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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RANDY GRIFFITT**  
... Presented by Layne Myatt (left).

## Chamber honors three

Randy Griffitt, Bill Birdwell and Karen Carter were honored Saturday at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet as the Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year, respectively.

The announcement of the three winners highlighted the annual event, which included entertainment by western artist and speaker Dr. Kenneth Wyatt of Tullia, music provided by the Ramblin' Rascals bluegrass band, and a meal catered by the Methodist Men.

Businesses and organizations decorated the tables, which were judged in a competition for three honors. The table decorated by Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc., was named the winner of the "People's Choice" award. "Most Original" went to Paxton Tire Co., and "Cutest" went to the table decorated by ALCO.

Winner of the two round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines was Sue Howell. Bobbie Bruegel won the pearl and cross necklace designed by Wyatt. Doris Flynt won a pen and pencil set made by Jim Wright. The winner of the raffle for a Wyatt western print was Tommie Martin of Lazbuddie.

The directors of the Chamber were recognized, and outgoing board president Layne Myatt passed the gavel to incoming president Jim Wright. Outgoing director Ray Bain was given a gift of appreciation for his years of service to the board. Wright also presented a gift to Myatt and his wife.

Emcees for the evening were Max Ellison and Susan Coleman.

An estimated crowd of 350 attended. The meal included filet mignon, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, tea and ice cream.

A special guest was State Senator Tom Haywood, who said a few words.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the late James and Reta Welch, who were killed Friday in a car-train accident in Sudan.

Citizen of the Year Randy Griffitt was introduced by Layne Myatt, who said, "The individual receiving this award tonight is a person who spends countless hours every week doing volunteer work for this community and never expects any recognition. In fact this person will be truly

shocked that he (or she) is receiving this award."

Myatt said Griffitt was constantly involved in some civic, youth or church activity.

"I have personally witnessed his impact on our youth through the Kids, Inc. program," Myatt said. "He is one of those rare individuals who honestly just want to help our kids."

This year Griffitt has served on the Kids, Inc., board of directors, coached three baseball teams, coached one basketball team, spent countless hours maintaining the baseball park grounds, helped with the renovations of the stands at the park and was called on quite frequently to umpire baseball games, Myatt related.

He said Griffitt also is very involved in many 4-H activities, serving on the 4-H Livestock Center Board and on the 4-H Parent-leader Association, and working as an assistant parent leader for the 4-H trap shooting team.

Myatt told that Griffitt also serves his local church (First Baptist Church) in many ways.

"He is frequently called on to substitute teach in Sunday school, helps run the sound system, and is always involved in some youth activity," Myatt said.

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**CITIZEN THROUGH THE YEARS BILL BIRDWELL**  
... Presented by Billy Hackleman (left).

## Grand jury indicts 10

Ten people were handed 13 indictments by the 64th District Court Grand Jury that met on Valentine's Day, with Judge Jack R. Miller presiding.

Ismael Ramirez was indicted on three charges. Burglary of a habitation charges were listed in connection with an incident Nov. 21 when he is alleged to have entered the

home of Francisco Alberto Ramos "with the intent to commit theft." Burglary of a building is the charge in connection with an incident Dec. 25 in which he is alleged to have taken a washer and dryer from a building belonging to Clodell Aven. Escape charges were listed on another indictment. On Feb. 1 he is alleged to have escaped from the custody of Hart Police Chief H.W. Johnson. Bail on the charges was set at \$5,000 and \$2,500 and \$2,500, respectively.

Vincent Padilla was indicted on two charges, forgery/passing and burglary of a building. Bail on both charges was set at \$1,500. The forgery/passing charge was in connection with an incident Dec. 6 in which Padilla allegedly passed checks totaling \$1,125. On Dec. 25, he is alleged to have entered a building owned by Clodell Aven with the intent to commit theft.

Rosa Maria Barrios was indicted for burglary of a habitation. The charge alleges that she entered the habitation of Francisco Alberto Ramos on Nov. 21 with the intent to commit theft.

Christopher Joe Everett is under \$1,500 bail on a charge of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. The charge alleges he stole cash and

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By Don Nelson

Two more tragic deaths that many of us will never get over.

James and Reta Welch can't be replaced.

After the sudden, tragic accident that took them from us Friday, we realize again how uncertain is the measure of our days on earth. We grieve for them and for their families. And as the magnitude of our loss sinks in, we grieve for ourselves.

A girl in the interfaith youth group said it well, as noted by Randy Gressett at the funeral Tuesday: "We've lost part of the backbone of our community."

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## Playoff Hoops

Boys' Bi-District

Swifts vs. Adrian

7 p.m. Thursday  
Hereford Junior High

Bobcats vs. Seminole

Tentatively, 6:30 p.m. Friday  
Lubbock Monterey

Girls' Regional

Bobbies vs. Comanche

Semifinal Round  
8:30 p.m. Friday  
Texas Tech Coliseum



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR KAREN CARTER**  
... Presented by Connie Merritt (left).

## Prominent couple killed in car-train crash

By DON NELSON

County residents were stunned Friday by the deaths of James and Reta Welch, two of the area's most prominent civic leaders, in a car-train collision at Sudan.

The fatal accident occurred about 12:05 p.m. Friday, Lamb County authorities said.

Welch was driving the couple's 1992 Chrysler Fifth Avenue when he made a V-turn on an uphill grade from a dirt road onto an open railroad crossing in front of an oncoming Santa Fe freight train, authorities said.

The train, which the engineer said was traveling 55 mph, collided with the right front side of the Welches'

car, collapsing the engine housing, dashboard and right front door. The force of the impact hurled the car into a power pole 80 feet away.

Lamb County Justice of the Peace Carolyn Harmon said Mr. and Mrs. Welch both were killed instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch's bodies both were thrown from the vehicle, Harmon said.

"There is some difference of opinion as to whether they were wearing their seatbelts," Harmon said. "I think Mrs. Welch had her seatbelt on, and that the force of the impact tore it loose."

The couple reportedly were en route to the Lubbock Airport, where Mrs. Welch was to catch a plane to go

to a church conference.

In reconstructing the accident, authorities said that the Welches—who lived in the Bethel community near the western edge of Castro County—had driven into Sudan from the north on FM 303 and needed to cross the Santa Fe tracks to reach US 84.

Because of highway construction on US 84, the railroad crossing on FM 303 was barricaded and they were detoured eastward along Railroad Avenue, an unpaved road running alongside and below the Santa Fe tracks, to the crossing at FM 1843, half a mile away.

FM 1843 intersected with the railroad tracks at an

angle, requiring Welch to make a 100-degree turn while driving uphill. From the stop sign on Railroad Avenue where it intersects with FM 1843, it is only 30 feet from the turning point to the railroad tracks.

The train was approaching from the west, and the view in that direction is obscured by two large electrical-switch housings, some light-pole abutments and a guard rail on the west side of the intersection.

Also, "because of the slant of that intersection, the driver is going to be slanted back behind the passenger as he looks back down the track, and he's going to have to really lean out to see," Harmon said.

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**RETA AND JAMES WELCH**  
... Victims of Friday accident in Sudan.



**FATAL ACCIDENT SCENE**—James and Reta Welch of Dimmitt were killed instantly when a Santa Fe train collided with their 1992 Chrysler Friday in Sudan. Here, Lamb County Investigator Gary Maddox (wearing hat and tie), Justice of the Peace Carolyn Harmon and Sudan firemen work at the scene of the accident. The power pole

which the car was hurled against is 80 ft. from the point of impact on the railroad tracks. Lamb County authorities said Welch had to make almost a V-shaped turn from a dirt-road detour as he attempted to cross the tracks to get to US 84.

Photo by Joella Lowvorn, Lamb County Leader-News



# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

It was a belated birthday party for Lori Lemons on Monday of this week. Her tennis buddies had to deal with schedule and weather to honor her with dinner and cards following tennis at the home of Deanne Clark.

Janet Hand Smith drove down from Amarillo (she, Jim and Camy are in their new home) and Rene Doss, Debbie Fewell, Linda Langford, Noemi Ponce and Deanne dined but Pam Bratton and Nora Villareal took in the tennis.

Sen. Tom Haywood and his wife, Pat, were houseguests of Wayne and Darlene Collins after the Chamber banquet Saturday.

Jim Birdwell and J.B. and Mava Cooper were with Bill and Kathryn Birdwell after the banquet and in Methodist Church Sunday. Elva Forrester is here visiting the Bill Clarks and they attended the Chamber Banquet and the Methodist Men's Sweetheart Banquet.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met on Wednesday morning with Mattie Seale presiding over the business meeting. She also led in the Auxiliary prayer. Edna Reinart read the minutes in the absence of Florene Leinen and Barbara Sava gave the treasurer's report. Members of the auxiliary brought cookies and cakes for a bake sale. Many of them were decorated for Valentine's Day. Members present were Edith Graef, Betty Freeman, Claudine Langford, Irene Carpenter, Lois Waggoner, Irene Blanton, Mary Edna Hendrix, Reinart, Sava and Seale.

The Dimmitt Book Club met on Wednesday afternoon with Ina Cleavinger presiding over the business meeting. Doris Flynt read the minutes and called the roll. Marie Howell was the guest reviewer for Carole Dyer and she reviewed the children's book *Owl in the Shower* by Jean Craighead George. Oneida Hutto and Lucy Casares were hostesses for the social hour. They served heart-shaped cookies, nuts, mints, coffee and red punch.

The decorations on the serving table were a "Prairie Heart Sampler," a red candle, a Valentine pig, brown hearts that spelled "welcome," a cupid and a basket of greenery.

## February sales tax rebates sent

The February sales tax rebate issued to Dimmitt is down almost more than 5% from the payment issued a year ago in February, but rebates issued to Nazareth and Hart reflect increases.

Nazareth's check for \$1,770.62 is 86.5% higher than the rebate issued in February 1996 for \$949.01. For the year, Nazareth has received rebates totaling \$2,197.20, 54.17% higher than the 1996 total of \$1,425.16 through February.

Hart's check of \$1,770.90 is 8.82% higher than its 1996 rebate of \$1,627.36. That brings the yearly total for Hart to \$2,708.70, up 35.58% from \$1,997.76.

Dimmitt's rebate dropped 5.25% from February 1996 to February 1997. This month's check was \$28,224.33, compared with \$29,790.58 a year ago. This year, Dimmitt has earned a total of \$46,798.02, down 7.49% from \$50,587.64.

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Ralph Smith was substituting for the band director in the Dimmitt schools last week and he reported things are different now than they were when he was the band director several years ago.

The Town and Country Extension Club met on Friday with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting. She led in the club prayer and creed. Betty Freeman read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. As she called the roll, each member answered with something they were thankful for according to the initials in their name. (Since my initials are MEH, I answered I was thankful for Money, Education and Health.)

Marilyn Neal, the Extension agent, was in charge of the program. Since it was Valentine's Day, her subject was "Bless Your Heart." She also led in an exercise program. Betty Freeman served Valentine candy and Oneida Hutto served chocolate chip cookies for snacks. Marilyn served grilled chicken sandwiches, salad, potato chips and soft drinks. Mary Edna Hendrix served cherry delight pudding with whipped cream for dessert. Members present were Rosetta Bellinghausen, Ferne Jones, Mary Cox, Edith Graef, Mattie Seale, Geneva Justice, Irene Blanton, Freeman Henderson, Hutto, Neal, Hendrix and Claudine Langford.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Mary Ann Resch of Hereford, Winefred Wagner of Amarillo, Lorene Hartman of Umparger, Lynn Moore and Brett Parker of Plainview and Decimae Dennis of Midland.

Edgar Dennis was honored with a surprise birthday party Feb. 11. The family met in the home of Coby and Connie Gilbreath, with Danny and Debbie Underwood assisting with hosting duties. Decimae Dennis drove in from Midland bringing black balloons, banners and streamers to decorated the house, and black plates, napkins and cups to serve the enchilada dinner that Connie, Debbie and Leta had prepared. A cowboy birthday cake was served for dessert. The little ones, Chauncey, Cailee and Carly Gilbreath and Dennis and David Underwood, were so excited with all the fun, and they joined in the singing of *Happy Birthday*.

Edgar has been giving his "Cow-

boy Poetry" program in various places—at the Tulia First United Methodist Church, at the Dimmitt Firemen's dinner, and at the Carlisle Theatre in Dimmitt.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for a day of bridge and lunch, with Ina Rae Cates as hostess. She served a delicious casserole, English peas, salad and a "Sock-it-to-Me" cake. Edith Graef won high score, with Loranel Hamilton second high. Others playing were Opha Burks, Carol Lantz, Neva Hickey, Bill Thornton, Bernice Hill, Ben Hill, Cleo Forson, Louise Mears, Dude McLaurin, Virginia Crider, Elizabeth Huckabay, Alma Kenmore and Susie Reeves.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce annual banquet was a huge success thanks to all who had a part in making it a wonderful evening! Shelly Nutt is doing a great job! The theme was "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star," so of course there were many little wagons as decorations on the tables. It was so much fun viewing all the pretty tables. There were balloons, cowboy hats, covered wagons, cotton bolls, and bales of cotton, a table decorated with groceries, fans, gold stars, flower arrangements, a small farmer boy pulling a wagon, sunflowers, ambulances on the hospital's table, a cowboy fire with logs and a guitar, saddles, and many tables had souvenirs for the guests at their table.

The Ramblin' Rascals entertained with their bluegrass music and Max Ellison and Susan Coleman did a great job as emcees. Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia was the guest speaker and he is a humorous and dynamic speaker. His main theme is "If it is to be, it is up to me."

It was good to see Kenneth's wife, Veda, since I became acquainted with her when I stayed in Tulia for a year. I went with my sister to her Methodist Women's Organization, and Veda entertained the group in their home several times. Also Veda reviewed one of Kenneth's books of poetry at my sister's study club. Veda honored me by giving the book to me and she autographed it for me. The book is called *Cup of Daisies*, with poetry and paintings by Kenneth Wyatt. I have these other books—*Splash of Color*, *Kenneth Wyatt's Western Art*, and *Pictures I Wanted to Paint and Things I Wanted to Do*, and *Leapfrog* and

### Other Things I Remember.

Congratulations to all the winners this year: Citizen of the Year, Randy Griffith; Citizen Through the Years, Bill Birdwell; and Teacher of the Year, Karen Carter.

Our sympathies to the families of James and Reta Welch in their tragic deaths; the family of Orin Brock; and the family of Ruby Dempsey.

Enjoying an early morning Valentine's Day birthday breakfast Friday in the lovely country home of Colleen Newman were Lucille Dollar, Billye G. Davis, the hostess Colleen and the honoree, Fran Frazier. Later that afternoon they all surprised

Marzell Powell at Lockhart's for coffee and cards for her birthday.

Billye Gwyn Davis, Lance and Mary Davis, Len Owens, and James Owens and his fiancé, Jennifer Listo, spent several days last week in the Morris Price home in Lubbock. James was on his way for a year's tour of duty at the naval base of Diego Garcia. Jennifer went back to Fort Mead, Md., where she is stationed.

Michele (Bertonneau) Cantinaud, American Field Service exchange student from Parisot, France, who attended Dimmitt High School with the class of 1963-64, is coming to

Texas for her first visit since graduation. Open house for all her friends and classmates will be Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 1005 West Bedford.

Joe and Jerre Shultz, formerly of Dimmitt, are at Mid-Continent College in Mayfield, Ky. Joe is in charge of maintenance at the Baptist college and Jerre is the BSU Director and coordinator for the college's guest house. Joe is working on his seminary degree. They would like to hear from old friends. Write to them at Mid-Continent College, 99 Powell Road East, Mayfield, Ky. 42066. Dr. David Jester is the incoming president of this college.



**BPA CONTEST PARTICIPANTS**—Members of the Business Professionals of America chapter at Dimmitt High School participated in regional contests Feb. 7-8 in Lubbock, and one qualified for state, with five others named as alternates to the state competition. Those going to the regional contest include (front, from left) Tracy Grand (fourth in office specialist, alternate to state), David Medrano (state qualifier, third in spreadsheet), Jennifer Lilley (third in Verbal

Prepared I, alternate) and Oscar Rueda (fifth in spreadsheet, alternate); (middle, from left) Lindsey Garza, Vanessa Acevedo, Maria Meza (fifth in banking concepts, alternate), Candie George (fifth in chapter yearbook, alternate), and Laura Martinez; and (back, from left) Becky Book, sponsor, Maria Gonzales, Tangi Woolbright, Teresa Robertson, Deirdre Black and Kathy West, sponsor.

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# People



## Baby shower honors Gfeller

Michael Maverick Gfeller and his mother, Mandy, were honored with a baby shower Saturday in the home of Wanda Nelson.

Guests were served apple nut coffee cake, orange juice and coffee from a table decorated in primary colors with a Playschool farm scene and balloons serving as the centerpiece.

Special guests included Maverick's grandmothers, Kay Gfeller and Francis Davis, and his great-grandmother, Thalia Fulkerson of Tulia.



**EMCEES**—(From left) Max Ellison and Susan Coleman were co-emcees for Saturday's 48th annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Expo Building. The estimated crowd of 350 were served filet mignon, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, tea and ice cream. The meal was catered by the Methodist Men. Music was provided by the Ramblin' Rascals, a bluegrass group that includes locals Jerry Frazier and Herb Mayfield. Dr. Kenneth Wyatt, famed western artist and speaker, provided the entertainment for the evening. The door prize of a Wyatt-designed necklace was won by Bobbie Bruegel, and the Wyatt artwork that was raffled off was won by Tommie Martin of Lazbuddie. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Springlake fund raiser set Friday

Springlake citizens are holding a Chili and Western Music evening Friday to raise money for restoration of the old Springlake Church of Christ building for use as a community center.

The Country Blue Grass Performing Ensemble from South Plains College will provide music, along with a surprise group of entertainers comprised of local residents.

A meal of chili will be served. Donations will be accepted with all funds going toward the restoration project.

Serving starts at 6 p.m., with the music slated to start around 7.

## Strings group to perform in Plainview

A guest appearance by Odessa's Strolling Strings of Permian High School will be featured next Thursday night during the final performance of the Plainview Symphony Orchestra.

