-3 zone and ran up 13 points before the Tigers ever found the goal.

"Defense was everything in that game," Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett said. "We hadn't run a 2-3 zone all year (just in spots), so it was impossible to scout."

The Swiftettes also used a 1-3-1 zone defense to keep the Tigers off-balance.

"The ball just didn't fall today," Kennard Coach Chris McClain said. "We passed the ball well. We just

didn't hit our shots. I have to give credit to Nazareth, though, they hit their shots from outside.

"The key to the game was experience," McClain said. "We don't have that. Nazareth does."

That experience was apparent in senior Whitney Hoelting's first quarter performance. The 5-11 post scored 7 of her 15 game points in that stanza, first on a 10 foot jump shot after a steal, next on a short jumper, then on a deep corner three-point shot.

"I felt like I had to take charge inside," Hoelting said. "Once I got the defense to draw inside, we started shooting better outside."

Hoelting's performance was enhanced by a game opening bucket by Mandy Hoelting, a free throw and a basket underneath by Thiel, and a three-pointer from Wendy Black, sophomore guard.

The clock had ticked down to 2:37 before Kennard's Jessie Skinner got a steal and converted it into a basket. The 5-10 senior sank two more shots in a row, and Tanesiah Lamb, a 5-10 post hit two charity shots and a short jumper at the end of the stanza to pull to within five points, 15-10.

"They have an explosive offense," Garrett said, "so they came back quickly."

Kennard adjusted to the unexpected Nazareth defense in the sec-

ond stanza and outscored the Swiftettes 9 to 8. They even tied the score once, 15-15, when Skinner, who led the Tigers with 17 points, swiped the ball and went the distance for a layup.

Nazareth Junior Lesley Brockman answered with a three from the corner, Thiel connected underneath, and Thiel and Wendy Black sank three free shots to hold on to a 23-19 Nazareth halftime lead.

Whitney Hoelting opened scoring in the third stanza with a layup at 6:30. Then the Swiftettes hit three unanswered three-pointers.

Mandy Hoelting launched a left side three. Lesley Brockman hit one from the same spot less than a minute later. Then it was Wendy Black's turn out front. The nine-point run put the Swiftettes ahead, 34-21, with 3:46 left in the quarter.

The Tigers fought back when 5-10 post Tanesiah Lamb pumped in two free shots and a turnaround jumper. Whitney Hoelting answered that with another basket underneath. Skinner added three Kennard points on a follow-up rebound and a free shot.

With :24 left, Thiel drove the lane and hit a short jumper.

Sarah Durham, 6-0 junior Tiger, bulled in an offensive rebound to narrow the Nazareth lead to five, (38-33), at the end of the quarter.

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## Site of fatal assault is found in Castro County

Cesar Vega, 37, of Hereford, was murdered in Castro County, the result of a vicious assault that occurred only three-fourths of a mile south of the spot where his body was found the morning of Feb. 19, according to Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

Sheriff's deputies discovered the site of the assault after back-tracking from the field where Vega collapsed and died sometime during the night of Feb. 18 or early on Feb. 19.

Autopsy results showed that Vega died from multiple blows to the back of the head with a blunt instrument. He also had been severely beaten in the upper portion of his body, according to Fitzgearld.

However, no signs of a struggle or of drag marks were found where the body was discovered in a field beside

a road in the Coronado Acres subdivision in the northern part of the county, and blood was found on a fence around the field where Vega apparently climbed over it.

Vega's body was clad only in jeans and boots. Fitzgearld said the victim's white tee shirt and a hooded sweatshirt jacket, along with blood stains, a pack of cigarettes and a lighter, were found at the site of the assault, off of CR 511. The ground was disturbed in the area and officers were able to make a cast of a tire track found there.

Fitzgearld said a man has been questioned who was one of the last to see Vega alive, but no arrests have been made. Investigation is continuing.

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# City offers rent aid for TBWEF

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to grant \$600 per month rent assistance to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation for a district office in Dimmitt.

Stanton Mote, TBWEF representative, told the council that the foun-

dation is looking for adequate office space in Dimmitt for a new district office. There had previously been three district offices in the Northwest Plains Zone, and Dimmitt will be the fourth. The others are in Friona, Muleshoe and Littlefield.

He introduced Misty Davis, who will be the district supervisor for the Dimmitt office. Mote said the office also will have four field units, covering 30,000 to 35,000 acres each, with a unit supervisor over each one. There also will be a mechanic, an

environmental monitoring specialist and a field clerk, in addition to four to eight seasonal positions for each unit.

He told the council that the eradication work will continue for at least two more years, possibly three, and then efforts will scale back to a "maintenance" level, with mostly monitoring activities.

Mayor Wayne Collins told Mote that the council will approve the rent help as long as the office is put in Dimmitt. He said the council is sup-

portive of efforts that aid the economic development of the city, and adding seven full time and 30 to 35 seasonal workers would be beneficial.

Mote said the foundation hopes to hire as many workers in Dimmitt as it can. He noted that 90% to 95% of the foundation's money comes from grower-approved check-off dollars,

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# 1:1

By Don Nelson

Well, this is the worst case of March Madness that we've had here in 15 years.

(Do you see this coming? Watch out for flying trivia!)

The last time Castro County had three teams in state tournaments the same year was 1986. The only other time was '84. Both of those years it was the Swiftettes the first weekend of March followed by the Swifts and Bobcats the second weekend—same as now.

There was one year when both the Swiftettes and the Bobbies went to state while all the guys stayed home (1993).

And there was one year when both the Bobbies and Bobcats went. That

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## May 5 elections are set

May 5 is set as the next general election day, at which time voters may cast ballots for members of governing boards for the hospital district, cities and schools.

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.

Candidates may continue to file for positions on ballots through March 21. 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

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## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	29	17	.01
Friday	54	27	
Saturday	53	35	
Sunday	58	30	.06
Monday	58	30	
Tuesday	67	29	
Wednesday	66	34	

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

## Grand jury

# Onitiveros gets 'no bill'

The Castro County Grand Jury on Tuesday issued a "no bill" on charges of deadly conduct listed against Dimmitt Police Officer Miguel Ontiveros in connection with the accidental shooting of Dale West during a police department SWAT drill on Feb. 15.

Ontiveros had been on administrative leave since the incident, which

was investigated by Texas Ranger Martin Hood. Hood issued a statement saying it was an accidental shooting.

In a previous statement, Castro County/District Attorney James Horton had said that the law enforcement officers participating in the SWAT drill had followed a careful procedure

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# May 5 elections . . .

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below, along with any candidates who may have already filed. Potential candidates may file at the administrative offices of the entity they wish to serve.

**Castro County Hospital District**  
Terms are expiring for Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, and Jerry Annen.

**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, as well as March 12-16 (Spring Break) from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. each day for those who want to file as candidates.

**Hart**  
**City:** The terms of Mayor Marguerite 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.

During Hart's Spring Break (March 12-16), potential candidates may contact Nelda Ethridge at 938-2194.

**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.



**A BIG SEND-OFF**—The Bobcat Athletic Boosters and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce helped put together a send-off ceremony and hot dog feed Tuesday at Dimmitt High School as the varsity boys basketball team prepared to leave for Austin and the state play-offs. (From left) Kalan Steinle, Julian Velo, Matthew Sandoval, Dee Norman, and other students go through the line, as Cheryl Pybus and Bill Sava help hand out the free treats. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Police Calls

Another counterfeit \$100 bill has turned up in Dimmitt, this one at First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. It is unknown who may have passed the bill to the bank.

Police said the bill was a little darker than real bills and the paper was a little thicker, but it looked very close to the real thing. They cautioned merchants and citizens to carefully examine any money they handle and if there is any doubt about its authenticity, then contact the police or sheriff's department.

A Hart woman told deputies early last Thursday that she heard someone trying to enter her home. She said she also has been receiving harassing phone calls. Deputies found tracks leading up to and away from the woman's porch and the storm door had been left standing open, but the prowler had been unable to get in the front door. Investigation is continuing.

Police reported that a suspect was arrested Friday for shoplifting some necklaces from the ALCO store in Dimmitt.

Sunday, some suspects were arrested on south US 385 in Dimmitt for being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Last Thursday, a 30-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for driving with license suspended.

Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 19, was jailed for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Jailed on warrants during the past week were:

—Feb. 28, a Hereford woman, 37, on a Randall County warrant for theft by check; and a Gainesville man, 26, on two warrants for aggravated assault with serious bodily injury, motion to revoke, and a warrant out of Cooke County for possession of a controlled substance.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt woman, 18, on a warrant for assault with bodily injury; and a 26-year-old Dimmitt woman on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 19, on a warrant for driving with license suspended/motion to revoke probation.

—Monday, a 33-year-old Floresville woman on four warrants for theft by check, and warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to display registration, and failure to appear.

**More about**

# Ontiveros . . .

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dure to make sure all weapons were cleared before conducting the exercise and then decided to quit for the evening. One officer reloaded ammunition into his weapon, preparing to leave. Then it was decided to run the drill again, and the officer forgot to clear his weapon the second time.

West, 20, a volunteer participant in the drill, was shot in his left upper chest and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, then transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was released Feb. 19.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said, "We're just going to deal with it [the situation] daily. There will be precautions taken if and when we start SWAT drills again, and there will be some changes. The grand jury hearing is just a procedure that has to be followed. Hood presented the information to the grand jury and that was the outcome, that it was unintentional and accidental."

Aleman said the recent school shooting that has been in the news elsewhere confirms his feeling that the SWAT drills are needed here.

"That's one of the reasons that we are training our team here, because we have to be prepared for it as much

as possible. Every community will have to deal with situations that may arise," Aleman said.

"Any threat in the schools or any information that a weapon is on school grounds will be investigated to the fullest extent," he added. "If ever anyone hears anything, they should contact school officials, the crime line, the police department or the sheriff's office, and it will be kept confidential and investigated to the fullest extent."

The grand jury issued "true bills" for five other people.

Marie Vasquez Zepeda, 25, of Hereford, was indicted for forgery by passing.

Charges of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine were listed against Rockey Enfante Salinas, 29, of Dimmitt.

Bobby Richard White, 39, of Summerfield, was indicted for injury to an elderly person.

Forgery by passing was the charge listed against Melinda Dawn Moon, 27, of Dimmitt.

Raul Lorenzo Rodriguez, 37, of Goodland, Kan., was indicted for criminal non-support.

# Period for settling wildlife park restitution ends soon

If you still owe the state civil restitution for loss or damage to a wildlife resource as a result of being convicted of a fish and game law violation, you may soon be denied participation in any activities licensed or permitted by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Senate Bill 1302, passed by the 76th Texas Legislature, gives TPW the authority to refuse to issue an original or renewal license, permit or tag if a person has failed to pay a civil restitution assessment resulting from having been convicted of a violation of the Parks and Wildlife Code or a proclamation issued under the authority of the Code.

The legislature granted a two-year grace period to any person owing

civil restitution for violations that occurred before Sept. 1, 1999. If those violators have not arranged for payments by Sept. 1, 2001, they will be subject to denial of original or renewal license, permit or tag privileges.

Persons owing civil restitution for violations since Sept. 1, 1999 who fail to respond to demands for payment will soon be notified that license, permit and tag privileges have been denied. TPW gives game law violators four written notices to make arrangements to pay outstanding civil restitution debts. The agency offers to accept 80% of the restitution assessment as payment in full if remitted in response to the first letter notifying the violator of a civil restitution assessment. A final de-

mand for payment is issued before licenses and permits will be denied.

"Wildlife and fishery resources belong to the people of Texas, and the department is serious about collecting the civil restitution assessments when someone illegally takes or possesses a resource," said Jim Robertson, TPW director of law enforcement.

"The legislature gave the department a great tool in Senate Bill 1302 to aid in the collection of outstanding recovery value assessments for the loss of wildlife resources."

TPW officials have noted a marked increase in the number of cases resolved since the law took effect in September 1999.

"We have historically recovered about 30% of the restitution assessments as a result of voluntary payment prior to the new law, and since then the rate has increased to 68%," said Jack King, TPW law enforcement director of policy and planning. "We want this to be a deterrent against committing the violation to begin with. But, it should also serve as motivation for paying restitution if you break the law."

Persons owing civil restitution who would like to arrange for payment can call the TPW Law Enforcement Division at (915)646-0601.

# Probation terms modified for one

In 64th District Court on Feb. 15, an order was entered modifying probation for Lynn Damon Nelson of Dimmitt.

Judge Jack Miller signed the order Feb. 26.

Nelson had earlier entered a plea agreement to charges of possession of a controlled substance under one ounce on Feb. 27, 2000.

His original sentence included a \$1,000 fine, \$272.25 in court costs, a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, \$140 in restitution to the Dept. of Public Safety, five years deferred community supervision, and treatment in a state substance abuse treatment facility for not more than one year nor less than six months.

An application to revoke his probation was entered on Feb. 15 and the probationer entered a plea of true. The pleading said that Nelson vio-

lated the terms of his probation by failure to complete the program at the substance abuse felony punishment facility as required by his community supervision officer.

Miller ruled that the best interests of justice would be served by not revoking Nelson's community supervision but modifying it.

The defendant's restitution and community supervision will start the 10th day of the month 30 days from when he is released from the Brownfield CRTC, a substance abuse treatment center. He is to be held in the Castro County Jail until a bed is available at the CRTC, and must remain at the CRTC in the community-based program for a term of not less than one month and no more than 24 months, obeying all rules and regulations of the facility and remaining there unless on an approved furlough.

After completion of the program as determined by the facility director, he must participate in any aftercare program as instructed by his community supervision officer.

**More about**

# City . . .

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but growing amounts are coming from state and federal sources.

In another matter, the council approved a transfer from the utility fund self-insurance fund to cover the purchase of video cameras for the police department. All six proposed cameras will be purchased at an estimated cost of \$22,000.

In other business, the council gave approval to closing an east-west alley in the Block 112 of the Original Town of Dimmitt (the east side of the 300 block of Southwest Third Street). Nicholas and Maria Cuevas and Alex and Linda Trigo are the property owners on both sides of the platted, but unused alley, who requested its closure. No underground utilities will be affected by the closure, according to City Manager Don Sheffy.

# Donation of old wireless phones is solicited here

Go Wireless at 615 N. Broadway in Dimmitt is joining corporations, small businesses, and individuals in the national "Donate a Phone" campaign to collect old wireless phones, which will be used to provide domestic violence victims with a lifeline in an emergency.

The program, started by the Wireless Foundation, Motorola, and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, was designed to collect old wireless phones, then refurbish and reprogram them for distribution to victims in need.

To date, thousands of people across the country have donated their phones. Unfortunately, there are an estimated 4 million domestic violence victims each year, so more phones are needed.

Go Wireless will be collecting phones and any accessories, continuing through April 30.

If you have a phone you are no

longer using, please donate it at 615 N. Broadway in Dimmitt. For more information on the campaign, contact Misty at 647-0200.

# Hart players are all-district

Several Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns have been named all-district for their efforts during the 2000-01 basketball season.

Jeff Bennett was named the co-defensive most valuable player, sharing the honor with Sudan's May Messamore.

Hart also placed two others on the honor squad, including Keith Finch and Salvador Velasquez.

Hart's Lacie Curry copped all-district honors for the girls, while teammates Brenda Diego and Crystal Diego each earned honorable mention.

The earthworm is often known by several other names, including fishworm, angleworm or nightcrawler.

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- TXism: "got misery — my armpits"
- Cowboys scheme: "game"
- TXism: "as a lap dog"
- "Hippie Hollow" comment? " — all over"
- seat of Mills Co.
- TXism: " — down"
- Dallas Four Seasons Resort, et al.
- Alamo fighter Davy's birth state (abbr.)
- TX singer Vikki
- TXism: " — drowned rat"
- Osmond & Seals country hit: " — in Montana"
- film "8 Seconds" was about TX bull rider — Frost
- TXism: " — some gravel" (fell)
- TXism: "locked — drum" (secure)
- TX Forest Whitaker was "Big Harold" in this '86 war film
- "husky" Tex-Mex entree
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- TXism: "como — (How are you?)"
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- TXism: "happy as a kid on — lap"
- TXism: "he — sitting down" (big ego)
- TXism for wire
- wife of 18-down
- TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)
- TXism: "take a — off" (sit)
- song "Texas When I —"
- camping canvas
- "Billy the Kid": William —
- Tejano group: "Little Joe y —"
- "Supreme" Ross
- Cowboy replay: — motion
- TXism: " — up" (pay)
- famous TX female gambler Deno
- TX musical duo: Seals & —

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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Marty Benton and her friend, Pat, have just returned from a trip to San Francisco, Calif. Marty said they saw as many of the San Francisco tourist attractions as they could, and had a wonderful trip.

Anthony and Katherine Kirby, along with Anthony and Mary Mays, belong to a Tuesday night bowling league in Hereford. They've found this to be a good source of fun and exercise. The Kirbys participate in league tournaments throughout the season, also.

Curtis and Leigh Durbin and their children, Aubrey and Riley, drove to San Antonio to see a new nephew on the Durbin side of the family.

The "Friday Night Supper" group gathered in Friona to "warm" the new home of Percy and Margaret Parsons. They ate Mexican food at a local restaurant and enjoyed cake and coffee back at the Parsons' abode. Those present were Elva Forrester, Deanne Clark and Larry Young of Lubbock, Bill Soward of Littlefield, and Carolyn Jones, Doris Lindsey, V.C. and me, from Dimmitt.

Polly Simpson had a good time at the home of son, Mark L. Simpson, in Kyle. Mark and his wife, Leslie, were hosting a birthday celebration for their son, Shane, 12. Polly's next stop was at Floresville to visit Dianne Drake and other close friends. Polly had a good visit with Joe. B. and Helen Fleming. Joe is a retired judge who served his district when Polly was Castro County Judge.

Polly's son, Brad Sanders, was one of many Dimmitt High School

alumni who attended the Dimmitt-Seminole 3A regional basketball tournament final game at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

We would like to congratulate the Bobcats for advancing to state. The Bobcat win over the Seminole Indians was a gratifying "revenge" for some of us who remember Seminole hiring Dimmitt's superintendent Robert Ryan and his teacher-wife, J'Lynn, school business manager Gene King and his teacher-wife Mary Nell, and our football coach Army Salinas and his teacher wife to the same positions in the Seminole school system.

Stephanie Ryan Waldo (DHS Class of 1986) was at the game with her husband, Joey, and their two small boys. They now live in Loop, near Seminole. Stephanie was trying very hard to be quiet during the game.

Some of the other Dimmitt high school grads that we saw at the game are Jerry Schaeffer (Class of '76). He and his wife, Bussie, have three children, Texie, 10, Farmer, 7, and Hondo, 6. We also saw Rala Byrnes (Class of '93), who now lives in Lubbock and teaches at New Deal. She is the sponsor of the New Deal cheerleaders, the student senate, and oversees the spring prom each year. Another one we saw is Paul Dannevik ('88). He and his wife, Kathy, have a 3-month-old son, Kaylor. They live in Lubbock, where Paul is manager of the branch bank of ABC. We saw Will Shannon ('99), the son of Ken and Linda Shannon, who is a student at Texas Western in Snyder; Cindy (daughter of Ewell and Nell Kelly) Broussard of Lubbock, and her husband, Andre, and their 18-month-old daughter

Bethany; and Cindy's brother, Greg Kelly ('78) of Levelland and his sons, Ben and Sam. Greg works for the Levelland appraisal district.

Joe and Pam Josselet, parents of Bobcat #13, Brent Josselet, were joined at Spirit Arena by some family members from Oklahoma and New Mexico, including Pam's brother, Joe Ellis Jackson and wife, Jo Anne, and their son Jay, and their other son, Ty, along with his wife, Tycie and daughter, Taylor, and son, Clay, of Goodwell, Okla.

Justin and Kara (Josselet, Class of '96) Gleghorn of Lubbock, the children of Dwight and Jolene Gleghorn and Joe and Pam Josselet, also were there. Joe and Pam's other daughter, Renea of Wichita Falls was watching the girls' basketball tournament in Austin. Now she will be returning to watch her brother Brent and his teammates vie for the big prize this weekend in Austin.

The day that Brent Josselet was born, Renea was playing near our house with some of the other neighborhood kids. I was quizzing her about her new baby brother and asked his name. They hadn't quite decided for sure, but Renea sure

hoped it would be Kevin. I believe this was a tribute to Dimmitt's legendary coach Kenneth Cleveland and his all-state son, Kevin. Brent is making his sister proud, even if his name isn't Kevin.

I visited with Poppy Byrnes ('68) of Hereford, who was excited about the Herd's win over the Randall Raiders. This has been a good basketball year for Dimmitt and its neighbors. Dimmitt, Hereford, Nazareth, Stratford, and Hale Center all will represent our part of Texas in the boys' state championship games.

The Nazareth and Plainview girls are home after winning the big ones.

