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AUSTIN BOUND—The Swiftettes are all smiles as they pose with their first-place plaque won in the Region 1 and Region 2 tournament played this past weekend in Fort Worth. The

Swiftettes won the tournament defeating Hedley and Borden County to earn yet another trip to Austin to play for the state title.

Photo by Chris Bradford

County gets break on hepatitis shots

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
Hepatitis "B" shots required of jailers might not be costing the county as much as first feared.

Castro County Judge Irene Miller told the court Monday that she'd contacted WorkSmart of Hereford, which conducts the county's drug testing, to get a price on the shots and she was informed that the shots could be done for \$200 per person for all three shots.

At the Feb. 11 meeting, Judge Miller informed the court that county health authority Dr. Skylar Bizzell quoted a figure of \$215 per shot per person.

"Would they be able to come here or would the jailers have to go to Hereford?" Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige asked.

"He said if we could get a time where we could get them all together, they'll come here," Judge Miller said.

The court moved to that end shortly thereafter.

In other business, the court approved most job-related trips and expenses presented to them expect for some pre-payments for three jailers for a convention in May.

That's because of some concern expressed about the jail being able to do without the jailers for a period of time. Approval of the expenses was tabled until it was seen that the jail could do without the personnel for a period of time.

Additional concern was expressed about the department having enough funds for other out-of-town trips.

"I hope so," Castro County Sheriff C.D. Fitzgerald told the court. "We have a school in Littlefield next month, but that's about \$20-\$25 per person."

In other business, the court will go out for bids on the painting of the Castro County Expo Building. Commissioners approved the specifications.

V.C. Hopson, supervisor of the building, said that the inside walls, restrooms and entry way were all in need of painting.

"We can hold off on the kitchen if we need to," Hopson said.

The bonds for several county employees were approved, including those of Jo Campbell, Donald Ray Williams, Michael Edward Colley and Jerry W. Jansa.

Campbell is the secretary in the Justice of the Peace Office, Williams is a deputy and Colley and Jansa are communications officers. Campbell's bond was \$5,000 while the bonds for the others were \$1,000 apiece.

In other business, the court also:

— Approved an IBM Maintenance agreement with the software group.

— Approved the auditor's report and line item transfers.

— Approved the treasurer's report.

— Approved the minutes of the Feb. 11 meeting.

Shooting for 16th State Championship

Swiftettes reach state tourney again!

FORT WORTH — The colorful history of the Nazareth High School varsity girls' basketball team got a little more colorful Saturday afternoon at Wilkerson-Greines Coliseum.

That's because the Swiftettes qualified for their 20th state tournament with a 56-35 defeat of Borden County in the Region I-II Tournament.

As a result of the victory, the Swiftettes will play for the Class 1A, Division II championship against Dodd City today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center on the campus of the University of Texas. (More about Dodd City

elsewhere in this issue.)

If the Swiftettes get by the Lady Hornets, then they'll play for their second consecutive Texas Cup against either Brock or LaRue LaPoynor Saturday at 9 a.m.

"It's fun to go to Austin anytime," Nazareth girls basketball coach Matt Garrett said. "We'll see how this one goes."

That defeat of the Lady Coyotes wasn't quite as hard as the semi-final against Hedley. The Lady Owls, in fact, led 26-19 at halftime before the Swiftettes rallied to win 48-41.

"We came out pretty flat and Hedley showed up to play," Garrett said. "The girls pulled together and did a good job in the second half."

However, the first half, as Garrett said, belonged to Hedley. The Lady Owls outscored the Swiftettes 13-8 in the first quarter. Stephanie Thiel, Marsha Black, Wendy Black and Mandy Hoelting scored the Nazareth points in that period.

Things were better for Naz in the second quarter, but Hedley

with four points.

The Swiftettes then pulled away in the fourth quarter, outscoring Borden 15-9. Stephanie Thiel had eight points in that period.

Overall, Stephanie Thiel led once again with 18 points, including four three-pointers. Wendy Black and Hoelting joined her in double figures with 10. Each also had one three-pointer apiece.

Nazareth also outscored Hedley 14-11 in the fourth period to close out the victory. Jackie Thiel, Stephanie Thiel, Lesley Brockman and Wendy Black all scored three points apiece in that frame.

Overall, Stephanie Thiel led with 24 points, including four three-pointers. She was the lone Swiftette in double figures.

Wendy Black followed with seven while Hoelting had five. Marsha Black had four while Jackie Thiel and Kim Brockman each had three and Erica Gerber two. Jackie Thiel also had a three-pointer.

As for the Borden County game, it wasn't quite as close.

"We played a lot better against Borden County," Garrett said. "Everybody stepped up and played well."

However, it was close early as the teams were tied at 9-9. Stephanie Thiel, Hoelting and Gerber each scored three points apiece.

Naz started flexing its muscles in the second quarter, outscoring Borden County 24-10 to take a 33-19 halftime lead. Wendy Black was high point with eight.

The Swiftettes played some good defense in the third quarter by allowing just seven points to Borden County, which offset the eight scored by Nazareth in the frame. Naz led 41-26 after three quarters and Lesley Brockman was high point for the quarter still outscored the Swiftettes 13-11 to assume a 26-19 halftime lead. Thiel was high point for the quarter with nine points.

Things got much better in the third period as Nazareth outscored Hedley 15-4 and led 34-30 after three quarters. Thiel was high point again with eight points.

CPS board looking for people to help

The Castro County Child Services board is looking for individuals interested in the future of Castro County children.

This board meets once a month and provides forms of help for children from our county that are in the care of Child Protective Services.

A small amount of time can help provide eyeglasses, clothes, an occasional prom dress, driver's education training, senior pictures, etc. Currently, a total of 19 children under the care of Child Protective Services.

The next meeting will be held on March 13, 2002 at 9 o'clock, in the kitchen area of the basement of First United Bank.

Anyone interested or would like more information, please call Joe Josselet at 647-4151.

Anyone wanting to donate to the cause can do that, too. To do so, please send them to Joe Josselet, First United Bank, P.O. Box 929; Dimmitt, TX 79027.

County may acquire old TxDot building

By JOHN HASSELMEIER

No action was taken at Monday morning's meeting of the Castro County Commissioner's Court, but there was plenty of discussion concerning acquiring a building formerly occupied by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

After the discussion, the commissioners voted to table the issue to decide about whether or not they want to acquire the building.

Raymond Serna of the Lubbock TxDOT office told the court that he was waiting for letters from the City of Dimmitt and the Dimmitt Independent School District stating they were not interested in the building.

Serna was one of three people from the Lubbock TxDOT office present for the meeting. The other two were Andrew Chavez and Ted Moore.

Once those were in, an offer of the building — for the appraised price of \$60,000 — would be tendered to the county, who would then have 45 days to decide whether or not it desired the property.

"We'd be very pleased if you'd purchase it," Serna said

with a smile. "Then we wouldn't have to put it up for bid."

Serna explained that governmental entities are offered the building first. If not, the building would go up for bids.

During the Feb. 11 meeting, in which Castro County Judge Irene Miller said that she had been contracted by Andrew Chavez of that office about the building, she said that Chavez had expressed concern about being able to get the same amount of money for the property if it went out for bids.

Altogether, the property in question is 4.213 acres.

"Has the building been checked for hazardous material?" Precinct 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron asked.

Serna said that part of the agreement would be to allow TxDOT to finish any work on the building it had started.

"What about mineral rights?" Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige asked.

"We don't really get into mineral rights," Serna said.

"They would go to the original owner from who we got the property from to start with," Moore said.

Early voting proceeds

By JOHN HASSELMEIER

The Castro County re-districting plan wasn't been pre-cleared until Tuesday afternoon, but early voting proceeded Monday for the March 12 election.