The concert will be held in Haral Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University, and it is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Additional tickets will be available at the box office prior to the performance for \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

The Odessa Strolling Strings Quartet will be directed by Kathy Fishburn.

Sharing the spotlight will be the first conductor of the Plainview symphony during its 1979-80 season, Dale Daniels. Daniels, along with then Plainview City Manager John Hatchel, was instrumental in forming Plainview's Symphony Orchestra 18 years ago. He is now musical director of the Dallas Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, according to J.W. King Jr., artistic director of the Plainview Symphony Orchestra.

The guest conductor will be Boyce Wyrick, orchestra director for Lubbock Coronado. This will be Wyrick's third directing appearance.

The 65-member orchestra, made up of area musicians, will perform one number with the Strolling Strings and one under Daniel's direction.

The Strolling Strings is a "fun and impressive group," said King. "They will stroll through the audience, in formation, carrying the string instruments they are playing."

The Odessa group has presented special concerts in many Texas sites, including the Texas Music Educators annual convention in San Antonio.

The Symphony will open the concert with *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Jacques Offenbach. Other selections will include *An American Symphony* from Mr. Holland's Opus, a medley of LeRoy Anderson's *Favorites* and Mancini's *Memories*.



**THE RAGTIME MAN**

... Max Morath will perform Monday in Hereford

Courtesy Photo

## 'Ragtime Man' to perform in Hereford on Monday

The Hereford Community Concert Association will feature Max Morath, *The Ragtime Man*, in concert on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorium.

This is the second presentation of the 1996-97 concert season. Admission is by season membership. Student tickets are available for those interested.

Morath, a pianist, singer and humorist, presents a musical glance at an earlier America, blending music, humor and satire in a bright and affectionate look at another era. He takes his audiences on a rollicking musical tour from the "Naughty Nineties" to the "Roaring Twenties."

The Community Concert Association will sponsor the Amarillo Little Theater production of "Always, Patsy Cline" on Friday night, April 11 at the Hereford High School Auditorium. The final concert of the membership series will feature the "Dodge City Cow-Boy Band" on April 14.

Students interested in attending the concerts may call (806) 364-5345 or (806) 364-3486.

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Michayla Aimee Acker, infant daughter of Rex and Michelle Acker, was honored at a baby shower Sunday afternoon in the home of Bea Hoelting. She received many outfits and useful gifts.

Thanks to the Junior Catholic Daughters who distributed Valentine flowers to many older Nazareth residents on Valentine's Day.

Prayers are asked for John Schacher, who is in intensive care unit at Veterans hospital in Amarillo. He had surgery last Wednesday and is recuperating.

Prayers are asked for Buck Jones, who underwent surgery Monday at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He was injured after being thrown from a horse.

Eric Rose, son of Jerry and Tricia Rose, died Monday morning. He was being treated for respiratory problems at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

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## DKG accepting applications now

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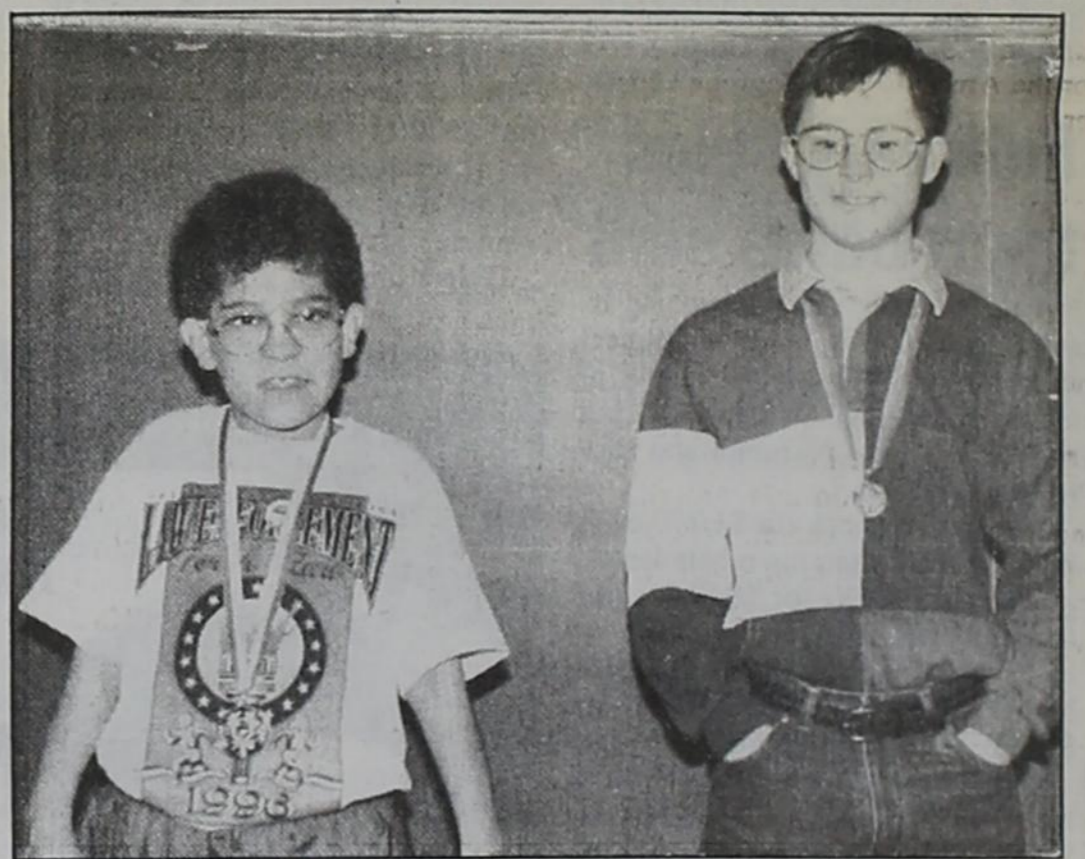
Those wanting to apply for the grant should contact Joanne Snider at (806)647-3502.

To qualify, a student must have graduated from a Castro County high school and have official verification of acceptance by the education department of a college or university. Applicants must submit a letter of application with a verified statement from their school's education department and a current transcript.

The committee will review applications and then make a decision on whether the scholarship should be paid in two installments or given all in one semester.

The recipient will be notified by April 15.

The grant is sponsored by the Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa gamma and has been awarded each year since 1987. Sometimes it is divided between two students.



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL**—Lesley Hinojosa, 11, (left) and Keenon Doss, 13, won medals in tournament play in Amarillo recently. Hinojosa's team took second place in the elementary level of competition and Doss's team won third in the junior high/high school level. Hinojosa is the daughter of Joe and Lisa Alvarez and Doss is the son of Kenny and Renee Doss.

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# What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 20-28.

## DIMMITT

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Pepperoni pizza, vegetable medley, cantaloupe and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Macaroni and cheese, Swedish brown beans, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Chicken taco with hot sauce, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano, honeydew melon and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Honey-lemon chicken, potatoes au gratin, orange wedges and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Steak fingers with gravy, French fries, cucumber and tomato salad and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.

## Grades 2-12 Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Choice of pepperoni pizza, barbecued hot links or beef enchiladas; vegetable medley, Mexicali corn, refried beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or broccoli and cauliflower salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips, or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of macaroni and cheese, baked fish scandia or fajitas with sauteed onions, Swedish brown beans, rice pilaf or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or guacamole salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

lowfat or skim milk.

**MONDAY:** Choice of chicken tetrazzini, creole bean soup or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes, baked potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, cheese rolls, Fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of honey-lemon chicken, meat loaf with creole sauce or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, orange wedges or potato salad; muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of steak fingers with gravy, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, sweet potatoes and apple or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese-style vegetables, Lyonaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; muffins, cheese rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**MONDAY:** Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips; coleslaw, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick-baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or spaghetti and meat sauce; salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, white bread, and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket; and green beans, salad, cheese toast, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita; salad, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.

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**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita; salad, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.

## Junior High and High School

**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chaluapas, salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, pears, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips; coleslaw, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick-baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.

**MONDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecue wieners; macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, salad, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, cornbread and milk, punch or tea.

**TUESDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or spaghetti and meat sauce; salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, white bread, and milk, punch or tea.

**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket; and green beans, salad, cheese toast, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

**THURSDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita; salad, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

## NAZARETH

**THURSDAY:** \* Baked potato with bread or pizza, salad, peas, applesauce, oranges and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Sandwiches with chips or corn dogs, lettuce, corn, dessert, oranges and milk.  
**MONDAY:** \* Enchiladas with roll or pizza, salad, beans, fruit salad, pears and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Lasagna with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, peaches, applesauce and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Burritos or baked potato, salad, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** \* Baked potato with bread or corn dogs, salad, broccoli, pears, dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** \* No school!

(\*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)



**OUTGOING**—Ray Bain (right) is presented with a gift of appreciation for his years of service on the board of directors of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Also, his wife, Barbara, (center) was recognized for her efforts in decorating for the annual Chamber banquet, which was held Saturday night. Making the presentation is Layne Myatt, outgoing Chamber board president. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday



*Ain't this nifty! Look who's fifty!*

I love you, Sis! Happy Birthday!

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## Spanish parenting conference planned

The Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo has set this year's Spanish "Parenting: Mejorando Sus Habilidades Como Padres" conference for March 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The conference will be held at the Service Center at 1601 S. Cleveland, with registration set from 6 to 6:45. Three sessions will be presented to parents and youths, age 12 and older. Free child care will be provided for children ages newborn to 11.

The sessions are:  
 —How to Educate Your Children Successfully, presented by Salvador Martinez, ESL/Bilingual consultant for the service center.  
 —Effective Techniques of Discipline, presented by Rosie F. Escamilla, parent educator for Family Support Services.  
 —Drug Prevention, presented by Janie Cortez, liaison police officer for the Amarillo ISD Caprock Cluster.

The sessions will be held simultaneously. As a finale to the evening, actress Ruby Nelda Perez of San Antonio will give a special performance.

Booths with exhibits and refreshments also will be available.

The conference is being sponsored by the Amarillo ISD, the PTA Councils of Canyon and Amarillo, and by the service center. For more information on the conference, call Carlota Morales at 806-376-5521, ext. 344.

## Scholarship deadline nears

The Sam Houston State University Dept. of Agricultural Sciences is accepting applications for more than \$40,000 in scholarships to be awarded for the 1997-98 academic year. Deadline for applications is March 4.

The scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,500 per year. Incoming freshmen, transfer students, or continuing SHSU students majoring in agricultural science, agricultural business, ag education, animal science, agricultural mechanization, or horticulture-crop science are eligible to compete for the awards.

For further information, or to request an application form, contact the department office at 409-294-1224 or 409-294-1215. The department is located in room 222 of the Thomason Building on the SHSU campus.

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Guillermo Morales.....647-4219
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Maria Castaneda.....647-5598
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9th and Etter, Dimmitt  
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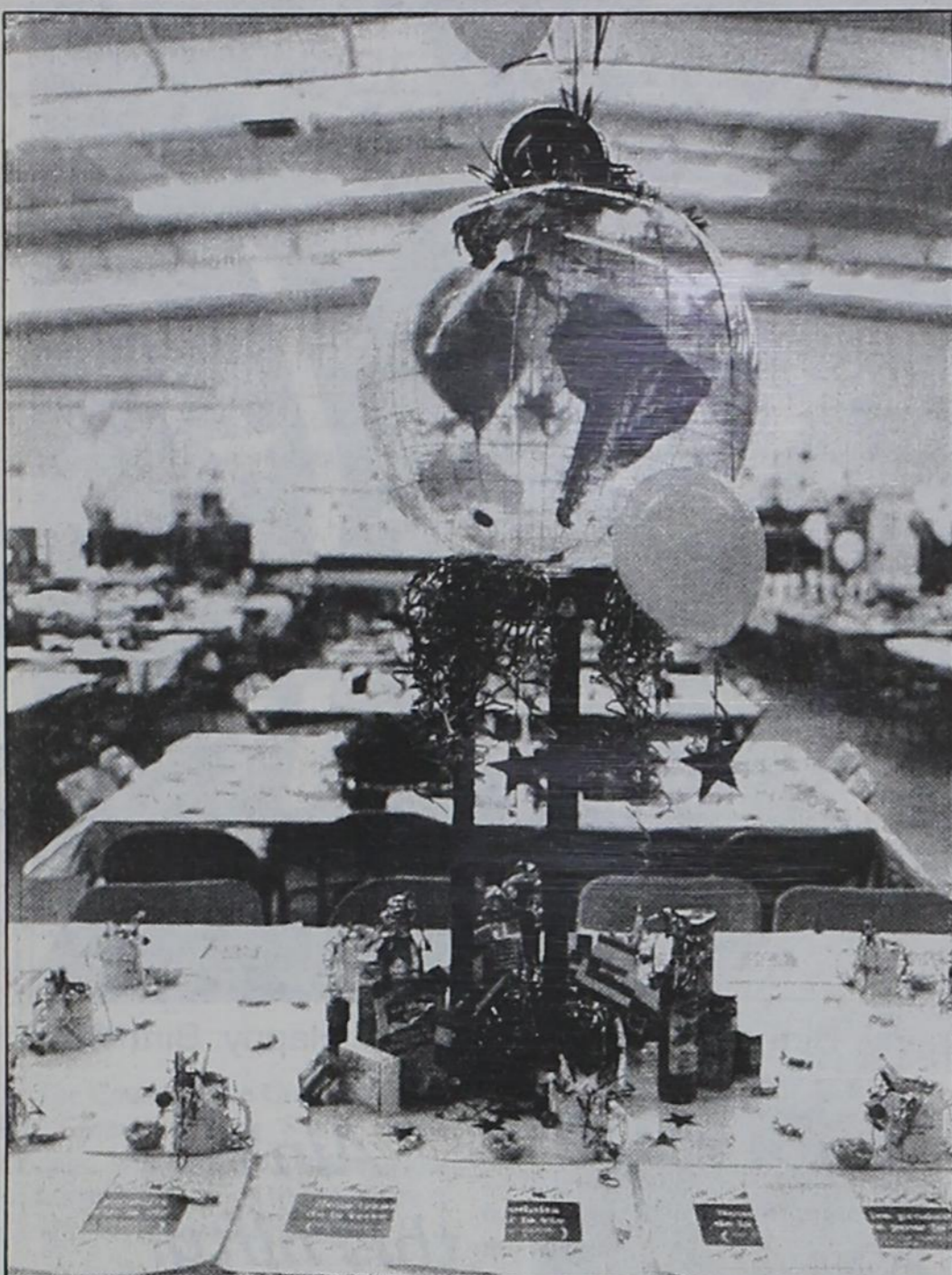
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*Ain't she sweet, ain't she cute,  
 Isn't she a beauty in her swimming suit?  
 Whether she's up to her knees in "mud"  
 or helping needy children get beyond the crud,  
 Mother Stump offers her unconditional love.  
 Now she has a birthday, ain't that nifty.  
 Guess what? On this one she's turning 50!*

**Happy 50th Birthday,  
 Donna!**

# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



PEOPLE'S CHOICE winner at the 48th annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet is this table, decorated by Cerestar USA, Dimmitt, Inc. Recognition also was given for Most Original, which went to Paxton Tire; and for Cutest, which went to ALCO. Various businesses and organizations decorated 28 tables, with most portraying the theme of "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star."

Photo by Don Nelson

## County Farm Bureau board attends seminar

Members of the Castro County Farm Bureau board of directors and their wives and special guests attended an estate planning seminar Feb. 11.

The meeting was held at K-Bob's Steak House, with Herb Hill and Bennett Cook, both of Lubbock, as guest speakers.

Hill is an estate planning specialist with Texas Farm Bureau, and spoke on that subject. Cook is an estate tax attorney, and spoke on setting up trusts and the laws concerning them. Those attending were given an opportunity to set up personal interviews to review estate

plans. Chris Cogburn, board president, welcomed the guests. Vice president Lonnie Robb gave the invocation before the meal. Agency Manager Paula Stiles and Agent Bob Anthony also attended.

Another estate seminar will be held in about six months for the benefit of all Farm Bureau members, at no charge, as a membership benefit.

Anyone interested in attending the future seminar is asked to contact Castro County Farm Bureau at 647-5106.

## Windbreak trees available

Windbreak seedlings can be ordered now through Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt. Contact the office for more information or for assistance in planning and planting effective windbreaks. Or, you may call the provider of the seedlings, the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery, at 806-746-5801.

Homestead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from the home, block the hot, dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter, according to Robert Fewin of Lubbock, area forester for the TFS. He said multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a home-

stead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic.

To ensure maximum performance, Fewin recommends a four-row farmstead windbreak: an outside shrub row, providing low density protection; two interior evergreen rows, supplying year-round security; and an inside, tall deciduous row, extending the zone of protection.

## McCormick, Simpson show breed champs

Jeremy Simpson and Jay McCormick exhibited breed champion animals at the San Antonio Livestock Show last week.

McCormick of Dimmitt exhibited a breed champion steer in the All Other Breed class and showed another second-place mediumweight steer in the class.

Simpson earned his breed championship banner with an Other Pure Bred barrow which won its class.

Seven Dimmitt exhibitors showed barrows in the show. In addition to Simpson, they were Wesley Mays, who had a first-place lightweight Hampshire; Jana Nelson, fourth-place mediumweight Cross; McCormick, fifth-place heavyweight Cross; the late Aaron Wilcox, whose animals were shown by Wesley Mays, fifth-place Other Pure Bred; Mary Bradley, 14th-place mediumweight Duroc; and Travis Crow, 16th-place lightweight Cross. Mays drove his heavyweight finewool lamb to a 13th-place finish.

Others showing were Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Shantell Self, Chris Davis, Michelle Davis and Ashley Davis.

Those traveling with the group were FFA Advisor Jerry Mathis, James and Vea Simpson, Cassa McCormick, Donnie and Wanda Nelson, Gene and Shari Bradley, Leslie Davis, Anthony and Mary Mays, Rick and Vada Wilcox and Wade Kirby.