Waurayne Hughes reports that their grandniece, Chelsi Welch of Plainview, once again was awarded the Most Valuable Player trophy.

Pete Laney, the Texas Legislature's Speaker of the House and a native of Hale Center, presented the all-state tournament team medals to the girls. He and his wife hosted a reception for the Plainview champions, their parents and fans at the capitol building in Austin following their victory.

Mary Edna Hendrix celebrated her

birthday this past week. Three friends took cake and birthday cards to the museum for a small celebration. Her daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford came down to take her out to lunch over the weekend.

We visited briefly with the Hollis Cains of Springlake and their daughter, Kathy of Perryton, and her husband, Johnny Hill. Johnny is the former business manager for DISD. Their two children, Joshua and Rachel, also were at the game.

Doris Hill of Hale Center, a former Hereford resident and student at

Hereford High School during my era, was with her son, Lee of Dimmitt, his wife, Patrice, and their two children to see the Bobcats capture the regional title. Attending this game and visiting with old friends was as good as a class or family reunion.

And with the state tournament approaching, we think its going to get better and better.

To borrow a quote from our neighbors to the north when the Herd was on their way to the state football playoffs in 1999, "Will the last one leaving Dimmitt please turn out the lights?"

Good luck, Bobcats.

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## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

We are extremely proud of our Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes, who showed us just what they are capable of doing this weekend.

The Swiftettes traveled to Austin where they defeated Saltillo, 61-51, to win their 15<sup>th</sup> state championship on Thursday morning at the Frank Erwin Center. On Saturday morning they defeated Kennard, 61-44, to claim the first Texas Cup, which matched the Class A Division I and II state champions.

The Swifts traveled to Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls where they defeated New Home, 62-37, on Friday at D.L. Ligon Coliseum. On Saturday, they beat Westbrook, 96-60, in the Class A Division II semi-state tournament.

The Swiftettes, their coaches and bus drivers were given a warm welcome home Sunday afternoon at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

"Reaching New Heights" was the first sign that greeted the team as they left Hart and headed home with a police escort.

After the girls repainted their names on last year's yellow station wagon, Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson began the program with the Pledge of Allegiance and a big welcome to the team, coaches, parents and all who were gathered.

He asked several trivia questions: **No. 28** is the number of times Nazareth fans have traveled to Austin; **No. 2** is the number of Texas Cups we hope to own after Saturday.

**No. 17** is the number of state championships we hope to have after Thursday.

The girls have been there 19 times and have won the state championship 15 times. The boys have been to state nine times and have won it once—in 1986.

The Swiftettes then took the floor to sing a song, *Emilio*, which they had prepared for Deb Clinton, their principal and dedicated bus driver who is wonderful with our kids.

A skit was then performed by the girls' parents, predicting the Austin results from the Swifts' games this weekend.

Our three senior girls, Whitney Hoelling, Tara Kleman and Shawna Gerber spoke to the assembly, thanking everyone for their support, as did Assistant Coach Amy Huseman.

Coach Matt Garrett said the girls just defended their new state title on Saturday by winning the first ever "Texas Cup," which is beautiful.

Everyone then enjoyed punch and cake.

The cake was huge and shaped like the state of Texas and featured the girls' names and a mapped route to Austin. The cake was made by Vicky Kleman, who has made one each year for victory celebrations since 1982.

The Nazareth girls' team of 1991

and the Tulia girls' team were honored at state this year.

Monica Kleman, Noel Johnson, Jill Pohlmeier, Nicole Kleman, Peggy Huseman, Janay Johnson, Leslie Storer, Jenny Jones and their coach, Denese Skinner, were present from Nazareth.

Coach Dale Morris and assistant coach Sharon Birkenfeld (former Nazareth Swiftette all-stater) represented the Tulia team of 1991.

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

The stations of the cross will be said each Friday evening and Sunday evening during Lent in Holy Family Church.

As we pass each station and regard the obedience of Jesus, we learn the lessons of obedience, humility and love.

Fritz and Julene Gerber spent the past two weekends in Wichita Falls.

One weekend they watched their granddaughter, Danielle Wilhelm, daughter of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm, play in the state TAPPS playoffs.

Danielle attends Notre Dame Catholic School in Wichita Falls. She was named Most Valuable Player of her district and the team finished second at the state level. She was also named to the all-state tournament team and copped all-state honors.

Last weekend they watched the Nazareth Swifts win their two games at Midwestern State University, then watched Danielle pitch in a fast-pitch school softball tournament, which featured 24 teams.

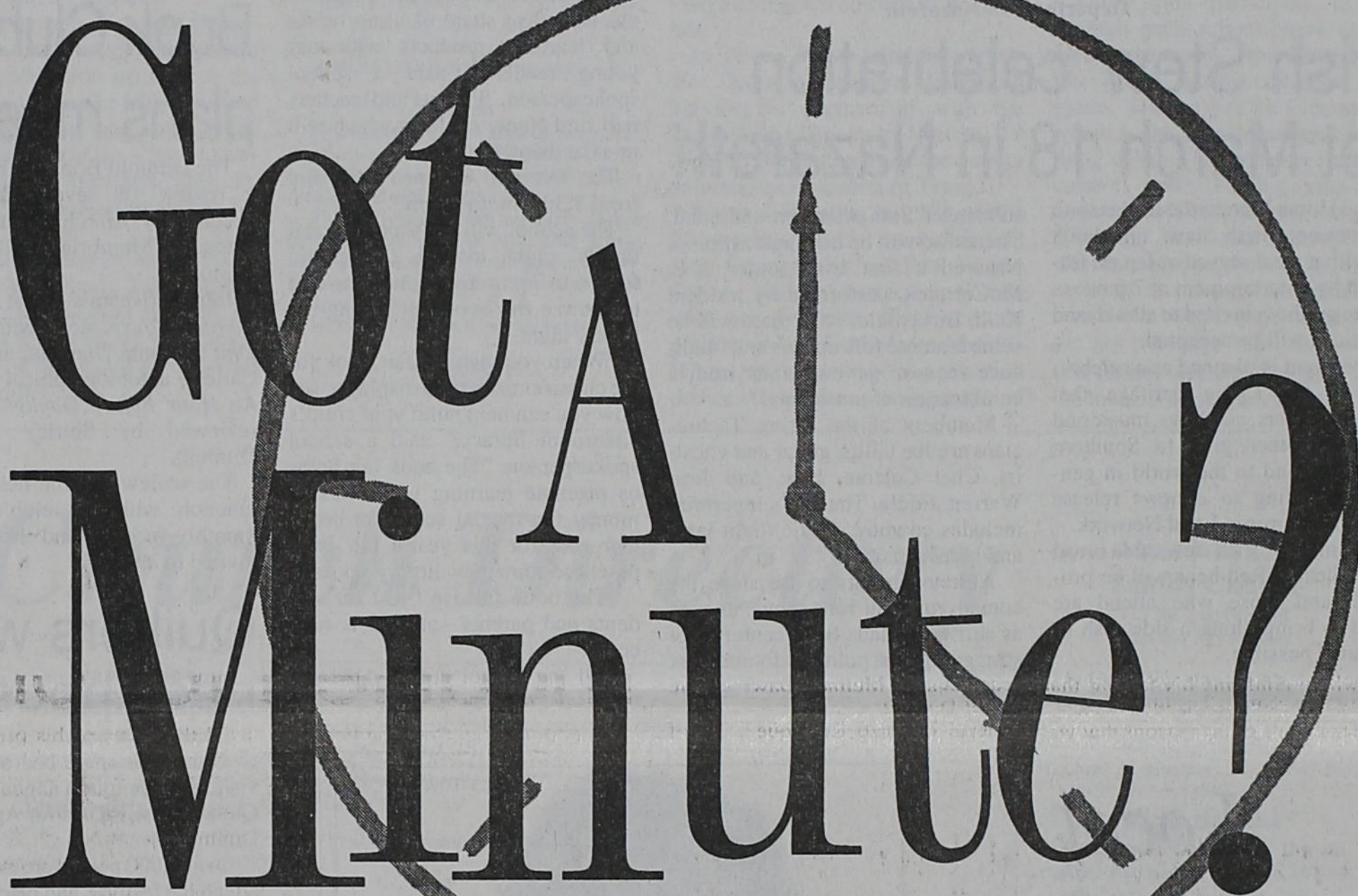
She pitched three games Friday evening and another three games on Saturday. Her team won third place in the tournament.

Lots of sports for one weekend!



### Who's New

**OUT OF TOWN**  
Jimmy and TerrieLynn Cleavinger of Baytown are the parents of a baby girl, Ruth Anne, who was born Feb. 25 at 9:55 p.m. Ruth Anne weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and was 21 3/4 inches long at birth. She has five siblings: David, Audrey, Rachel, Nathan and Victoria. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Varina Lewis of Olton.



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# People



**STRING TECHNICIANS**  
... To perform in Nazareth

## 'Irish Stew' celebration set March 18 in Nazareth

The Home Mercantile in Nazareth will present "Irish Stew" on March 18, 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 Killeen'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.

## Entry deadline March 17 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 March 17.

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

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

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

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

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

Also in connection with the festival, classes and various activities have been scheduled. For more information, contact Davis.

## Book fair is planned

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt through Friday.

"Scholastic Book Fairs comes to our school to share exciting books and learning products with our young readers," said a school spokesperson. "Parents and teachers will find plenty of items which will interest them, too."

The fair will be open each day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The school will sponsor a special family night tonight (Thursday) from 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to browse the book fair during the family night.

"When you visit the fair, look for the classroom wish list display to see how you can help build your child's classroom library," said a school spokesperson. "The book fair helps us promote learning while raising money for special school projects. Our goal for this year's fair is to purchase some new library books."

"The book fair isn't just for students and parents—anyone is welcome."

Call the school at 647-4131 for more information.

## Book Club plans meeting

The Dimmitt Book Club will hear a review of several books on Wednesday, March 14, at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

John Grisham's latest novel, *A Painted House*, along with *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, and Jimmy Carter's autobiographical memoirs, *An Hour Before Daylight*, will be reviewed by Shirley Wise of Dimmitt.

The review will be held in conjunction with the club's regular monthly meeting and the public is invited to attend.

## Quilters will need housing

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Flu shots will be available at shot clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct a children's immunization clinic today (Thursday) from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

Flu shots also will be available at the clinic and will be administered to the general public.

The immunization clinics will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay. Also, the varicella vaccine is covered by Medicaid. Those who qualify should bring their card to the clinic.



**NOW AND THEN:**  
Dale and Marie Winders

## 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration set

Dale and Marie Winders of Dimmitt will be honored with a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration March 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Lextron building in Dimmitt.

The party is being hosted by the children of the couple, Vicki Bryant of Graford and Marla Harbin of Littlefield and their families.

Dale Winders married Mildred Marie Howell on March 2, 1951, at First Baptist Church in Springlake. They have resided in Dimmitt since 1957, and have been involved in farming since 1956. They had previously lived in England for three years and then moved to Earth, before moving to Dimmitt.

Dale was raised in the Sunnyside and Big Square communities, while

Marie was raised in Olton and Springlake. Both graduated from Springlake High School, he in 1947, and she in 1951. Dale served in the US Air force from 1950 to 1954. He was a Castro County Commissioner for 16 years.

Marie has served as a church musician for 52 years, playing for First Baptist Church in Springlake and First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, among others.

Their family includes daughter Marla Harbin of Littlefield and her husband, Paul, and children, Kalli, Leah, Hannah and Maddie; and daughter Vicki Bryant of Graford, her husband, Mike, and their children, Tory and Derek.

## RES sets family fun night tonight

Richardson Elementary School will host a family fun night tonight (Thursday) from 6 to 7 p.m.

Games and activities geared toward the whole family will be included in the event.

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

browse through the literary selections.

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

## Class of '91 sets reunion

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

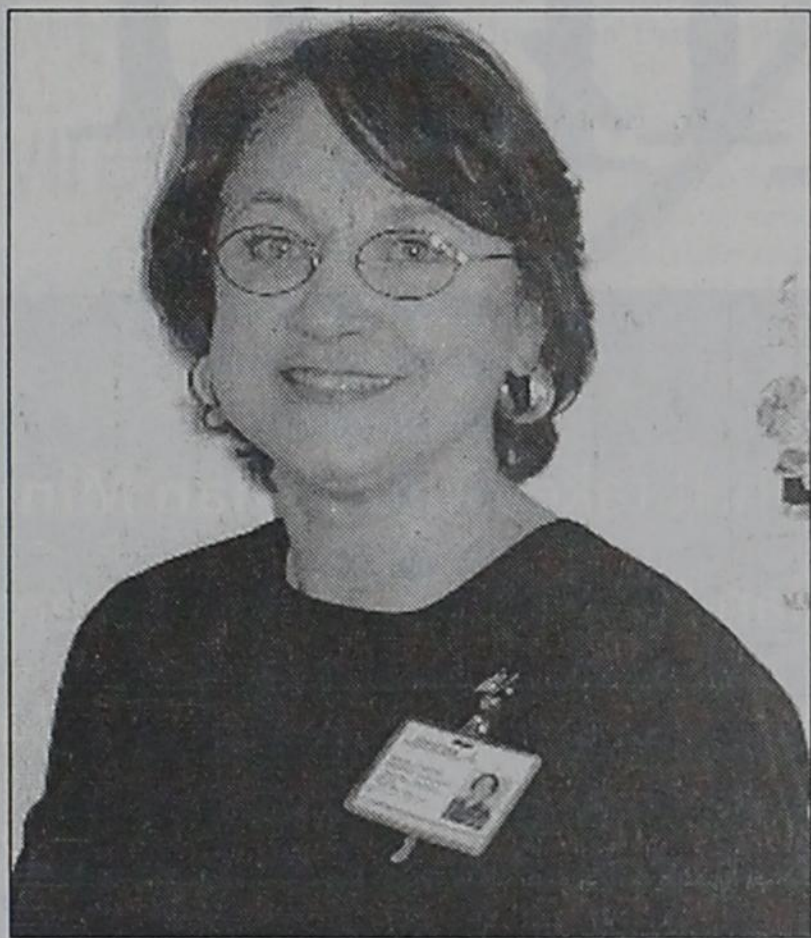
The event will be held at the Country Club of Dimmitt, and the cost will be \$25 per person.

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker

Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at [www.angelcities.com/members/dhsclassof91/index.html](http://www.angelcities.com/members/dhsclassof91/index.html) and leave their information.

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

## Local People Caring for Local People



## Susan Cothran Welch Home Place

Susan Cothran is proud of the Welch Home Place, the geriatric psychiatric unit here that ministers to the psychological needs that are unique to elderly people.

"I like the contact with people, and trying to make a positive difference," she said.

Susan, a licensed medical social worker, is the program director of Welch Home Place.

A native of North Carolina, she earned her undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her master's degree in social work from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Her husband, Mike, operates a farm near Tulia. The Cothrans have two children, Ben, 17, and Emily, 15.

"The Welch Home Place is unique in that we're really the only facility in this area that serves only the geriatric population," Susan said.

It's no wonder, then, that the Welch Home Place draws patients from throughout the region who need help in coping with such traumas as loss of a spouse, loss of mobility or independence, dependency, depression, etc. These are real problems for elderly people, and it requires specially trained and caring professionals to help

patients and their families work through these problems.

The staff includes a full-time psychiatrist, Dr. Josefina Diaz-Vogt; an activities director, Karen Harkins, a nursing director, Randall Keeney; a community relations director, Roy Puente; and a nursing staff that is on duty around the clock.

The Welch Home Place provides inpatient service for up to six persons at a time in the main unit, which is located in the east wing of Plains Memorial; and also provides an outpatient program, or "partial hospitalization" program, based at the former Hardee Family Clinic building at West Bedford and Front Streets. Mary Gilmore heads the clinic program.

All services provided by Welch Home Place are Medicare-approved.

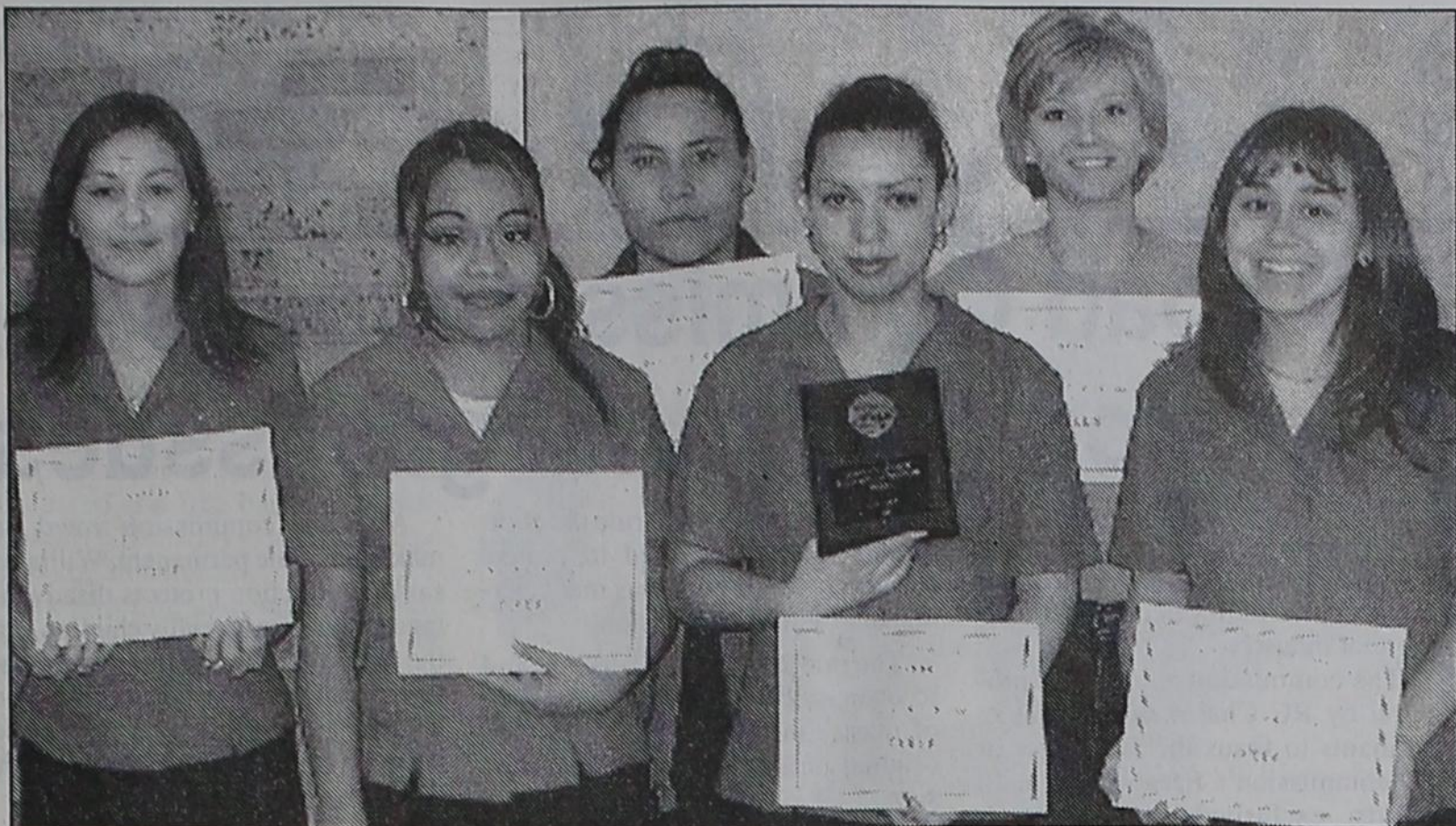
If you think that you or someone you love can use the professional care offered by the Welch Home Place, call Susan at 647-3321.



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Together We Can





**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM**—These members of the Dimmitt High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America won fifth place in the parliamentary procedure competition at the regional FCCLA convention and com-

petition in Lubbock Feb. 23-24. They are (from left) Debbie Peralez, Anita Rodriguez, Rachel Fabela, Cristen Rodriguez, Cherie Norman, and Stephanie Casas. Not shown are Mary Bradley and Casandra Casas.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell



**REGIONAL OFFICERS**—Melissa Maldonado (left) was elected Regional Vice President of STAR Events and Bianey Saucedo (right) was elected Regional Vice President of Recreation at the regional convention of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America held in Lubbock Feb. 23-24. The two girls are members of the Dimmitt High School chapter of FCCLA.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell



**FCCLA TEAMS**—Jessica Montes (left) was a member of the Dimmitt High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Chapter Service Team that won third place at the regional convention and contests held in Lubbock Feb. 23-24. Not shown is her team mate Christy Moctezuma. Nancy Quiroz (center) and Maribel Garcia (right) won fourth in the Skills for Life competition.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Bobcat Band to sell candy

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

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# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 8-16.