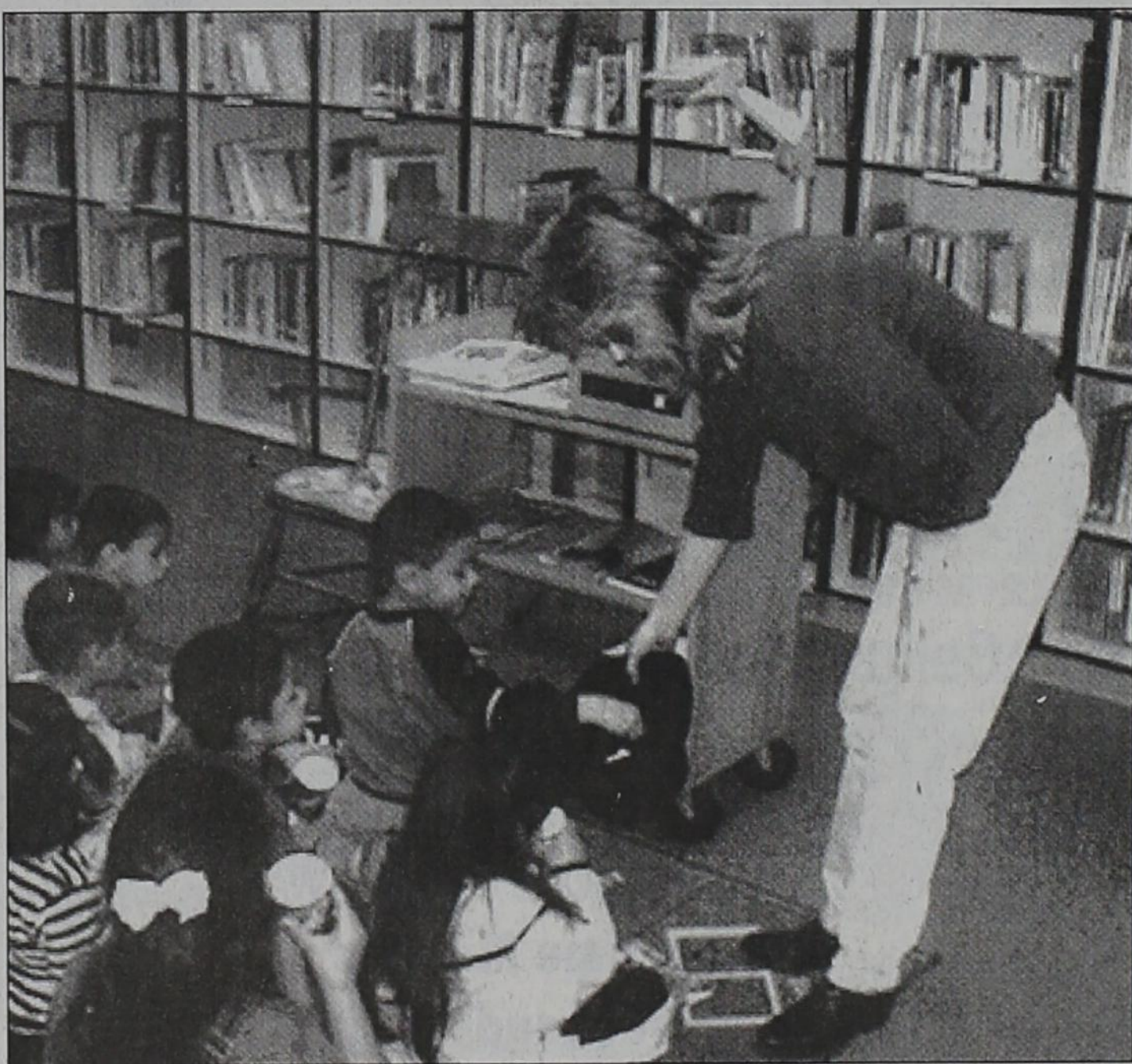
During Monday's meeting of the Castro County Commissioners Court, Judge Irene Miller explained that the plan hadn't been pre-cleared by the Depart-

ment of Justice by time the meeting got underway.

The time to get things together for the election was approaching, so Judge Miller asked the secretary of state what should be done about the election.

"He said to proceed as if it had been pre-cleared," Judge Miller told the commissioners.

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TAKE JUST ONE NUMBER, PLEASE — Ronda Gilbreath, a parent volunteer, is holding out a hat for Headstart children at Richardson

Elementary to draw from during the school's annual Reading is Fundamental event last Thursday.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	53	27	.08
Thursday	66	28	
Friday	54	20	
Saturday	65	20	
Sunday	78	37	
Monday	75	17	
Tuesday	49	7	

February Moisture 0.17
2002 Moisture 1.66

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

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WINNERS!—Members of Dimmitt High School's FCCLA Chapter participated in the regional STAR (Students Take Action With Recognition) competition held in Odessa on February 22 and 23. These students will also take part in the state competition that will take place in Corpus Christi in April. Left to right are Jessica Montes, Angelica Rascon, Veronica Oveido, Valerie Martinez and Natalie Jimenez. These students are recognized for their work in 'Focus on Children'.



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Photo by Chris Bradford

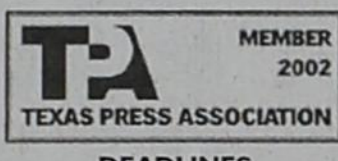
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Nazareth student nominated for WT campus royalty

CANYON—Nazareth freshman Lindsey Gerber has been nominated for a royal position at West Texas A&M.

Gerber, whose major is undeclared at the present time, has been nominated for Homecoming Princess.

If she is to be crowned, it will take place Friday at 7 p.m. at West Texas A&M University's Student's Organizations Roundtable, which will be taking place at the Alumni Banquet Facility.

The formal will take on an "Oh the Places You'll Go" theme and will include dinner. A WTAMU-crested, All-University Formal champagne glass will be given to all in attendance. A dance will follow the dinner and the presentation of royalty.

Together We Can



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 28-March 8.

DIMMITT
Pre-K to 12th Grades
Grab-and-go breakfast
THURSDAY: Carrot mini loaf, fresh apples and white milk.
FRIDAY: Waffles w/syrup, fresh bananas and white milk.
MONDAY: Cutie fried pie, orange wedges and white milk.
TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, pears and white milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and white milk.
THURSDAY: Banana mini loaf, fresh apples and white milk.
FRIDAY: Cranberry muffin, orange wedges and white milk.

Lunch
Pre-K to 1st Grade
THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, butter beans, white hot rolls, peach cobbler, white or chocolate milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing, candied sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad, hot wheat rolls, birthday cake, white or chocolate milk.
MONDAY: Hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, cowboy cookies, white or chocolate milk.
TUESDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, potatoes au gratin, corn on the cob, tossed salad, hot cheese rolls, white or chocolate milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on bun, pork and beans, potato rounds, cole slaw, white or chocolate milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mexipinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, white or chocolate milk.
FRIDAY: Barbecued beef on bun, potato wedges, tossed salad, orange gelatin surprise, white or chocolate milk.

2nd-12th Grades
THURSDAY: Choices of shrimp poppers, tuna salad sandwich or cheese enchilada; hashed brown potatoes, potato chips or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiments or guacamole salad; Spanish rice, white hot rolls or tortilla chips and white or chocolate milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing, hot dog on bun or fajitas w/onions; candied sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables and parsley buttered peas; ambrosia fruit salad, tossed salad or cole slaw; hot wheat rolls, fideo mexicano or birthday cake and white or chocolate milk.
MONDAY: Choices of hamburger, Italian spaghetti or fajitas with onions; french fries, green beans or frijoles refrito, hamburger salad, tossed salad haystack fingers, garlic bread or flour tortilla and white or chocolate milk.
TUESDAY: Choices of steak fingers with gravy, chicken enchilada or beef and noodle casserole; potatoes au gratin, frijoles refrito or corn on the cob; guacamole salad, tossed salad or fresh spinach salad; hot cheese rolls, old-fashioned cornbread or tortilla chips, white or chocolate milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of hot dog on bun, chicken fillet strips or meat loaf with creole sauce; pork and beans, potato rounds or sweet potatoes; tossed salad, cole slaw or cucumber/tomato; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread or crackers or Fritos corn chips and white or chocolate milk.
THURSDAY: Choices of nachos with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich or New Mexican enchilada; mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or Spanish rice; tossed salad, taco condiments or broccoli/cauliflower; Angel flake biscuits, crackers or assorted muffins and white or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on bun, chicken and dumplings or beans and rice; potato wedges, southern collard greens and great northern beans, orange gelatin surprise, tossed salad or pasta salad; old fashioned cornbread, assorted danish or crackers and white or chocolate milk.

HART
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes w/ syrup, peanut butter, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast burrito, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and variety of milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and variety of milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon toast, sweetened applesauce, peanut butter bar, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes w/ syrup, peanut butter, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger, pork tamales or enchilada casserole, chips, tortilla pieces, corn, salad, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich w/cheese or cheese enchilada, tortilla pieces, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, peanut butter cookie, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets; green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, gravy, cherry cobbler, variety of milk, Kool Aid and tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or sloppy joe on bun, salad, potato chips, corn, peaches, ginger cookies, assorted fresh fruit, variety of milk, Kool Aid and tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of tuna salad

sandwich, chicken fajitas or chicken tetrazzini, refried beans, salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks, sugar cookie, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak fingers, rolls, gravy, green beans, salad, assorted fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, corn dog or pizza with cheese topping, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie, peanut butter cookie, variety of milk, Kool Aid or tea.