The week before, Dimmitt's Mikel Atchley exhibited two gilts at San Antonio, finishing fourth with a Poland and 11th with a Duroc.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

### Time and Attitude:

### A Formula for Success



Two men were working at a construction site as a young boy passed by. The boy watched with interest as the men built a brick wall. After a few minutes, he approached one of the workmen. "What are you doing?" he asked.

The worker answered without looking up. "I'm laying bricks until the 5 o'clock whistle blows," he

said. The boy walked to the other end of the wall and asked the second worker what he was doing. With a friendly smile the man replied, "Son, I'm building an office building. Someday soon a company will locate here and become successful. I will have a part in their success."

There is a great lesson about time and attitude in this little story. We can either lay bricks 'till 5 o'clock or build buildings to help others become more successful.

Brick laying is actually a good analogy to life. We all have our "bricks" to work with every day. In fact, we all have one brick in common. It is a time brick we call minutes.

Recently, I heard a little poem that expresses this thought beautifully.

*I have only just a minute,  
Only 60 seconds in it.  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,  
But, it's up to me to use it.  
I'm a sucker if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it.  
Just a tiny little minute,  
But, eternity is in it.*

### Time and attitude

When you analyze the lives of successful people, you find that time and attitude play a critical role. In fact, how a person uses time, and the attitude he or she adopts may be two of the most important characteristics of success.

In this column, I'd like to focus on the time factor. Days, weeks and years can all be broken down into those little time bricks we call minutes. How we use our minutes will shape our success. Here are some tips for getting more out of your minutes.

### Tips for "minute" management

♦ **Develop an attitude of time control.** You are the only person who decides how to use your minutes. Don't let others sidetrack you from your success.

♦ **Set aside time for planning.** Planning allows you to look at your future as if it were today. You can chart a course of action today that will guarantee your success tomorrow.

♦ **Begin with the end in mind.** This is one of the seven habits from Stephen Covey's book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Covey suggests that you focus on the result you desire, and work toward that end. In other words, decide what you want, then go get it.

♦ **Prioritize your tasks.** This is the most important lesson on getting things done I have ever learned. Set aside adequate time for selecting the most important tasks to do. Remember, the results of these tasks are critical to your success.

♦ **Know when you do your best work.** If you are a morning person, tackle those tough jobs first. If you're asleep until noon—even when you're at work—use your afternoon "prime time" to work on high-priority tasks.

♦ **Hustle while you wait.** Always keep a little work handy to do while you're waiting. I often write at the doctor's office; in airports and while on hold on the phone. It takes a little thought, but those extra minutes can increase your productivity.

♦ **Take a break and play.** Finally, make your day a mix of what must be done (highest priorities) and what you want to do (fun). Reward yourself for the completion of a difficult project with some time for fun. The fast track to burnout is all work and no play.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Wheat voting to end March 4

Voting in the Texas Wheat Producers Board's 13th biennial mail election will end March 4, according to Bob Beakley, farmer-elected chairman of the organization.

Of the 15 board members serving six-year terms, five are facing expiring terms, including: for District I, Scott McGarraugh of Perryton; District II, David Cleavinger of Wil-dorado; District III, Ralph Sides of Childress; and District IV, Beakley of Ennis and Ben Scholz of Wylie. All board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election. The election is being held by mail ballot. Anyone who does not receive a ballot may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices. Producers may also vote on a proposition to limit the wheat assessment.

Counties included in District II are: Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Swisher, Parmer, Randall, Potter, Briscoe, Armstrong, Oldham, Carson, and Floyd.

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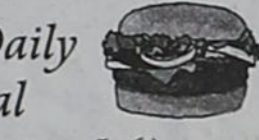


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## Building a Better Dimmitt

With 50 years in the meat business and 38 years of doing business in Dimmitt, V.C. Hopson of Dimmitt Meat Company has plenty of reasons to be proud of the establishment he and his wife, Dorothy, own and operate at 200 N. Broadway.

Having earned the right to be counted among the "Taste of Texas" products endorsed by the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, the meat processed by the Hopsons and their employees also is part of the Texas Top Beef operation. Dimmitt Meat Co. is the only processing center for the Texas Top Beef operation, which is headquartered in Hereford.

Cattle are fed out from Cansler Feeders and specially selected as Texas Top Beef. The meat is certified hormone-free, and is slaughtered and aged for 14 to 21 days before it is packaged. Customers can place custom orders by calling the Texas Top Beef toll-free number, 1-888-230-BEEF. The beef is marketed with satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Home deliveries are available within a 100 mile radius of Amarillo, and orders can range from a single pound to half a beef.

In addition to the Texas Top Beef line, Dimmitt Meat Co. also offers custom processing of cattle and hogs, and, occasionally, lamb.

On top of that, the Hopsons produce Hopson's Country Sausage, selling an estimated 250 pounds a week. It is a German-type sausage, made specially from an old family recipe. V.C. said part of the secret of the sausage's outstanding flavor is the fact that they do not use spice oils, which can lose flavor after being frozen. He said they use seasonings custom ordered and blended from a seasoning company and allow the seasonings to blend their flavors with the meat before freezing.

Part of the company's business is seasonal, such as when they take orders for smoked turkeys during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday sea-



V.C. Hopson

sons. V.C. said he hopes to expand his local operation as the Texas Top Beef program adds additional outlets.

Employees at Dimmitt Meat Co., besides the Hopsons, are Brian Moore, slaughter man and meat cutter, who has been with the company for four years; and meat wrappers Betty Steffens and Stella Rodriguez, who both work part-time.

The Hopsons support many school and youth activities, including 4-H and the junior livestock show and sale. They are active members of First Baptist Church.

The Hopsons have three children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their children are Susan Owens of Hereford, Cindy Lee of Hart and Van Hopson of Dimmitt.

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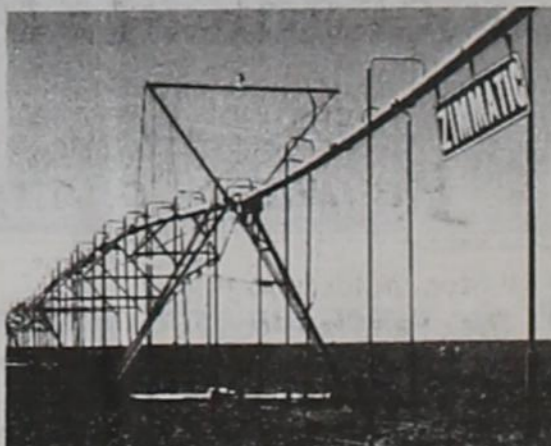
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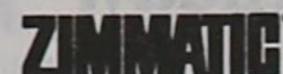
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**THURSDAY**  
**Class AAA Bi-District**  
 Bobbles 61, Slaton 41

Dimmitt 14 9 18 20—61  
 Slaton 5 14 7 15—41

**DIMMITT:** Stephanie Hinojosa 1 3-4-5; Jacy Buckley 6 2-4-16; Carol Summers 0 0-0-0; Amber Matthews 5 4-6-14; Shawna Kenworthy 2 7-10-11; Heidi Weaver 4 2-3-10; Amy Matthews 2 0-0-5. **Totals:** 20 18-27-61.

**SLATON:** Caldwell 0 0-0-0; Conwright 0 0-0-0; E. Whaley 0 0-0-0; Smith 9 1-2-24; Osuna 2 0-0-5; Turner 1 1-2-3; P. Whaley 1 0-0-2; Lewis 0 0-0-0; Krajcovic 1 1-2-3; Cottrell 1 0-0-2; Meador 0 2-2-2. **Totals:** 15 5-8-41.

**FRIDAY**  
**Class A Bi-District**  
 Swiftettes 66, Hartley 38

Nazareth 16 21 9 20—66  
 Hartley 10 13 6 9—38

**NAZARETH:** Cassie Birkenfeld 2 0-0-4; Mindi Ethridge 0 1-2-1; Celine Braddock 0 0-0-0; Sara Schulte 1 0-2-2; Tanya Wethington 3 0-0-6; K'Lynn Gerber 4 4-5-13; Misti Ball 5 3-6-13; Tiffany Schmucker 1 0-0-3; Amy Pohlmeier 6 4-6-18; Jill Ramaekers 2 0-2-4; Jayme Schmucker 0 1-2-1; Melanie Book 0 1-2-1. **Totals:** 24 14-27-66.

**HARTLEY:** Erica Gilliam 0 0-0-0; Tiffany Ford 4 3-5-11; Elisa Nuutinen 0 2-2-2; Dena Ford 1 0-0-2; Gretta Thompson 3 1-2-7; Johanna Haakana 2 3-5-7; Jamie Wiecek 2 0-1-6; Elaina Sultemeier 0 1-2-1; Destiny Voight 1 0-0-2. **Totals:** 13 10-17-38.

**CLASS AA BI-DISTRICT**  
 Hart 41, Idalou 44

Hart 8 10 8 15—41  
 Idalou 10 16 7 11—44

**HART:** Veronica Gonzales 4 0-0-8; Perales 1 1-1-3; Ysa Rodriguez 1 0-0-2; Debbie Velasquez 1 0-0-3; Nikki Lee 3 0-0-6; Lisa Rincon 2 0-0-4; Charbra Lee 7 0-4-15. **Totals:** 19 15-41.

**IDALOU:** Hammond 3 1-3-7; Turner 0 0-0-0; Foster 6 1-1-13; Smith 6 0-1-12; Heinrich 5 1-2-12; Stagemoeller 0 0-1-0. **Totals:** 20 3-8-44.

**District 1-AAA Game**  
 Bobcats 66, Perryton 68

Dimmitt 18 18 17 13—66  
 Perryton 10 20 20 14—68

**SCORING:** DIMMITT—Kalem Thomas 16, Casey Smith 12.

**SATURDAY**  
 Swifts 73, Spearman 62

Nazareth 22 18 15 18—73  
 Spearman 14 15 17 16—62

**SCORING:** NAZ—Nathan Hoelling 21, Bryan Braddock 17.

**TUESDAY**  
**Class AAA Area**  
 Bobbles 52, Monahans 35

Dimmitt 10 8 11 23—52  
 Monahans 5 11 9 10—35

**DIMMITT:** Shawna Kenworthy 5 7-9-17; Jacy Buckley 2 5-6-9; Amy Matthews 1 0-0-3; Amber Matthews 3 2-5-8; Heidi Weaver 3 1-5-7; Kimberly Newland 1 0-0-2; Stephanie Hinojosa 2 1-4-6; Heather Wise 0 0-0-0. **Totals:** 17 16-30-52.

**MONAHANS:** Eunice Tarrango 3 2-2-11; mandy Treadway 1 1-2-3; Tonya Hix 0 0-0-0; Jenny Dutton 0 4-6-4; Leah Johnson 3 5-8-11; Tracy Jasso 1 0-0-2; Sarah Carrell 2 0-4-4; Aanda Sanchez 0 0-0-0. **Totals:** 10 12-21.

**Class A Area**  
 Swiftettes 43, Gruver 46

Nazareth 12 4 11 16—43  
 Gruver 7 10 7 22—46

**NAZARETH:** Misti Ball 3 0-0-6; Jill Ramaekers 1 2-3-4; K'Lynn Gerber 1 0-0-2; Amy Pohlmeier 6 5-5-17; Tanya Wethington 1 3-3-5; Jayme Schmucker 2 0-0-4; Cassie Birkenfeld 1 0-0-3; Sara Schulte 1 0-2-2. **Totals:** 17 10-13-43.

**GRUVER:** Janae Watley 0 2-2-2; Amber Murrel 2 0-0-4; Mary Henson 0 1-2-1; Amy Gillispie 3 4-4-10; Westyn Maupin 5 10-12-20; Annie Mayhew 0 0-1-0; Autumn Bateman 2 0-1-4; Cara Hathaway 1 3-3-5. **Totals:** 13 20-24-46.



**PASSING OF THE GAVEL**—Layne Myatt (left), outgoing president of the board of directors of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, passes the gavel to his successor, Jim Wright (right) at the 48th annual Chamber banquet, held Saturday night in the Expo Building. Myatt served for two years. He was presented with a gift of appreciation by Wright on behalf of the board.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Cotton Talks

Confusion and uncertainty are the prevailing attitudes when it comes to the reauthorization of the Conservation Reserve Program and provisions governing the bidding and acceptance of land during the 15th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up.

According to Plains Cotton Growers of Lubbock, 77% of the land currently enrolled in the CRP will have to be resubmitted in order to continue in the program. Contracts on over 1.5 million acres will expire at the end of September 1997.

There are 51,293 acres enrolled in the CRP program in Castro County, and 75.5% of that total, or 38,711 acres, will expire in 1997.

According to information recently released by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), there will be no rolling over of current contracts and all bids received nationwide during the sign-up will be evaluated and ranked.

"There will be no regional or local preferences shown and each contract will have to make the cut in order to be enrolled in the CRP," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Some priority areas within the state of Texas have been identified and acreage in these areas will be eligible for the bidding process even though they may not meet all of the eligibility requirements currently being considered."

Johnson notes that the most confusing aspect of the upcoming CRP sign-up is that all the rules governing the process have not been finalized at this time. The sign-up period for producers to submit their bids will be March 3-28.

More detailed information should be available at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offices by March 3.

Using an average rental payment of \$39 per acre, the CRP provides over \$75 million dollars of income to producers and landowners each year. It has already been determined that

rental payments will be reduced during the next contract period.

"It is important to remember that the acreage being targeted during the next CRP sign-up is the land that does not need to be put back in production," said Johnson. "Our main concern is that the rules governing selection of land to be enrolled adequately evaluate the tremendous benefits to air and water quality and wildlife habitat that would result on the Texas High Plains."

"Our priorities are often different from those in other areas of Texas and the nation, and PCG's efforts have been focused on making sure our problems are considered equally."

Additional information will be published as soon as it becomes available.

## Canyon church plans sausage meal March 2

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon will hold its sixth annual Czech sausage dinner on Sunday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church's parish hall.

The menu will include sausage, sauerkraut, creamed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dessert and drinks. Cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Children under 5 will be served free. Adult tickets may be purchased in advance for \$5.50.

Children want to come home to find dinner on the table. So do mothers.

# Composted manure, burrs result in above-average yields on farm

Nazareth farmer Bob Birkenfeld and his brothers, Keith and Greg have adopted a new practice that has resulted in increased cotton yields on their farm, and their efforts have attracted the attention of the national magazine, *Progressive Farmer*.

On the 3,000 acres Bob and his brothers farm, they've gotten above-average cotton yields by boosting soil moisture with a composted mixture of manure and cotton burrs.

The men have reduced fertility costs and improved water-holding capacity in their loams by using an 80-20 blend of feedlot manure and cotton burrs. They use the soil amendment and market the product as a part of their overall organic cotton growing business.

The result of the practice has allowed them two bales an acre of cotton in a limited moisture area.

Extension agronomists say the program has merit for West Texas farmers because compost provides high levels of phosphorous and nitrogen and improves soil tilth.

"Manure by itself doesn't compost as well because it doesn't have the porosity that you'd like to see," Birkenfeld said in the February issue of *Progressive Farmer*. "Composting

is a process that requires oxygen. Mixing burrs provides more porosity, which allows oxygen to circulate freely through the pile."

The burrs, which are added on-site to the raw manure, boost the compost carbon-nitrogen ratio to about 30 to 1, an important consideration because bacteria produce nitrogen in direct proportion to the amount of available carbon.

The burrs can be replaced with gin trash or newsprint, adding it to the manure to "give it bulk," according to Brent Auvermann, an Extension engineer in Amarillo.

The commercial fertilizer industry applies 100 to 200 pounds of dry fertilizer per acre, but the Birkenfelds put out 2,000 to 6,000 pounds of compost, according to the article in *Progressive Farmer*.

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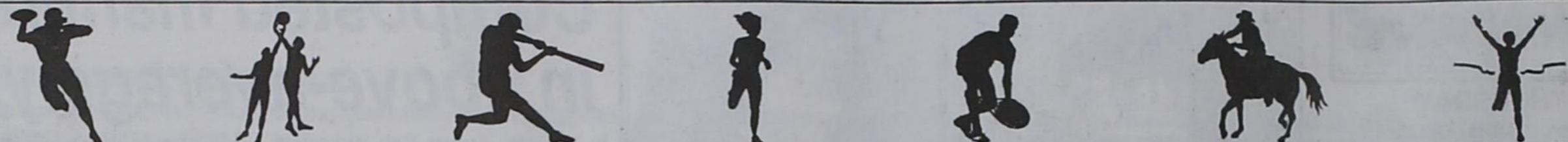
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# Sports



## Bobbies destroy No. 3 Slaton in bi-district

Had the Dimmitt Bobbies won their bi-district championship game vs. Slaton last Thursday at Plainview by something considerably less than the 61-41 final margin, it might have been an upset. When the Bobbies knocked off the

state's No. 3 team in Class AAA to advance to Tuesday's area championship against Monahans, it was not an upset. It was a good old country kicking of the hindquarters. How'd they do it? Offense. Defense. Lucky chain letter. They all

played a part. Most of all, the Bobbies went out and had fun. Then, they went out and ate a good meal at Plainview's premier restaurant, The Cotton Patch. Nothing against where the Tigerettes ate, but, it was, uh, Burger King. To the victor goes the spoils.

The chain letter arrived in Dimmitt coach Jan Newland's mail a few days before the bi-district game. It was from another coach, and promised luck in three days if mailed to five other coaches.

"I mailed it last Monday," Newland admitted after the game.

She also admitted she didn't change a thing at halftime of the contest, when the Bobbies led by four points, 23-19.

The Tigerettes, who lost a close decision to Groesbeck in last year's Class AAA state finals, had four starters back from that game. The Bobbies made them look like an untested also-ran with a withering defense that led to Dimmitt's best effort since the 1993 state championship season.

Slaton's Rosielita Smith, who led all scorers with 24 points, scored a basket in the first minute of the third quarter to make it 23-22. She later tied the score at 24 on another basket with 5:12 to play in the period.

After that, boys and girls, it was time to proceed to the nearest exit. There was a fire in the building, and its name was the Dimmitt offense. The Bobbies went on a 10-0 roll to go ahead 34-24 on a Jacy Buckley basket with 2:47 to play in the period.