**DIMMITT Breakfast to go**  
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Fresh donuts, fruit cocktail and milk.  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, fideo Mexicano and milk.  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued rib patty or pork tamales; Chinese-style vegetables, yononaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, Chinese plate or fish nuggets; baked potato, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; wheat rolls, fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.

**HART Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, burrito or chicken sandwich with chips; rolls, green beans, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler, and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich with chips or pizza with cheese topping; salad, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Spring break.

**NAZARETH Breakfast**

THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: No school.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: \* Chicken fried steak and roll

or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit cocktail, dessert and milk or juice.  
TUESDAY: \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, green beans, pears, cookies.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, cobbler and milk or juice.  
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.

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

## Masons recognize public school week

The Castro County Masonic Lodge No. 879 AF & AM recognized local schools during Public School Week, March 5-10, by highlighting the importance of reading among children and teens. Bill Stephenson, Worshipful Master of the local lodge, and Richard Berquist, education officer for the Grand Lodge District 100, delivered book marks from the Grand Lodge of Texas to each of the school libraries in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth; and also to Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt. The theme featured on the book-marks is "Everybody Take Time to Read and Help a Child Succeed." The book marks are also sponsored by the Scottish Rite Hospitals for Children.

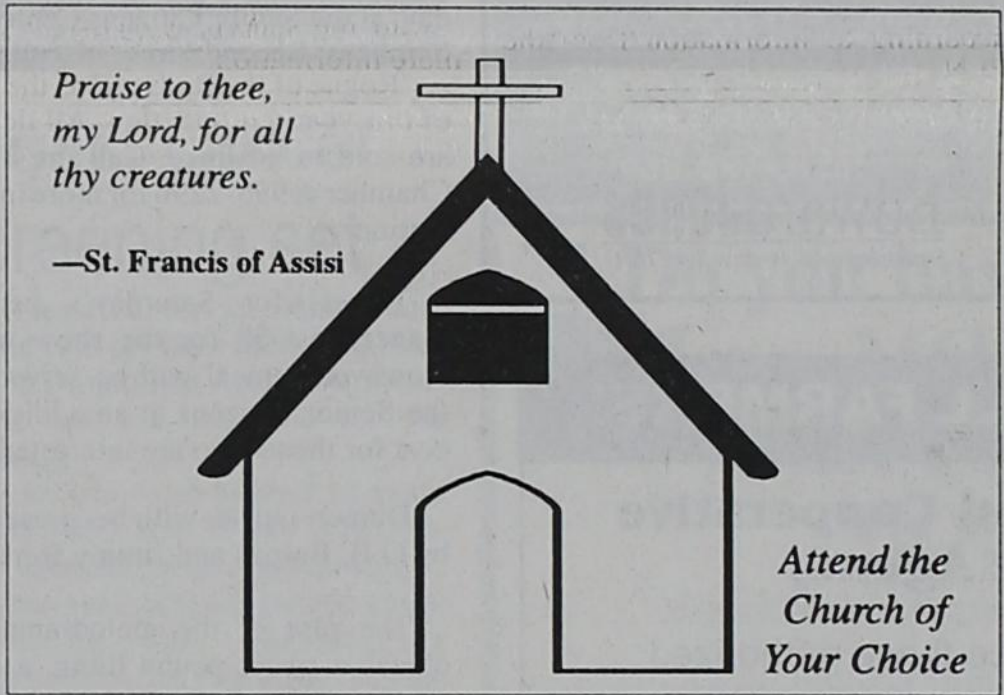
# Texas 4-H reaches million-member mark

Each child in Texas 4-H is now literally "one in a million." Recent enrollment figures show that nearly 1.2 million Texas children between the ages of 5 and 19 took part in one or more 4-H programs last year. In reaching the million-member milestone for the first time, Texas 4-H also leads the nation in participants, accounting for one-sixth of the total national enrollment of 6.6 million. In Texas, 4-H is administered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in partnership with the Texas A&M University System, US Dept. of Agriculture and the county commissioners courts of Texas. Texas 4-H began in 1908 with a 25-member boys' "corn club" in Jack County west of Fort Worth. Formed initially to teach rural children new methods of agricultural production and food preservation, 4-H has evolved into an organization dedicated to the development of

young people. 4-H is about more than just number or enrollment totals—it's about the whole child, providing education, leadership and character development that will help each 4-H'er grow into a leader of tomorrow. Texas 4-H remains rooted in the heart of rural communities, but it also thrives in the cities where most young people in Texas now live. Many kids participate in 4-H through such school-based enrichment programs as "Blue Skies Below My Feet," which concerns aerospace; "Hatching in the Classroom," which is about embryology; "Something's Fishy," which concerns agriculture; and "Talking with TJ," which covers conflict resolution. In this new, more complicated world, everyone needs to appreciate each other's uniqueness and have the dream of a better future. Young people are our best hope for building that future, and 4-H is giving them the tools to be successful.

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## Farmers may qualify for EQIP cost-share help

Applications for cost-share assistance for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and ranked for the 2001 program year.

Castro County is one of nine counties in a Water Conservation Priority Area to help stabilize the decline of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Special emphasis will be to fund the applications with the greatest water savings, environmental and economical benefits. Priority practices available include converting sprinklers to low pressure systems, irrigation pipeline to new sprinklers, replacing leaky pipeline and subsurface drip irrigation.

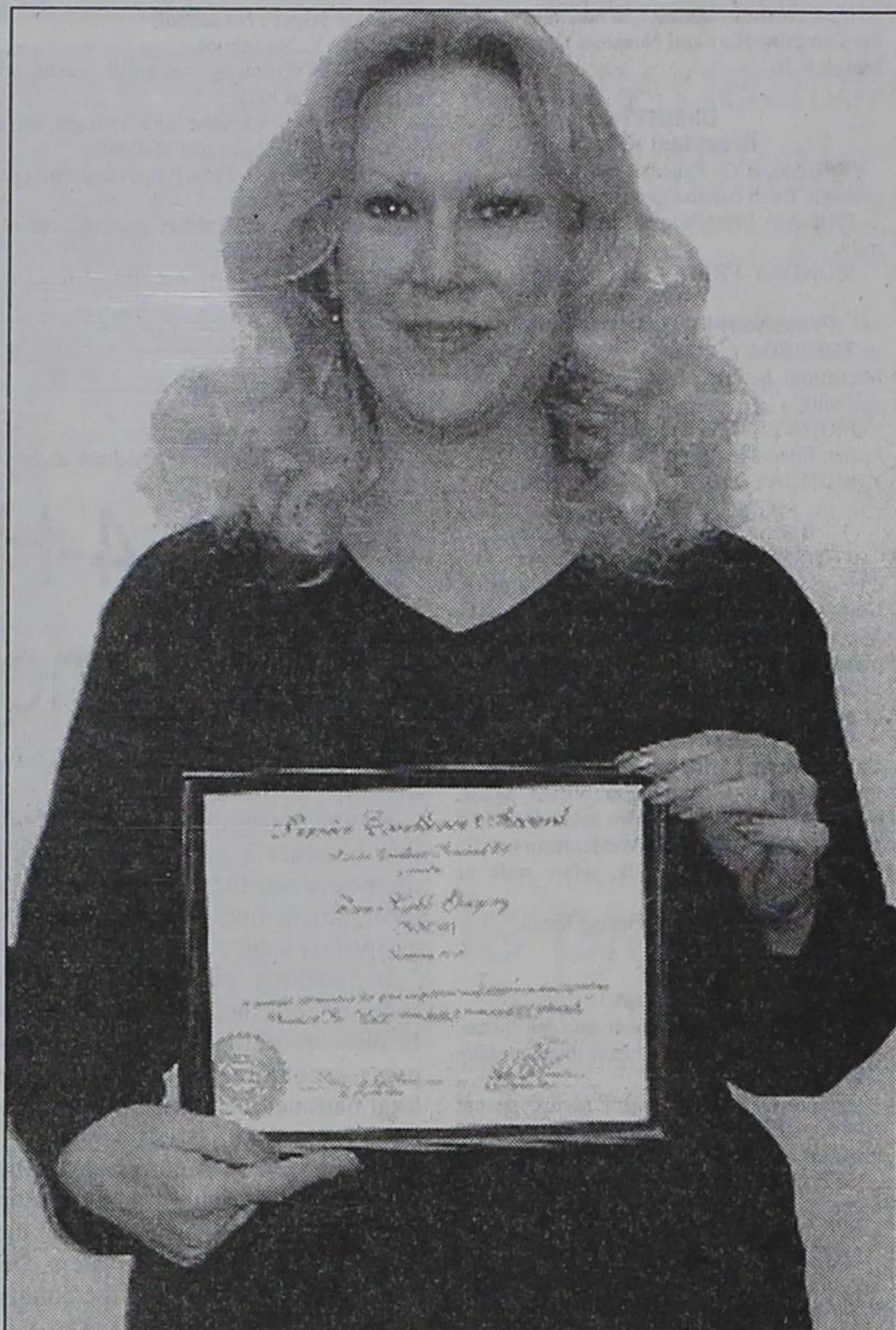
The deadline to apply for EQIP is March 30.

## DYF will discuss stock show rule changes March 22

The Dimmitt Young Farmers have scheduled a meeting on March 22, and during that meeting they will discuss possible rule changes for next year's county stock show.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School vocational-agriculture building in Dimmitt.

Anyone with a proposed rule change or questions about existing rules should attend the meeting, which is open to the public.



**SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER—Dana Cobb, R.N., of Dimmitt won the January award at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where she works part-time in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Chosen from among all the hospital's numerous employees, Cobb was honored with a framed certificate, movie passes, a free meal ticket, and a "Star Performer" pin for her name badge. She was cited for her "exceptional performance in demonstrating how to serve others from a team-centered approach."**  
Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Railroad Commission focuses attention on natural gas issues

The Railroad Commission of Texas, which regulates the natural gas industry in Texas, recently announced two policy decisions affecting that industry.

The commission approved a proposal by RC Chairman Michael L. Williams to focus the remainder of the commission's fiscal year's audit efforts exclusively on investor-owned natural gas distribution utilities. These audits will address the pass-through of gas costs to the end-use residential and commercial customer.

"In order to address public concerns over the high costs of natural gas, mandatory audits will ease the minds of hard-working Texans," Williams said. "A thorough examination will ensure that the price paid by consumers is no greater than allowed by law."

Under Texas law, gas utility companies can charge residential and commercial customers what the utility had to pay for natural gas, but no more.

The audit plan will have the following focus:

- ◆ Perform cost of gas (COG) audits on the local distribution companies that are experiencing some of the highest weighted average costs of gas.

- ◆ Perform COG audits on the local distribution companies that are creating the largest percentage of customer complaints (being received at the commission).

"We are very concerned about consumers' gas costs, especially for low and fixed income customers," Williams said. "The commission is committed to working with investor-owned gas distribution utilities to reduce the cost of natural gas and expect to find no wrongdoing."

Also, the emergency rule the commission had established to protect customers this winter was made permanent by the commission.

The rule applies to gas utilities and to owners, operators, and managers of master meter systems within the original jurisdiction of the commission.

After the commission voted on making the rule permanent, Williams said, "Our action protects disadvantaged Texans, especially children and the elderly, when winter temperatures drop towards freezing. We do not want Texans forced to choose between home heat and other needs this year or in the future."

## Horse club members win awards at banquet

Members of the Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Association held a banquet Feb. 17 in Amarillo. Year-end results were tabulated and award winners were honored.

In the Halter division, Chris Reynolds of Dimmitt won first in the Youth Jr. Mares, showing Miss Elite Elegance. Malcolm Reynolds of Dimmitt took first in Amateur Sr. Stallions and Open 3-Year-Old Stallions, showing Kids Coolest Clu; and second in Open Yearling Mares, showing Miss Elite Elegance. Mary Howell of Lubbock (wife of former Dimmitt resident Matt Howell) won first in Open Aged Stallions, showing Investment General. Kim Spring of Canyon (daughter of Suellen Spring of Dimmitt) took third in Open Aged Mares, showing Dandy Te Delight.

In Performance Events, Kim Spring took first in Open Western Riding, Open Sr. Hunter Under Saddle, and Open All-Around, showing Dandy Te Delight. Suellen Spring won first in Open Jr. Trail and Open Jr. Western Pleasure; second in Amateur Western Pleasure, third in Amateur Western Horsemanship, and fourth in Amateur All-Around, all showing Preferred Guest. Bill Mays of Amarillo (son of Dimmitt resident Rhoda Mays) received third place in Novice Amateur Western Horsemanship, showing Marys Chica Dee.

The next show for the association will be today (Thursday) through Sunday at the Bill Cody Arena. All shows are approved by the American Quarter Horse Association.

## TWPB sets Monday candidate deadline

Monday is the last day a wheat producer may sign up as a candidate for the Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB), which will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> biennial mail election between March 30 and April 12.

David Cleavinger, farmer-elected chairman of the organization, said that five board members are at the end of their six-year terms. They are: Dist. I, Cagle Kendrick of Stratford; Dist. II, Tommy Womack of Tulia; Dist. III, Fred Dwyer of Wichita Falls; and Dist. IV, Jack Norman of Howe and Ken Davis of Grandview.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for the district in which he resides. Castro County is included in Dist. II, along with Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Farmer, Hale and Floyd counties.

Cleavinger points out that any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for a six-year membership on the Texas Wheat Producers Board. The producer must make application

to the organization and it must be signed by the producer and at least 10 other persons eligible to vote in his district in the election.

Applications for names to be placed on the ballot should be sent to the TWPB headquarters at 2201 Civic Circle, Suite #705, Amarillo 79109. It must be received at least 30 days prior to the election final date, in order to have the producer's name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election, Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 14 days before the election date may obtain one at the County Extension office, as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

The TWPB is engaged in wheat research, market development and services designed to add to the value of the crop. The board was formed by producers in 1971 as a self-help program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas.

## Tulia Chamber sets melodrama

The Tulia Chamber of Commerce is presenting its fourth annual melodrama production, with a final performance set at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center on Southeast Second Street in Tulia.

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

Tickets for Saturday's performance cost \$8 for the show only. However, a meal will be served by the Senior Citizens at an additional cost for those who are interested.

Dinner music will be presented by O.B. Barnes and Jimmy Burson.

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

## Jones' bull listed in Angus report

Worth Jones of Dimmitt owns one bull listed in the 2001 Spring Sire Evaluation Report, published by the American Angus Association of St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 4,916 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," said John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 65 percent have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product."

Additionally, 66 percent of the sires posted an ultrasound body composition EPD. EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference; as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product. The analysis for the sire evaluation report is done in cooperation with Iowa State University, by Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abebe Hassen.

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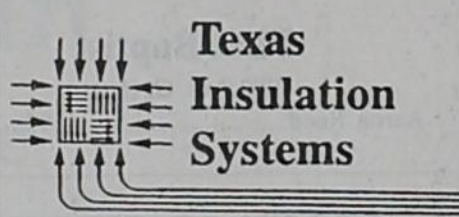
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The Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. will sponsor a hunter safety class on March 23-24 at the Courthouse Annex in Tulia.

Class space is limited to the first 30 who sign up, so those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling Game Warden Audie Hamm at 668-4437.

Those wanting their hunter safety certification must attend both sessions of the class, with instruction from 6 to 9 p.m. on March 23 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 24. The cost is \$15 per person, with lunch included free on Saturday, March 24. Also, prizes will be given to the participants who have the top three scores on the end-of-course exam.

All hunters who were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, are required to complete a hunter safety course. The minimum age for the course is 12. The penalty for hunting without safety certification is a minimum fine of \$25 plus court costs, ranging up to \$500 plus court costs.

Hamm said that four or five instructors from four counties will be leading the course. Areas of instruction will include hunting ethics, hunting safety and responsibility, firearm responsibility and handling, muzzle loader (black powder) firearms, archery, survival, first aid, conservation and wildlife management, lease preparation, and how to obtain a lease.

"This will be hunters' only other option for a hunter safety course in this area, unless they go to Amarillo or Lubbock," Hamm said.

The largest and heaviest mammal in the world is the blue or sulfur-bottom whale. Newborn calves measure 21 feet 3 1/2 inches to 28 1/2 feet in length and weigh up to 6,614 pounds.



## TCGA plans BBQ dinner, discussion

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

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

The public is invited to attend.

## County 4-H sets Roundup for March 20

The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held Tuesday, March 20, 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.

A special Method Demonstration workshop will be held at the Extension Office in Dimmitt on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

## County 4-H'ers plan fashion show March 20

The Castro County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Tuesday, March 20, 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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**DIMMITT JUNIOR HIGH Bobcat Band members who placed at the Junior High UIL Solo and Ensemble contests earlier in February are (front, from left) Kathy Amador and Maribel Montiel, who both earned I ratings on their solos; and (back, from left) Heidi Villalba, Kayla Acker, Robin Beames and Daniel Jackson, who all earned II ratings on their solos.**

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Appeals court to hear oral arguments in farmers' case

The US 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal in Denver, Colo., will hear oral arguments concerning the appeal of the "Four Farmers' Lawsuit."

The lawsuit was filed Jan. 24, 2000, in US District Court in Denver, claiming the federal government's refusal to implement statutory law requiring market regulation, antitrust action and foreign currency exchange stabilization has damaged ag producers. The federal district judge dismissed the case as a political question. That dismissal was appealed to the Tenth Circuit.

The appeals court will hear oral arguments concerning the dismissal of the case, with the hearing set for Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Byron White US Courthouse, 1823 Stout St., in Denver. Case No. 00-1357 is known as Schroder et al vs. Clinton et al, and also is known as the "Four Farmers' Suit."

The suit seeks to compel the government to obey its own laws that require maintenance of market conditions which affect farm prices, protect consumer interests and provide stability in international monetary policy. The suit finds authority in many laws enacted over the years, as recently as 1990 and as far back as 1933.

The four farmer plaintiffs, Dr. Eugene Schroder of Colorado, Ed Petrewsky of Kansas, and Russell Grider and Wesley Myers of New Mexico, are supported by numerous individuals, the American Coalition of Consumers and Agricultural Producers (ACCAP). Several state commissioners of agriculture and attorneys general, including Colorado's, are studying possible action. The plaintiff seeks relief from govern-

ment inaction that has resulted in the presently unsustainable condition of the nation's family farmers. Named as defendants are the US President, US Secretary of Agriculture, US Secretary of the Treasury, and the United States of America.

The plaintiffs charge the defendants with failure to provide and maintain a proper economic balance of income (parity) as required by emergency statute. The plaintiffs further contend that the defendants have intentionally, willfully and deliberately failed and refused to perform their statutory obligations, directly causing damage to the plaintiffs and others within their class.

The complaint says that a declare state of National Emergency, with all incidental powers of control, was imposed over agriculture on May 12, 1933 (Agriculture Adjustment Act). It also maintains that agriculture was impressed into service with a National Public Interest by Roosevelt's New Deal Congress. While the Act was to be temporary in nature, it has yet to be terminated 68 years later.

Schroder reasons that since every succeeding president has shown no interest in declaring the emergency terminated and giving up emergency regulatory powers, the current president should be required to follow the legal mandates regarding how those powers are used.

"It isn't just a farm issue," Schroder said. "Consumers should know that the price of groceries has little relation to the price farmers are paid for their production. They need to consider what will happen when corporate farms squeeze out the few family farmers remaining. They need to think about what will happen to

the price and quality of food when these corporations achieve a total monopoly."

Arguing the appeal for the plaintiffs will be Walker F. Todd of Chargin Falls, Ohio. He is an attorney and economic consultant, former assistant general counsel and research officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and also formerly an officer in the legal department of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

For information about attending the hearing (seating is quite limited within the courtroom), contact Don Lock in Colorado at 719-523-4248.

The district court version of the complaint, No. 00-AP-134, and related information may be viewed or downloaded at [www.buffalo-creek-press.com](http://www.buffalo-creek-press.com), then select "click here for lawsuit."

## Breast cancer screening set

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on April 5. Appointments are still available for the screening.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

## Texas Panhandle BBB honors Stevens 5-Star

Stevens 5-Star Car & Truck Center of Hereford recently was honored with a Better Business Bureau 2001 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics, according to a story in the *Hereford Brand*.

The auto dealership received the award in the medium business category (11 to 99 employees) from the Texas Panhandle BBB, in partnership with the West Texas A&M University T. Boone Pickens College of Business.

"This has to be the greatest honor a business can receive," said Joyce Stevens, office manager at Stevens 5-Star.

"This is the second year for the award, and we've had an over-

whelming response to the call for entries," said Janna Kiehl, executive director of the Texas Panhandle BBB. "These businesses demonstrate that they go above and beyond what's expected. They are being recognized for consistently demonstrating the highest integrity in their practices toward customers, employees, suppliers, industry peers and the community."

The honorees were recognized at the annual Torch Awards ceremony in Amarillo. The guest speaker was Dr. Winfred Moore, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Amarillo, who is now associated with Baylor University in Waco.