NAZARETH
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Cinnamon pastry, cereal, juice and milk.
FRIDAY: School holiday.
MONDAY: Blueberry muffin, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal, juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage patty, Lucky Charms cereal, juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, juice and milk.
FRIDAY: School holiday.

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Choice of tater tot casserole and sopapillas or chef salad, tossed salad, pork and beans, pineapple tidbits, peanut butter chews and variety of milk or assorted juice.
FRIDAY: School holiday.
MONDAY: * Choice of sausage pizza or chicken stir-fry, gingerbread, tossed salad, corn, pears and variety of milk, assorted fruit juice or tea.
TUESDAY: * Choice of soft tacos or sausage pizza, pinto beans, lettuce, pears, royal brownies and variety of milk, assorted fruit juice or tea.
WEDNESDAY: * Choice of chicken nuggets or beef fingers, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, peanut butter bars, variety of milk, assorted juice or tea.
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(Items designated with an asterisk (*) will be served to elementary school students.)



OUTGOING REGIONAL FCCLA OFFICERS—Dimmitt High School students Melissa Maldonado (l) and Bianey Saucedo are the outgoing officers for FCCLA for the school year 2001-2002.



FCCLA OFFICERS—Dimmitt High School's own Nancy Quiroz (l) and Jacqui Hinsley were selected to serve on the regional executive council of the FCCLA at a Regional Meeting last week in Odessa. Quiroz will serve as Vice President of Community Service and Hinsley will serve as Vice President of Finance.

Last Puzzle Solution

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- TX rural wear: bib over
- TXism: "that won't float"
- TXism: "a day late ___ dollar short"
- TX-based "Fridays" restaurant (abbr.)
- Buda newspaper
- Fresnos, TX
- TXism: "it'll ___ in the wash"
- "Giant" actress (init.)
- TXism: "clear as mother's ___"
- TXism: "chief cook and washer"
- Presidio La Bahia has a ___ of a six-toed angel
- TX Clint Black's wife
- saloons
- Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)
- Seguin ___ was built in 1823
- TX Gene Tierney film "Son of ___"
- Denver airport (abbr.)
- TXism: "was ___ a silver spoon in his mouth"
- TXism: "he couldn't ___ an egg under a sitting hen"
- LBJ began to ___ No. Vietnam in '65
- TXism: "___ cement" (permanent)
- TXn flew scout plane for atomic bomber ___ Gay
- drearly trite
- Johnson of film "What Comes Around" with TX Barry Corbin
- Houston suburb: Bell ___
- buoyant and dapper
- transit in Dallas or Houston
- TXism: "woke ___ bear" (caused trouble)
- daredevil jump
- historic panhandle spread
- "T" of NAFTA
- TXism: "I ___ to" (intend)
- TX King Vidor book: "A Tree ___ Tree"
- ex-Ranger pitcher Robb
- computer (abbr.)
- billionaire TX Howard Hughes
- seat of Rains Co.
- stage constructions at Fort Worth's Casa Manana
- drunkard
- 19 last in a series
- defensibly
- this Larry was a forward on famous '83 UH BB team
- this Fess was Davy in "The Alamo"
- TXism: "steal blind"
- "those" south of the border
- 17th Century English poet
- TX Guy Clark wrote "Desperados Waiting ___"
- ex-TCU star QB Sammy
- TXism: "___ in the bud"
- all justices on a TX appellate court: "en ___"
- TX bug
- outlaw
- increase the stakes in poker

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Congratulations to Melvin and Juanita Summers. They've recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary! Their children, Gerald, Patty, Charles and Sue Summers, honored them with a family dinner to celebrate this grand occasion.

Other family members who came for the festivities were Melvin and Juanita's grandchildren Camille and Andy Williams and great-grandchildren, Colton and Carson; grandchildren Carla and Roy Schillings and great-grandchildren Kellia and Kelsey; grandchildren Curt and Kelly Summers and great-grandchildren Chase and Caitlyn. These are children of Gerald and Patty.

Charles and Sue's children were there also. They are Casey and his wife Michelle, Coby and Carol.

The home of Ronnie and Kay Gfeller was the setting for the bridal shower for Tiffany Smith (DHS class of 1995) now of San Marcus and Zeke Nino (DHS class of 1996) now of Austin.

Their wedding is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 in the St. Mary's Cathedral in Fredericksburg.

Tiffany is the daughter of Joe and Kathy Lust and Zeke is the son of Sylvia and Richard Nino, formerly of Dimmitt and now of Coleman.

Tiffany is an emergency medical technician at Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcus.

Out of town guests for the bridal shower were Tiffany's grandmother Earlene Barbour of Tullia, her sisters-in-law Sheri and niece Kaitlan Smith of Lamesa and Audra Smith of Silverton, and Bronwyn Johnson of San Marcus, a special friend of Tiffany's who will be her maid of honor.

Zeke's mother, Sylvia, and his grandmother, Manuela Nino of Amarillo, were also there.

Tiffany spent her sophomore year, 1992-93, as an exchange student in Port Macquarie, Australia for six months and Sydney, Australia for the last six months, where she lived with Lee Dobson and her family.

Lee was the exchange student in Dimmitt during the 1990-91 school year. She lived with Ronnie and Kay Gfeller and their children. Lee has been back to Dimmitt in 1995 and again in the summer of 2001 for her class reunion.

Signs of spring—near 80 degree weather, iris and crocus blooming and a high school golf team organizing for spring play at Hart has reminded me.

Gerald Harder is a modern day commuter. He commutes from

Dimmitt to the Gulf of Mexico, off of Louisiana, to his job as an off shore oil rig engineer. He returns after his allotted time there to be here with his wife, Beth. On his last "tour of duty" he visited their daughter, Nadine Schulte Latham of Beaumont, on his way home.

Kenneth Frye has just returned from Davenport, Iowa where he took his dad, Harlan Frye, for a visit with relatives. Linda Frye went south to her daughter's, Carla and Coby McGee, home in Lubbock and sat there while Carla and Coby had a night out. Linda traveled on to visit their daughter, Shelly and Dale Weiss of San Angelo, for a nice visit to play with the grandchildren.

John and Kelli Smith were host recently to a family dinner in Amarillo honoring their son, Grayson Robert, on his second birthday.

Guests were Robert and Norma Smith from Dimmitt, Dewey and Pat Hukill from Olton, Gregg and Lezlie Hukill and children from Plainview and Kynzee and Courtney of Amarillo.

Everyone was excited about the Amarillo Sandies winning district this year.

Recently ate supper across the table from Dimmitt Middle School principal George Rasor, who informed me that there were other former Dimmitt High School graduates who are basketball coaches that I hadn't listed in this column. George Rasor had been an assistant Dimmitt High School coach in junior high and high school before becoming principal at Dimmitt Middle School.

Joe and Oscar Velasquez are coaching junior high basketball in Amarillo, Richard Wood, DHS graduate and former Dimmitt girls basketball coach is coaching at Lorenzo.

Reagan Frye is the ninth grade boys and girls coach and athletic director at Greenwood, near Midland. He also teaches biology there. His wife, Tonya, is working on a degree to be a physicians assistant from the Texas Tech Medical School branch in Midland. They live in Midland.

Jeff Bell is coaching at Brock, near Weatherford. Basketball is the only sport offered there and he has really enjoyed this aspect of there.

Jeff and his wife, Jennifer, live in Weatherford where she is the assistant principal in the Weatherford school district. They are parents of three boys. Jeff's grandmother, Polly Bell, is the source of this information.

This is a very special time in the basketball life for Dimmitt. Coach Alan Steinle and the bobcats are still in hot pursuit of the state playoffs as I write this. Congratulations, Bobcats!

My neighbors, Robert Wesley

and Norma Smith, have shared this important bit of basketball news!

50 years ago, the DHS basketball team won state. They were undefeated, 36-0. The starting five were Bill Gregory, Marvin Axe, Glenn Brown, Robert Wesley Smith and the late Douglas

Dennis. They were coached by the late John Blaine. Coach Blaine coached the girls that year and they won state and were 36-0.

Also the 1952 boys basketball team was the first boys team to win state from Dimmitt and Castro County.