The Bobbies turned up the steam on defense to feed the offense. Back-to-back-to-back steals on the press led to the first three buckets of the run, scores by Amber Matthews and Shawna Kenworthy. Heidi Weaver, like Kenworthy, converted a conventional three-point play to put Dimmitt ahead 32-24 with 3:10 to play. In the quarter.

After Slaton scored to cut the gap to eight, 34-26, Dimmitt responded with another five points to lead 41-26 after 24 minutes.

The Bobbies kept up the defensive heat in the fourth period, and that heat fueled the fire on offense. Amber Matthews scored with 4:55 to play in the game to put Dimmitt ahead by 24, 53-29.

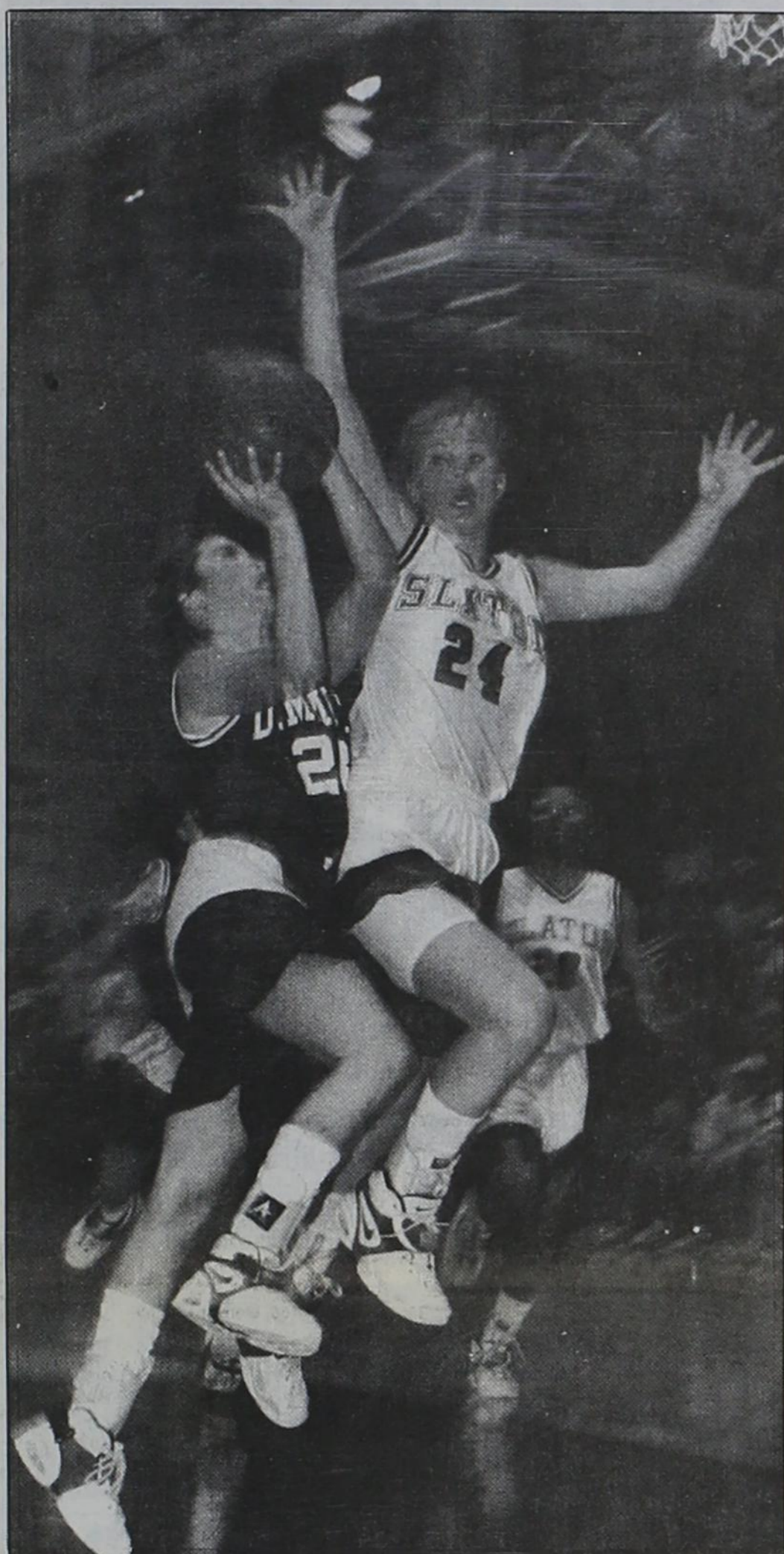
The game was hot back in a little bit of doubt when Smith hit three-straight treys to close the gap to 17, 55-38, in less than a minute. Her last one came with 3:50 to play, and the Bobbies shut her out the rest of the game.

Dimmitt wasn't through, as Stephanie Hinojosa hit two free throws with 3:22 left to make it 57-38.



**WE DID IT!**—The Dimmitt Bobbies celebrate after beating defending Region 1-AAA champion Slaton in a bi-district game Friday at Hutcherson Center in Plainview. Dimmitt took a nine-point lead in the first

quarter and was ahead by four at the break before exploding in the second half to outscore Slaton 38-22 for a 61-41 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend



**DRIVING TO THE HOLE**—Dimmitt's Shawna Kenworthy (23) doesn't let Slaton's Tiffany Turney (24) get in her way as she drives in for a layup Friday night in bi-district action at the Hutcherson Center in Plainview. The Bobbies, who lost to Slaton earlier this year, avenged that loss with a big 61-41 playoff win Friday, eliminating the Lady Tigers, who advanced to the state finals a year ago. Kenworthy had 11 points in the game. Photo by Carter Townsend

Kenworthy hit three free throws in the last minute to push Dimmitt to the final 20-point margin.

Dimmitt started sticking the fork in the Tigerettes in the first quarter, when the Bobbies roared to a 14-5 lead. Slaton had the lead only once in the game, when Smith made a free throw 45 seconds into the contest.

Buckley, who led Dimmitt with 16 points, scored the game's first bucket with 5:40 to play in the pe-

riod. After Slaton tied the score at 3, Amy Matthews nailed a 17-footer from the right side with 3:20 to play to make it 5-3. Dimmitt extended its lead to seven points, 12-5, with 48 seconds left on a trey by Amy Matthews, then Amber Matthews laced a 15-foot jumper from the left side for the nine-point advantage after eight minutes.

The Tigerettes came marching back in the second quarter. Smith hit two treys, and three baskets by

her teammates helped close the gap to four by halftime.

The second half, though, was all Dimmitt. The Bobbies forced 13 turnovers by the defending state runner-up in the second half, while Dimmitt had just two giveaways in the last 16 minutes.

Four of the seven Dimmitt players who saw action scored in double figures. Besides Buckley's 16, Amber Matthews had 12, and Kenworthy and Weaver each scored 10.

## Idalou tops Ladyhorns in bi-district tilt, 44-41

They gave up height at virtually every position, but Hart's Ladyhorns made up for it with spunk and hustle as they drove the taller Idalou Lady Cats to the wall before dropping their Class AA bi-district game, 41-44, Friday night in the Plainview High School gym.

Playing catch-up most of the game, the Ladyhorns trailed by 26-33 going into the fourth quarter but tied the score at 35 on a Charbra Lee basket with 4:40 remaining in the game.

Then the Lady Cats, District 4-AA runners-up, went on an 8-0 run and started using up the clock with 3:00 remaining.

Fighting back from a 35-43 deficit, the Ladyhorns pulled to within two at 41-43 on a trey by Charbra Lee at 0:25 and a three-point play by Angelica Perales with 13 ticks remaining.

After Idalou inbounded the ball, Hart's Lisa Rincon was whistled for a foul while helping trap Idalou's Auburn Hammond, who canned the first of two free throws to give the Lady Cats a three-point spread.

When Hart inbounded with eight seconds left, Idalou's Kara Heinrich fouled Rincon to avoid a three-point attempt by the Ladyhorns.

The Ladyhorns weren't in a 1-and-1 yet so Rincon didn't get a free throw, but the play ate four precious seconds off the clock and gave Hart only a four-second window to try to tie the game and send it into overtime.

A final three-point shot from the corner at the buzzer was short.

Ladyhorns Coach Rachelle Wilcox was exhausted, disappointed but proud after the game.

"They're the darnedest fighters I've ever coached," Wilcox said. "They dug themselves into several holes tonight and dug themselves right back out."

"Idalou was a tall, solid club, and very good. I felt several times that we didn't have any right to be playing them that close, but that's a tribute to our kids — they're incredible. They make up for height with effort every time — every time."

The Ladyhorns had to play without one of their mainstays, Kylene Garcia, who missed the game on doctor's orders.

"It hurt not to have Kylene in there," Wilcox said. "It really hurt. Those first five were used to each other."

The bi-district championship game got off to a slow start, with the first basket scored at 6:40 on a give-and-go layup by Idalou's Kendra Foster. The Ladyhorns finally got on the board on their fifth trip downcourt when Nikki Lee sank a 16-footer to tie it at 2-2.

Heinrich gave the Lady Cats a 10-8 advantage on a steal and driving layup late in the period, and the first quarter ended with the Ladyhorns missing three shots before the buzzer.

After Rincon ante'd up with a long, score-tying jumper to start the second quarter, Idalou switched to a cloying half-court zone defense and went on a 13-4 run, mainly on transition layups after steals.

The Ladyhorns, meanwhile, were forced to take most of their shots from the perimeter, and the taller Lady Cats were usually there for the rebounds. Idalou held a 25-18 lead at halftime.

The Ladyhorn defense started the third quarter by challenging Idalou's rotating single-post offense out front, and later switched to their patented full-court trapping press. The defense worked well, holding the Lady Cats to just four baskets in the third period.

But the Ladyhorns' shooting was cold as they netted only two points on their first six trips downcourt and sank only 20% of their shots. The third ended in an 8-8 tie with Idalou still leading by seven, 33-26.

Hart continued its trapping press and erased Idalou's lead with a 9-2 run in the first three minutes of the fourth. But then Idalou answered with an 8-0 run of its own.

"We couldn't play baseline-to-baseline in the fourth quarter because our girls' legs were given out, and they got a lot of transition baskets," Coach Wilcox said. "Our girls almost dug their way back out just on desire alone."

It was the Ladyhorns' first loss in 13 games, including a 10-0 run through the District 3-AA schedule.

Charbra Lee paced the Ladyhorns with 15 points, while Veronica Gonzales scored 8, Nikki Lee 6, Lisa Rincon 4, Angelica Perales and Debbie Velasquez 3 apiece and Ysa Rodriguez 2.

For Idalou, Kendra Foster had 13 points while Karen Smith and Kara Heinrich netted 12 each.

The Ladyhorns ended their season as district champions with a 21-11 record and were undefeated in district play. It was Coach Wilcox's second district championship in three years.

"Things didn't go very well at the beginning of the season," Wilcox said. "For 15 games, we struggled. But then, after Christmas, it was like a light came on—the girls had 11 or 12 very strong games."

The main key to the season's success for the short-but-quick Ladyhorns was their press defense, Wilcox said.

"We had no height, just a tremendous amount of desire by our girls," she said. "They always surprised everybody the way they could turn a game around with that press."

"The whole season has been great, even while we struggled."

"It was a great, great season. I'll always remember this bunch of girls."



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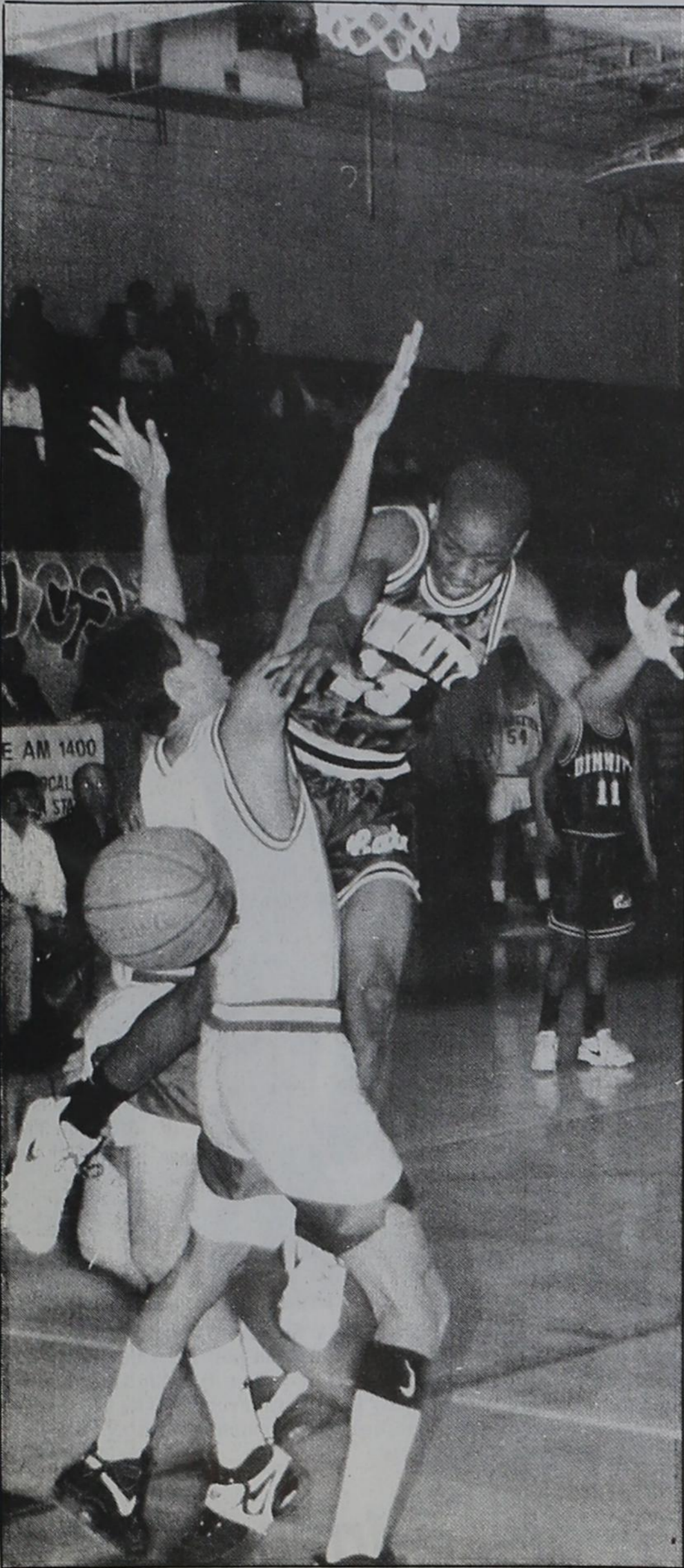
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DIMMITT'S CASEY SMITH penetrates the paint, but is stopped by a Perryton defender Friday in the District 1-AAA finale for both teams. The Bobcats struggled Friday, blowing a first-half lead over the final 16 minutes, and Perryton was able to come from behind for a 68-66 win. Dimmitt finished district in second place and will take on Seminole in a bi-district game Friday night at Lubbock Monterey.

Photo by Carter Townsend

## Perryton edges Bobcats Friday

When you have one of the state's premier boys' basketball programs every year, everybody else makes their season if they can beat the Dimmitt Bobcats.

For those who think one game does not a season make, ask the Dalhart Golden Wolves, who beat the Dimmitt Bobcats two weeks ago. Ask the Perryton Rangers, the latest team to knock off the Bobcats, 68-66 in the regular season finale at Perryton.

While the others are chunking baseballs or lacing up track shoes, the Bobcats held on for second place and a spot in the playoffs this weekend against Seminole. That is a contest the Bobcats would like to be going into with a winning streak. Instead, the Bobcats lost their last three games of the regular season and have as many questions as answers going into post-season play.

Seven words were spoken by Perryton backers Friday night, the same six spoken a week earlier by Dalhart fans: "We haven't played that good all year." Frankie Balizan almost doubled his point total for the year with 26 Perryton points, including 11 of 14 free throws.

Shae Cunningham looked more like former NBA all-star Billy Cunningham. The Rangers' forward made six treys, including three in the fourth quarter and the game winner with 10 seconds to play.

The loss was pretty much a team effort for the Bobcats. Dimmitt had just 18 rebounds, two fewer than the Rangers. The Bobcats played well only in spurts, responding to Rangers' runs throughout the game. Dimmitt had the lead much of the game, but never put together a run that might have put Perryton away.

The Bobcats were also without senior post Cameron Lust for much of the final three quarters. The lanky center took ill in the second quarter. He returned to Dimmitt with his mom Friday night.

Lust, Brandon Smith, Kalem Thomas and Brad Beck each had

two baskets to help push Dimmitt to an 18-14 lead after the first quarter. Perryton twice took the lead in the second period, but each time Thomas hit baskets to tie the score. Beck and Thomas hit baskets in the last minute of the half, and Dimmitt led 36-34 at the break.

Perryton erased a four-point deficit to take a one-point lead, 39-38. Thomas scored with 6:20 to play in the third to give the lead back to the Bobcats, 40-39. Dimmitt led much of the third period, taking a six-point lead, 51-45, on two free throws by Sanders with 2:20 to go in the third. Casey Smith had two free throws and a basket in the last three minutes of the quarter, and pushed Dimmitt on top 53-47.

Perryton responded with two free throws by Balizan, a bucket by Tanner Alexander and a banked-off-the-glass 25-footer by Alexander at the buzzer to put Perryton up by one, 54-53, after three periods.

The game whip-sawed back and forth through the fourth quarter. Perryton took a 60-55 lead on a trey by Cunningham early in the last period, but Casey Smith hit a trey and Thomas made a bucket with 3:53 left to knot the score at 62.

Casey Smith answered three Perryton points to tie the score at 65 with 1:55 to play. Thomas then gave Dimmitt the lead on a free throw, 66-65, but missed the second shot.

Perryton grabbed the rebound with just over a minute to play and worked the ball into the forecourt. The Rangers dribbled and passed a half-minute off the clock, calling timeout with 29.4 seconds left.

The Rangers worked the ball around the perimeter of Dimmitt's 2-3 zone for 15 seconds before working Cunningham free on the right side. He launched a trey that hit home with 10 seconds to play, putting Perryton up by two.