## County producers are approved for Livestock Assistance Program

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

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

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

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months, and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000 crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecu-

tive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

For more information on the LAP, visit the USDA-FSA web site at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publication/acts/html/lap01.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publication/acts/html/lap01.htm) or contact the local USDA Service Center.

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## Obituaries

### William Cowan

William H. "Bill" Cowan, 96, of Johnson Valley, Calif., the brother of Cleo Forson of Dimmitt, died Feb. 13 at Braswell's Convalescent Hospital in Yucaipa, Calif.

Funeral services were held at Mountain Valley Memorial Park at Joshua Tree, Calif., with arrangements by Mountain Valley Memorial Park.

Mr. Cowan was born Aug. 11, 1904, in Huckabay and lived in Johnson Valley, Calif., since 1968. He also had lived in Ontario, Calif., for 36 years, having owned and operated Bill's Barber Shop in downtown Ontario from 1928 to 1963. He was the last charter member of Ontario Eagles in 1947 and was a member of the Ontario Optimist Club for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Opal; a daughter, Bettie Pruneri of Ontario; a son, William B. Cowan of West Bloomfield, Mich.; a sister, Cleo Forson of Dimmitt; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### Gladiola Shipley

Funeral services for Gladiola Shipley, 85, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Mission Garden of Memories at Clovis, N.M., under direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home of Clovis.

Mrs. Shipley died March 1 at her home in Dimmitt.

She was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Normangee. She married Donald Shipley on June 10, 1933, in Portales, N.M. Mrs. Shipley had been a past resident of Plainview, Chickasha, Okla., Clovis, and Friona, before moving to Dimmitt in 1977. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin Alexander and Carrie Belle Gilbert Black; a brother, Roger Black; and a sister, Ruby Guthrie.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Don Shipley of Waco; a daughter, Dona Lee Mathos of San Angelo; a brother, Arvel Lee Black of Friona; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

## DAV mobile office to visit in this area

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be sending its Mobile Service Office to visit in this area on March 15-16.

The L.F. Ferguson Chapter No. 44 will host a visit on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Chapter Home, 7414 83rd St. in Lubbock.

The J.E. Pietzsch Chapter No. 26 will host a visit on March 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Federated Womens Club rooms, 2001 Civic Circle in Amarillo.

The on-site counseling and claim filing assistance will be offered at no charge and detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available for disabled veterans and their families will be presented.

A highly trained National Service Officers from the DAV's Waco office will meet with veterans and their families personally. Veterans and members of their families do not need to be members of the DAV or the DAV Auxiliary to take advantage of this free service.

Those seeking assistance should bring their Dept. of Veterans' Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number and any other pertinent documentation with them.

## St. Ann's, Bovina sets sausage meal

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

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

In addition, sausage will be offered for sale by the pound by ordering from any St. Ann's Society member and also on the day of the dinner.



NAZARETH SENIORS Tara Kleman, Shawna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting accept the Class A Division II state championship trophy last Thursday after they held off Saltillo, 61-51, to win the crown.

Nazareth turned around and faced the Division I state champion, Kennard, on Saturday in the inaugural Texas Cup matchup, and prevailed in that game as well, 61-44. Photo by Brenda Schulte

### More about

## Swiftettes win 15th title . . .

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The fourth quarter belonged to Nazareth, as the Swiftettes connected on three more three-point shots and outscored the Tigers, 23-13.

Mandy Hoelting began the scoring barrage with a three-point swish at 7:22. Thiel took the next shot, another three-pointer. Marsha Black was fouled on a shot and hit one of two free throws.

With 6:29 to go, Nazareth led 45-33, then LaQuita Patton, a 5-5 guard answered with a Tiger three.

Marsha Black hit a short jumper. Nazareth led 47-36 with 5:07 remaining.

Thiel scored 12 of her game high 20 points in the final stanza. She sank the early three-point shot. Then in the last four minutes of the game, the 5-9 junior drove in uncontested for three layups and she ended the scoring with a three from the deep left corner.

Thiel had seven rebounds and six assists for the Swiftettes. Whitney Hoelting grabbed 9 boards. Wendy Black and Mandy Hoelting added 8 points apiece to Nazareth's total. Lesley Brockman hit two threes for 6 points, and Marsha Black came off the bench to score 4 points.

Jessie Skinner had an impressive 12 rebounds and 17 points for the Tigers. Teneiah Lamb was good for 12 points and 8 rebounds.

The Swiftettes shot an impressive 64 percent from the field in the second half of the game (14 of 22 field goals) six of those from three-point range.

Kennard shot a dismal 24 percent from the floor that half and slightly better, 30 percent for the game.

Kennard ended the season with a 35-4 record and the school's first state championship. Nazareth finished the year with a 34-4 record and the first Texas Cup.

### More about

## Bobcats, Swifts . . .

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things off of their defense.

"They're not very big, but they're a very physical, aggressive team. They'll do the hand-check, they body up, they bang you. But they're just aggressive, not dirty."

West Oso's floor leader is Richard Gonzales, a 6-3 senior guard who, Steidle said, "does it all—he handles the ball, he shoots the three, he can pass it, he plays defense, he rebounds."

In the Region IV-AAA Tournament, Gonzales scored 17 against Columbus in a 57-50 semifinals victory, despite having to sit out five minutes with four fouls, and 19 points against Gonzales in the championship game, which West Oso won, 66-61.

The Bears also have a lot of talent in 6-4 sophomore post Cameron Teague (15.5 points per game), 6-0 senior guard Jimmy Fling (13.5 ppg), who is "the heart of the team," Steidle said, and senior guard Lydell Anthony (11 ppg).

"It's going to be a test of our kids' wills," Steidle said, "but I think they proved themselves in the regional tournament (by defeating No. 4 Graham and No. 9 Seminole). "There were some times against Graham and also against Seminole when our boys got a little shaky and could have folded our tent, but they were very determined and just had a strong will to win the game. We feel like those games prepared us for this."

"We want the kids to enjoy the trip, the experience, the tour of the Capitol and all," Steidle said, "but we don't want to be satisfied with just going to Austin. There are four teams and two games left, and somebody has to win the state championship. If we play, we've got our chance."

Nazareth's boys boarded the bus for Austin early Tuesday morning and traveled to Brownwood, where they spent the night. They arrived in Austin Wednesday morning and had a shooting practice at Early ISD. Later on Wednesday the Swifts worked out at Southwestern State University in Georgetown.

The Swifts will be up bright and early this morning (Thursday) and will head to the Frank Erwin Center for their biggest game so far this season—the state championship game.

The Swifts will have to shut down 6-2 senior post Joe Henderson, who is Goodrich's leading scorer, pouring in 25 points per game. He's joined in the starting lineup by 5-11 junior guards Tim Grant and Darryl Woods, 6-0 sophomore post Jeremy Walker and 5-7 sophomore point guard Jonathan Brown.

The first man off the bench for Goodrich is Josh Benson, a 5-11 junior point guard who is the team's second leading scorer with 15 points per game. He usually plays as much as or more than some of the starters.

Goodrich will be making its second appearance at the state tournament, having lost to Moulton in the finals three years ago when Henderson was a freshman. The team is coached by Lester King, who has been orchestrating the game plan for Goodrich for 12 seasons.

Goodrich stresses defense and likes to pressure teams up and down the court, running either a man-to-man or zone press.

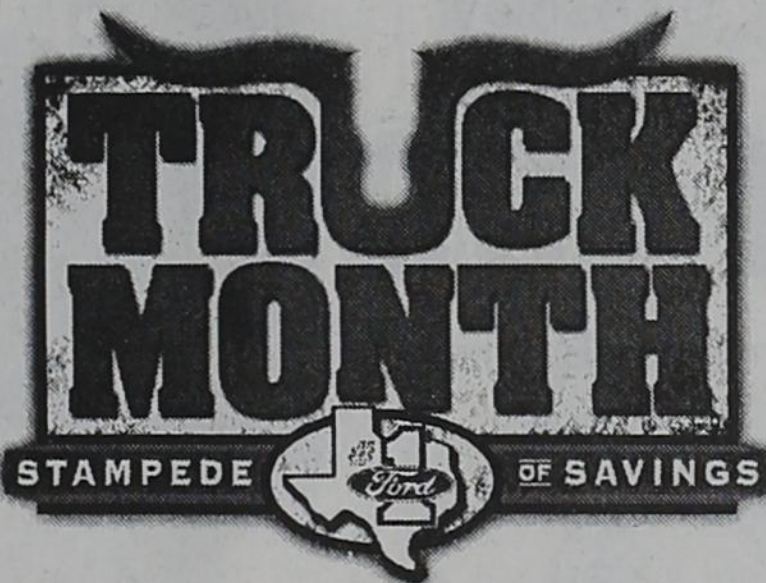
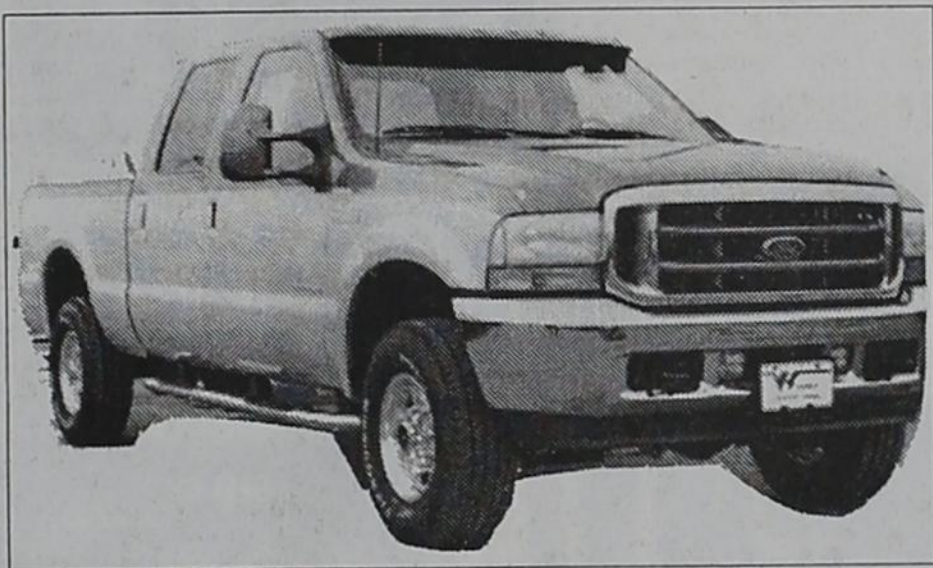
Benson is the team's steal and assist leader and he gets a lot of his points from the transition game. Goodrich favors a double low post offense versus a man defense, and Henderson is the go-to man.

Goodrich won its district, then beat Dime Box (80-32), Waelder (60-43), Trinidad (83-35) Calvert (112-82) and Ladonia Fannindel (82-73) to reach the state tournament.

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was 1952, when they won dual state championships.

And there have been several years when both the Swiftettes and Swifts went. However, they haven't scored a double on state championships — yet.

Having three state tournament teams from one small rural county in the same year is rare, indeed.

So let's enjoy it!

I look back at the state tournament history of our county's basketball teams and can't help thinking: *My gosh, I've gotten old!*

I wasn't even born yet when the Dimmitt Bobbies made their first trip to state. They logged five trips from 1930 through '36.

I was a 10-year-old kid in 1944 when Bill Birdwell, Kenneth Jackson, John Curtis, Howard Cook, Tom Mayfield and their bunch made the Bobcats' first state trip.

I was a high school freshman in 1948 when Carl Jowell, Lewis Martin, Jack Ziegler, Lonnie Rice, Junior Fulfer and their teammates made the second trip.

Those Bobbies who won all the state championships from 1950 through '54 were my classmates and

## PPW sets meeting

The Panhandle Professional Writers will have a meeting March 17 at the Amarillo Senior Citizens' Center at 1217 S. Tyler in Amarillo.

Short story writer Joyce Larsen will discuss the elements of writing with as few words as possible and Chery Webster will talk about battling writer's block.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with Larsen speaking at 10 a.m. and Webster at 1:30 p.m. Cost to attend is \$5 for non-members of the PPW. Membership costs \$20 per year.

## Happy sets sale

The town of Happy will have a truckload sale March 16-18 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.

schoolmates. One of 'em, in fact, was my sister.

The Bobbies kept up the tradition through 1957, then in 1960 the Bobcats started going alone—three times in the '60s, three times in the '70s, six times in the '80s.

During the '90s, as we suffered and grieved over the loss of Kenneth Cleveland and kept our fingers crossed for Alan Steinle, the Bobcats didn't make it to state. That was the first decade since the 1930s for that to happen.

But now we're starting the millennium right. And the Bobcats still hold the record among Class AAA teams for the most state tournament appearances (16 counting this year).

I was a witness to the Swiftettes' first quiet steps toward national history, when Supt. Joe King and the Nazareth School Board hired Cathy Wilson straight out of Wayland in 1975-76 to coach a bunch of girls who they thought had a lot of promise and who had, in fact, won bi-district in '75.

It took Cathy and her girls only a year to make it to their first state tourney. Not surprisingly, they didn't win it all that first year. And not surprisingly, that ruffled the heck out of them. They gritted their teeth, buckled down, and the next year captured the first state championship in the history of Nazareth High School.

The richest single lode of girls' basketball talent in the state of Texas had been tapped into. That lode contained equal parts of speed, coordination, smarts, work ethic, grit, camaraderie and commitment.

I would cover a Swiftettes game in person when I could, and Cathy would always make it a point to thank me for being there.

And now the amazing Swiftettes have won their 15th, extending their national record unto a second generation: They've done it under eight different head coaches.

Players who were on those early championship teams have, for several years now, had daughters and nieces carrying on the tradition.

*My gosh, I've gotten old!*

The first Dimmitt boys' team that I

followed to a state tournament as a working newspaperman was Ken Cleveland's "Prairie Bandits" of 1967, the year I moved back from Arizona. That also was Ken's first year to take a team.

I don't remember exactly how many state tournaments I've covered since. I'd have to go back through 34 years of files to nail down a number.

I usually went with the boys, whether it was the Bobcats or Swifts, but I've covered some girls' state tourneys, too.

In the mid-'70s there came along an angel, a former state tennis champion, who had worked her way through college as a sports reporter, who became a *News* staffer, who later helped coach the Swiftettes under Joe Lombard and who is now a Nazareth High School English and journalism teacher, wife and Swiftette mom, who has covered many of the Nazareth girls' state championships for us through the years, including this one, and who has always done a superb job of it: Brenda Durrett Schulte.

And in the mid-'80s there came another hoops angel, Anne Acker, who grew up in the Nazareth program, who started writing sports in high school and who has been a familiar face on the *News* staff for 16 years now, who will be in Austin with the Swifts this weekend.

And for some reason, when Anne works at it, so does her husband, Dwayne. He drives, mans the camera and orders the pizza.

John Brooks, another local kid who grew up writing sports in high school and became a pro, followed several of our teams to state, too. His memory is such that he can still recall writing that the Bobcats played only so-so against Oso in 1986.

So with all those dedicated people going along and enjoying the thrill of the game through the years, it's hard for me to remember exactly who did what and when.

But between the bunch of us, the *News* has covered more state basketball tournaments through the years than any other country weekly in Texas.

That's a hollow boast, of course. It's the kids and coaches who have earned the trips to state; we've just

tagged along.

Between Anne and Dwayne, Dimmitt photographer Carter Townsend and myself, the *News* will have more staffers on the floor in Austin this week than any other newspaper, daily or weekly.

Sure, we could do with fewer people. I've covered many tournaments by myself with only a camera, a pocket notebook and the official stat sheets.

But these guys have covered these teams all year, in good weather and bad, in sickness and in health, and they've earned the right to be there with the teams this weekend.

It ain't all about cost efficiency. It's about fulfillment, and enthusiasm, and the love of the game and the kids.

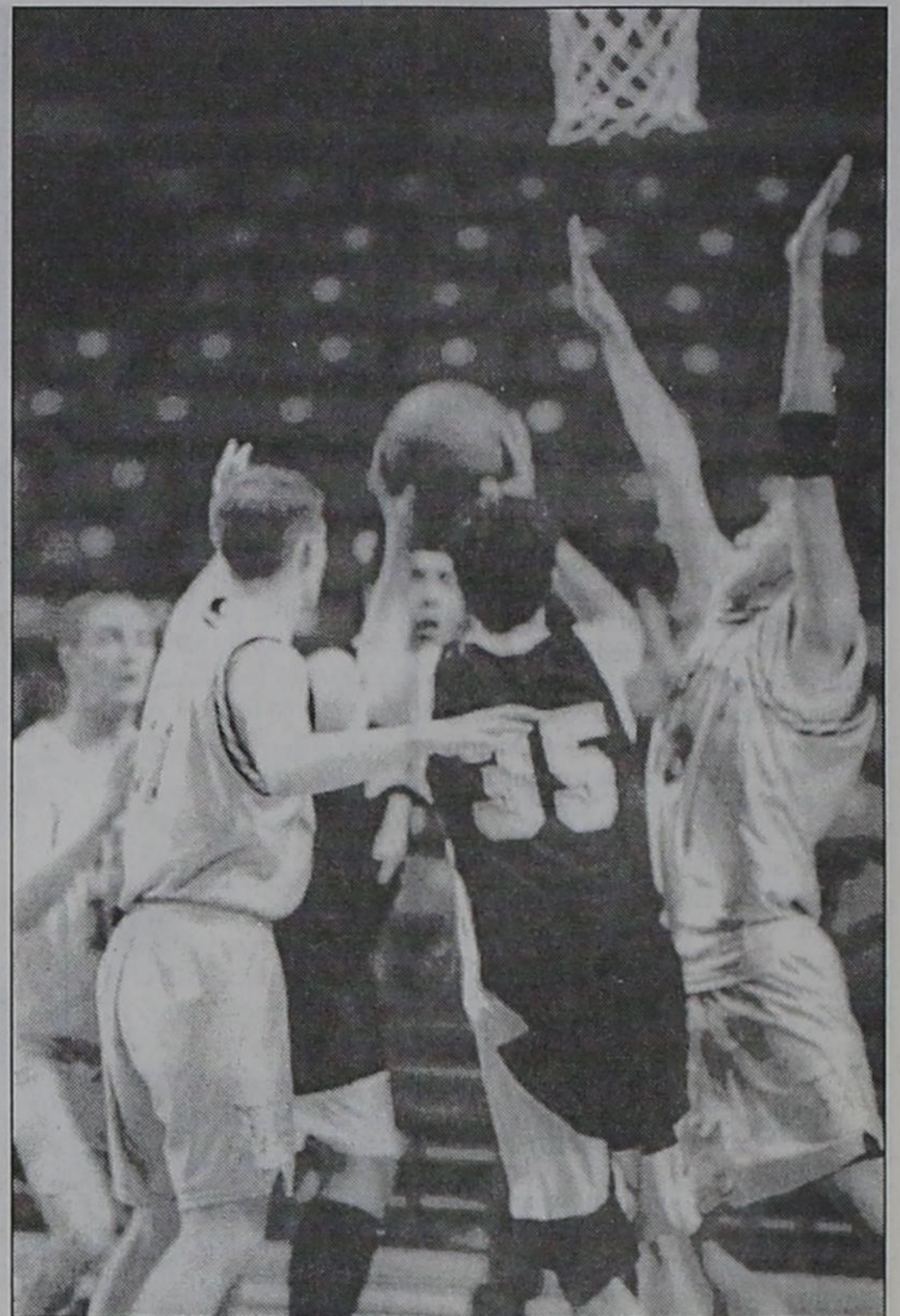
This will be my last state tournament as a working newspaperman.

In retirement, I'll see as many more tournaments as health and age allow, but I won't be replaying the games on my keyboard anymore.

My two sons, who grew up going to games and tournaments with me when they weren't playing themselves, and who will be there with me this weekend from Houston and Madison, Wis., as usual, think that it's fitting, the way I'm going out. They think that it couldn't be any better than this.

In fact, they're excited about it.

In fact, so am I.