A PROLIFERATION OF "2's"! — Andrea Renee Cuevas, born Feb. 2, 2000 celebrated her second birthday party at 2 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2002. She's the second granddaughter of Lino and Nelly Perez. Her mother, Maria Luisa, is the second daughter of Lino and Nelly Perez.

Photo courtesy of Sylvia Perez Guerra

Naz News with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

We are very proud of our two basketball teams, the Nazareth Swiftettes and Swifts, who are both doing their best to stay in the playoffs.

The Swiftettes will be traveling to Austin this week for the state playoffs. They played in Fort Worth last weekend, winning their Friday game with Hedley, 48-41, and winning their Saturday game with Borden County, 56-35.

The Swifts played Follett at the Berger High School gym and won this area game 75-35. They will play Ropesville Tuesday night in Levelland and hopefully on to Fort Worth and state.

Fritz and Julene Gerber drove to College Station this weekend to watch their granddaughter, Danielle Wilhelm, play in the Tapps State Basketball Tournament. She plays for the Notre Dame Parochial School of Wichita Falls, a class 3A school. They won second and Danielle placed on the All-Tournament Team. Danielle is the daughter of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm of

Wichita Falls. They then drove to Fort Worth to watch the Nazareth girls win their game with Borden County.

Lindsie Marie Gerber, daughter of Carroll and Denise Gerber, has been nominated by the Resident Hall Association and sponsored by Cousins Hall to be a Princess candidate for the Student University Formal at WTAMU on Friday, March 1.

Evelyn Backus and her family, Dan, Gail, Lauren and Landon Sams of Wheeler, attended the pep homecoming celebration Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday morning they all attended Mass at St. Mary's Church in Umbarger with Father Scott Raef, pastor. He was a former pastor of Canadian and Wheeler and a close friend of the Sams family.

Holy Family Catholic Church is putting together a new church picture directory preparing for Nazareth's 100th birthday. Portraits will be taken the week of March 12-19.

So far over 150 families have signed up to take part. You can sign up to have your families portrait taken after Mass Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3. Time slots are filling up fast. They are asking people that can come earlier to do so, that way families with children can get their group in after school hours.

The goal is 100% participation, so if you know of any family that has been or is interest in becoming a part of Holy Family Parish, please inform them. Everyone is encouraged to join in on the celebration. Don't be left out!

Garcia, Ball graduate from Tech

LUBBOCK — Two Dimmitt residents recently graduated from Texas Tech University.

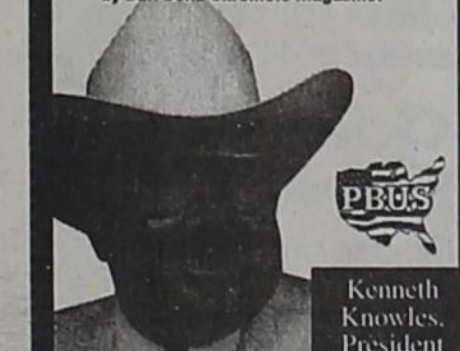
The two in question are Larry Scott Garcia and Jessica Dianne Ball.

Garcia earned his degree, a bachelor of science, in restaurant, hotel and institutional management while Ball received hers, a bachelor of science, in food and nutrition.

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People



Castro students earn honors at Tech

LUBBOCK—Several Castro County students earned honors from Texas Tech University.

Jason Randel Hargrove, Amber Denece Matthews and Lee Ann Wilkerson of Dimmitt and Susan Marie Jones of Nazareth all earned spots on the President's List.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Hargrove is a senior management major, Matthews a junior COBA major, Wilkerson a senior psychology major and Jones a junior agriculture and applied economics major.

Jacy Noel Buckley, Alka Nanubhai Patel, Tyler Ray

Shackelford, Taran Scott Smith and Jared Edward Townsend of Dimmitt and Aaron Duane Braddock and Mitchell Frank Brockman of Nazareth earned places on the Dean's List.

Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Buckley is a senior exercise and sports sciences major, Patel a senior political science major, Shackelford a freshman pre-medicine major, Smith a senior petroleum engineering major, Townsend a junior finance major, Braddock a junior agronomy major and Brockman a junior pre-physical therapy major.



VANESSA GAIL ACEVEDO, daughter of Luis and Olga Acevedo of Dimmitt, was married Feb. 16 in a civil ceremony in Lubbock to Casey Lamont Smith, son of Michael and Gail Smith of Dimmitt. They were attended by their son, Ash'ton K. Acevedo-Smith. The couple now reside in Levelland.

Courtesy Photo

There is no \$12 sewing machine

By JIM DAVIDSON

We know from personal experience, as well as observing the lives of other people, that if we are to achieve true and lasting success our lives and our careers must be built on a solid foundation of truth and integrity.

For example, how many times do you have to catch another person in an outright lie before you would begin to doubt everything else they say? The answer to that question is once, because from that point on there will always be an unmistakable breach in his or her credibility. Some time ago I heard a humorous story I believe really illustrates the importance of credibility. This is supposedly a true story and I heard it at my deer camp, in Drew County, Arkansas. In the early 1930s during the great depression, a woman from a rural southeast Arkansas community was married to a man who was from near Trenton, Tennessee. Times were really tough for this couple over in Tennessee and some of this woman's relatives in Arkansas learned of their condition.

As a result of the news, Uncle Babe, one of her uncles, took it upon himself to get in touch with this the couple and he painted a very optimistic picture. He said, "Luther, we want you and Aire Mae to load up and come to Arkansas. We can raise a cotton crop together and there are plenty of wild hogs in the woods here, so we can have lots of fresh meat. In fact, prices in town are very reasonable. You can even get a new sewing machine for \$12.00 and prices on other things are reasonable, too."

When Luther heard the good news, he thought he had died and gone to heaven! In fact, he couldn't wait to get loaded up and headed out. They traveled the better part of two days in an old Model A Ford and got to her

uncle's house late at night. Naturally, they had to wake everybody. When they all got up and were sitting around talking, Luther said, "Uncle Babe, the first thing in the mornin' can we go out and get one of them wild hogs? Me and Aire Mae ain't had any fresh meat in months, and as soon as we get settled, I'll be ready to start that cotton crop."

Uncle Babe was on the spot, so he said, "Sure, Luther, we'll go out first thing in the mornin'." After breakfast Uncle Babe got out his twenty-two pistol and they headed out through the woods in the back of the house. Before long they came upon some hogs and Uncle Babe picked out a good one and took aim and fired. He was a crack shot and the hog fell almost in its tracks. At this point, he turned to Luther and said, "Here, hold this gun!", and he grabbed the hog, slung it over his shoulder and started running.

Luther said, "how come you're in such a hurry, Uncle Babe, we got us a wild hog, ain't we?" Uncle Babe said, "Yeah, but I don't think the folks who own this hog will understand." You see, Uncle Babe had shot someone else's hog! As they were running through the woods, Luther said to himself, "Humph! I bet there ain't no \$12.00 sewing machine, either."

This is a clear case of where Uncle Babe had told a lie and as a result he lost his credibility with Luther. The moral of this true story is simple: if we want to have credibility with another person, unless it would bring unmerited harm to ourselves or others, we must always tell the truth. If we don't tell the truth, in every area of our lives, we are building the foundation for our future on sand and when the storms of adversity come along, it will not stand the test of time. What goes around comes around.

Home Mercantile to celebrate St. Patrick's

NAZARETH — On Sunday evening, March 17th, the Home Mercantile in Nazareth will be presenting an Irish dance troupe in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

The Troup in question is called Rinceoiri Gaelacha na Machairi Arda (the High Plains Irish Dancers) from Lubbock. In addition, Stirabout and the String Technicians will be performing Celtic music.

Not only that, in honor of Nazareth's Centennial Celebration in 2002, resident Keith Birkenfield will give a portrayal of Nazareth's Irish settler, T.P. McCormick.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with a performance by the dance group, followed by the musical performances until approximately 9 p.m.

There is no admission for the show, but any donations would be appreciated. A supper of Irish stew, Killlean's Red beer or soft drinks will be provided.



Kathleen Finley High Plains Irish Dancer

The Home Mercantile is located at the corner of Second and Leo Streets in Nazareth, and serves as a community resource for creative arts.

Swisher co-op to award scholarships

TULIA — Swisher Electric Cooperative will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants.

The scholarships are available to any student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of Swisher Electric Cooperative.

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Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or by calling Swisher Electric Cooperative at 995-3567. Applications must be received by Friday.

In addition, the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative of Amarillo, a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 10 Texas and one Oklahoma distribution cooperative, is offering a \$1,200 scholarship.