Dimmitt worked the ball down the court but couldn't get a shot to go in the final seconds.



# Hoop it up!

## Good Luck, Bobbies

in the Regional Tournament at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

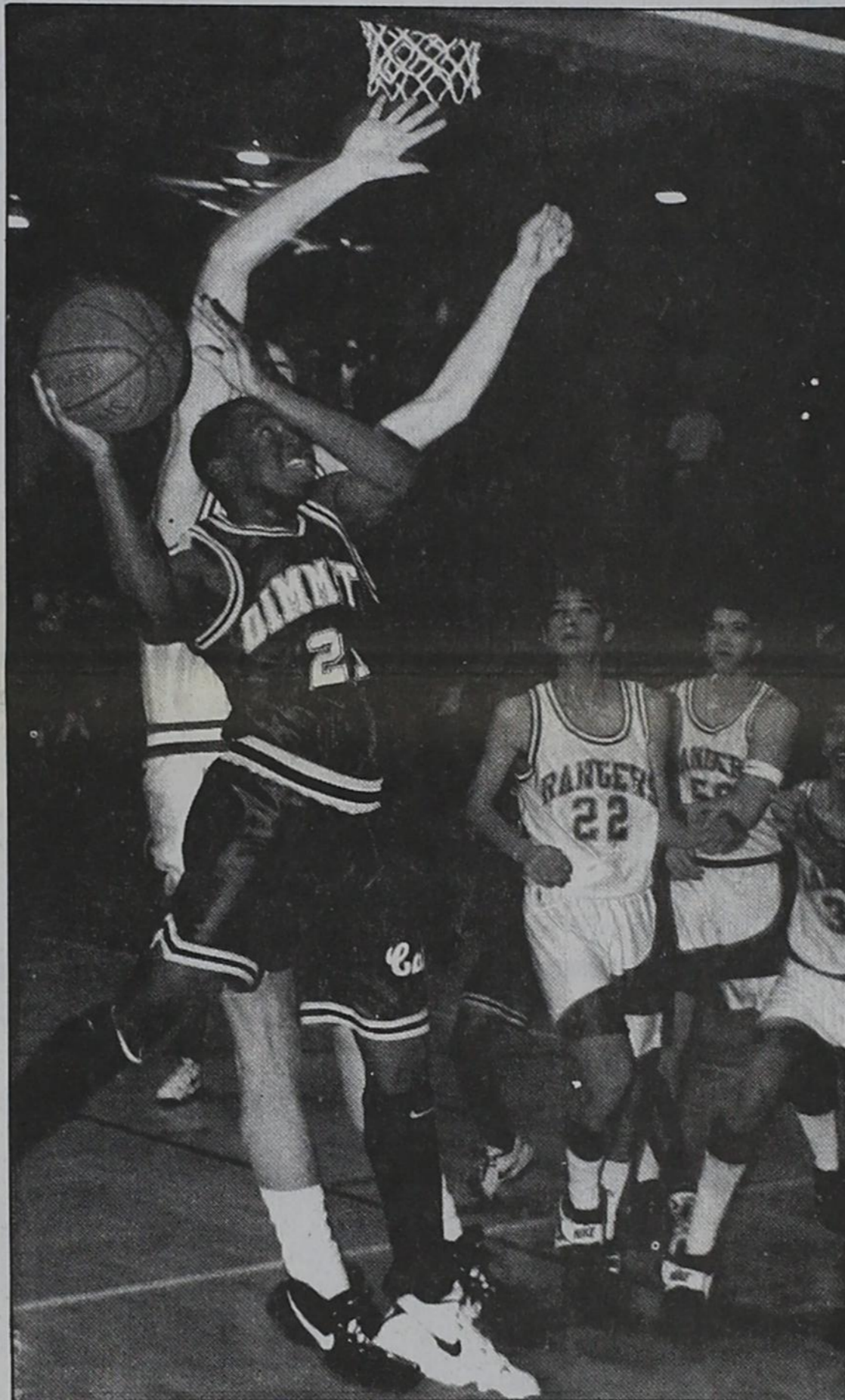
Semi-finals: Bobbies vs. Comanche, Friday, 8:30 p.m.

Championship Finals: Saturday, 5 p.m.

## Good Luck, Bobcats

Bi-District Game: Bobcats vs. Seminole

Friday, 6:30 p.m., Monterey High School, Lubbock



## Scores

### Bobbies

41, Randall 50  
43, Levelland 64  
56, Borger 46  
71, Lockney 34  
45, Hereford 50

#### Frenship Tournament

53, Lubbock High 56  
56, Shallowater 60  
52, Muleshoe 48

41, Hereford 59

#### Levelland Tournament

19, Slaton 29  
89, El Paso Ysleta 47  
42, Levelland "Red" 33

#### Consolation Champs

77, \*Perryton 65  
58, \*Tulia 48  
54, \*River Road 70

#### Caprock Tournament

52, Panhandle 32  
55, Claude 58  
60, Caprock 53  
50, Friona 46  
52, Shallowater 57

51, Cooper 58  
74, \*Dalhart 50  
63, \*Muleshoe 51  
78, \*Sanford-Fritch 34  
62, \*Friona 42  
61, \*Perryton 55  
63, \*Tulia 51  
56, \*River Road 60  
43, \*Muleshoe 41  
71, \*Sanford-Fritch 31  
50, \*Friona 41  
58, \*Dalhart 40  
61, Slaton 41  
52, Monahans 35

District Record: 12-2  
Season Record: 22-12

### Bobcats

85, Randall 78  
84, Levelland 62  
69, Borger 62  
64, Palo Duro 76  
57, Abernathy 54  
67, Hereford 57

#### Plainview Tournament

73, Lubbock Estacado 65  
69, Sweetwater 62  
66, Plainview 60

#### Champions

63, Caprock 61

#### Seminole Tournament

66, Denver City 59  
64, Clint 61  
45, Andrews 47  
50, Seminole 57

#### Second Place

75, \*River Road 53

#### Caprock Tournament

43, Slaton 38  
70, Panhandle 47  
58, Seminole 60  
49, Canyon 58

77, Cooper 49  
63, \*Dalhart 40  
77, \*Muleshoe 58  
78, \*Sanford-Fritch 54  
82, \*Friona 42  
75, \*Perryton 46  
44, \*Tulia 45  
63, \*River Road 45  
82, \*Muleshoe 60  
57, \*Sanford-Fritch 44  
64, \*Friona 48  
49, \*Dalhart 51  
48, \*Tulia 49  
66, \*Perryton 68

District Record: 10-4  
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# Swiftettes topple Hartley in bi-district

Nazareth's K'Lynn Gerber and Misti Ball aren't giants, but at 5-10, they can match up with most girls' teams in the area.

But against Hartley in a Class A bi-district matchup Friday at Amarillo High, the Swiftettes found themselves on the short end of the measuring stick—if you were talking about height.

Nazareth was outmatched in size against Hartley, but what the Swiftettes lacked in height they made up for in hot shooting and quickness on the floor, dominating the Lady Tigers, 66-38.

Hartley's 5-11 sophomore Gretta Thompson scored the first four points of the game, then added another shot midway through the first before Nazareth was able to control her. After that she had just one free throw and finished with seven points.

Nazareth also had to contend with big 6-3 post Elaina Sultemeier. Sultemeier wasn't even a factor. Ball and Gerber, along with other Swiftettes, shut down the big post player, limiting her to one point in the game.

Nazareth found itself behind Hartley 4-0 early in the game, but scored the next five points to take the lead. They would never trail again.

Amy Pohlmeier, Ball and Gerber combined for 44 points in the game, 29 of which came in the first half, to lead the Swiftettes. Pohlmeier finished with 18 while Ball and Gerber chipped in 13.

The Swiftettes forced 20 Hartley turnovers, nine of which came during a 14-4 fourth-quarter Swiftette run which sealed the win.

Nazareth, which hit 7-of-12 shots from the field in the first quarter, almost duplicated that effort in the second, with a 7-of-13 performance. The Swiftette defense kept Hartley out of sync, allowing Hartley just 13 field goal attempts in the first half. And the Lady Tigers only connected on seven of those.

Nazareth's full-court pressure defense rattled Hartley in the first half, forcing the Lady Tigers into nine costly turnovers. Those turnovers sparked the Swiftettes, who started off cold for the first two minutes in the first quarter.

After Thompson's two baskets, the Swiftettes got on the board with a free throw by Pohlmeier. Then Misti Ball picked up a basket at the 6:32 mark, and gave her team a lead with 5:47 left when she scored again.

A three-pointer by Pohlmeier with 6:22 left started an 11-5 Nazareth run in the first quarter.

After a Hartley turnover, Cassie Birkenfeld gave the Swiftettes a five-point lead. Jill Ramaekers answered Thompson's final field goal with a jumper from the wing.

Gerber scored two straight shots within a thirty second period for a 16-10 lead to end the first quarter.

Nazareth started off the second quarter on fire, using a three-pointer by Gerber to start the show. The Swiftettes next two shots were on target, too. The first by Ramaekers with 7:04 left put Nazareth up 21-10. The next by Gerber made it 23-10 before Hartley got a shot off.

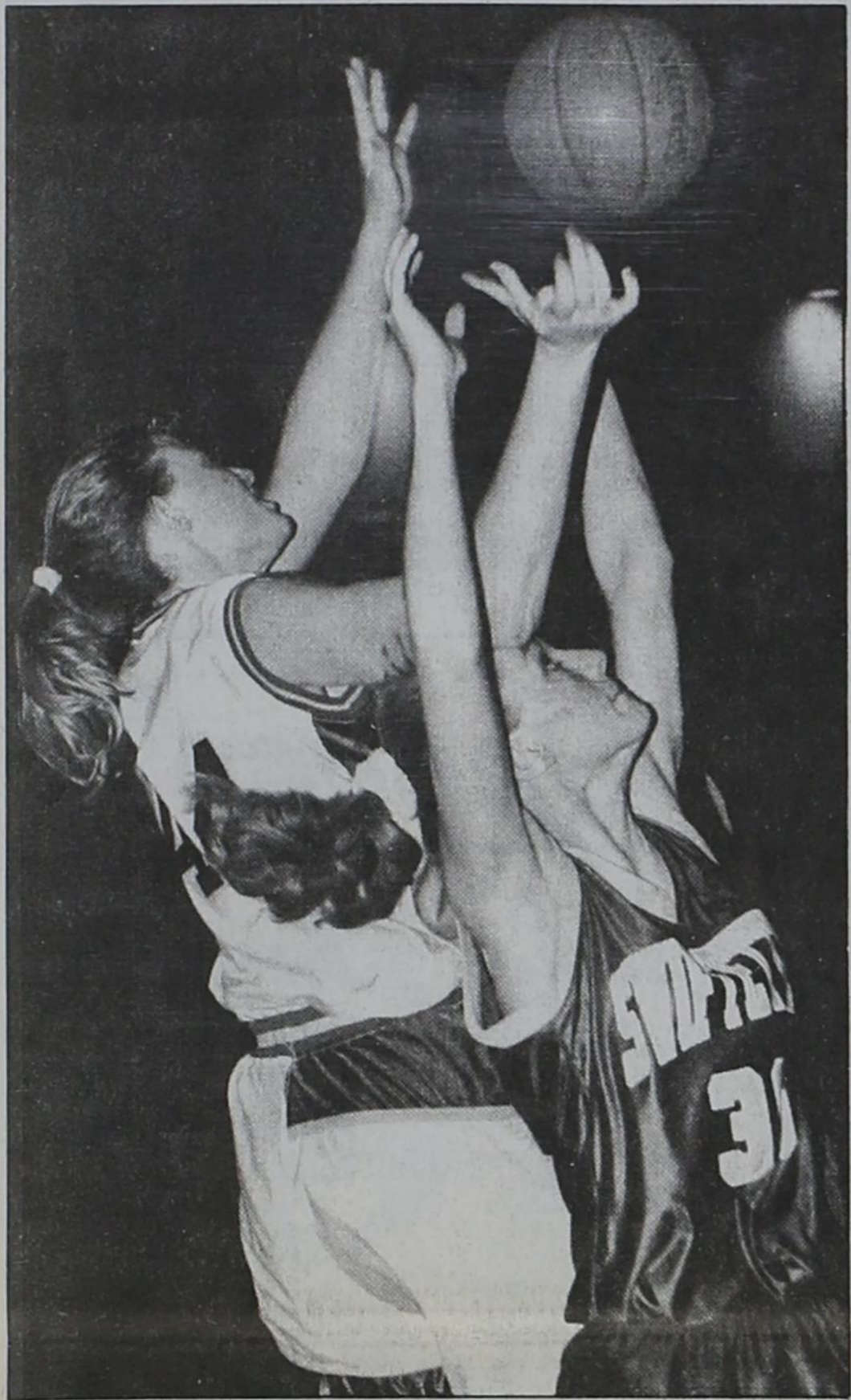
The Lady Tigers' first attempt in the second quarter was good, too, with Tiffany Ford getting the bucket. But a pair of free throws by Gerber put Nazareth back on top by 13.

Hartley made a run at the Swiftettes midway through the second period when Jamie Wiecek hit two three-pointers at the 4:37 and 3:20 marks, but Nazareth sandwiched four free throws between those bombs, two each by Pohlmeier and Ball.

An offensive rebound was converted into a layup by Pohlmeier with 3:01 left, then Tanya Wethington connected from the baseline to keep Nazareth's lead in double digits.

The teams traded shots to start the third quarter, with neither having success until Wethington hit with 5:54 left in the period. Seconds later Ford scored.

A basket by Hakaana pulled Hartley within 14 with 4:54 left, but



**REBOUND POSITION**—Nazareth's Misti Ball (30) gives up five inches to Hartley's 6-3 post Elaina Sultemeier (44), but that doesn't faze Ball, who is in position and forces Sultemeier to pick up an over-the-back foul Friday in a Class A bi-district game at Amarillo High. Nazareth took control in the first quarter and never looked back, coasting to a 66-38 win. Ball was one of three Swiftettes in double figures, finishing with 13 points. Photo by Dwayne Acker

after that Nazareth went on a roll. Pohlmeier started the scoring spree, hitting a three from the top of the key. Then Sara Schulte drove around Elisa Nuutinen, scored and was fouled on the play. She missed the free throw, but the Swiftettes were up 44-27.

Two free throws by Gerber with 2:10 left made it 46-27. Hakaana finished the quarter's scoring with a basket at the 1:05 mark, and Nazareth went into the final eight minutes with a 46-29 lead.

Hartley lost the ball time after time in the fourth quarter.

Ball picked off a cross-court pass under Hartley's basket and drove the length of the court for a layup just a minute into the stanza. Then Gerber got a similar steal a minute later and fed Pohlmeier downcourt for another two.

Over the next minute Nazareth recorded two more steals and got three points off of the plays.

Hartley got a pair of free throws from Nuutinen with 5:02 left when Gerber picked up her fourth foul, and that was all Hartley would see until the 1:24 mark.

During the Hartley dry spell, Nazareth recorded five steals and scored nine points to put the game on ice.

Ford led Hartley with 11 points in the game while Thompson and Hakaana each finished with seven.

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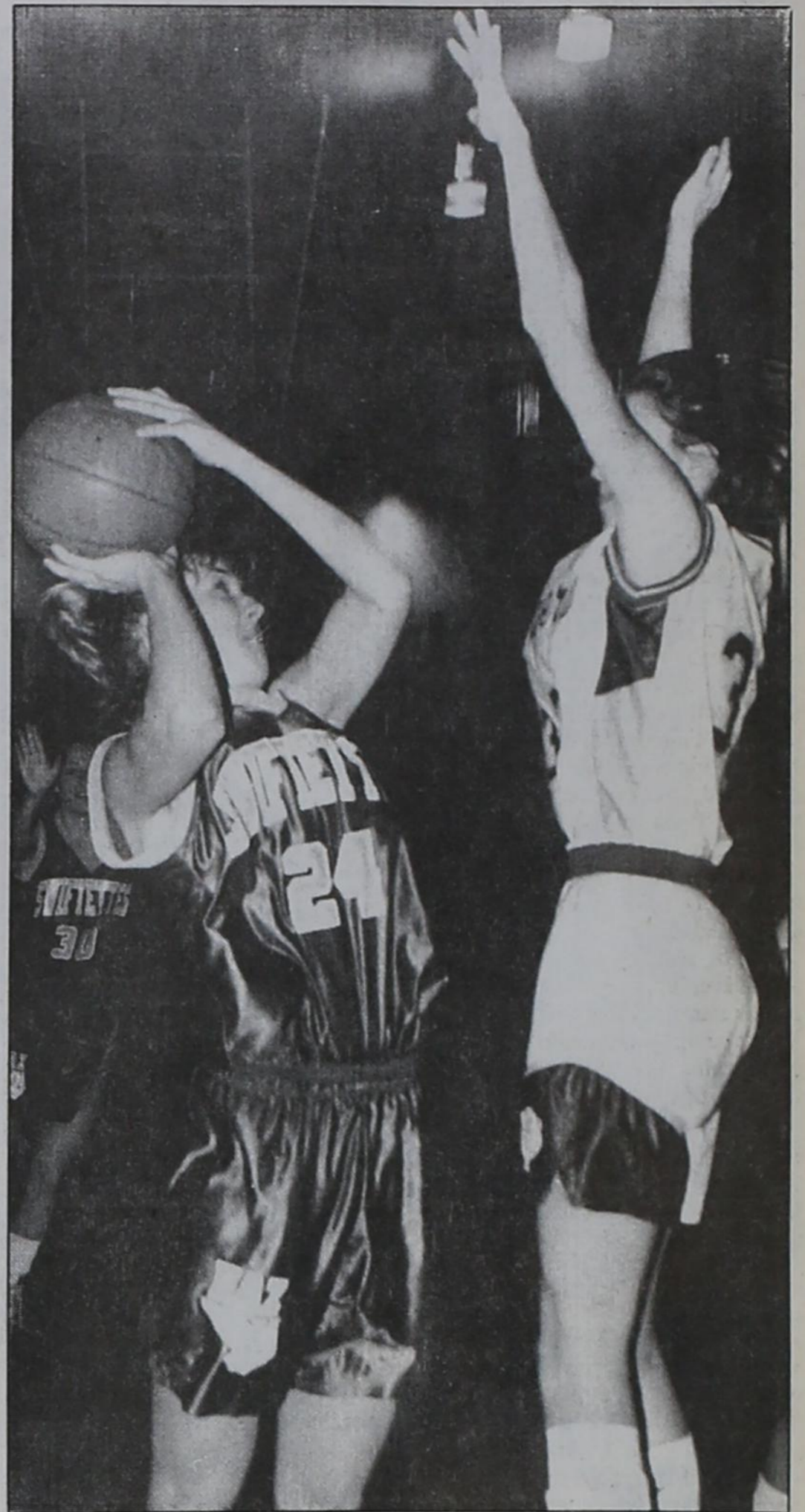
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## Jones's bull listed in book



**THE BEST EFFORT OF HARTLEY'S** Gretta Thompson (32) wasn't enough to stop the Nazareth Swiftettes and post K'Lynn Gerber (24) Friday night in a Class A bi-district playoff at Amarillo High. Gerber and the Swiftettes posted an easy playoff win Friday, 66-38. Gerber and teammate Misti Ball each finished with 13 points while Amy Pohlmeier led the Swiftettes with 18. Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Swifts, Adrian to clash in bi-district showdown

The Nazareth Swifts plan to use a fast-paced attack in an effort to stop Adrian's high-powered inside attack tonight (Thursday) when the two teams meet in a Class A bi-district playoff at Hereford LaPlata gym.