**CROWDING IN**—Dimmitt's Matthew Sandoval (right) and Daniel Proffitt (left foreground) crowd Seminole's Eric Sheets (35) as he attempts a shot in the Region I-AAA championship game in Lubbock Saturday. Moving in at left background is Dimmitt's Matthew Wright. The Bobcats won the game, 71-67. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

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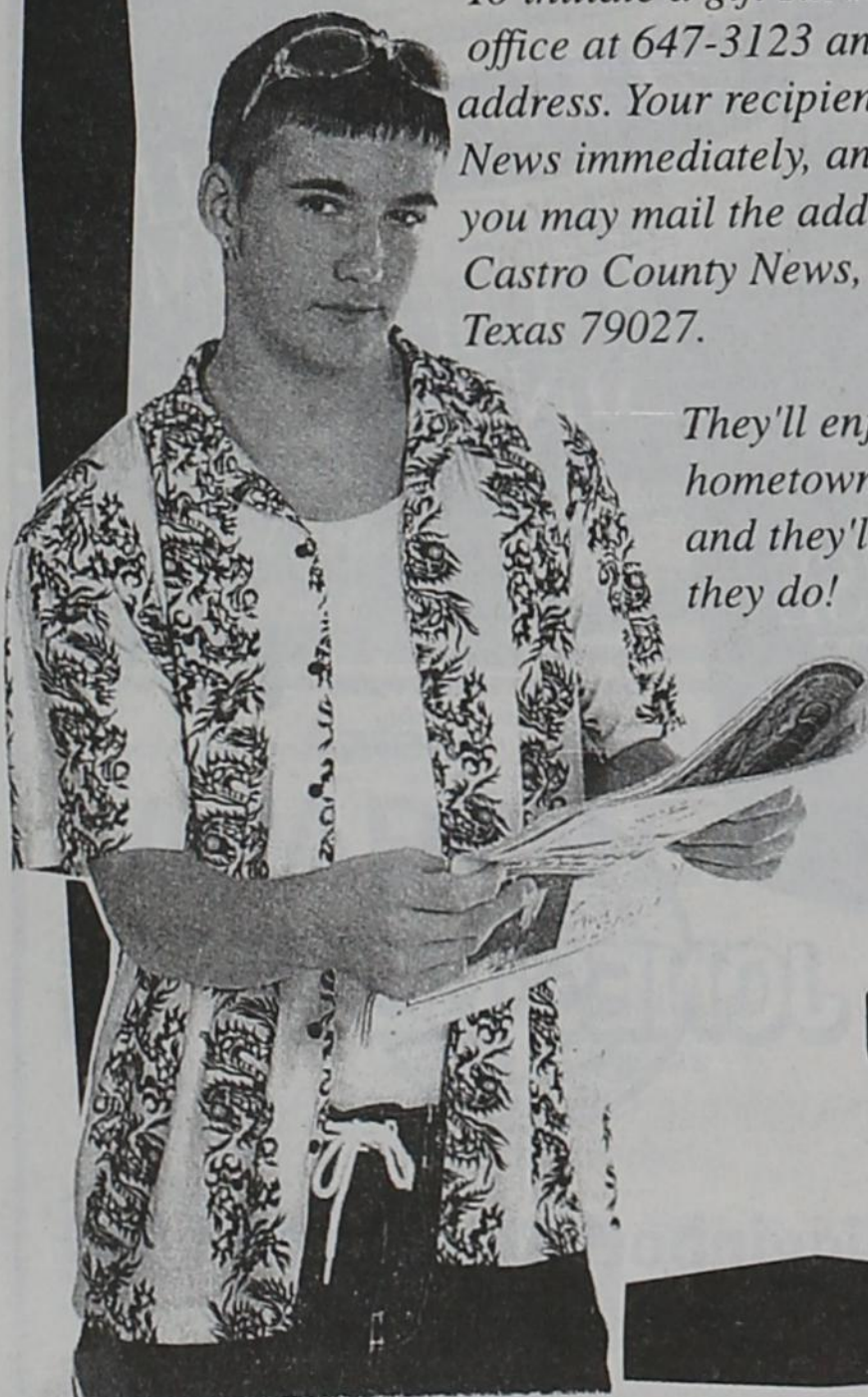
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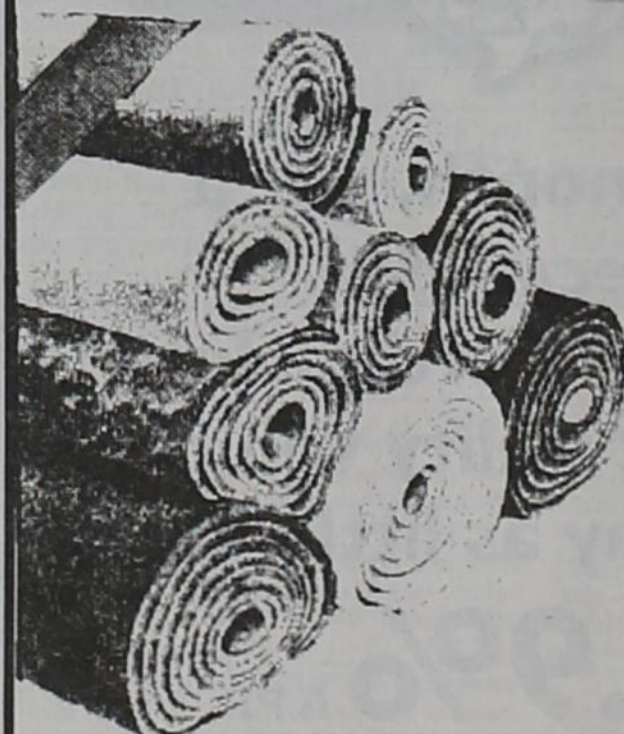
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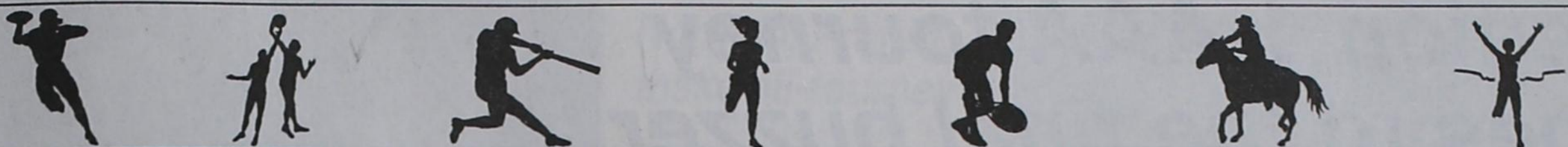


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# Sports



## Swiftettes snap sluggish start to stop Saltillo

By BRENDA SCHULTE

"Big teams show up for big games," Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett told his team Thursday in the locker room.

Despite a sluggish defensive start and a poor shooting performance, the Swiftettes showed up enough to win a 15th state championship.

Eleven unanswered points in the second quarter and key free throws near the end of the game helped Nazareth hold off Saltillo for a 61-51 win and the Conference A-Division II girls' state basketball title.

There were 3,394 fans on hand at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin to watch the matchup.

"That run right at the end of the second quarter and in the fourth made the difference in the game," Garrett said.

The eleven point Nazareth run began with 2:27 left in the half when junior Stephanie Thiel landed a short jumper and an ensuing free throw to give Nazareth a 20-18 lead. Sophomore Wendy Black was fouled and stepped to the charity line for two more points. At the 1:03 mark, Thiel weaved in for a layup and Nazareth led, 24-18.

Marsha Black then connected on one of two free shots, and with 13 seconds left, the junior swished a three-pointer from the corner to give the Swiftettes a 28-18 advantage.

Nazareth kept the lead after that, pulling away as much as 15 points until a seven-point Saltillo surge in the fourth quarter narrowed the gap to 54-48.

"I think the key to the win at that point was our composure," said Thiel, who scored a game high 31 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

That composure was evident at the charity line as juniors Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman sank two free throws each with less than a minute to play, giving Nazareth a 10-

point cushion, 58-48.

"We just lacked a little focus in the first half," Swiftette senior post Whitney Hoelting said. "It seemed like we were more worried about getting the title than just playing for it. We were not really ourselves."

Indeed, the Swiftettes were not themselves. Their normally potent man-to-man defense allowed Saltillo to shoot at will in the paint, hitting three short jumpers and six layups in the first half.

Offensively, Nazareth shot an unusually low percentage from the field (40 percent) and from three-point range (25 percent).

"We played shaky at first," Thiel said. "We didn't execute as well as we have in the past. I think it was just the excitement of finally getting here and getting to play for the state championship. In the second half, we definitely stepped up and played better."

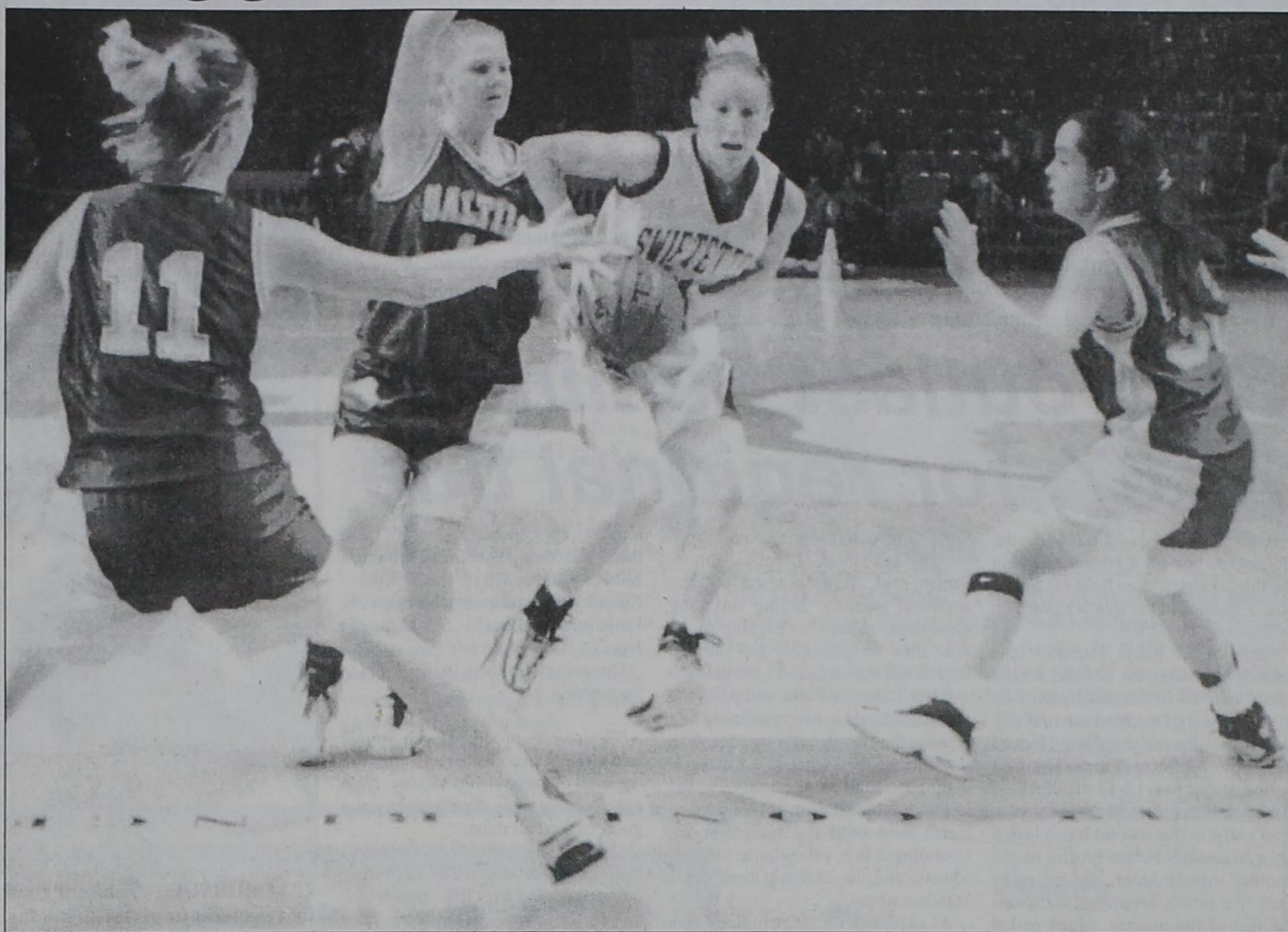
A three pointer by Wendy Black at 6:27 in the first stanza put Nazareth's first points on the board. At 4:33, Thiel hit another long range shot. Then she sank two short jumpers to give Nazareth a 10-8 first quarter edge.

Whitney Hoelting opened the second stanza scoring for the Swiftettes with an inside shot at 7:23, making it 12-8.

Three quick fouls slowed Nazareth's momentum; however, Saltillo only hit two of the four charity shots. But 5-10 posts Amanda Davis, Jessica Vanlandingham, and Branda McClure hit a short jumper and three layups in a two-minute stretch to give Saltillo an 18-17 lead with 2:41 left in the half.

Nazareth hung on with another jump shot by Whitney Hoelting and a free throw and layup by Thiel.

The lead in the game had changed five times until Thiel's jumper and free throw at 2:27 put Nazareth ahead for good.



**DRIVING TO THE BUCKET**—That's what earned Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel (14) most of her points last Thursday in the Class A Division II state championship game with Saltillo. Thiel weaves her way through Saltillo defenders including Branda McClure, Amanda Davis (14) and Lindsey

Womack (32), on her way to a left-handed layup. She finished with 31 points in the game, leading Nazareth to a 61-51 win and its 15<sup>th</sup> state championship. Thiel was named MVP. *Photo by Brenda Schulte*

The Swiftettes went to the locker room at halftime with a 28-20 lead.

"We finally figured out what we needed to do to stop or at least control their offense," Whitney Hoelting said. "We had to deny hard to keep them from passing the ball so much."

"The third quarter was our strongest quarter," Mandy Hoelting said. "We played hard on defense which gave us opportunities to score more

on offense."

Whitney Hoelting took advantage of the opportunity, scoring six of her 11 game points on layups. Thiel added nine to Nazareth's total that stanza, Wendy Black added a free throw, and Marsha Black came off the bench to rip another three-pointer.

The Swiftettes outscored Saltillo 19-12 in the third quarter and led at

the buzzer, 47-32.

Nazareth held on to a fairly comfortable lead until, with 2:44 remaining, McClure, Vanlandingham and Kayla Brewer scored seven points in one minute to narrow Nazareth's lead to, 55-48.

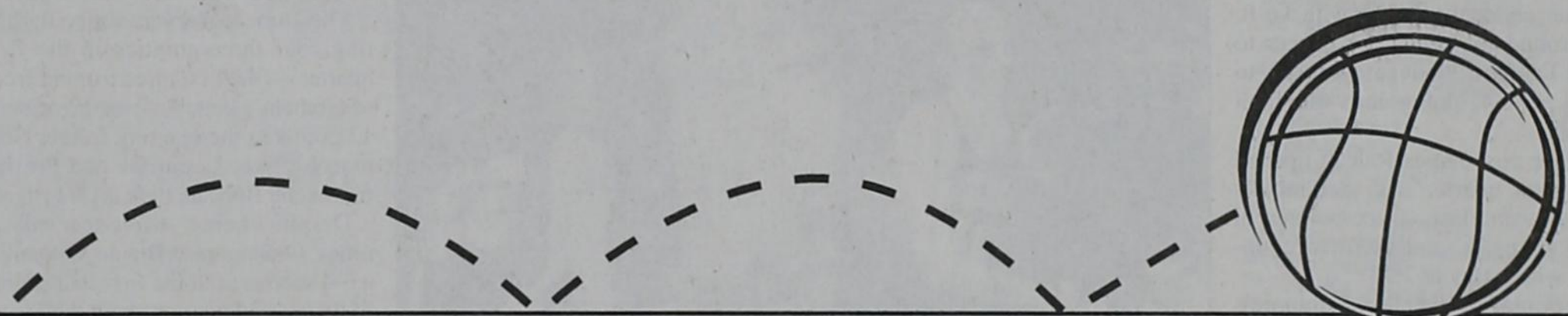
Mandy Hoelting's and Brockman's four free throws in a row put the Swiftettes back in control, 58-48, with 37 seconds left on the clock.

Thiel led the Swiftette attack with her 31 points, six rebounds, six steals and two assists. Whitney Hoelting added 11 points. Wendy Black scored six points, grabbed eight rebounds, and had four assists. Marsha Black came off the bench to score seven points.

Vanlandingham led the Lady Lions with 14 points. Saltillo ended the season with a 33-3 record.



SHE'S SURROUNDED, but Nazareth's Whitney Hoelting still manages to score on a short jumper over Kennard's Sarah Durham Saturday morning in the Class A Texas Cup game. The Swiftettes won the Class A Division II state title last Thursday and Kennard won the Division I crown, setting up Saturday's game to decide the overall Class A champion. The Swiftettes had a big fourth quarter to pull out the win, 61-44. *Photo by Brenda Schulte*



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# Region 1-AAA tourney goes to the final buzzer

In a showcase of evenly matched teams, the Bobcats—ranked No. 5 in the state—outlasted No. 4 Graham 58-54 Friday and No. 9 Seminole 71-67 Saturday for the Region I-AAA championship.

All three games of the regional tourney, staged in Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena, went down to the final buzzer. In the second semifinal game Friday, Seminole fought to a 68-62 win over No. 15 Glen Rose.

The Bobcats came out firing three's, and their impressive accuracy from long range was a major factor in their regional championship. They scored 24 points against Graham and 42 against Seminole from beyond the arc while hitting more than half of their three-point attempts.

It was the first regional championship in 13

years for Dimmitt High School, which has one of the most successful basketball histories in Texas. And for Coach Alan Steinle, who has been at the helm here since 1993 and has taken the Bobcats into the playoffs eight straight years, it was his first regional title as a head coach.

Two of Dimmitt's wingmen, senior Daniel Proffitt and junior Dee Norman, were named to the all-tournament team. Norman, who was the tourney's high scorer with 57 points in two games, was named the Most Valuable Player.

The I-AAA championship vaulted the Bobcats into this week's state tournament at UT-Austin, where they'll meet No. 11 Corpus Christi West Oso today (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m. in the semifinals.

# Cats outlast Seminole, 71-67, for regional title

After a toe-to-toe first half, the Bobcats struck for a 10-point lead in the third quarter, then held off Seminole's Indians in the fourth to earn an exhausting 71-67 win.

Early in the game, Dimmitt fans relaxed a bit when the Bobcats scored 15 of their 17 first-quarter points on treys—two by Dee Norman and one each by Brent Josselet, Daniel Proffitt and Marcus Larra. The first period ended in a 17-17 deadlock.

The Indians forged a four-point lead early in the second but it lasted only 30 seconds before Proffitt nailed another three-pointer, and no more than two points separated the teams the rest of the quarter, which ended with Seminole leading, 32-31.

But in the first five minutes of the third, the Bobcats went on a 16-5 run that put the Indians in a 10-point hole, 47-37.

Contributing to the run were Norman with two treys and a 12-ft. jumper, Proffitt and Josselet with a trey apiece and Matthew Wright with a pair of free throws.

After Seminole's Seth Nichols notched a pair of free throws, Julian Velo countered with an inside basket to keep Dimmitt ahead by 10, 59-49.

The Indians' Eric Sheets sank his team's first trey at the 1:32 mark and followed with a steal and snowbird layup less than half a minute later to cut the margin to seven points, but Norman ended the quarter with a 6-ft. turnaround jumper at the buzzer to build Dimmitt's advantage back to seven, 51-44, going into the final period.

Senior post James Ralech opened the fourth quarter with Seminole's second—and last—three-pointer at the 7:40 mark, and Norman countered with a trey at 7:23.

Three players did all of Seminole's scoring in the fourth—Ralech, Sheets and Seth Nichols—while the Bobcats had six players contribute, hitting an impressive 85% of their field-goal attempts.

"Even when we had a good lead on them, they kept hanging around," Proffitt commented.

Slowly but steadily the Indians climbed back, cutting the Bobcats' lead to six, then four, then three, and finally to two, 69-67, when Nichols sank three free throws after Proffitt was whistled for a three-shot foul

with 15 ticks left in the game.

"I didn't think I fouled him," Proffitt said. "It just seemed like (the referees) weren't calling anything close then, except for hacking fouls. And then he (Nichols) just jumped into me on that shot and I got called."

After Dimmitt's inbound pass, the Indians fouled Larra immediately and he sank the two free throws that gave the Bobcats their final 71-67 margin.

Finally—and blessedly, for Dimmitt fans—the buzzer sounded as Larra held onto the ball after rebounding a last, off-balance shot by Sheets, and the Dimmitt bench and stands erupted.

As expected, the taller Indians won the rebounding battle, 26-14. But on offense, the Bobcats nailed two-thirds of their field-goal attempts (22 of 34, including 14 of 21 three-point shots), while the Indians garnered

only 18 of 43, including 2 of 17 from three-point range, against Dimmitt's 2-3 zone and press.

Dimmitt scorers were Norman 27, Proffitt 15, Wright 9, Larra 8, Josselet 6 and Velo 6.

Dimmitt committed 16 turnovers to Seminole's 11.