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Applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from Swisher Electric Cooperative or The Opportunity Plan, Inc.; P.O. Box 1035; Canyon, TX 79015-1035, the scholarship administrator.

Kenworthy selected District 2-3A A-D

Sharla Kenworthy, a senior guard on the Dimmitt High School varsity girls basketball team, was named All-District 2-3A.

The team was released after champion Shallowater fell to Perryton in the Region I-3A final Saturday.

In addition, four other Bobbies earned honorable mention in Ashley Irons, Jill Merritt, Jenna Steinle and Kelsey Welch.

Irons is a 5-9 junior guard, Merritt a 5-6 junior guard, Steinle a 5-10 junior guard and Welch a 5-10 senior post.

The average American drinks 25 gallons of milk per year.

Pageant looking for Mrs. Castro County

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a call for Castro County to find a candidate to compete for the title of Mrs. Texas America 2002.

The Mrs. Texas America pageant will be taking place June 7-9 at the Crown Plaza Brookhollow Hotel in Houston. The contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. Mrs. Texas America 2002 will go on to participate in the nationally-televised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii in September.

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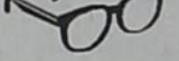
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Pope's speech transcribed

Note: This is the second of a four-part transcription of a speech given by Pope John Paul II. It is courtesy of Father Ferne Couture of Immaculate Conception Church of Dimmitt.

When terrorist organizations use their own followers as weapons to be launched against defenseless and unsuspecting people they show clearly the death-wish that feeds them. Terrorism springs from hatred, and it generates isolation, mistrust and closure. Violence is added to violence in a tragic sequence that exasperates successive generations, each one inheriting the hatred which divided those that went before. Terrorism is built on contempt for human life. For this reason, not only does it commit intolerable crimes, but because it resorts to terror as a political and military means it is itself a true crime against humanity.

There exists therefore a right to defend oneself against terrorism, a right which, as always, must be exercised with respect for moral and legal limits in the choice of ends and means. The guilty must be correctly identified, since criminal culpability is always personal and cannot be extended to the nation, ethnic group or religion to which the terrorists may belong. International cooperation in the fight against terrorist activities must also include a courageous and resolute political, diplomatic and economic commitment to relieving situations of oppression and marginalization which facilitate the designs of terrorists. The recruitment of terrorists in fact is easier in situations where rights are trampled upon and injustices tolerated over a long period of time.

Still, it must be firmly stated

that the injustices existing in the world can never be used to excuse acts of terrorism, and it should be noted that the victims of the radical breakdown of order which terrorism seeks to achieve include above all the countless millions of men and women who are least well-positioned to withstand a collapse of international solidarity—namely, the people of the developing world, who already live on a thin margin of survival and who would be most grievously affected by global economic and political chaos. The terrorist claim to be acting on behalf of the poor is a patent falsehood.

Those who kill by acts of terrorism actually despair of humanity, of life, of the future. In their view, everything is to be hated and destroyed. Terrorists hold that the truth in which they believe or the suffering that they have undergone are so absolute that their reaction in destroying even innocent lives is justified. Terrorism is often the outcome of that fanatic fundamentalism which springs from the conviction that one's own vision of the truth must be forced upon everyone else. Instead, even when the truth has been reached—and this can happen only in a limited and imperfect way—it can never be imposed. Respect for a person's conscience, where the image of God himself is reflected (cf. Gen 1:26-27), means that we can only propose the truth to others, who are then responsible for accepting it. To try to impose on others by violent means what we consider to be the truth is an offence against human dignity, and ultimately an offence against God whose image that person bears. For this reason, what is usually referred to as fundamentalism is an attitude radically opposed to belief in

God. Terrorism exploits not just people, it exploits God: it ends by making him an idol to be used for one's own purposes.

Consequently, no religious leader can condone terrorism, and much less preach it. It is a profanation of religion to declare oneself a terrorist in the name of God, to do violence to others in his name. Terrorist violence is a contradiction of faith in God, the Creator of man, who cares for man and loves him. It is altogether contrary to faith in Christ the Lord, who taught his disciples to pray: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Mt 6:12).

Following the teaching and example of Jesus, Christians hold that to show mercy is to live out the truth of our lives: we can and must be merciful because mercy has been shown us by a God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:7-12). The God who enters into history to redeem us, and through the dramatic events of Good Friday prepares the victory of Easter Sunday, is a God of mercy and forgiveness (cf. Ps 103:3-4, 10-13). Thus Jesus told those who challenged his dining with sinners: "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice'. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mt 9:13). The followers of Christ, baptized into his redeeming Death and Resurrection, must always be men and women of mercy and forgiveness.

Band Boosters set Thursday meeting

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will be holding a meeting Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the band hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan the banquet. All parents will need to be present.



REPUBLICAN WOMEN DONATION — The Castro County Republican Organization of Women donated the book Grassroots Women, a Memoir of the Texas Republican Party to Rhoades Memorial Library, in addition to the high schools in the county, last Wednesday. (From left to right): Doris Flynt, Dorothy Hopson, Karron Smith, Waurayne Hughes, librarian Marie Howell, Emma Jean King and Frances Duke.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Republican women donate book to county libraries

The Castro County Republican Organization of Women donated a copy of the book Grassroots Women, A Memoir

of the Texas Republican Party to Rhoades Memorial Library and the three county high schools Wednesday.

The book, written by Meg McKain Grier, shares women's struggles and victories establishing two-party politics in Texas.

Memories are shared from women all across the state and from different levels of political involvement.

Deanne Clark Sowder, a former Castro County resident, is one of the contributors. Others are Barbara Bush, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Susan Combs and Anne Armstrong.

Still, it must be firmly stated

Librarian pleased with school's RIF

Diann Leatherwood, librarian with Richardson Elementary, said she was pleased with the volunteer turnout at last Thursday's Reading is Fundamental event.

"We had 12 parent volunteers, which is really good," Leatherwood said. "We really appreciate all the volunteers. We like the parents to volunteer."

During the event, which takes place three times a year, children are allowed to choose one book to read.

In addition to books, there were other events during the day, including a mystery drawing. Students also were allowed soft drinks during the day.

The event is made possible through a grant. Leatherwood said that the event is in its eighth year.



PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
It's a girl for Suzanne Doñes and Pedro Cruz of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Victoria Lynette Doñes, was born at 5:12 p.m. Feb. 13 at Plains Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and was 20 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Marcus and Bernandina Cruz of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Irene Villegas and Rene Villegas of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Lupe Ramirez and Estella and George Doñes, all from Dimmitt. Two brothers, Nathaniel Joe Herrera, 4 and Ethan Kain Herrera, 2, welcomed her home.

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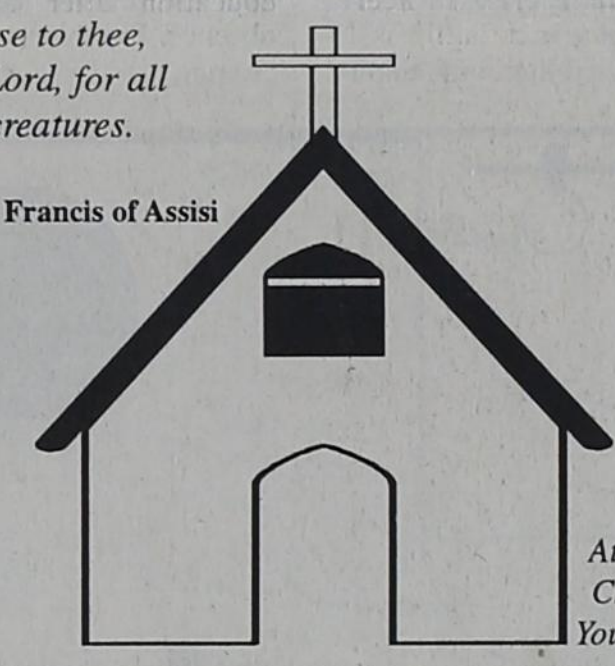
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Thursday, Feb. 28

- Houston Stock Show
- DHS Business Professionals Association (BPA) State Meeting

Friday, March 1

- Houston Stock Show
- DHS BPA State Meeting
- BASEBALL: DHS Varsity Boys vs. Tulia, Here, 4:30

Saturday, March 2

- DHS BPA State Meeting
- TRACK: DHS Boys and Girls at Tulia
- BASEBALL: DHS JV vs. Tulia, Here, 1:00

Monday, March 4

- GOLF: DHS Girls at Friona
- BASEBALL: DHS JV vs. Friona, There, 5:00

Tuesday, March 5

- San Angelo Stock Show
- Third grade field trip to Amarillo
- Fifth grade "Pride Certified" trip to Amarillo
- BASEBALL: DHS Varsity Boys vs. Dalhart, Here, 4:30

Wednesday, March 6

- San Angelo Stock Show

CAMPUS EVENTS

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- Third grade will be taking a field trip to Amarillo on March 5.