Tip-off in the playoff game will be 7 p.m.

The Swifts, 26-4, claimed the District 3-A title with a perfect mark while Adrian, 19-8, finished second in District 4 behind Texline.

Adrian's roster boasts seven seniors, loaded with experience.

Adrian relies heavily on its inside game, especially big 6-5 Garrison, who is their leading scorer, according to Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. Jody Hodges is another big man the Swifts will have to contain, and Makeever says Hodges

plays everywhere on the floor.

From the films Makeever has seen on Adrian, he said he doesn't expect to see a lot of outside shooting from the team.

Defensively, he said Adrian likes zones, especially the 1-3-1 and 2-3, but will play some man, also.

"They've got a lot of big, strong, husky kids. Rebounding is going to be a key for us. Spearman showed us we need to work on that," Makeever said.

"We're going to try and pick up the tempo against them," he said.

Several Swifts who have been battling cold and flu viruses in the last week are beginning to recover, and Makeever expects them to be healthy for the bi-district game.

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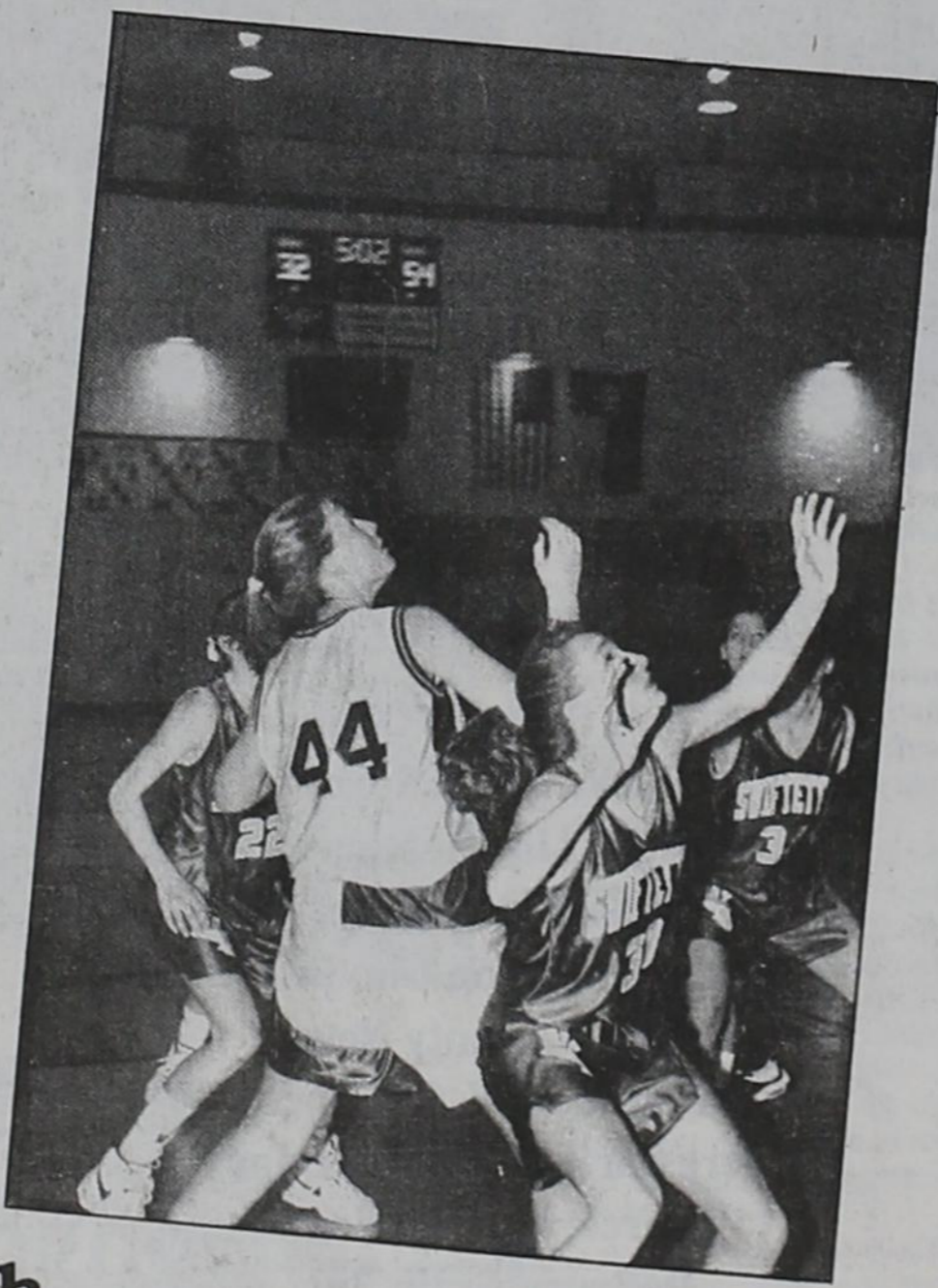
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# Cats host Morton in doubleheader Saturday

The Dimmitt Bobcat baseball team will swing into action Saturday when Morton comes to town for a doubleheader to kick off the 1997 season.

The first pitch of the season will be thrown at 10 a.m. Saturday in the first game of the doubleheader event.

Coach Bobby Feaster is excited about the season, especially with his pitching staff and depth at catcher.

If there's a question mark on this year's team, it's in the outfield, where graduation claimed veterans at all three positions. Feaster said he's looking at five or six players to fill those slots.

Getting the start in Saturday's first game will be Zack Matthews at pitcher, Shaun Furr at catcher, Louis Nino at first base, Conrado Saucedo at second, Richard Carpio at short, Michael Pedroza at third, Richard Martinez in left field, Juary Cavazos in center field, Sergio Pedroza in right field and Daniel Maxwell at designated hitter.

"In the second game, those guys that I haven't got a good look at will get the start," Feaster said.

"We're in good shape with our pitching this year. We're going to be stronger there than we have been since I've been here. We've also got a lot of depth at catcher.

Besides Matthews, Feaster welcomes back Jason Nino and Louis Nino to his pitching corps, and will add Michael Pedroza and Richard Carpio to the rotation this season.

"I'm hoping to use all of those guys in the two games Saturday so we can see what they'll do," Feaster said.

At catcher, Carpio is a returning veteran and Furr moves up from the junior varsity, where he split time with Rusty Wooten last year. Feaster also will look at Richard Martinez in the position.

"I want to look at Shaun real hard Saturday. He's been doing well," Feaster said.

Louis Nino and Maxwell will split time at first base, right field and as designated hitter, according to Feaster.

Saucedo, who will start at second Saturday, has impressed Feaster with his improved hitting this season.

Feaster plans on rotating three players between second base, third base and pitcher this season, and they are Matthews, Jason Nino and Michael Pedroza.

Jason Nino is still playing basketball, though, and Feaster said until he comes out, Carpio will fill his spot in the "triple tandem"

rotation. "Our outfield is probably our weakest spot right now," Feaster said. "We just haven't had anybody

step up yet. We're looking at Amado Caldera and Richard Martinez in left. And Nick Salinas and Carpio are candidates at center. In right we're

looking at Sergio Pedroza and Maxwell."

Feaster said he moved Cavazos up from junior varsity to help fill

vacancies until basketball season is over, but adds that Cavazos has a good shot at joining the varsity lineup.

The Bobcats' game with Shallowater, originally scheduled for Monday, has been moved back to next Thursday, Feb. 27, Feaster said.

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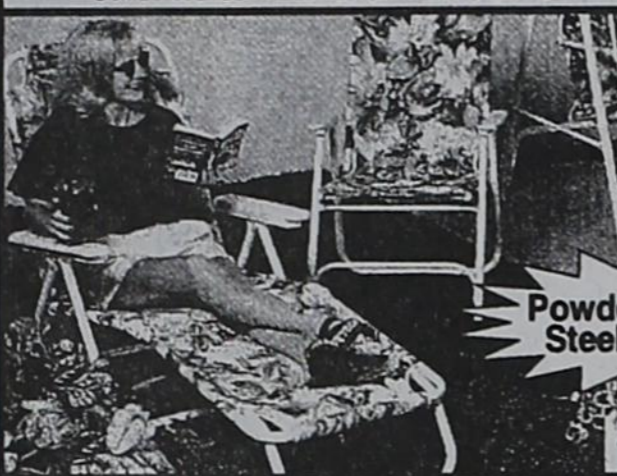
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The second period has been scheduled for Wednesday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at RES and 4 to 6:30 at the Chamber office.

Registration fee is \$18 per child, and those who register after Feb. 27 will be charged \$25.

To qualify for minor league play, a student must be at least eight years old and cannot turn 11 before May 1. Also, the student must be enrolled in either the third or fourth grade.

Those qualifying for major league play must be at least 10 and cannot be older than 13 before May 1. Only fifth and sixth graders qualify for this league.

A coaches' meeting will be held Feb. 27 at the Chamber of Commerce office, with minor league coaches meeting at 6:30 p.m. and major league leaders gathering at 7:30 p.m.

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# Gruver ends Swiftettes' season in area

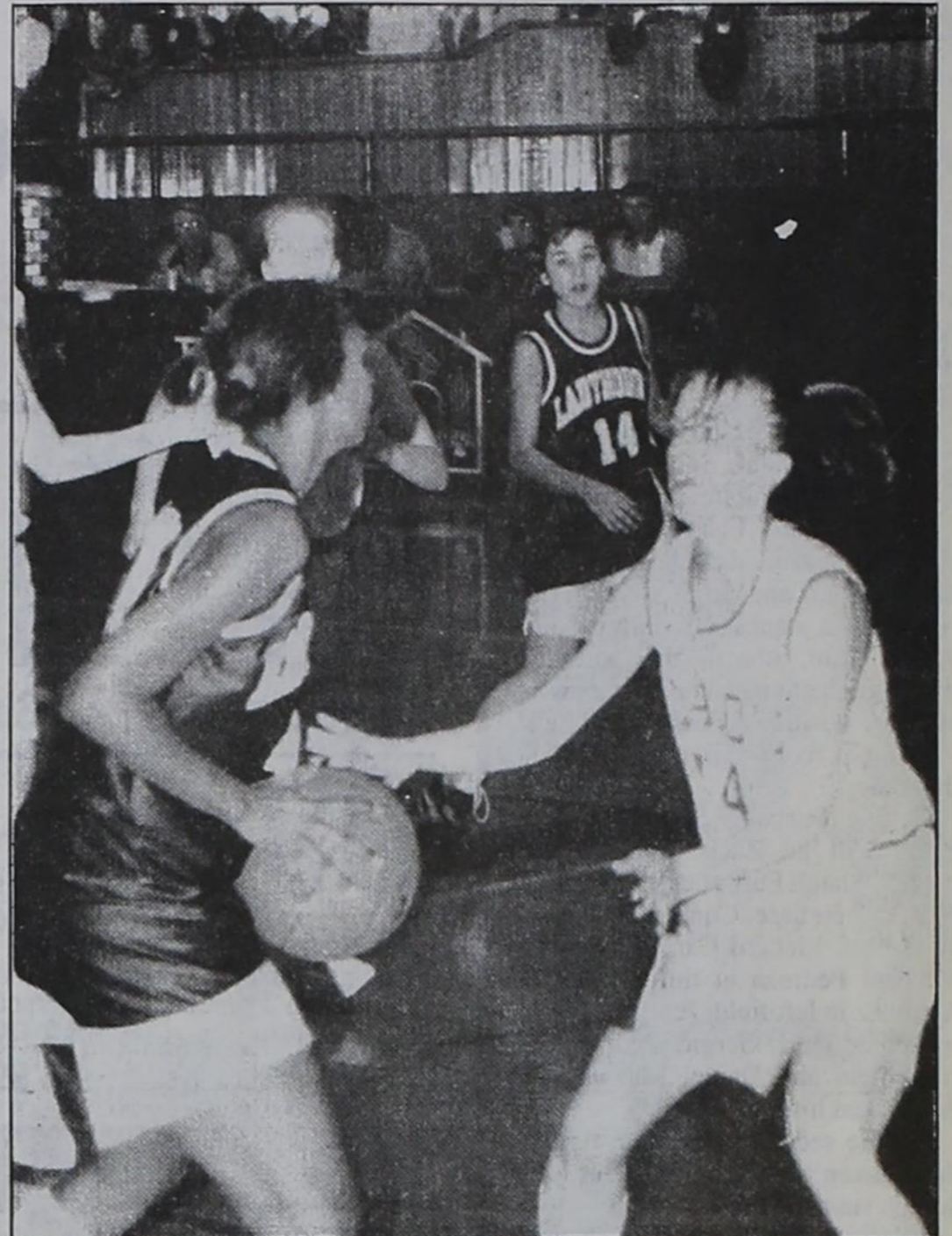
For the first time since 1975, the Nazareth Swiftettes will not appear in the regional tournament. Nazareth blew a five-point lead in the last two minutes of its area play-off against Gruver Tuesday, suffering four straight turnovers resulting in eight straight Gruver points during the last two minutes. Gruver, coached by Dimmitt native Steve Myatt, made up the deficit, took the lead, then held on by sinking eight free throws in the last minute to steal a 46-43 victory at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. The area loss was the first for Nazareth in its playoff history. The Swiftettes lost in bi-district in 1974, and have made it to the regional tournament every year through 1996. Nazareth finished its season with a 21-11 mark.

Nazareth had more success from the field Tuesday, but the game was won at the line. The Swiftettes shot just 13 free throws in the game, making 10, all

in the second half. Gruver stepped to the stripe 24 times and made all but four of those shots. Gruver had a mere 24 points after three quarters, but almost doubled their score in the fourth quarter, exploding for 22 points to overtake Nazareth in the final two minutes. Ten of those points came from the line. After going 1-of-6 over the first five minutes of the fourth quarter, Gruver was sparked by Amber Murrell, who scored twice off of penetration layups over a minute to pull Gruver within three with 1:50 left. Then the turnovers started. The first came after an inbounds play following Murrell's second layup. That error resulted in a layup by Amy Gillispie. On the next inbounds, the Swiftettes turned it over again. This time Weslyn Maupin picked up the easy bucket and gave Gruver the lead for good, 36-35, with 1:22 left. Next inbounds, same story, third

turnover, Maupin basket and Nazareth found itself down by three with 1:11 left. Nazareth managed to get the ball down the court this time, but the turnover bug struck again, this time on a walking call. Nazareth never drew closer than three the rest of the way. Amy Pohlmeier led the Swiftettes with 17 points while Maupin finished with 20 and Gillespie had 10 for Gruver. The game started off even, with the lead changing hands five times before Nazareth held on, using a steal and layup by Jayme Schmucker and a buzzer beater by Jill Ramaekers for a 12-7 first-quarter lead. Nazareth went up by seven with 6:14 left in the second when Amy Pohlmeier hit after Gruver's Cara Hathaway was called for a double dribble. Gruver scored the next six points to pull within a point, using field goals by Amy Gillispie and Murrell to make it 14-13 with 3:55 left. Pohlmeier silenced that Gruver run with an inside shot on a feed from Tanya Wethington with 3:32 left, but that was the last time Nazareth would add to its score in the first half. Gruver went on to add two free throws by Gillispie and a jumper by Maupin to take the lead, 17-16, with 2:27 left in the half. That's the way the half ended. Nazareth came out and dominated Gruver in the third quarter. K'Lynn Gerber, who is usually Nazareth's leading scorer got her only two points of the game just 30 seconds into the half to regain the lead for the Swiftettes. Over the next two minutes Nazareth scored seven unanswered points. First Pohlmeier hit a short jumper, then Misti Ball put an offensive rebound up and in for a 22-17 lead with 6:06 left. Myatt called a time out after that basket, but the Lady Hounds still struggled. Maupin was whistled for walking and Nazareth got the ball back. Ball found Wethington down court, wide open, and Wethington scored the easy basket and was fouled on the shot by Murrell. She picked up the free throw to put Nazareth up by nine, 25-17, with 5:43 left. Gruver got back on track after that, using a pair of free throws by Hathaway to get on the board in the second half. Less than a minute later Hathaway scored and was fouled by Ball. She converted the three-point play to cut the lead to three, 25-22

with 4:27 left. Ball put the Swiftettes back on top by five. Then Autumn Bateman got a steal and coast-to-coast layup to cut it back to three, 27-24, with 3:12 left. Neither team scored for the rest of the stanza. Maupin caught on fire in the fourth. She picked up a field goal with 7:08 left to trim Nazareth's lead to a point, then gave her team a one-point lead with a pair of free throws with 6:25 left. Pohlmeier got her chance at the line seconds later and the Swiftettes regained the lead on two tosses. Sara Schulte gave the Swiftettes a little breathing room when she scored on a post move with 4:55 left. The Swiftettes took a five-point lead on two Wethington free throws with three minutes left in the game, but it was downhill from there. After Murrell hit the first of her two layups, Nazareth went into a delay offense. The Swiftettes got two free throws by Ramaekers with two minutes left to take a 35-30 lead. Then came the Swiftette turnovers. And the Gruver baskets. Maupin's second straight jumper in the last minute-and-a-half put the Lady Hounds up 38-35. She added a free throw to make it a four-point advantage with 59 seconds left. Trailing 43-37 with 32 seconds left, Nazareth went down looking for a three-pointer. Pohlmeier attempted one and was fouled by Murrell. She made all three attempts to cut the Gruver lead to a trey. Nazareth fouled a second later, sending Mary Henson to the line. She made one of her two attempts. The Swiftettes missed a three on the other end, and had to foul again. This time Janae Watley got two shots with 10 seconds left. She made both. Cassie Birkenfeld hit a three with three seconds left for Nazareth's last points of the game.