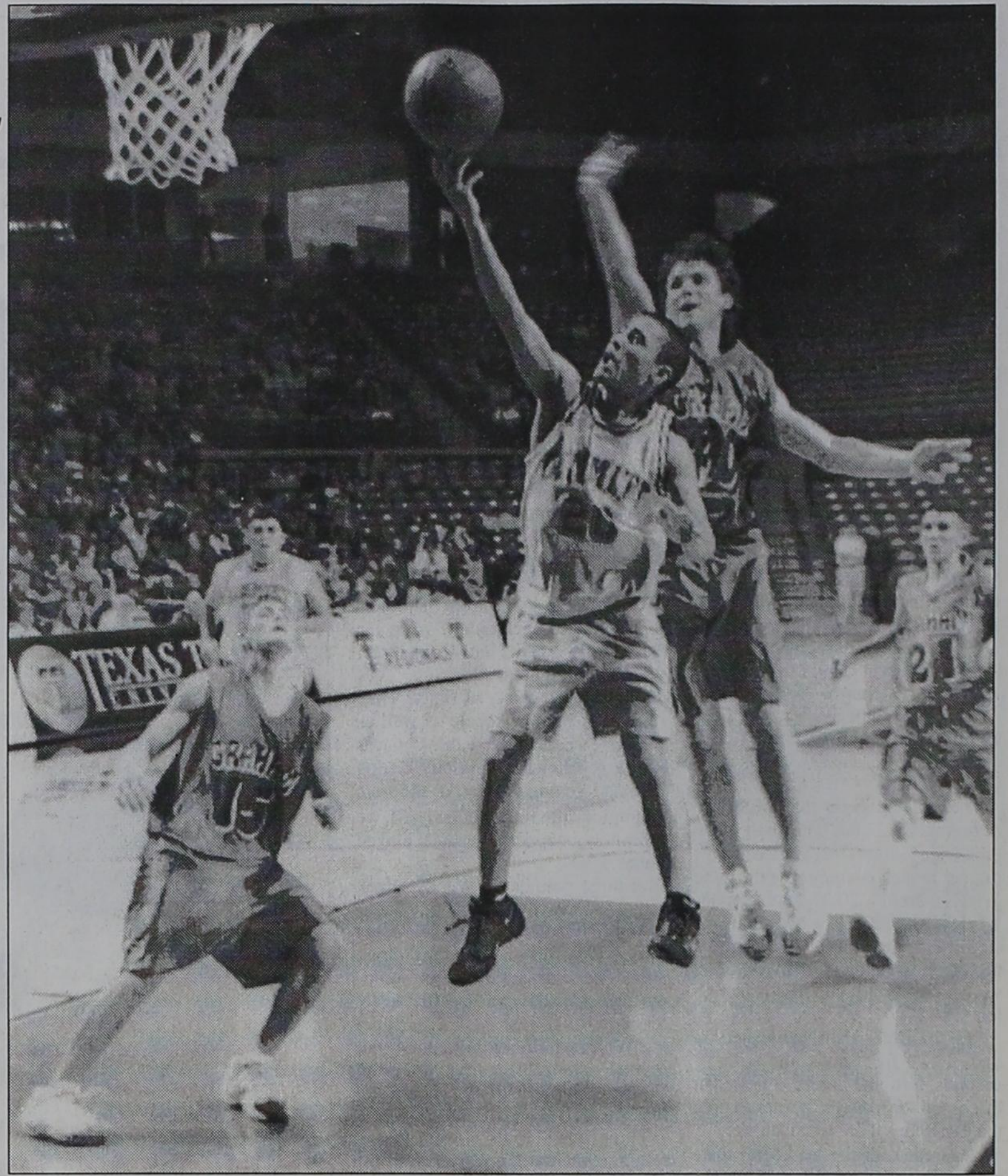
"We're very proud," Coach Steinle said as he blinked back tears after the regional championship victory. "We are very fortunate. Seminole's got a good basketball team.

"We could have folded a couple of times, but our kids really kept their composure and kept their poise."

He added, "There were four good basketball teams here, and any of those three games could have gone either way. We were fortunate enough to get our two to go our way."



DEE NORMAN SINKS A JUMPER AGAINST SEMINOLE ... He scored 47 points in two games, was tournament MVP



HOT PURSUIT—Dimmitt guard Marcus Larra drives under for a fast-break layup as Graham's Robert Ownby (21) try to stop him. In left background is Dimmitt's Julian Velo. The Bobcats won the game, 58-54. Photo by Carter Townsend

# Bobcats edge Graham in semifinal test, 58-54

Dee Norman blistered the nets for 30 points and Marcus Larra joined him in scoring 11 of Dimmitt's final 12 points — including a last basket off of a key steal by Daniel Proffitt — to forge a white-knuckle 58-54 victory over Graham's Steers in the Region I-AAA semifinals Friday.

The Bobcats served notice by hitting four three-pointers in the first quarter — the first three from in front of Graham's bench — for 12 of their 13 points in the opening frame. Norman hit two, Larra one and Proffitt one as the Bobcats took a 13-11 lead.

Despite being triple-teamed at times, Graham post Blaine Wilbanks, a 6-4 senior, sank the first four points of the second quarter to put the Steers in front, 15-13, and they made the Bobcats play catch-up the rest of the half, which ended with Graham leading by 25-23 after a pair of final free throws by Wilbanks.

Norman opened the second half with a finger-roller from the lane and followed with his third trey less than half a minute later to give Dimmitt the lead again, 28-25.

Graham countered with back-to-back field goals to take a brief one-point lead, but a three-pointer by Brent Josselet gave the Bobcats the lead again and they managed to hang onto it.

As both defenses recorded some spectacular steals, the quarter ended in a flurry of three's by Norman, Proffitt and Graham sharpshooter Mark Duncan. Proffitt's trey came with three seconds left after a 30-second stall to send the Bobcats into the fourth with a 41-38 advantage. For the first half of the fourth

period, the two teams' main gunners did all the scoring—Norman and Proffitt for Dimmitt and Wilbanks and Duncan for Graham—and the score was tied three times before a 15-ft. jumper by Norman gave Dimmitt a 50-47 lead with 4:20 remaining in the game.

That's when Larra got into the act with a free throw at 3:14. Norman followed with an 18-footer from the corner to open up a six-point Dimmitt lead, 53-47, with 2:02 remaining.

But Wilbanks, despite being virtually surrounded by Dimmitt's sinking zone, fought back with a five-point surge on two inside baskets and a free throw to cut the Bobcats' lead back to 53-52 with 1:18 to go.

At that point the Bobcats went into a stall, forcing Graham to foul, and Larra sank a pair of crucial free throws with 39 seconds left.

Wilbanks countered with a pair of freebies to cut the lead to 55-54, then Proffitt sank one of two to give Dimmitt a 56-54 edge as Graham's Duncan fouled out.

With 20 seconds left, fans on both sides of the arena held their breath as the Steers attempted to get the ball inside to Wilbanks for a tying shot.

But Proffitt intercepted the ball, tipping it toward Norman, who scooped it up and whipped it to Larra on the fast break.

Larra drove under for an uncontested layup with five seconds left to seal the victory.

Dimmitt won the rebounding battle, 36-23, with Norman grabbing 10, Julian Velo 7 and Matthew Wright 7.

Wilbanks was Graham's top rebounder with 8.

Wilbanks, who carried the total scoring load for Graham in the final minutes, finished with 21. But the Bobcat defense held Duncan to 14, less than half his usual output.

"We were going to maybe run a junk defense, like a diamond-and-one, to contain Duncan, but we never did need to," Coach Steinle said. "He never did get a big run going. We were able to contain him with our zone."

For Dimmitt, Larra finished with 10, Proffitt with 9, Wright with 4, Josselet with 3 and Matthew Sandoval with 2.

Dimmitt had 23 turnovers to Graham's 15.

While the Bobcats connected on 8 of 17 three-point attempts, the Steers could manage only 2 of 13. And overall, Dimmitt hit almost 50% of its field-goal attempts (19 of 41) while Graham finished with 30% (14 of 46).

About the Bobcats' reliance on three-point shots during the regional tourney, Steinle commented, "It gets a little scary living on three-pointers, but that's kind of our slam-dunk. We have to use that shot to energize ourselves and to serve as an equalizer."

The Bobcats were a little below their average on free throws, hitting 12 of 18 for 67% and missing the front end of several 1-and-1's. Meanwhile, the Steers picked up 21 of their points on 28 free throws (75%).

"We'd have beaten them more if we had made our free throws," Norman said.

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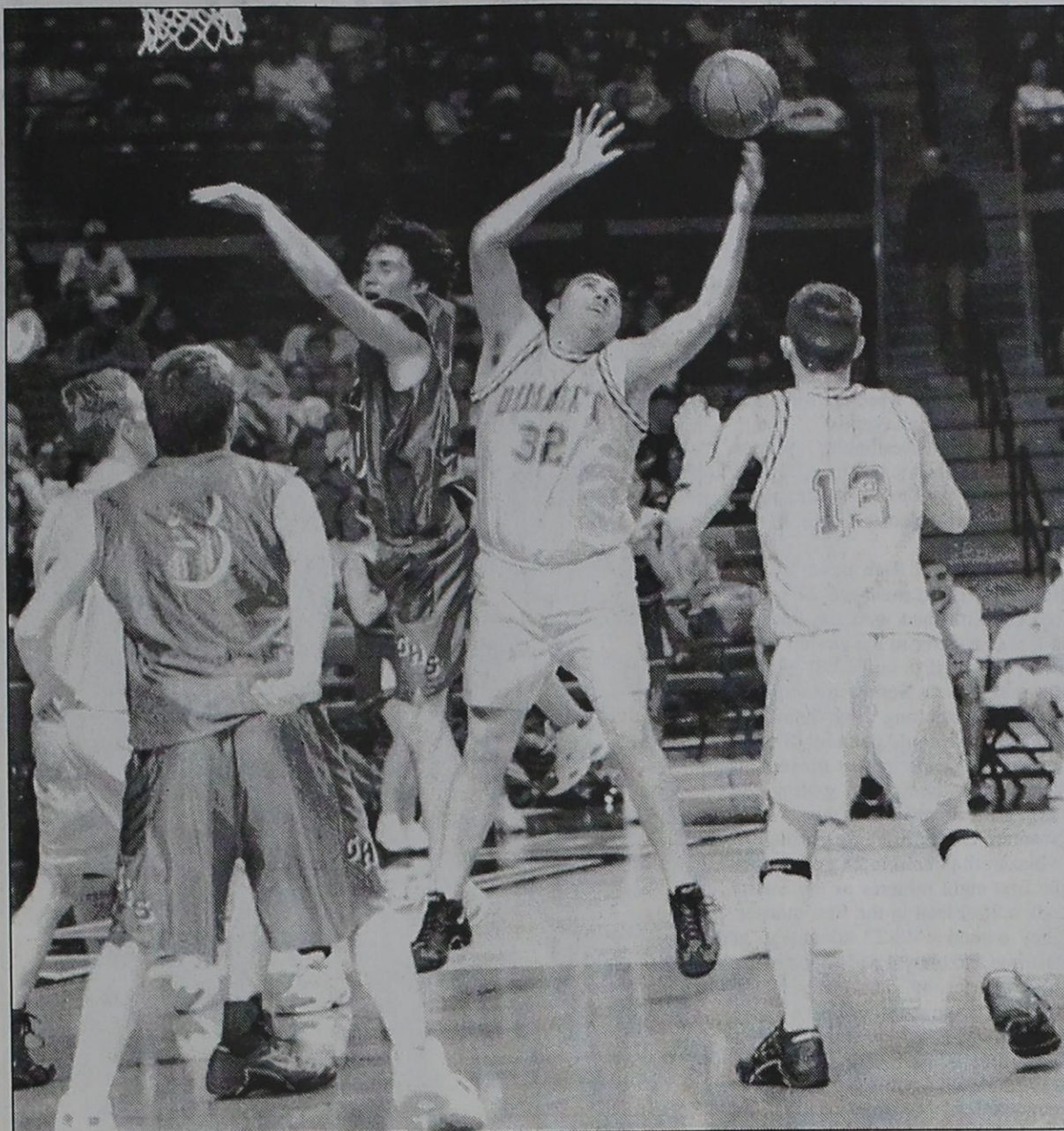
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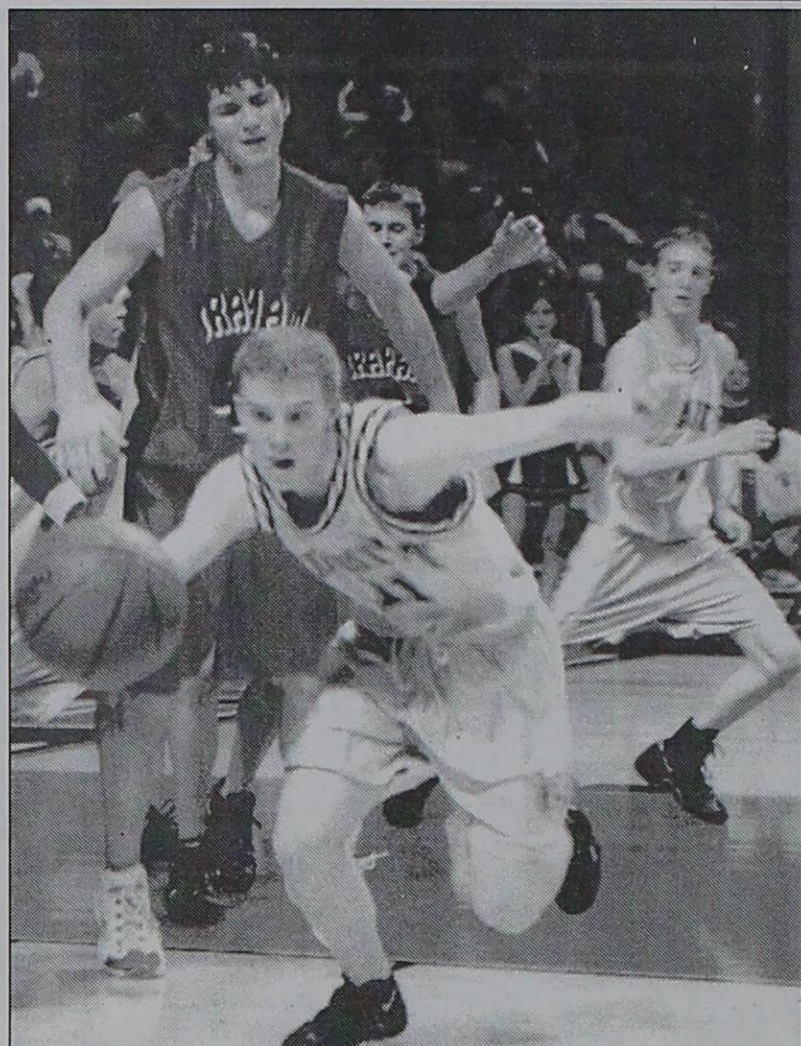
**CHRIS ESPINOSA**, 6-4 Sr. post, Seminole.

**ERIC SHEETS**, 6-4 Sr. wing, Seminole.

**JASON MATHIAS**, 6-2 Jr. guard, Glen Rose.

← **JULIAN VELO** (32) snares a rebound for Dimmitt in the Bobcats' regional quarterfinals game against Graham Friday in Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena. Other Bobcats in photo are Matthew Wright (left background) and Brent Josselet (13). Graham players are Blaine Wilbanks (jumping) and Craig Barnett (3). The Bobcats out-rebounded the Steers 36-23 and won the game, 58-54, to advance to the Region I-AAA title game against Seminole.

Photo by Carter Townsend



**GRAND THEFT**—Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt steals the ball in Graham's forecourt during the regional semifinals game Friday night in Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena. In right background, Matthew Wright breaks for the other end of the court. Behind Proffitt is Graham post forward Blaine Wilbanks. The Bobcats defeated the No. 4-ranked Steers, 58-54, to advance to Saturday's championship game against Seminole. Proffitt was named to the all-regional tournament team, along with teammate Dee Norman.

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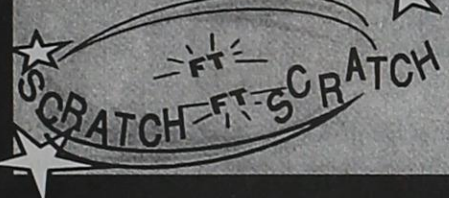
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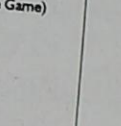
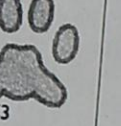
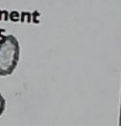
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- 70, Hale Center 40
- 75, Tulia 55
- Big Spring Tournament**
- 81, Sweetwater 55
- 66, Clyde 48
- 54, Merkel 41
- 70, Abernathy 61
- 71, River Road 39
- 73, Amarillo High 79
- Caprock Tournament**
- 62, Lubbock Estacado 60
- 45, El Paso Montwood 46
- 63, Lubbock Coronado 66
- 73, Tulia 48
- 55, Amarillo High 52
- 50, Shallowater 54
- 62, Muleshoe 53
- 53, Lubbock Cooper 43
- 61, Littlefield 48
- 86, Lubbock Roosevelt 73
- 71, Shallowater 53
- 46, Muleshoe 37
- 59, Lubbock Cooper 52
- 65, Littlefield 36
- 67, Lubbock Roosevelt 52
- 58, Burk Burnett 33 (Practice Game)
- 50, Lamesa 33
- 79, Crane 33
- 58, Graham 54
- 71, Seminole 66
- Season Record: 26-8
- District Record: 9-1



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# Swifts' aggressive defense keys win over Westbrook

By ANNE ACKER

Westbrook had a definite height advantage over Nazareth, but the Swifts launched bomb after bomb with a dead-eye accuracy and applied a tenacious defense that brought the giant Wildcats to their knees Saturday.

Westbrook fielded a team featuring 6-8 Erick Roberson and 6-4 Colt Rich at the posts; but Nazareth was ready for the challenge.

The Swifts used a blistering outside attack to take a commanding lead early, then attacked Westbrook's

defense inside the paint as they coasted to a 96-60 win in the semi-state championship game Saturday afternoon at D.L. Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls.

The win was classified as a state semifinal victory and vaulted the Swifts into the Class A Division II state championship game today (Thursday) at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Nazareth's big man, 6-4 post Eric Schilling, who had dominated opposing teams in the Swifts' previous

playoff games, played just 10 minutes Saturday because he was in foul trouble.

Schilling played just a minute and 21 seconds in the second half before he fouled out early in the fourth quarter. He had tallied 14 points and seven rebounds in the first half. But without Schilling's size on the floor, the Swifts were seriously undersized. It wouldn't matter.

Kade Wilcox and Trey Robb slowly drained the life out of the Wildcats as they combined for 47 points on offense and chased the

Wildcat guards around the court, wearing them down.

Between them, Wilcox and Robb sank eight of Nazareth's 11 three-pointers in the game and each had four steals as they sparked the defensive effort that earned the win.

Wilcox would finish with a game-high 29 points while Robb added 18.

Wilcox rained threes from all around the arc, then he would pull a sneak attack on Westbrook guards, striking without warning for steals which resulted in layups.

"This is undecipherable," Wilcox said after Saturday's victory. "This is something we've been dreaming about since the fourth grade. It's an amazing feeling."

Roberson and Rich never got on track. Roberson managed 17 points and Rich finished with six, but neither was a factor in the game.

"We wanted to come out like we did against New Home, stressing our defense and getting after them. We felt like if we could put a lot of pressure on their perimeter players, it would stop them from getting the ball inside to their big guys," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough.

Nazareth poured in 28 points over the first eight minutes as the Swifts took a 28-9 lead in the first quarter. They owned a 48-27 advantage at halftime and blew it wide open in the third quarter by outscoring Westbrook 31-15 in the stanza for a 79-42 lead.

Starting point guard Blake Birkenfeld hit a couple of key three-pointers and finished with nine points while Pohlmeier added two.

Not a single Swift was afraid to go up against Roberson. Even the shortest players off the Swifts' bench, 5-6 guards Chase Schulte and Brock Birkenfeld each scored inside while Roberson was parked in the middle of the lane.

They weren't the only two reserves that contributed to the Swifts' healthy point total, either.

Nazareth got 24 of its points from the bench. Tyler Ehly hit four-of-seven field goals for eight points. Justin Kleman and Schulte each finished with six while Wade Price and Brock Birkenfeld had two apiece.