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- There will be a Middle School Conference in Corpus Christi Feb. 28-March 3.

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Sports



Longhorns lose heart-breaker in area

AMARILLO—Several years ago, when his team lost in the final seconds in the playoffs, a head football coach in the Metroplex sobbed that he'd rather get blown out than lose that way.

Unfortunately, the Hart High School varsity boys basketball team learned firsthand how it feels as the Longhorns saw White Deer slip by 63-61 in the area round of the playoffs Friday at Amarillo High.

"We led most of the way," Hart head boys basketball coach Carl Irlbeck said. "We made four shots out of 17 in that fourth period."

The game was close throughout. The Bucks led 18-17 after the first quarter. Joel DeLaFuente led in scoring for the period with five.

In the second period, the Longhorns stepped up and outscored White Deer 23-18 to take a 40-36 lead into the locker room. Keith Finch scored six

points in that frame. White Deer outscored Hart 15-12 in the third period to cut the Longhorns' lead to 52-51. Corey Moore was high point for that period with four.

In the final period, the Bucks outscored Hart 12-9 to take the victory. Finch had five points for that period.

Overall, Finch, playing his final basketball game as a Longhorn, led with 19 points, including two three-pointers. He was one of three Longhorns in double figures.

Albert Velasquez, also playing in his final Hart game, finished with 13. Moore also reached double figures with 10.

Jacob Reyna, another Hart senior, finished with nine points, including a three-pointer. DeLaFuente, still another senior, had six.

Matt Gonzales finished with four points while Logan McLain had the other two. Marcial Mendoza also suited up as a

Longhorn for the final time Friday.

The Tuesday before that, at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock, the Longhorns made school history, being the first Hart team in their sport to win a playoff game as they defeated Lorenzo 61-53.

"It was a big win," Irlbeck said. "It was super! It felt super."

Velasquez led the way with 23 points. Finch and DeLaFuente joined him in double figures with 11. Finch hit a three-pointer along the way.

Moore finished with six. McLain and Reyna rounded out the scoring with four.

Hart finished the season 16-16, but ended up making history this year.

"We didn't do what we wanted to, which was reach the regional and state tournaments, but we had a good year," Irlbeck said.



HART HISTORICAL MOMENT — The Hart Longhorns are shown with the bi-district trophy after defeating Lorenzo 61-53 at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock last Tuesday. The event marked the first time in school history that a Hart boys basketball team won a playoff game.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Dimmitt baseballers stay busy

Nobody can truthfully accuse the Dimmitt High School baseball team of being lazy.

In the first game, at Tulia last Thursday, the Bobcats were up 6-5 when the game was called due to darkness and ruled a "no-decision".

In that game, the Bobcats finished with six hits. These were picked up by Thomas Brockman, Tanner Self, Caleb Dickerson, J.J. Doñes and Harold Casas. Doñes had a double along the way.

As for runs scoring, Brockman and Self each scored two runs while Freddy Flores and Casas each scored one.

The Bobcats then went to Dalhart Saturday and had an enjoyable outing, rolling over the Golden Wolves 22-8.

Brockman, Self, Dickerson

and Anthony Ontiveros each scored three runs apiece. Flores, Jared Griffith and Omar Torres each scored two runs apiece while T.J. Reyna scored once.

The Bobcats then had their home opener against former district rival Friona and lost a 10-8 decision.

Friona led first at 1-1, but the Bobcats tied the score in the bottom of the inning when Flores stole home.

The Chieftains then scored four more to take a 5-1 lead. Dimmitt, however, answered back with five runs to take a 6-5 lead.

Griffith started it off with a walk. Torres followed suit as did Brockman.

Flores then walked to score Griffith and it was 5-2.

Self followed that with a dou-

ble to score Torres and Brockman and make it a 5-4 contest.

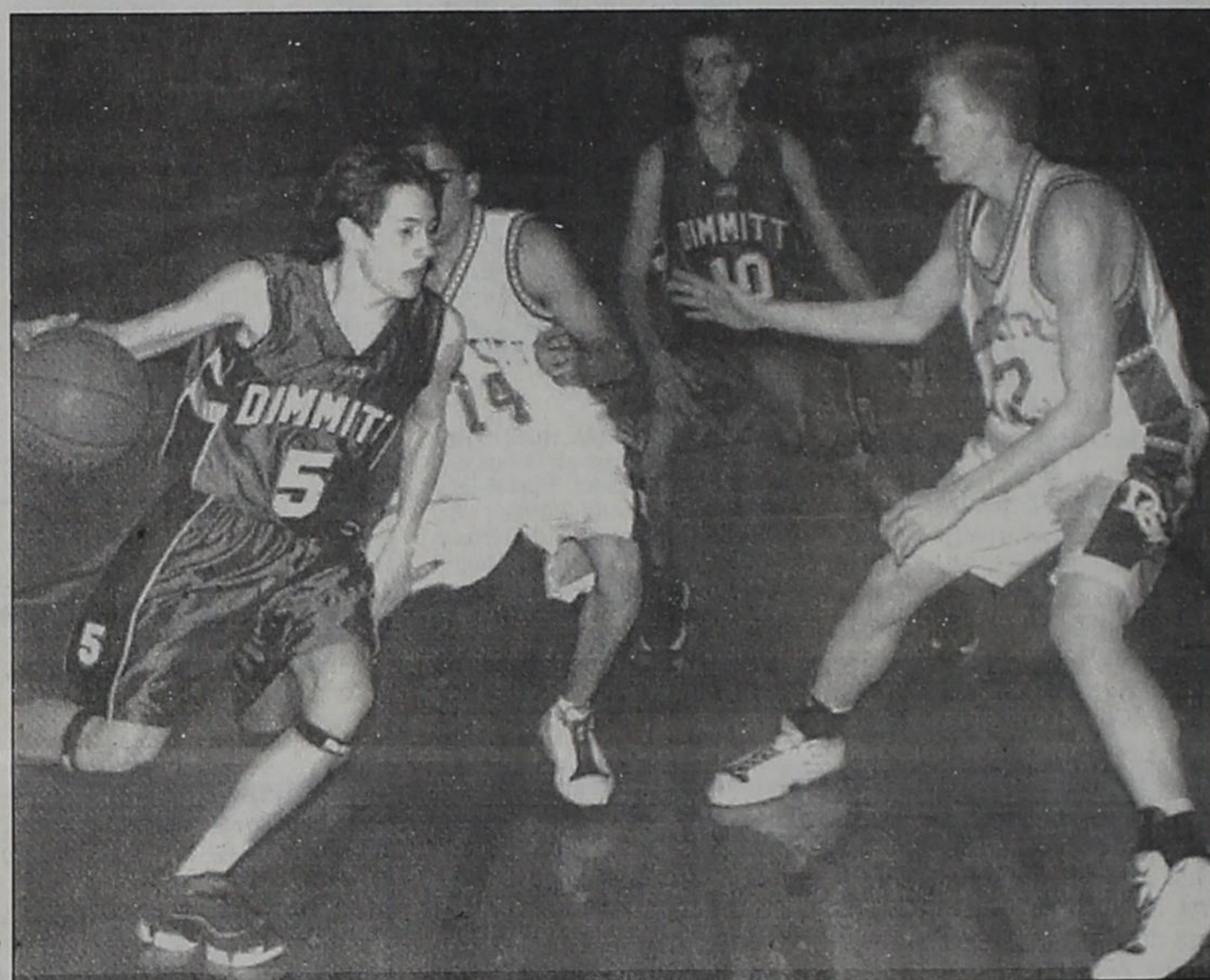
The Bobcats didn't stop there. Dickerson reached on a fielder's choice as Self was retired at third. Doñes then grounded to short. The ball was misplayed and Flores scored to tie the game at 5-5.

Dickerson eventually scored on an error while stealing home and Dimmitt led 6-5 after two.

The Bobcats finished with three hits, one each by Flores, Self and Torres.

As for runs being scored, Flores and Griffith scored two while Brockman, Dickerson, Casas and Torres each scored one.

The Bobcats took a 1-1 record into a Friday home game against Tulia. First pitch is slated for 4:30 p.m.