HART'S CHARBRA LEE (40) works against Idalou's press and looks downcourt to an open teammate, Ysa Rodriguez (14) in a Class AA bi-district game Friday at Plainview High School. Hart gave Idalou everything, but couldn't pull out the victory, falling 44-41. The Lady Horns ended their season with a 21-11 mark. Photo by David Knox

## Class AAA Area Bobbies breeze by Monahans

When you go out slaying dragons in the girls' basketball tournament, sometimes you get your kill in one shot, and sometimes you have to just keep plugging away. After the quick kill of No. 3 Slaton for the bi-district title last Thursday, the Dimmitt Bobbies had a tougher time with un-ranked Monahans before persevering and taking a 52-35 win for the area championship at Brownfield High School. The win propelled Dimmitt into the regional tournament this weekend at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. (See separate story.) "It's hard to come back after an emotional game like last Thursday and play really well," said Dimmitt coach Jan Newland. "We started off really well and I thought we were going to play like that again, but we didn't. I was proud that our girls finally picked it up in the second half and won the game." Dimmitt looked unchallenged in the first few minutes of the game, charging to an 8-1 lead. That was very short-lived. After posting a 10-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Bobbies gave up 10 unanswered points to trail the Lobos, 15-10. That wasn't completely it for Monahans, but it was close to it. The Bobbies outscored Monahans 42-20 the last 20 minutes of the game to ease into the regional tournament for the first time since the 1993 state championship season. Dimmitt's defense was the mainstay, but the offense was

## Bi-district showdown Cats hope to avenge losses to Seminole

Dimmitt's boys' basketball program has a rich history of winning third-time's-a-charm games. They hope to continue that tradition Friday when they play Seminole at Lubbock Monterey High School for the bi-district championship. Seminole has beaten the Bobcats twice this season: once by eight points in the Seminole Tournament, and by two points in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. That game was played on the same floor as Friday's contest will be, but this one will be for much larger stakes. There's no need for either team to look at many scouting reports. They can look at tapes from this year's games, or last year's, and see who does what. The Bobcats may want to do some scouting of their own, through old papers and scrapbooks. There were a couple losses in third-time wins: the last-second victory over Morton in 1971, the triple-overtime win over Friona in 1975, the over-

## Bobbies to face Comanche in regional tourney

Dimmitt girls' coach Jan Newland would like nothing better than to celebrate her birthday Monday on the telephone getting scouting reports on other teams at the state basketball tournament. To celebrate the special 40-something day, her Bobbies will have to win a couple games this weekend at the Region I-AAA Tournament at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Dimmitt (22-12) will face Comanche in the regional semis at 8:30 p.m. Although the scouting report was still sketchy at press time, it was known that Comanche will feature a sharp-shooting guard and a good-sized post player. The team will play man-to-man and 1-2-2 defenses, and likes to press. Comanche upended Bowie, 54-52, in the area round Tuesday at Weatherford. An expected rematch against district foe River Road won't happen. Clint (33-1) downed the Lady Cats 62-53 on Tuesday at Odessa. That leaves the Bobbies as the only representative of the basketball-rich Panhandle-Plains in Region I-AAA. Last year's tournament featured Slaton, Brownfield and River Road. Dimmitt is going to the regional tourney for the first time since the state championship season in 1993. The Bobbies have played in the coliseum once this season, playing Amarillo Caprock in the Lubbock Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament. Dimmitt won that contest and advanced to the consolation finals. A win in the Friday night battle would send the Bobbies into the championship finals at 5 p.m. Saturday. The other regional semifinal, at 7 p.m. Friday, pits Clint against Aledo, who upended Henrietta 51-45, in overtime.

**LIVE SPORTSCASTS**

**Thursday:**  
7:00 p.m. Nazareth Swifts vs. Adrian  
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**Friday:**  
6:30 p.m. Dimmitt Bobcats vs. Seminole  
*Bi-District Playoff Game*  
8:30 p.m. Dimmitt Bobbies vs. Comanche  
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**Correction**

In an advertisement for Plains Memorial Hospital's Home Health Agency last week featuring Georgie Wall, nurse's aide Mary Brad-dock was mistakenly identified in the photo as Bonnie Cobb, LVN. The News regrets the error.

**More about**

**Welches killed in accident . . .**

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"He just didn't notice that train."

Mrs. Welch evidently saw the oncoming train, but too late.

"The engineer, in his testimony to one of the officers, indicated that he could tell she could see the train coming before the wreck," Harmon said. "The engineer said she threw her hands up, as if to say, 'Oh, no!'"

Although the crossing had no swing-down barricades, its flashing lights and bell were operating properly, witnesses said.

After the collision, the train required .7 of a mile to stop, Harmon said. The train crew had to uncouple cars to clear the intersection so traffic could go through and Emergency Medical Service units could get to the accident scene, she said.

Funeral services for Mr. and

Mrs. Welch were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Dimmitt's First Baptist Church.

The crowd on hand for the well-known couple's funeral overflowed the 500-seat sanctuary and filled the fellowship hall, choir room and a classroom. The church staff estimated the attendance at 725.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch both had been prominent in the Reformed Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the 4-H program and the local Democratic Party.

Mr. Welch, 64, a farmer and cattle feeder, had served on the hospital board here 27 years, and also had been a director of the Lazbuddie Farmers Cooperative, Castro County Tax Appraisal District and Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., and had been active in the Farmers Union, Future Farmers of America, Bethel Community Club and Better Weather, Inc.

Mrs. Welch, 62, a real estate agent and the drug education liaison for the Dimmitt Independent School District, was named Dimmitt's "Citizen Through the Years" in 1992 because of her accomplishments through many years of volunteerism.

She had served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Hospital Auxiliary and Extension Homemakers. She had been chairman of the Castro County Fair, a coordinator for the Friendly Helpers program, a coach for the Odyssey of the Mind program, an advisor in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) programs, and a board member of the United Way, Satellite School and Rhoads Memorial Library. She also had been active in the Dimmitt Book Club, Friends of the Library and Campfire Girls.



**APPROACH TO INTERSECTION**—This is where James and Reta Welch of Dimmitt approached the intersection of Railroad Avenue and FM 1843 in Sudan Friday before their car was hit by a Santa Fe train approaching from the same direction. Railroad Avenue is being used as a detour route

because of construction on US 84 on the opposite side of the tracks. The stop sign (in distance) at the curved intersection is approximately 30 ft. from the railroad tracks, and the angle of the intersection required Welch to make a 100-degree turn toward the tracks.

Photo by Don Nelson

**Police Calls**

Robbie, the drug dog, collared his first suspect last Thursday, when a 27-year-old Tulia man was arrested around 11:14 p.m. on S. US 385. The man was charged with failure to identify himself, and a subsequent search (by Robbie) turned up less than two grams of marijuana.

A 24-year-old Dimmitt woman told police Friday morning that a suspect had assaulted her in an incident of family violence.

Early Friday, police arrested a Dimmitt man, 21, on charges of DWI, first offense.

Police were notified about consumption of alcohol by a minor in an incident early Friday.

Eddie Cavazos reported to police Friday night that a suspect had been causing a disturbance and was trespassing. A 26-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on criminal trespass charges.

Geraldine Coleman of Dimmitt was credited with finding a lost wallet Monday morning and turning it in. The wallet belonged to a Plainview woman. It was found in the alley behind the Fast Stop store.

Six people were jailed on outstanding warrants in the past week. Feb. 11, a 27-year-old Canyon man was picked up on a warrant charging him with sexual assault; Feb. 12, a Dimmitt man, 38, was jailed on a warrant for assault with bodily injury/ family member, and a Dimmitt man, 29, was jailed on a warrant for theft of services; last Thursday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a Randall County warrant for theft by check; a 35-year-old Dimmitt man was held on a warrant on charges of theft by check last Thursday night; and a Dimmitt woman, 33, was jailed Friday on a warrant on theft charges.

Friday afternoon a Hereford man, 28, was picked up on violation of parole.

DPS troopers stopped a 21-year-old Nazareth man Sunday night and charged him with possession of a prohibited weapon and drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff's deputies destroyed two dogs in an incident Saturday. Floyd Lopez reported that the dogs were on his property and acted in a threatening manner toward him.

Les Stubbs at Coronado Acres told deputies Saturday that someone had stolen some items from his home, including a firearm and some liquor.

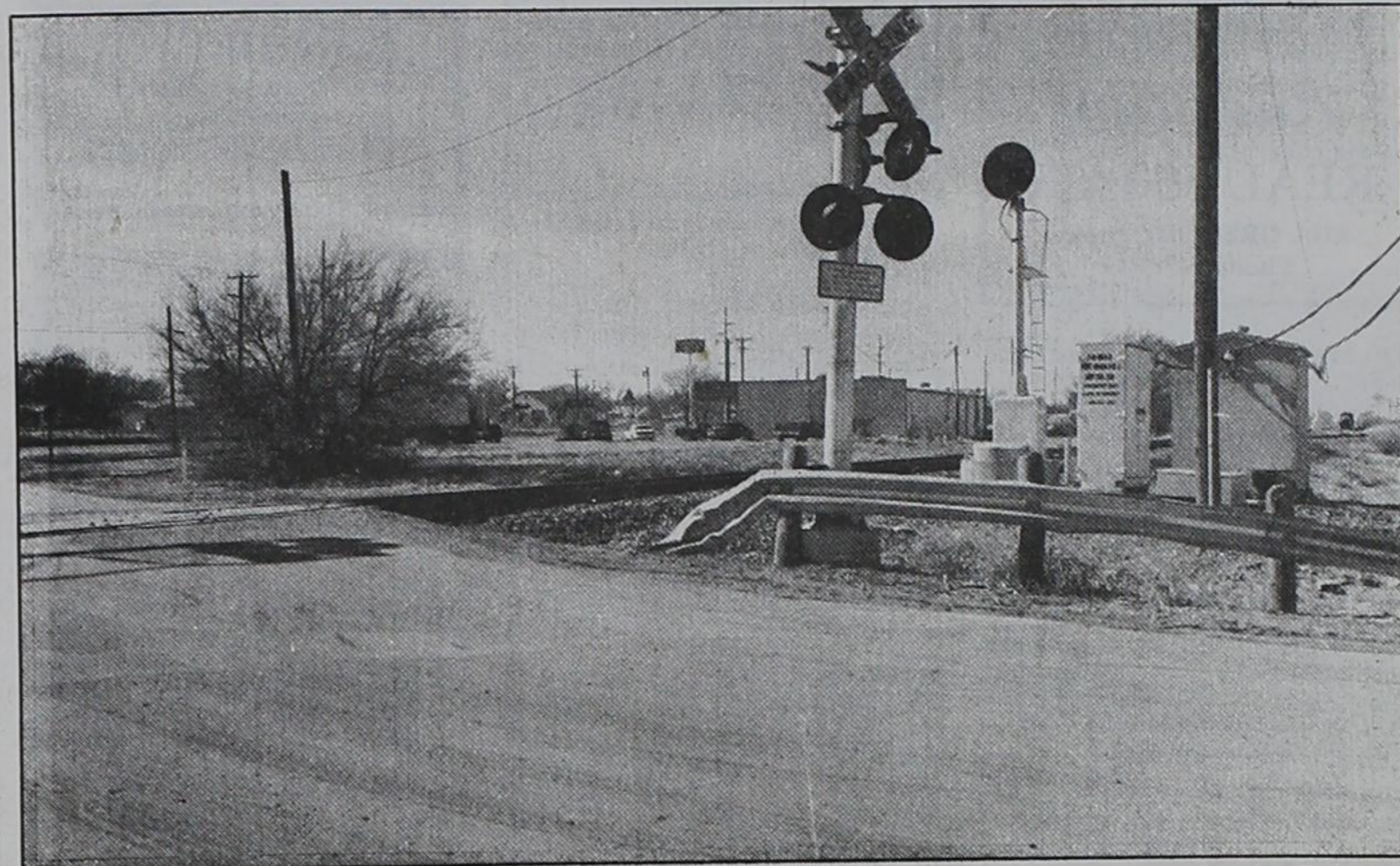
Melvin Malone told deputies that someone took 48 joints of 2-3/8" pipe from his property sometime between Dec. 23 and Saturday. He valued the pipe at \$1,134. The sections of pipe were about 31-1/2 feet long, of the type used to build cattle pens.

The morning of Feb. 10, a 1986 Mazda pickup owned by Carlie Warren of Dimmitt was damaged by a vehicle that left the scene. The pickup had been parked unattended, when it was struck on the passenger side. Damage was rated light.

In the Pizza Hut parking lot Saturday night, a 1987 Ford Mustang owned by Jimmy Fewell of Dimmitt was struck by a vehicle that then left the scene. Damage to the vehicle was listed as light.

Sunday evening, Ana Leal Leinen of Dimmitt was backing her 1996 pickup and struck an Engergas gas meter. Damage to the vehicle was slight.

Guy Leatherwood of Dimmitt told police Monday that someone had slashed a tire on a trailer. Investigation is continuing.



**WESTWARD VIEW AT CROSSING**—At the FM 1843 railroad crossing in Sudan, the driver's view to the west is obscured by a switch blockhouse, a large control cabinet and poles with concrete abutments. Although the warning lights and bell reportedly were operating at the time James and

Reta Welch approached the crossing in their car Friday, the lights appear to be aimed toward FM 1843 instead of toward the angle at which the Welches approached. Mr. and Mrs. Welch both were killed instantly when an eastbound Santa Fe train hit their car.

Photo by Don Nelson

**Oak wilt fungus is spreading**

Oak wilt can sap the life out of a tree in just a few years, and the deadly fungus is spreading across Texas.

Oak wilt is the worst plant disease in Texas and there's a widespread effort to control it.

Experiment Station forest pathologist Dr. David Appel says the statewide management plan is working well. Oak wilt is found in much of Central Texas from Corpus Christi to north of Dallas and there have been more recent attacks around Midland in West Texas.

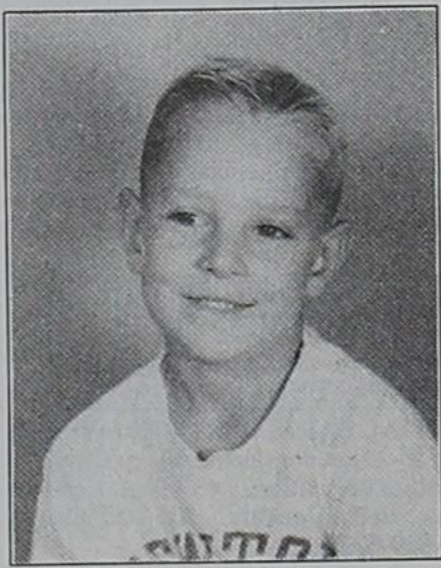
Appel says you should not buy firewood from infected areas. Also be careful not to wound your tree during the springtime when the fungus is most easily spread. Appel says even after oak wilt is detected in your area, there are measures you can take.

Digging a trench that's at least 100 feet from the infected tree can help prevent the spread of oak wilt. Appel also recommends injecting your healthy tree with a fungicide, although neither injection or trenching is foolproof.

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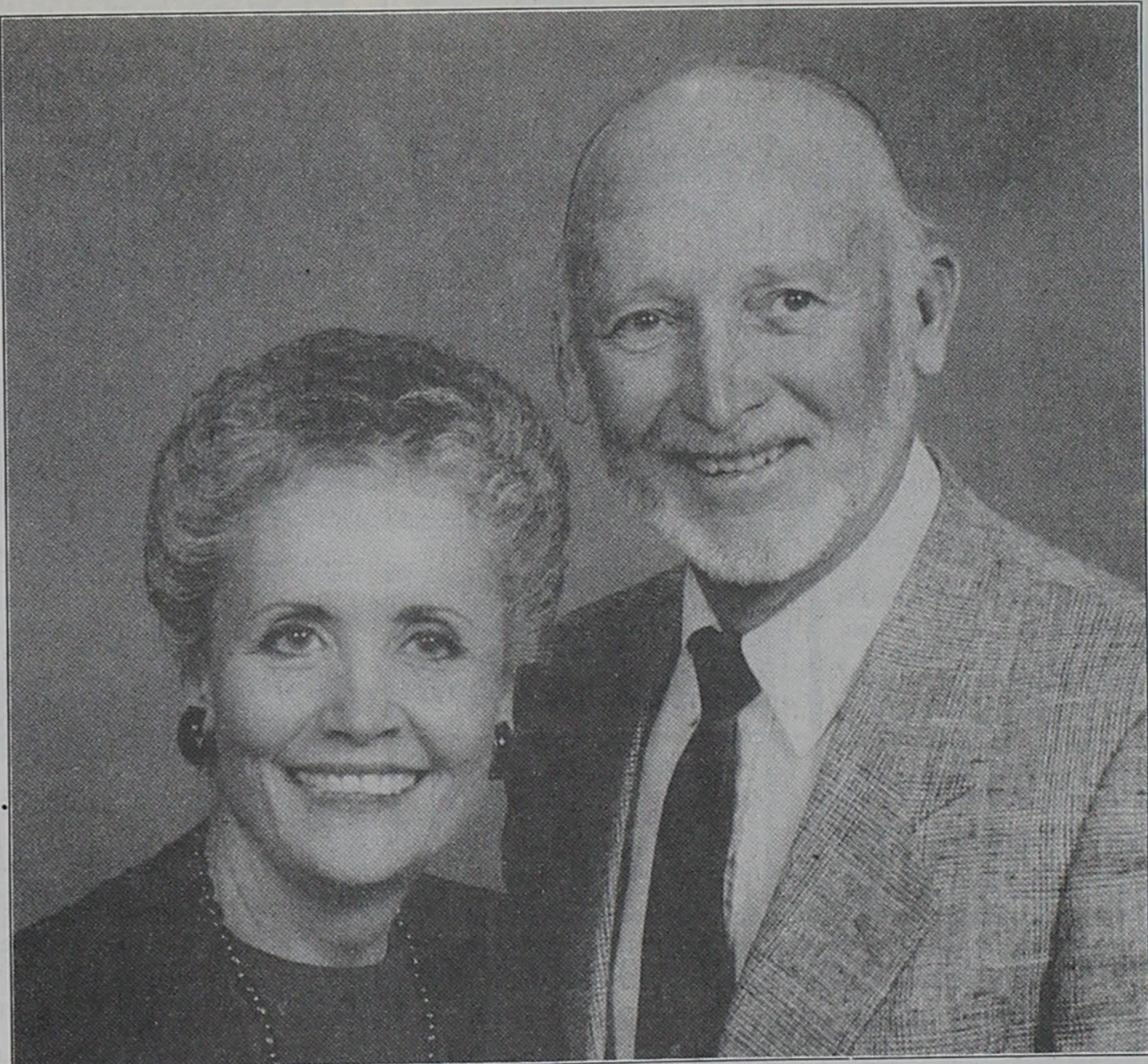
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The entire community mourns the tragic loss of two of our most valuable people, James and Reta Welch.