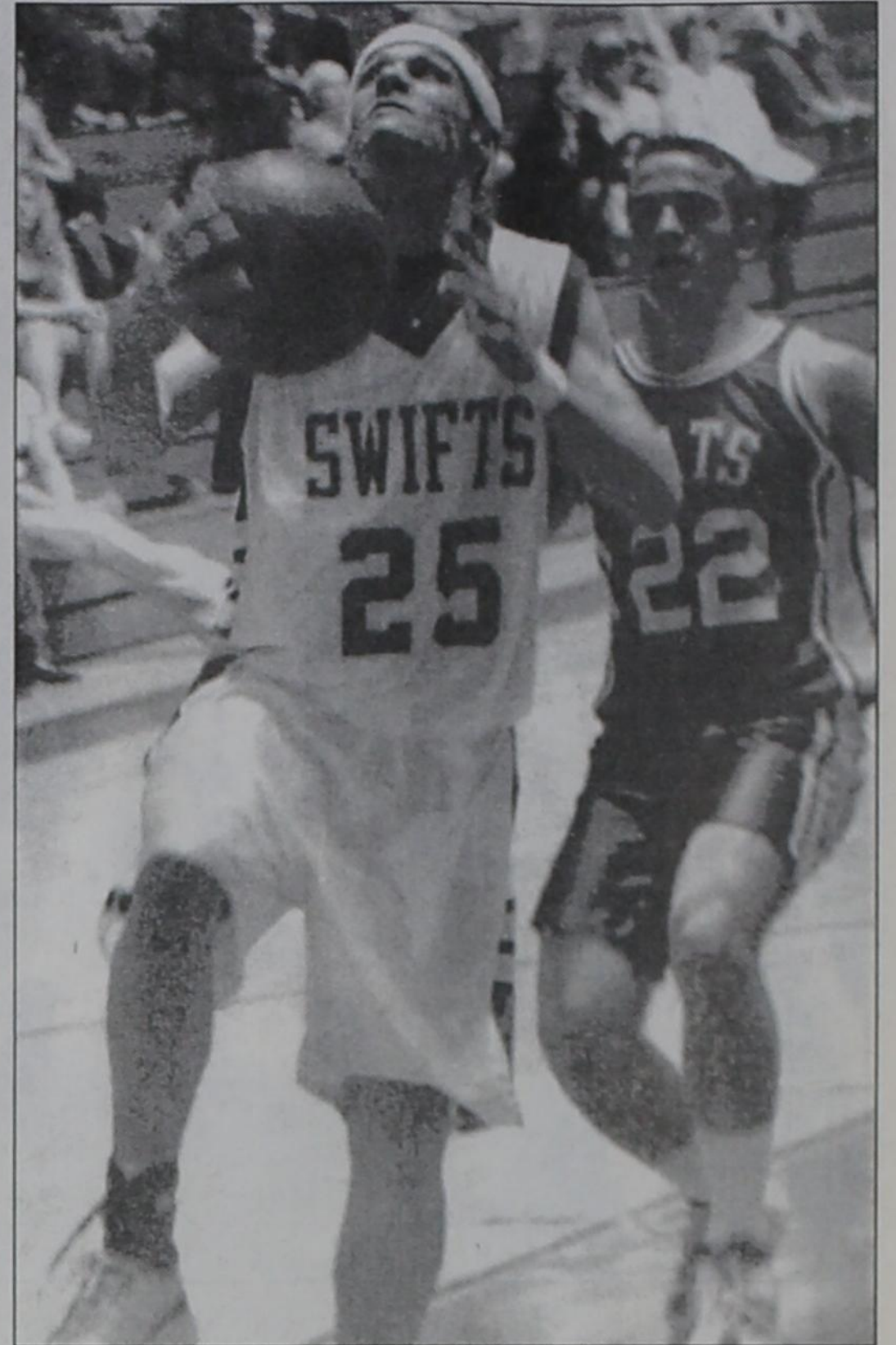
The Swifts connected on 31-of-58 field goal attempts in the game—a whopping 53.4%. They made nearly half of their three-pointers, too (12-of-25). The shots from the charity stripe were on target, as well, with Swift shooters sinking 22-of-26 attempts.

Nazareth was out-rebounded, 35-26, but the Swift defense forced 24 turnovers.

"It was a great team effort. We had a lot of people step up," said Scarbrough. "With Eric in foul trouble we had some people step up. Trey had a big game and Kade finally started shooting well. And for the last two games, Daryl Pohlmeier has been a big key. He's done a great job defensively. He had two big defensive assignments in the tournament and he came through."

"We didn't have anybody who could really match up with their big guy, but Daryl did a good job of fronting him and keeping him out of the paint."

Wilcox gave the Swifts the early 5-



**SNEAK ATTACK FOR TWO**—Kade Wilcox of Nazareth (25) knocks the ball away from Westbrook's Ty Calloway (22), then drives coast-to-coast for a layup Saturday afternoon in the Class A Division II semi-state championship game at Wichita Falls. Wilcox finished with 29 points to lead the Swifts to the state tournament. Photo by Dwayne Acker

0 lead and sparked the team to an early 18-8 lead.

Westbrook Coach R. L. Coates called a time out with 3:53 left in the quarter after Nazareth shooters hit four-of-six treys to take the 10-point advantage.

During the span, Schilling hit a pair of threes from out front. After the time out, he got a steal and drove coast-to-coast for a layup and 20-8 Nazareth lead.

The perimeter shooting by the Swifts caught Westbrook off guard.

"I think when we came out so hot it rattled them. It definitely planted a seed of doubt," Wilcox said.

He would pick up his second personal with 3:13 left in the quarter, though, and he watched the rest of the quarter from the sidelines.

The Wildcats got four quick points from Rich early in the game, but nothing Westbrook did could stymie the Swifts' offensive assault.

Ehly and Kleman kept Nazareth in control with a pair of shots, then Wilcox added a layup and two free throws to give the Swifts their 28-9 lead.

Westbrook's sharp shooting guard, Adam Roemisch, finally picked up his first points when he nailed a trey with just under six minutes left in the half, but by then Nazareth had extended its lead to 22.

Nazareth took a 44-15 lead on a

penetration, layup and free throw by Wilcox with 3:01 left.

Roberson tipped in a missed three-pointer by teammate Ty Calloway with two-and-a-half minutes left, and that stemmed the tide.

The final two minutes was a series of free throws, and by halftime Nazareth owned a 48-27 lead.

Scarbrough told his team to stay focused in the second half and stressed the need to continue defensive pressure.

"Coach told us (at halftime) that we were just two quarters away from our dream," Wilcox said. "We knew we had it—we were confident."

Westbrook worried Scarbrough in the third quarter, coming out with a couple of threes by Roemisch as the Wildcats struggled to chip away at the Swifts' lead.

But Wilcox and Robb were one better, countering each of Roemisch's long balls with one of their own.

Nazareth went on a three-point rampage in the third, with Wilcox nailing four treys and Robb adding two as the Swifts outscored Westbrook 31-15 in the stanza.

"I could tell in the third quarter that our confidence was building and everything just clicked," Scarbrough said. "We were a little more relaxed in this game and I think that's why we shot better."



**NAZARETH'S DARYL POHLMIEIER (32)** didn't have a sling shot, but he was still able to slay Westbrook's giant, 6-8 post Erick Roberson. Pohlmeier gave up almost eight inches in height to Roberson, but when teammate Eric Schilling went to the bench in foul trouble, Pohlmeier drew the tough

assignment of guarding Roberson in the paint. The Swifts' defense kept Roberson in check, and Nazareth shot the lights out as they demolished Westbrook, 96-60, to earn a trip to the state tournament this weekend. Photo by Dwayne Acker

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## Swifts breeze past New Home for semi-state semifinal victory

By ANNE ACKER

Steal after steal turned into layup after layup for Nazareth Friday, and that aggressive defense allowed the Swifts to smother New Home, 62-37, in a Class A semi-state semifinal game at D.L. Ligon Coliseum in Wichita Falls.

The Swifts forced 24 Leopard turnovers, and Nazareth cashed in on eight of those miscues for 17 points.

When the Swifts weren't getting transition buckets, they annihilated the Leopard defense with a super inside attack led by 6-4 sophomore post Eric Schilling.

Schilling perfected a turn-around move in the game, connecting on 11-of-17 field goals as he paced his team with 23 points.

Time after time, the Swifts found Schilling, and he banked in shots off the glass. He had 10 points in the first quarter and that was all New Home managed in the first half. By halftime he had 16 points to his credit and had single-handedly outscored the Leopards.

New Home didn't have a defensive answer. The Leopards couldn't find a productive offense, either.

The Leopards' main scoring threat, Jason Reyes, was shut down by Daryl Pohlmeier and the Swifts. Reyes only had eight points in the game on 2-of-12 shooting from the floor.

Nazareth's defense allowed a mere 10 points in the first half and 14 after

three quarters.

"We've been preaching through the playoffs that defense was the key," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough. "I felt like we stepped up and played good defense."

Schilling and Pohlmeier dominated the boards in the first few minutes of action, each scoring on offensive put-backs.

New Home tied the score at 4 when 6-4 post Matt Cramblet connected on a wide open jumper inside the paint with 5:30 left. But the Leopards never owned a lead and they would never tie the score again. In fact, they wouldn't score again until the 6:49 mark in the second quarter.

Schilling took a feed near the free throw line, faked out Reyes, dribbled once and popped a shot to give the Swifts the lead for good with 5:18 left.

A steal and coast-to-coast layup by Wilcox with 2:10 left made it 10-4 Nazareth.

Schilling took over after that.

He took a back door lob pass and tipped it in, then scored back-to-back jumpers on turn-around moves to close out the first quarter with a 12-0 Nazareth run and 16-4 lead.

Two more banked shots by Schilling extended the Swifts' lead to 20-4 early in the second and it was all over.

With 6:40 left in the half, Reyes

scored, but it was New Home's first field goal since early in the first quarter.

Nazareth's Trey Robb answered that shot with a three, erasing any ground the Leopards gained.

Before the half was over, Nazareth had gone on another big run and owned a 32-10 lead.

"Eric really took over in the first half. The guys did a good job of getting him the ball. We really didn't shoot the ball well. None of our guards had a big night, but as a whole they did okay."

Schilling continued his domination in the third quarter, this time moving to the perimeter for a three.

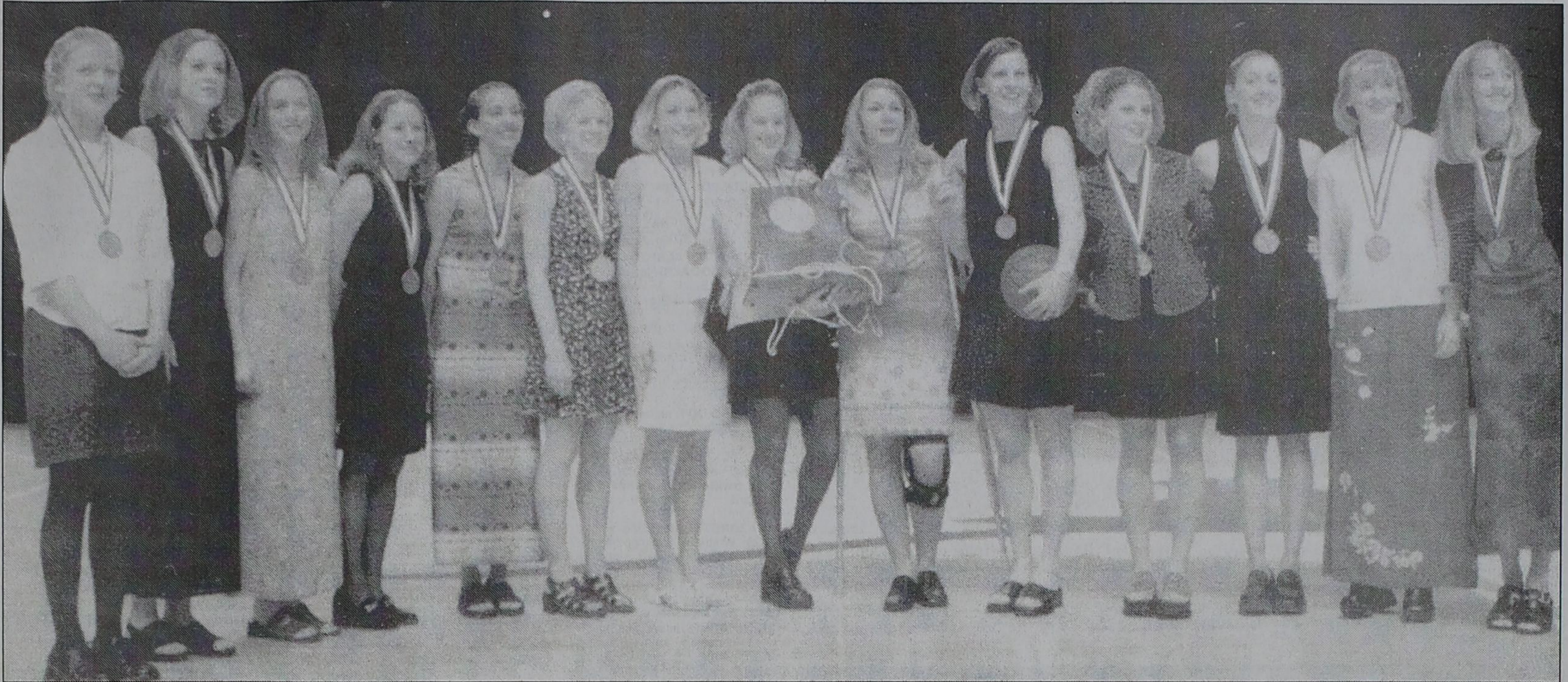
Nazareth's defense gave up a short jumper to Shaun Wied with 4:02 left in the third and that was the first New Home bucket of the second half. The only other time the Leopards would score in the quarter would be on single free throws by Michael Wied and Shaun Wied.

Schilling's 23 points was game-high, but he wasn't the only Swift to reach double figures. Wilcox finished with 11 points and Tyler Ehly had 10. Pohlmeier chipped in six, Robb had five, Justin Kleman finished with three and Blake Birkenfeld and Chase Schulte had two each.

Nazareth hit 25-of-53 shots in the game and only four of those were from three-point range. The Swifts made 8-of-15 free throws.



# State tournament highlights

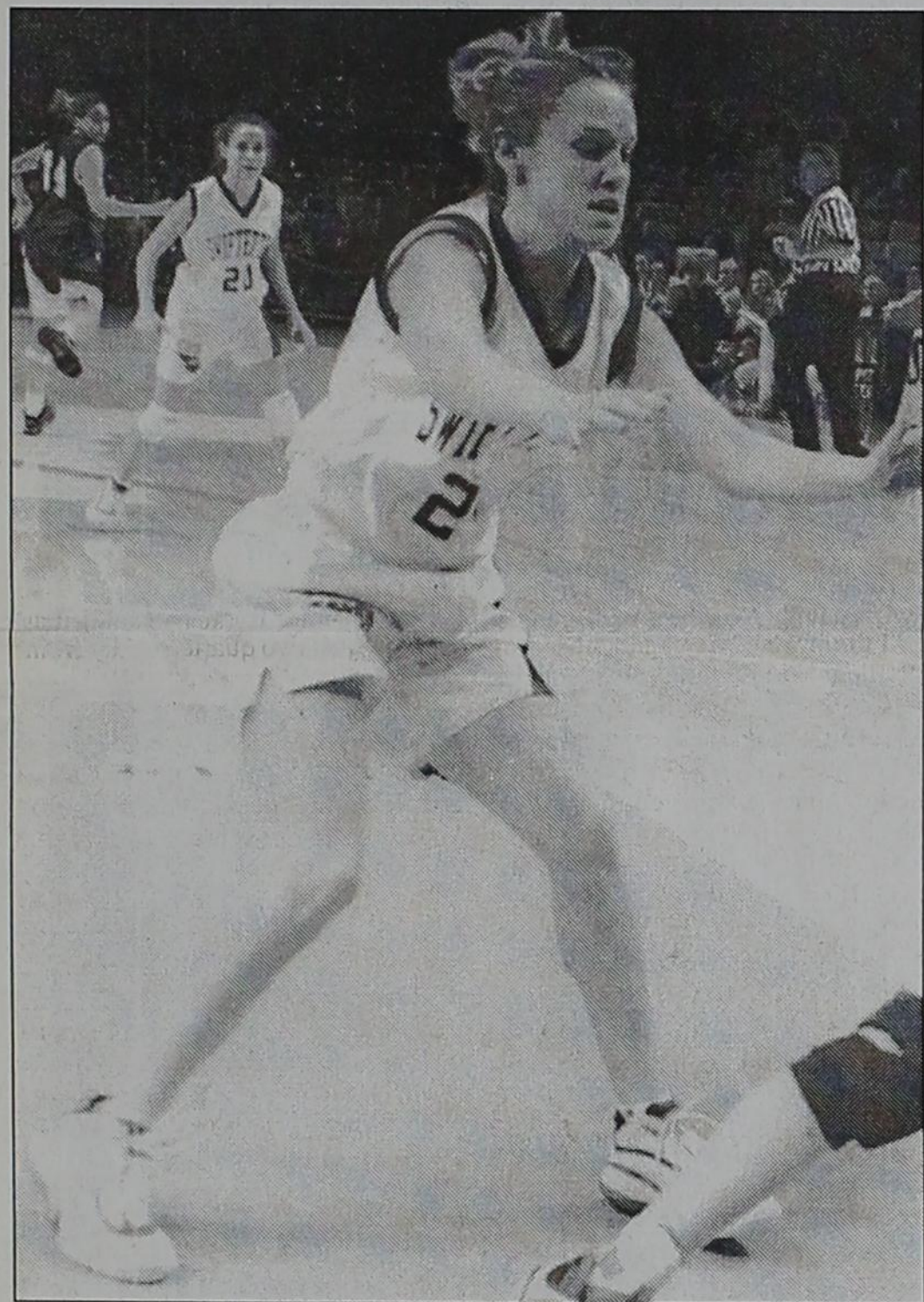


**CLASS A AND TEXAS CUP CHAMPIONS**—The Nazareth Swiftettes pose with their state championship trophy last Thursday after they beat Saltillo, 61-51. On Saturday, they capped their season with a 61-44 win

over Kennard to claim the first-ever Texas Cup. Team members include (from left) Megan Schulte, Erica Gerber, Danette Ramaekers, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Mandy Hoelting, Stephanie Thiel, Tara Kleman,

Shawna Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Wendy Black, Kim Brockman, Jenna Braddock and Teri Ramaekers.

Photo by Brenda Schulte



**NAZARETH SENIOR TARA KLEMAN (24)** pressures a Saltillo ball handler last Thursday morning in the Class A Division II state championship game. Nazareth won its 15<sup>th</sup> title with a 61-51 win.