JOSSELET DRIVES THE LANE — Dimmitt's Brent Josselet (5) is driving the lane against Denver City in an effort to score against the Mustangs. The Bobcats upended Denver City in overtime, 81-77 Friday night at Gano Tubb Gymnasium in Levelland. Nicky Gauna (10) is also pictured for Dimmitt.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

TP&W to sponsor hunter safety course

TULIA — The Texas Park and Wildlife Department will be having a hunter safety course Friday, and Saturday at the Swisher County Courthouse Annex Building.

The course will be from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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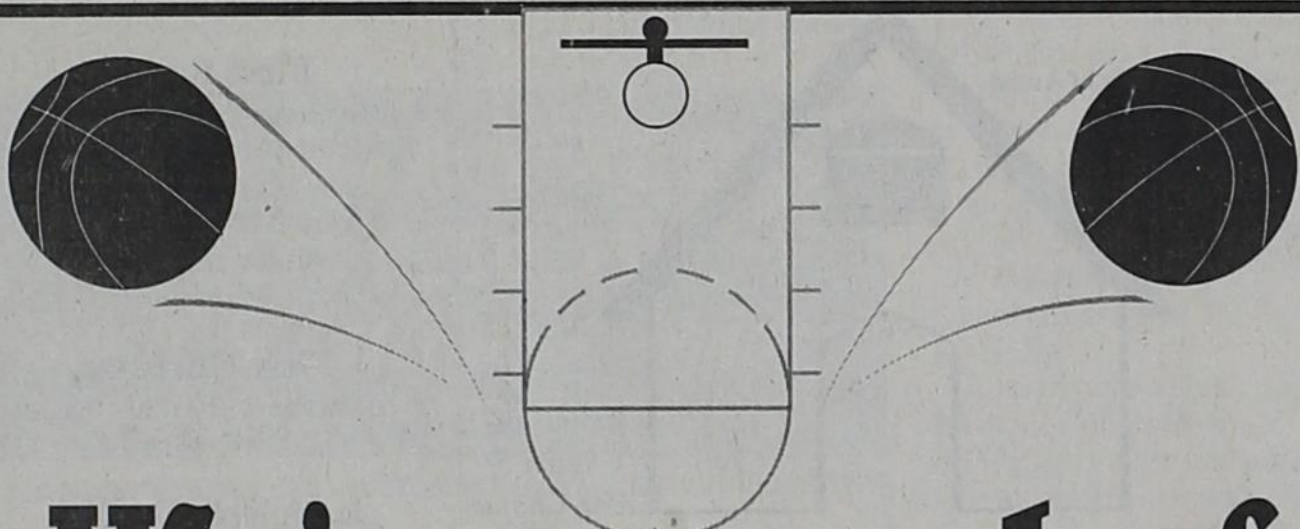
There will be four instructors. These are game warden Audie Hamm from Tulia, game warden Mark Collins from Plainview, hunting instructor Kenneth Sjogoun from Plainview and Jeff Wallick from Amarillo.

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rado this year must take this course before they can purchase a license.

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(If the Swiftettes win, they will play for the Class A Texas Cup at 9 a.m. Saturday)

Friday

7:00 p.m. Dimmitt Bobcats vs. Abilene Wylie
Regional Quarterfinals from the Texas Tech United Spirit Arena in Lubbock
(If the Bobcats win, they will play for the Regional Championship at 12 noon Saturday)

1470 A.M.

Bobcats reach Region I-3A

By JOHN HASSELMEIER

CANYON — The Dimmitt High School boys basketball team reached the Region I-3A Tournament with a 71-39 defeat of Sanford-Fritch Tuesday night.

The Bobcats will play Abilene Wylie in the first round Friday at 7 p.m. Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena.

Before that, the Bobcats fought off a serious challenge in area Friday at Levelland High School, defeating Denver City in overtime 81-77.

Austin Sherman poured in 37 points, but Dimmitt head coach Alan Steinle said that it was a team effort.

"Austin always seemed to find a way to make a play or two for us," Steinle said. "But it's a team effort. We had a lot of kids hit big shots."

"Everybody made some plays," Steinle said. "That's what team is all about."

Denver City's Kelsey Hinson might have scored 10 fewer points than Sherman when all was said and done, but he put on an amazing shooting display in the second half of the game as he hit seven three-pointers, the last of which gave the Mustangs a 67-66 lead with 2:13 remain-

ing. "We kept thinking he was going to miss one," Steinle said. "We put a couple of different defenses on him. We tried a diamond-and-one."

Sherman appeared to have answered back for Dimmitt with a lay-up, but he was whistled for a charge on the Bobcats' next trip down.

The Bobcats turned the Mustangs away four different times before Sherman could hit the front end of a free throw opportunity with 53.8 seconds left. That tied the score at 67-67.

However, he missed the second and Josh Williams rebounded for the Mustangs. Denver City then worked the ball down. Hinson got the ball, but Nicky Gauna denied him a chance to shoot. The ball went out of bounds and was given to Denver City and the Mustangs called a timeout with 1.8 seconds left to play.

Once time was back in, Williams got the ball and fired, but it rimmed out and the teams were in overtime. "We dodged a bullet," Steinle said. "They did a good job running a little play and it almost worked for them. Once it got to

the overtime, we felt our chances were good again."

Sherman scored first in the overtime for Dimmitt for a 69-67 lead. However, Mustang Mike Gonzales hit a three-point and Denver City led 70-69.

Matthew Wright answered back for Dimmitt and the Bobcats led 71-70. However, Ryan Ochesky answered for Denver City and the Mustangs led 72-71. That would be DC's last lead.

Sherman then stepped up again, hitting a three-pointer to put the Bobcats up 74-72. However, Gonzales hit a pair of free throws to tie the game again at 74-74.

Sherman then put the Bobcats ahead for good when he sank a pair of free throws to put Dimmitt up 76-74 with 1:18 to go in overtime.

Hinson, not surprisingly, fired in response for the Mustangs, but was off the mark and D Norman rebounded for the Bobcats. Sherman scored again and Dimmitt was up 78-74.

Ochesky connected to cut it to two at 78-76 with 23 seconds left, but Sherman made a pair of free throws, followed by one by Patrick Hunter to put the Bob-



BLACK FOR THREE-Marsha Black (20) jacks up a three as Jackie Thiel (5) and Stephanie Thiel (in back) battles for rebounding position. The Swiftettes defeated Hedley and Bordon County this past weekend in the Region 1 and Region 2 tournament to advance to the state finals in Austin.

Photo by Chris Bradford

cats ahead 81-76. A Gonzales free throw closed the scoring.

As stated earlier, Sherman had 37 points, including five three-pointers. Norman and Wright joined him with 12 points apiece. Norman also had three three-pointers while Wright

added one.

Brent Josselet also hit a "three" on the way to five points. Kenneth Worsham and Gauna each had four while Hunter added three.

"It feels good for all of us," Steinle said. "Brent fouled out

and he was over there during the timeout telling the rest of the guys he didn't want to go out like this."

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ON TO REGIONAL!

Good Luck, Bobcats,
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REGIONAL QUATERFINALS

Bobcats vs. Abilene Wylie, Friday, 7 p.m.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, 12 noon

Scores	
Bobbies	Bobcats
35, Randall 60	49, Randall 51
30, Levelland 44	70, Levelland 62
29, Borger, 52	59, Borger 65
Queens Classic	74, Hereford 57
51, Hereford 45	Pioneer Classic
33, Plainview 71	80, Clint 65
45, Levelland 67	58, Hereford 56
56, Hereford 58	77, Borger 62
Nazareth Tournament	62, Plainview 63
75, White Deer 46	79, Tulia 62
57, Hamilton 63	Crossroads Classic
62, Hale Center 49	55, Hereford 46
47, Tulia 42	53, Clyde 42
31, Sudan 44	77, Trinity Christian 70
37, Abernathy 50	66, Abernathy 63
49, River Road 53	61, Caprock 39
52, Dalhart 37	63, Dalhart 43
Caprock Tournament	Caprock Tournament
43, Trinity Christian 58	82, Panhandle 45
52, Brownfield 41	52, Estacado 69
42, Abernathy 36	49, El Paso Coronado 66
42, Estacado 82	68, Tulia 50
43, Littlefield 47	71, Dalhart 52
53, Roosevelt 50	56, Amarillo High 76
29, Shallowater 41	64, Shallowater 65
44, Muleshoe 72	77, Muleshoe 71
45, Cooper 38	72, Cooper 39
42, Littlefield 44	65, Littlefield 55
55, Roosevelt 33	80, Roosevelt 69
38, Shallowater 59	69, Shallowater 64
47, Muleshoe 57	70, Muleshoe 53
46, Cooper 52	57, Cooper 52
57, Roosevelt 37	70, Littlefield 51
21, Littlefield 37	90, Roosevelt 78
Season Record: 11-20	60, Shallowater 53
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	71, Sanford-Fritch 39
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Dodd City excited to be in state event

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
AUSTIN — Dodd City, the only team standing between Nazareth and yet another state championship in girls basketball, is plenty excited to be in the position it's in.