Their deaths are especially devastating to those of us in the Plains Memorial Hospital system.

James came onto the hospital board April 5, 1969, and had served continuously since that time—27 years, 10 months and nine days. He was re-elected to the board no less than 13 times. That's an impressive term—perhaps even a local record—of continuous service by an elected official. And his commitment was voluntary; hospital board members receive no pay.

Many of the advances made by the hospital district were the result of his leadership and dedication.

As the senior member of the board, his counsel and his always-reasonable approach to problems were invaluable to all of us.

Reta's commitment to our hospital district was total, also. For many years she was one of the guiding lights of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and devoted countless hours to volunteer service. The benefits of her work are evident throughout our hospital.

The loss of these two very valuable people leaves a void that cannot really be filled. The example they set will continue to guide us for many years to come.

The board, administration and employees of the Castro County Hospital District wish to extend their sincere, heartfelt condolences to James and Reta Welch's family.

**Castro County Hospital District**





**20—Help Wanted**

**CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** (Plains Memorial Hospital) needs an Admissions Clerk. Must have computer, typing skills, and filing capabilities. Must be reliable and highly motivated with good public relations skills. Bilingual a plus.  
RNs and LVNs needed for new Geropsych Unit, all shifts. Apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8 to 5 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, 806-647-2191. 20-46-21c

**22—Notices**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 647-4594, 22-44-41c

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of LEONA MAY POWELL, Deceased, were issued to JAMES WESLEY POWELL, JR., on the 13th day of February, 1997, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that he now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following address: JAMES WELSEY POWELL, JR., 401 East Foster Street, Pampa, Texas 79065. 25-46-11c

**CONTRACTORS NOTICE**  
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Sealed proposals for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY in Castro County, covered by Project No. 6007-34-001 will be received at the Texas Dept. of Transportation, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79704 until 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, 1997, and then publicly opened and read.

A list reflecting the highways and limits along with applicable specifications relative to the Contract is available for inspection at the TxDOT office in Dimmitt on US 385, one mile south of Jct SH 194 in Castro County.  
Bidding proposals are to be requested from: JoAn Gilley, Contract Administrator, 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404, Phone (806) 748-4426.  
The estimated cost for this project is \$67,689.  
Interested parties are encouraged to attend a pre-bid meeting on Friday, Feb. 21, 1997, at 2 p.m. in Lubbock, 135 Slaton Road.

Only a Cashier's Check or Money Order or Teller's Check on a State or National Bank, on a State or National Savings and Loan Association or a State or Federally Chartered Credit Union for \$1,400 is considered acceptable. This proposal guaranty must be in the amount stated and may be payable at or through the institution issuing the instrument or may be drawn on a non-bank and payable at or through a bank. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

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**WTAMU sets lecture series**

Dr. James W. Sire will be the guest speaker for a lecture series Tuesday and Wednesday at the West Texas A&M University campus, as announced by the Willson Lecture Series Committee.

"Dr. Sire specializes in lectures and discussion on religious philosophy," said Buddy Young, selection committee member and director of the WTAMU Baptist Student Ministry. Sire is a writer and author on Christian worldview issues.

Young said that all lectures are free and open to WT students and the general public.

The lectures will begin with "Tolerance, Relativism and a Just Society" at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, in the Classroom Center (CC), Room 101. A second lecture, "Multiculturalism: A Christian Perspective," will follow at 9:30 a.m. in the same room.

A lecture entitled "Why Would Anyone Believe Anything at All?" will be held at 12:20 p.m. in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Legends Club, followed by an autograph session at 1:15 p.m. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sire will present "Three People Who Found God" in Old Main, Rm. 220. Wednesday's lectures will be "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" at 9 a.m. and "Evolution and Ethics" at 10 a.m. in CC, Rm. 101.

The conclusion to the lecture series, "The Christian as a Scholar," will be at noon Wednesday at the Methodist Student Center's Soup and Sandwich luncheon.

"Dr. Sire is a very intellectual man," Young said. "One of the biggest topics he discusses is apologetics and defending Christian faith. He is one of the nation's leading writers on the subject."

**Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden**

Lee Bradley had foot surgery in Amarillo on Feb. 12. He is home now but has to stay off of his foot for awhile.

Justin and Kathy Bradley have a new baby boy, born in Amarillo last week. They named him Caulin Vance.

Bob and Dottie Ott of Avery came Wednesday for a visit with his sister, Betty and Alton Loudder and other relatives and friends here. They visited with R.V. and Bess Bills in Dimmitt Wednesday. They spent Wednesday night with his brother and sister-in-law, Irvin and Martha Ott in Earth.

On Thursday they visited with his sister, Janelle Haydon and Milburn, and their son, Don Ott, who went with them to visit others, including Betty and Alton Loudder, and Evelyn and Harry Mitchell. They went home Thursday evening.

R.V. Bills and Betty Loudder both had checkups in Lubbock this week with their cardiologists and both got good reports.

Lillian Carson worked Wednesday through Friday at the Gezebo in Olton during the Valentine rush, which started Wednesday with orders for school kids. They delivered all day Thursday and didn't slow down on Friday, filling orders for the general public.

Everyone in the community were touched and everyone who knew them were grieved by the tragic deaths of James and Reta Welch. I have never heard a bad word against them. They both will truly be missed in Castro County and in Olton, as well as by their families.

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright visited in Seagraves Saturday with her brothers, Ross and Perry Jones. Perry was home from Dallas for the weekend since his wife, Carolyn

**Former AFSer returns here for first time**

An open house for Michele (Bertonneau) Cantinaud, former American Field Service exchange student in Dimmitt, will be held Saturday at 1005 West Bedford Street from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Cantinaud, who now lives in Parisot, France, attended Dimmitt High School during the 1963-64 school year. She is coming to Texas for her first visit since graduation.

Jones, was doing well in the hospital after having a liver transplant. She expects to be dismissed in a few days, but will have to stay in Dallas in an apartment near the hospital for awhile. She has to be monitored regularly for signs of rejection.

Hershel and Retha Wilson attended the Springlake-Earth bi-district girls' basketball game with Whitharral Friday night. Their granddaughter, Jessica Wilson, is a senior for S-E, and she played her last game. The S-E girls lost by two points in the last two seconds of the game.

Ezell and Verba Sadler hosted the music group from Hereford for a supper and some music after supper on Sunday night. Those present were L.D. and Thama Combs, Bud and Lurnee Cauthen, Swed Smuckers and Josie, Jack and Helen Nunley, Glen and Helen Nelson, Dale and Betty Henson, Ralph and Jane Packard, and Bobbie Roberson.

David and Gay Sadler went to Ruth King's after Sunday School and they all went to Amarillo for dinner and the afternoon.

Robert Duke helped the Methodist Men cook and cater the meal for the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night. Frances attended a United Methodist Women's officer's training meeting in Petersburg Saturday morning. They had lunch there.

Sunday night, Robert and Frances attended an Emmaus meeting in Slaton.

**WIFE to award \$500 scholarship**

Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) and the Foundation for Ag Education and Development (FAED) will award a \$500 scholarship.

The scholarship will be presented to any woman who is a first- or second-year college student taking agricultural courses such as agronomy, ag economics, ag engineering, veterinary medicine, home or Extension agent, ag education or some other related field, and the award may be used at a school of the recipient's choice.

The award may be renewed as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average. Application for the scholarship will be accepted through March 20 and the winner will be notified by May 1. For more information or a scholarship application contact Wanda Horsford, RR2, Box 97, Abernathy 79041.



**NAZARETH'S COBY SCHACHER** (second from left) signs a letter of intent to play football for West Texas A&M University in Canyon next season. Schacher, a two-way starter for the Swifts, will work at fullback and tight end on offense, and at defensive end and outside lineback on defense. Schacher will receive a scholarship covering tuition and fees as a member of the Buffaloes' football team. Schacher signed with WTAMU on Feb. 5, and on hand were (from left) Nazareth Football Coach Rick Price, and Schacher's parents, Lydia and Rusty Schacher. Schacher was recruited by approximately 22 schools, but selected WTAMU because the school "made the best offer," and because it is close to home. Among the other schools which talked to the athlete were Texas Tech University, SMU, Angelo State University and Eastern New Mexico University.

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**VALENTINE QUEEN AND KING** at Canterbury Villa were Lucille Pfeiffer, 82, and Dub Cline, 89, who were selected by vote of the nursing home's staff and residents and crowned during a Valentine's Day party Friday in the dining hall. Mrs. Pfeiffer has been a Canterbury Villa resident since 1975 and Cline since December.  
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# Obituaries

## Orin Brock

Orin Brock, 73, of Dimmitt, died at 5 a.m. Monday in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Dean Wiseman, elder, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Brock was born July 19, 1923, in Brice. He lived in the Flagg community before moving to Dimmitt in 1990. He married June Belknap on July 11, 1970, in Lubbock. He was a member of the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ. He served as a glider mechanic in the Air Force during World War II. He worked for Flagg Fertilizer from 1967 until his retirement in 1990.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Brock, in 1991.

Survivors include his wife; five sisters, Nora Clawson of Lubbock, and Edna Lou Hood, Sadie Lane, Cecile Plumlee and Alma Nelson, all of Dimmitt; and a brother, Claude Brock of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association or American Lung Association.

## Ruby Dempsey

Services for Ruby Dempsey, 76, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Rev. Kevin Woods, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and Rev. Loma Burrell officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dempsey died at 7 a.m. Monday at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Rogers, Ark., on July 16, 1920. She lived in Benton County, Ark., until 1945 when she moved to Dimmitt. She married Leonard Dempsey on Nov. 17, 1945, in Bentonville. He died Feb. 14, 1994. She was a homemaker and a member of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Ann Dempsey in 1946; and a grandson, Joe Bob Schacher in 1980.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Schacher of Nazareth, Linda King of Eldorado and Donna Rose of Wylie; a sister, Pearl White of Centerton, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Schacher, Ron Rose, Joe King, Ben Schacher, Bernard Bignall and Bill Briscoe.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo 79101.



## Eric Wayne Rose

Eric Wayne Rose, 9, son of Jerry and Tricia Rose of Amarillo, died Monday after a lengthy illness.

A prayer service was held Tuesday evening at Schooler-Gordon Chapel in Amarillo. A memorial mass was held Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo. Graveside services were held Wednesday afternoon at Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth.

Rose was born Oct. 12, 1987, and met many challenges in his life. He was full of life and dedicated himself to beating the odds. "He will be remembered for touching and changing many hearts," a family member said.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Andrea Rose of the home; his paternal grandparents, Ed and Ruth Rose of Amarillo; his maternal grandmother, Virgie Gerber of Nazareth; his maternal great-grandmother, Meta Stork of Nazareth; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were Keith Gerber, Kevin Gerber, Harold Gerber, Gene Gerber, Jim Schmucker and Dan Gerber. Honorary pallbearers were Jason McDonald, Jason Birkenfeld, Matt Birkenfeld, Clifford Gerber, Max Gerber, Carson Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Monty Hoelting, Nick Gerber and the TLC Class at Gene Howe Elementary School.

Memorials should be to Children's Health Foundation, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo 79106.



## James Welch

Funeral services for James Ervin Welch, 64, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Apostle David Brock, High Priest Richard Foster and Rev. Randy Gressett, Youth Minister of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Welch died Feb. 14 in Sudan in a car-train accident, in which his wife, Reta, also died.

He was born March 27, 1932, in Lazbuddie. He married Reta Graef on July 14, 1951, in Olton, and they moved to Dimmitt in 1951. He graduated from Lazbuddie School in 1949. He served as pastor of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Olton, and served as District President of the Western Texas District. He was a member of the Outreach International Board and Camping Association for the RLDS Church, and had been serving as Evangelist-Patriarch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He served on the Lazbuddie Farmers Co-op Board, the Castro County Tax Appraisal Board, Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., and was a member and past president of the Plains Memorial Hospital Board, having served on it continuously since 1969.

Mr. Welch was active in 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Farmers Union, the Bethel Community Club and Better Weather Inc. He was a farmer, and was active in the Democratic Party.

He was preceded in death by his father, step-father and a niece.

Survivors include a son, Mark Welch of Dimmitt; two daughters, Sharon Welch of Columbia, Mo., and Rhonda Neighbour of Des Moines, Iowa; his mother Beulah Mae Lawhon of Lazbuddie; three sisters, Joy Parsons of Prescott, Ariz., Billie Embry of Muleshoe, and Janice Cole of Farmington, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Ray Parsons, Allan Smyer, Lee Embry, Bobby Phillips, Jerry Phillips, Chuck Phillips, Steven Phillips, Derek Phillips, Brent Graef, David Graef, Carl Graef, Shane Graef, Gary Cole, Dusty Cole, Billy Carson and Brian Booker.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas & New Mexico Camping Association in care of Jeff Newcom, Business Manager, 2517 Landman N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87112; or to a favorite charity.



## Reta Welch

Funeral services for Reta Joy Welch, 62, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Apostle David Brock, High Priest Richard Foster and Rev. Randy Gressett, Youth Minister of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Welch died Feb. 14 in Sudan in a car-train accident, in which her husband, James, also was killed.

She was born Sept. 15, 1934, in Running Water Draw, and graduated from Lazbuddie School in 1951. She married James Welch on July 14, 1951, in Olton.

Mrs. Welch was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and served as Pastor of the RLDS Church in Olton. She was ordained as an Elder in 1988, and had been serving as High Priest and President of the West Texas District.

Active in 4-H, Campfire Girls, the Dimmitt Garden Club, Extension Homemakers, the Dimmitt Book Club, and the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Welch also worked with the Satellite School, the Friends of the Library and the Democratic Party, and was on the board of the United Way.

She was a Real Estate Agent and was the Drug Education Liaison for the Dimmitt Independent School District. She was active in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, worked with the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) program, was coordinator for the Friendly Helpers program, and coached Odyssey of the Mind teams in 1995 and 1996. Mrs. Welch was a past president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and was honored as "Citizen Through the Years" in 1992. She also served as a member of Women's Ministries Commission for the United Nations. She was renowned for her colorful speeches, given to motivate and encourage others, especially the one in which she used a variety of hats to demonstrate the different qualities that need to be cultivated in our lives.

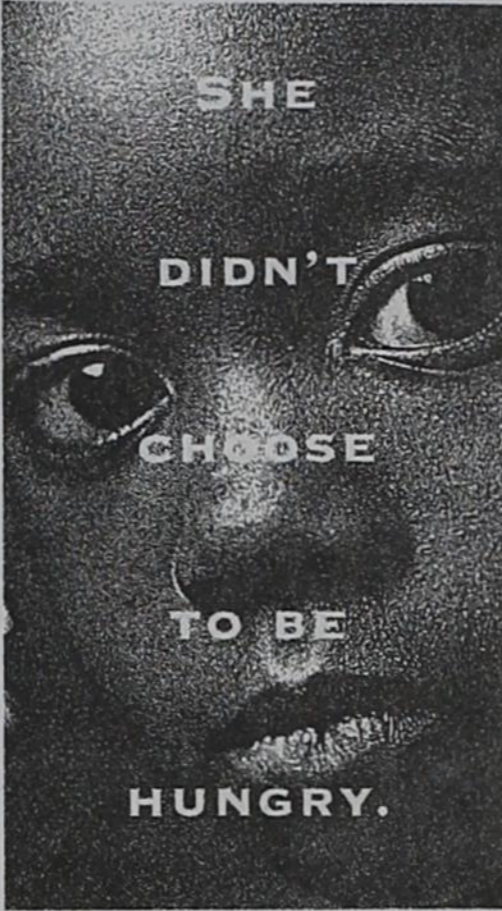
She was preceded in death by a brother, Clayton Ray Graef, in 1985; and her father, Charley Graef, in 1993.

She is survived by a son, Mark

Welch of Dimmitt; two daughters, Sharon Welch of Columbia, Mo., and Rhonda Neighbour of Des Moines, Iowa; her mother, Edith Graef of Dimmitt; a sister, Charlene Phillips of Clovis, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Ray Parsons, Allan Smyer, Lee Embry, Bobby Phillips, Jerry Phillips, Chuck Phillips, Steven Phillips, Derek Phillips, Brent Graef, David Graef, Carl Graef, Shane Graef, Gary Cole, Dusty Cole, Billy Carson and Brian Booker.

The family suggests memorials to the RLDS Temple Fund, P.O. Box 1059, Independence, Mo. 64051; or to a favorite charity.



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