Photo by Brenda Schulte



**LESLEY BROCKMAN (22)** of Nazareth pressures Saltillo's Kayla Brewer into turning over the ball last Thursday morning in the Class A Division II state championship game. The Swiftettes pulled off a 61-51 win to claim the school's 15<sup>th</sup> state crown.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

## State superlatives

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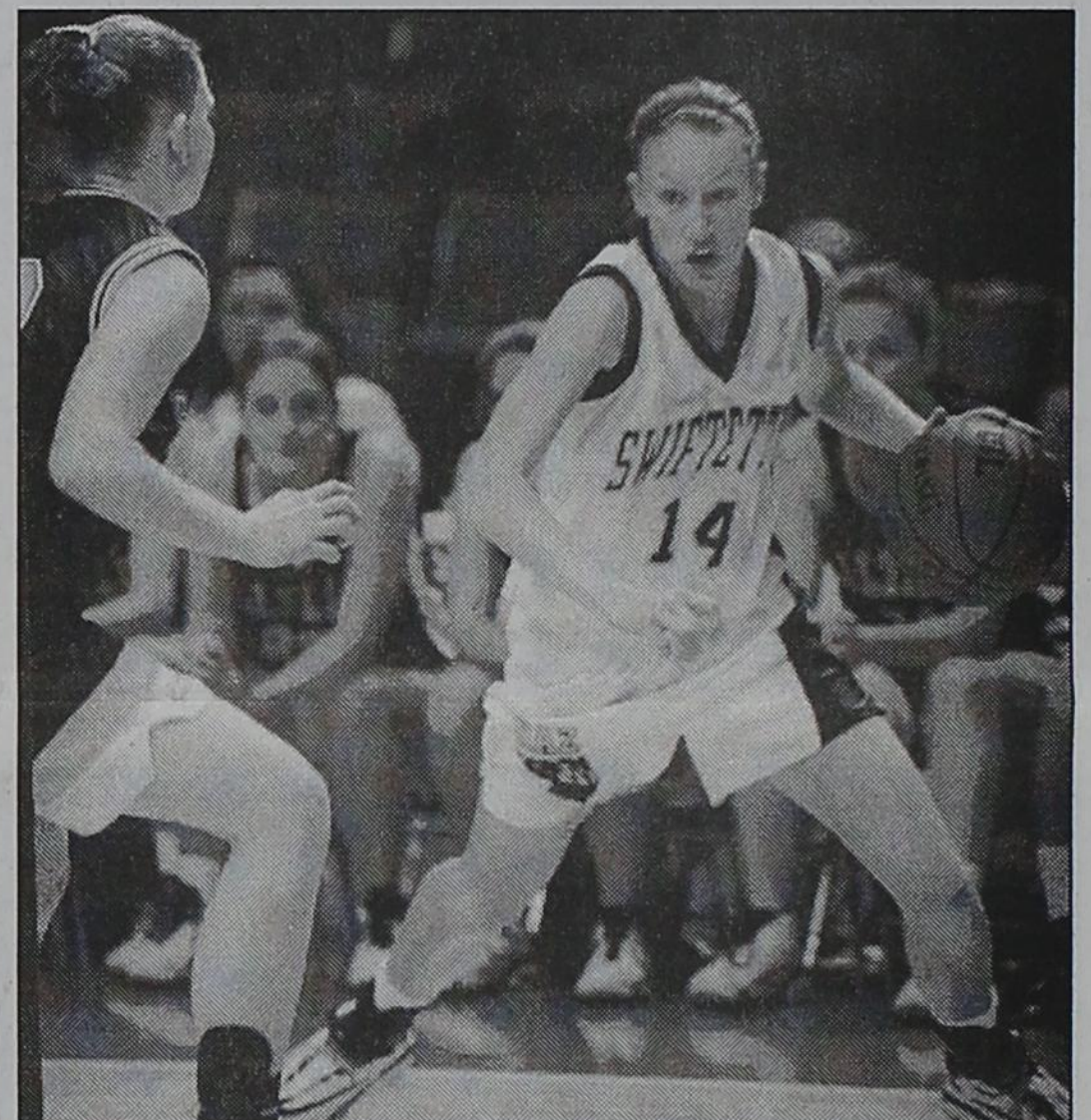
- ★ Class A Division II State Champions
- ★ Captured 15<sup>th</sup> state title—*A NATIONAL RECORD!*
- ★ Won inaugural Texas Cup Championship
- ★ Season Record: 33-4

### STEPHANIE THIEL

- ★ Class A MVP
- ★ All-State Tournament
- ★ 31 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 steals against Saltillo
- ★ 20 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists, 3 steals against Kennard

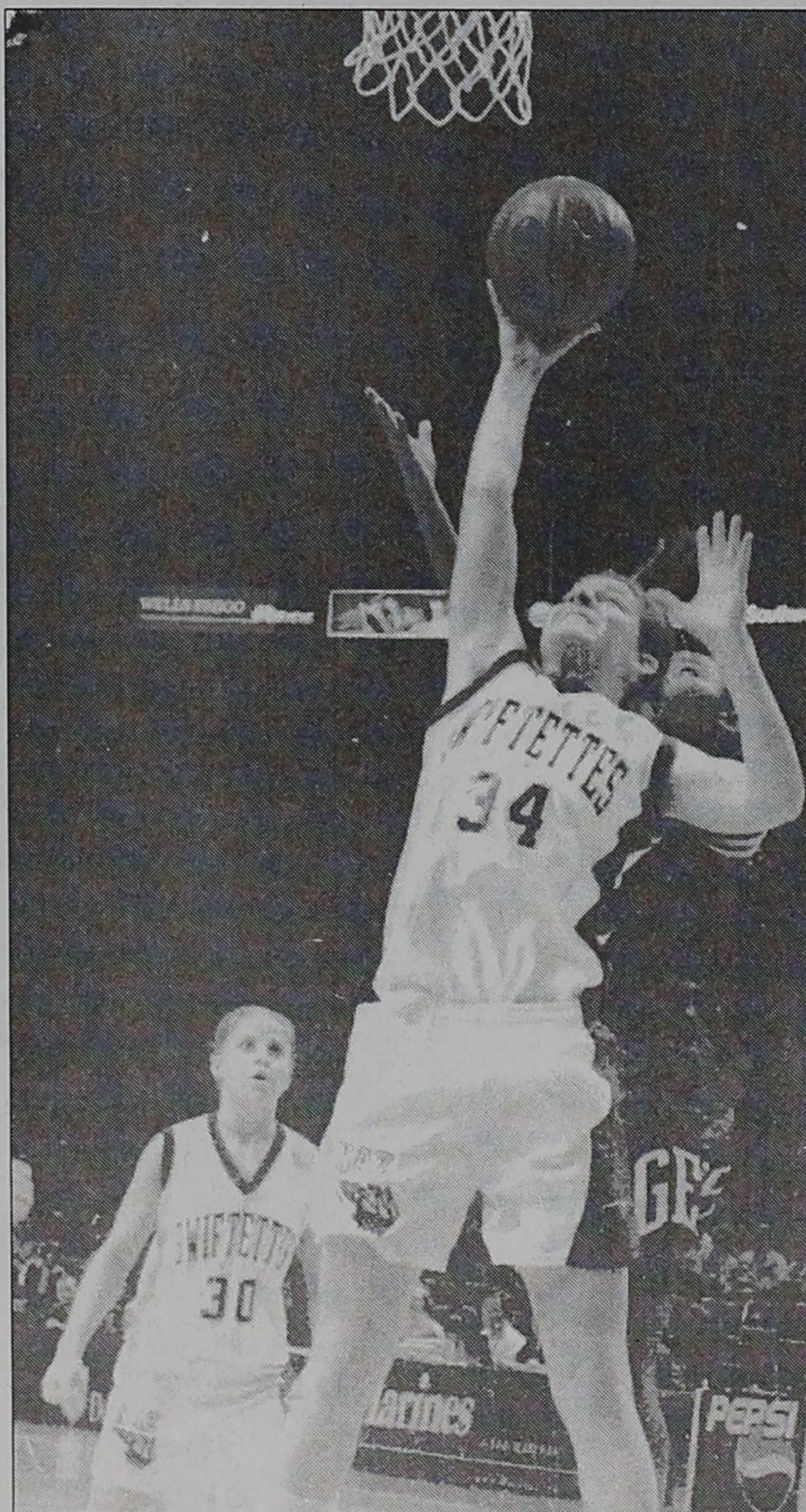
### WHITNEY HOELTING

- ★ All-State Tournament
- ★ 11 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals against Saltillo
- ★ 15 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assists, 2 steals against Kennard



**WORKING THE PERIMETER**—Nazareth guard Stephanie Thiel looks for an open lane as she challenges a Saltillo defender last Thursday in the Class A Division II state title game. Thiel poured in 31 points and was named the tournament MVP as the Swiftettes won, 61-51.

Photo by Brenda Schulte



**ALL-STATE MOVES** were exhibited by Nazareth's Whitney Hoelting (34) throughout the girls' state basketball tournament last weekend in Austin, and moves like this one, which earned her an inside jumper against Kennard, were good enough to earn her a second-straight nomination to the all-state tournament team. Hoelting finished with 15 against Kennard as Nazareth won the first Texas Cup, a title game pitting the Class A Division I state champion against the Division II state title holder. Also pictured is Nazareth's Wendy Black (30).

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**SHOT!** Kennard's Tysha Pope (22) attempts a shot over Nazareth's Mandy Hoelting (32), but her shot won't fall and the Swiftettes come away with the rebound Saturday morning. The Swiftettes, Class A Division II state champions, and Kennard, the Class A Division I champion, squared off Saturday in Austin for the Texas Cup Championship. The Swiftettes won, 61-44.

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**TIE BALL!**—New Home's Jason Reyes (21) loses the handle on the ball and he's immediately smothered by Nazareth's Trey Robb (23) and Justin Kleman Friday. New Home and Nazareth squared off in a Class A Division II semi-state semifinal game at

Wichita Falls and the Swifts came out on top, 62-37. Nazareth allowed New Home only 10 points in the first half and 14 after the third quarter as the Swift defense dominated.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



### 1991 Swiftette state champions remembered

The Texas University Interscholastic League recognized the girls' state championship teams from 1991 Saturday morning at this year's state tournament, and the Nazareth Swiftettes were honored as the Class A winner. Members of that team present for Saturday's ceremony included (from left)

Kristin Brockman, Peggy Huseman, Jenny Jones, Jill Pohlmeier, Nicole Kleman, Janay Johnson, Monica Kleman, Noel Johnson, Assistant Coach Leslie Storer and Head Coach Denese Skinner.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

# Scoreboard

**CLASS A DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
at Frank Erwin Center, Austin  
**Swiftettes 61, Saittilo 51**  
Saittilo 8 12 12 19—51  
Nazareth 10 18 19 14—61  
**NAZ:** Stephanie Thiel 11-17 7-9—31; Lesley Brockman 0-5 2-2—2; Whitney Hoelting 5-7 1-2—11; Wendy Black 1-13 3-4—6; Mandy Hoelting 0-3 2-2—2; Erica Gerber 1-1 0-0—2; Marsha Black 2-3 1-2—7; Tara Kleman 0-0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 20-49 16-21—61.  
**SALTILLO:** Jenna White 4-7 0-0—8; Kelli Brewer 4-12 0-1—9; Amanda Davis 3-7 2-4—8; Jessica Vanlandingham 6-10 2-3—14; Lindsay Womack 2-4 0-0—5; Brenda McClure 1-12-2—4; Kayla Brewer 1-3 0-0—3. **TOTALS:** 21-44 6-11—51.  
**3-POINT GOALS:** Nazareth 5-20 (Thiel 3, Marsha Black 2, Wendy Black 1); Saittilo 3-13 (Kelli Brewer 1, Womack 1, Kayla Brewer 1).  
**REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 29 (Wendy Black 8); Saittilo 31 (Davis 5).  
**ASSISTS:** Nazareth 7 (Wendy Black 4); Saittilo 9 (Womack 3).  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Nazareth 11, Saittilo 18.  
**FOULED OUT:** None.  
**ATTENDANCE:** 3,651.

**CLASS A TEXAS CUP**  
at Frank Erwin Center, Austin  
**Swiftettes 61, Kennard 44**  
Kennard 10 9 14 11—44  
Nazareth 15 8 15 23—61  
**NAZARETH:** Stephanie Thiel 8-14 2-4—20; Whitney Hoelting 7-11 0-0—15; Wendy Black 2-6 2-2—8; Mandy Hoelting 2-4 2-4—8; Lesley Brockman 2-4 0-0—6; Marsha Black 1-4 2-5—4; Erica Gerber 0-0 0-0—0; Tara Kleman 0-0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 22-43 8-15—61.  
**KENNARD:** Jessie Skinner 7-14 3-5—17; Tanesiah Lamb 4-9 4-6—12; Sarah Durham 2-7 2-3—6; La Quita Patton 2-16 0-0—5; Shaneka Patton 1-5 0-0—3; Tyesha Pope 0-3 1-2—1. **TOTALS:** 16-54 10-16—44.  
**3-POINT GOALS:** Nazareth 9-20 (Wendy Black, Thiel, Brockman and Mandy Hoelting 2; Whitney Hoelting 1); Kennard 2-15 (L. Patton and S. Patton 1).  
**REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 35 (Whitney Hoelting 9); Kennard 32 (Skinner 12).  
**ASSISTS:** Nazareth 10 (Thiel 6); Kennard 6 (S. Patton and Durham 2).  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Nazareth 12, Kennard 15.  
**FOULED OUT:** None.  
**ATTENDANCE:** 5,542.

**CLASS AAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS**  
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock  
**Bobcats 58, Graham 54**  
Graham 11 14 13 16—54  
Dimmitt 13 10 18 17—58  
**DIMMITT:** Daniel Proffitt 3-7 1-2—9; Matthew Wright 2-11 0-0—4; Matthew Larra 2-3 5-6—10; Matthew Sandoval 1-3 0-0—2; Dee Norman 10-15 6-10—30; Brent Josselet 1-1 0-0—3; Julian Velo 0-1 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 19-41 12-18—58.  
**GRAHAM:** Barnett 1-43-4—5; Finrock 3-8 1-3—10; Duncan 4-18 4-4—14; Ownby 1-4 0-0—2; Wilbanks 5-9 11-13—21; Morris 0-2-2-3—2; Kirkland 0-0-0-1—0; Clark 0-0 0-0—0; Jordan 0-1 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 14-46 21-28—54.

**3-POINT GOALS:** Dimmitt 8-17 (Norman 4, Proffitt 2, Josselet and Larra 1); Graham 5-23 (Finrock 3, Duncan 2).  
**REBOUNDS:** Dimmitt 36 (Norman 10); Graham 23 (Wilbanks 8).  
**ASSISTS:** Dimmitt 14 (Larra 4, Wright and Josselet 3); Graham 6 (Barnett 3).  
**TURNOVERS:** Dimmitt 22; Graham 11.  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Dimmitt 22; Graham 21.  
**FOULED OUT:** Sandoval for Dimmitt; Duncan for Graham.

**CLASS AAA REGIONAL FINALS**  
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock  
**Bobcats 71, Seminole 66**  
Seminole 17 15 11 23—66  
Dimmitt 17 14 20 20—71  
**DIMMITT:** Daniel Proffitt 4-5 0-0—12; Matthew Wright 1-5 7-8—9; Matthew Larra 2-5 3-6—8; Matthew Sandoval 0-0 0-1—0; Dee Norman 9-11 3-4—27; Brent Josselet 3-4 0-1—9; Julian Velo 3-3 0-0—6; Corey Lane 0-1 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 22-34 13-20—71.  
**SEMINOLE:** Guerra 1-3 0-0—2; Nichols 5-12 9-11—19; Ralech 3-7 7-11—14; Sheets 7-15 10-10—25; Espinoza 2-5 3-5—7; Braly 0-0 0-0—0; Adams 0-1 0-1—0. **TOTALS:** 18-43 29-37—67.  
**3-POINT GOALS:** Dimmitt 14-21 (Norman 6, Proffitt 4, Josselet 3, Larra 1); Seminole 2-17 (Ralech and Sheets 1).  
**REBOUNDS:** Dimmitt 14 (Norman 6); Seminole 26 (Sheets 10).  
**TURNOVERS:** Dimmitt 16; Seminole 11.  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Dimmitt 24; Seminole 19.

**CLASS A SEMI-STATE SEMIFINALS**  
at D.L. Ligon Coliseum, Wichita Falls  
**Swifts 62, New Home 37**  
Nazareth 16 16 11 19—62  
New Home 4 6 4 23—37  
**NAZARETH:** Blake Birkenfeld 1 0-0—2; Kade Wilcox 5 0-0—11; Trey Robb 2 0-1—5; Daryl Pohlmeier 3 0-0—6; Eric Schilling 11 0-1—23; Chase Schulte 0 2-5—2; Justin Kleman 1 1-2—3; Tyler Ehly 2 5-6—10. **TOTALS:** 25 8-15—62.  
**NEW HOME:** Jason Reyes 2 3-4—8; Michael Wied 4 5-7—13; Keaton Askew 0 0-0—0; Shaun Wied 4 1-7—9; Matt Cramblet 1 1-2—3; ChrisMcAllister 1 0-0—2; Nathan Black 0 2-2—2; Justin Garza 0 0-2—0. **TOTALS:** 12 12-24—37.  
**3-POINT GOALS:** Nazareth 4-18 (Wilcox, Robb, Schilling and Ehly); New Home 1-11 (Reyes).  
**REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 35 (Schilling 12); New Home 38 (Cramblet 9).  
**ASSISTS:** Nazareth 12 (Wilcox 6); New Home 4 (Shaun Wied 2).  
**STEALS:** Nazareth 15 (Wilcox 6); New Home 7 (Shaun Wied 3).  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Nazareth 18; New Home 12.  
**FOULED OUT:** None.  
**TECHNICAL FOULS:** New Home Coach, Nazareth bench (incorrect player number listed in official book).

**3-POINT GOALS:** Nazareth 12-25 (Wilcox 5, Robb 3, Birkenfeld and Schilling 2); Westbrook 7-14 (Roemisch 3, Roberson 2, Calloway and Miguel 1).  
**REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 26 (Schilling 6); Westbrook 35 (Roberson 13).  
**ASSISTS:** Nazareth 22 (Blake Birkenfeld 6); Westbrook 11 (Matlock 5).  
**STEALS:** Nazareth 15 (Wilcox and Robb 4); Westbrook 7 (Roemisch 3).  
**TOTAL FOULS:** Nazareth 21; Westbrook 21.  
**FOULED OUT:** Schilling for Nazareth; Roberson and Roemisch for Westbrook.

## Thiel named district MVP

Nazareth junior Stephanie Thiel has been named the District 4-A Most Valuable Player and she headlines a list of Swiftettes featured on the all-district squad. Nazareth's starting five all made the honor team, while three reserves earned honorable mention honors. All-district honorees joining Thiel are sophomore Wendy Black, senior Whitney Hoelting and juniors Lesley Brockman and Mandy Hoelting. Others qualifying for the honor team are Happy's Buffy Adkins, Chandra Adkins, Megan Simons and Brittany Spradling; Silverton's Taylor Griffin; and Valley's Kim Woods. Honorable mention honorees include Nazareth senior Tara Kleman, junior Marsha Black and sophomore Erica Gerber; Silverton's Chelsey Cherry, Amanda Estes and Bryn Mayfield; and Valley's Jana Merrell and Natalie Wheeler.



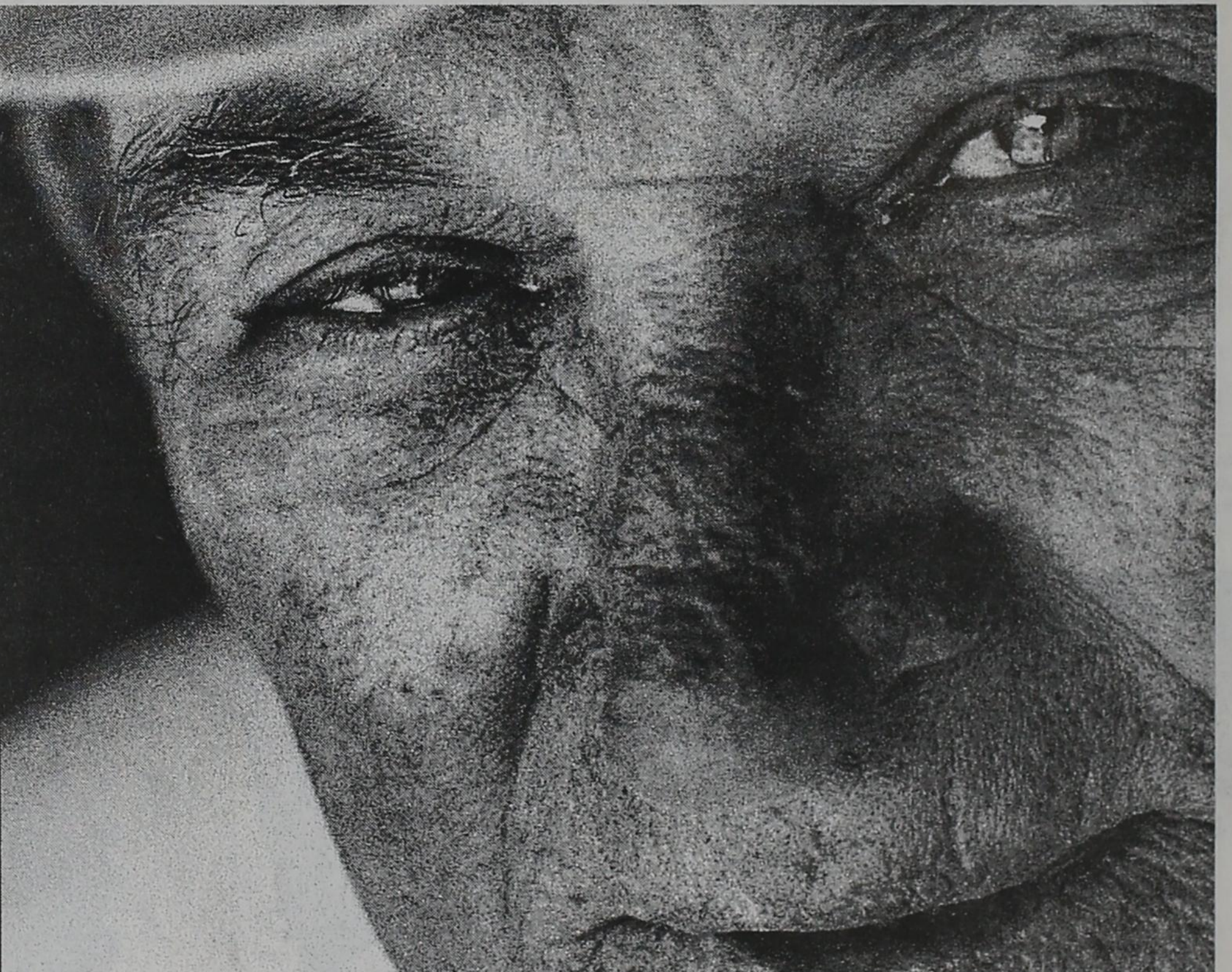
*"Don't squat with your spurs on."*

Eugene Shipp worked maintenance for an electric coop for twenty-eight years. During an ice storm in '78, he worked thirty-eight hours straight, fixing downed lines and restoring power. He retired two years ago to spend more time on his ranch, working his own hours. He uses coop power; he knows he can count on it.

Eugene belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of West Texas cooperatives committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

The goal of deregulation is to bring the benefits of retail competition to the power industry. But so far, in states such as California and Pennsylvania, reality has fallen short of the promise, often bringing higher rates and even power shortages. The Texas Legislature gives cooperatives an opportunity to wait and see how deregulation will affect Texans. We intend to take advantage of that time to be *sure* deregulation is right for our member-owners.

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