While Nazareth was taking it to Borden County Saturday, Dodd City was struggling mightily before finally subduing volleyball powerhouse Round Top-Carmine 44-41.

"They're very pleased to be at state," said Allen Rich, sports editor of the *Bonham Favorite*. "They've never been this far before."

"They score most of their points inside," Rich said. "They also have some guards who can penetrate."

Dodd City, located off US 82 in rural Fannin County of Northeast Texas, might not have gotten this far, but coach Cheryl West has. West is a member of the Celeste team that won back-to-back state championships in the previous decade, including the team that beat the Swiftettes in tournament play in 1993.

The two guards in question are 5-7 junior Gemma Gibson and 5-5 sophomore Audra James.

"They've never been there, so they don't know what it's like," Rich said. "But she (West) has been there and she knows what it's like and can tell them what to expect."

Dodd City's inside strength includes 6-1 senior Genna Wilson and 6-0 sophomore Misty Akers.

Other players Rich cited include Mallory Huff, a 5-8 junior defensive specialist. Then there's 5-8 senior Jackie Wiener who starts every game.

Dodd City enters the game at 29-5.



STEPHANIE THIEL lays in a two as the Swiftettes defeated Borden County and Hedley in the Region 1 and Region 2 tournament held in Fort Worth this past weekend. The two wins earned Nazareth another trip to Austin for the state finals.

Photo by Chris Bradford

ACGA slates convention

The American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) will hold its annual convention March 7-9, in Washington, D.C.

stepped forward and are doing our part to insure America's freedom."

Theme for this year's convention is "America's Farm Families—Feeding and Fueling Our Country's Freedom." The convention will be held at the Sheraton Four-Points, located at 1201 K Street NW in Washington, D.C.

The convention is being held in Washington, D.C., to give ACGA members a chance to visit with their congressional delegates and the members of the administration.

"During this nation's time of need, we want the people of the United States to be assured that America's farm families will continue to feed, clothe, shelter and fuel all of them," said ACGA President Keith Dittrich. "Just as we have done before, our nation's farmers have

Issues such as farm policy, energy and other items important to rural America are expected to be the focus of the meeting and of member visits with government officials.

For more information about the convention, including registration information, visit the ACGA web site at www.ACGA.org or contact Lisa Miles at (202) 835-0330.

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Swifts beat Ropes, reach semi-state

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
LEVELLAND — The Nazareth boys basketball team reached the semi-state tournament with an 81-36 triumph over Ropesville Tuesday.

Trey Robb started the run with a basket to put Nazareth up for good at 8-7 at the 3:28 mark. Exactly one minute later, Birkenfield hit a three-pointer for an 11-7 lead. Kade Wilcox then hit a three for a 14-7 lead after the first quarter.

The Swifts will take on New Home in the first round Friday at 8 p.m. at Wilkerson-Greines Coliseum.

Daryl Pohlmeier began the scoring in the second quarter with a basket. Brock Birkenfield then came up with a steal and Wilcox made another three-pointer for a 19-7 edge.

Before that, the Swifts rolled over Follett 74-36 last Thursday in Borger.

Follett's Tyrell Hudson interrupted the run with a basket, but Nazareth went back on the war-path. Ky Wilcox continued it with a three-pointer of his own.

One key to victory was the Nazareth defense. The Swifts limited Follett's Josh Robertson, who had been averaging 25 points per contest, to just two fourth-quarter free throws.

"I was very pleased," Nazareth head boys basketball coach Mike Scarborough said. "Daryl (Pohlmeier) and Justin (Kleman) did a great job on him."

Pohlmeier pulled it to 24-9. Brock Birkenfield came up with another steal and Ky Wilcox scored. The Panthers then called a timeout with Nazareth up 28-9.

One additional bright spot for the victory for Nazareth was the return of senior Blake Birkenfield. Birkenfield, who was injured during football season, saw his first basketball action all year.

Kade Wilcox led the way with 16 points, including four three-pointers. Eric Schilling joined him in double figures with 10, including a "three".

"That was a big emotional boost for us, when he went in there," Scarborough said. "Everybody's happy to see him back. He's kept working hard even through the injury."

Robb finished with nine points. Pohlmeier was just behind him with eight points and Blake Birkenfield finished with six points apiece.

The game was close for a while in the first quarter. In fact, Follett led 7-6 before the Swifts went on a 22-2 run and pulled away from there.

Adam Acker, up from the junior varsity, hit a three-pointer for his points. Brock Birkenfield, Chase Schulte and Jordy Rowland each had two points apiece.

"It seemed like we were kind of slow getting started in the first and third quarters," Scarborough said. "We finally got it going."

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KLEMAN KEEPIN' IT CLEAN — Justin Kleman is putting up a shot against resistance from Follett during last Thursday's area playoff game in Borger. The Swifts won 74-38.

Photo by John Hasselmeier



IT'S BASKETBALL TIME

**Good Luck, Swiftettes,
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TTUHSC to offer rural health program

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way for rural students to gain an education that will enable them to go to a rural community and make a difference," Patterson said.

The new financial support program is part of an overall rural health initiative being launched by TTUHSC.

This new program at Texas Tech University is available to entering Texas resident freshmen showing a substantial interest in health careers in rural Texas. Awards are based on demonstrated commitment to a rural health practice by participating in rural health-focused activities while enrolled at Texas Tech.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students.

The deadline for applying is Friday, March 15.

Patti Patterson, vice president of rural and community health at the TTUHSC, says the best way to address the need for health professionals in rural areas is to help rural students pursue an education in health care.

The rural Health Education Stipend Program also is available to students enrolled at TTUHSC.

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Letter

Dannevik answers Gonzales' letter

Dear Editor:

I want to thank Larry (Gonzales, whose letter appeared in last week's issue) for his response to my letter to you. I thought he was talking to a "fence post". It takes a great amount of courage and conviction to write something down, sign your name at the bottom and put it in a newspaper for everyone to read. Thanks again Larry! You have it! Courage and conviction!

However, words have meaning. "Antagonist" is not a bad word. Let me be the antagonist by saying — I deeply resent Washington DC telling me what precinct I should live in, when it only helps the National Politicians, as Larry stated in his letter. In Washington DC Larry Gonzales (no relation) is a minority. In Castro County, Precinct Two, where it really counts, where he and I live, the

Larry Gonzales I know is not a minority any more than I (Bill Dannevik) am.

What should be important to Larry and to me as precinct chairman, is how this county (and especially precinct two) takes care of our taxpayer money. The precinct line controversy has cost the taxpayers half-a-million dollars and it's not over.

I want a Commissioner and County Judge that will work to keep county taxes in Castro County, not spent on trips to Austin or on Washington DC lawyers.

I hope there are a bunch of other "fence posts" whose face got as red as mine when I read Larry's letter. We need a stimulus to get our blood boiling. Get out and vote March 12th.

William P. Dannevik
 Republican Party Chairman

Panhandle Cotton Conference scheduled for Hereford Mar. 8

HEREFORD--Cotton production information and marketing opportunities top the agenda at the Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference on Friday, March 8 at the Community Center on Park Avenue in Hereford.

Organizers include Texas Cooperative Extension, through the crops committees of Deaf Smith and Randall Counties, in cooperation with Extension offices in Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter and Randall Counties.

Registration will begin by 8 a.m. with refreshments and technology posters and displays by commodity and industry groups. The \$5 fee includes the noon meal and program materials. New and seasoned cotton producers are encouraged to attend.

The program will begin by 8:30 a.m. Five continuing education credits for private and commercial pesticide applicators has been requested through Texas Department of Agriculture. Certified Crop Advisor CEUs have also been requested.

Speakers, representing Cooperative Extension, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, West Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, will also include an area cotton farmer and demonstration cooperators. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist at Lubbock will introduce a discussion on identification and seed treatment options. Also, Brent Bean, Amarillo Extension agronomist, will discuss controlling herbicide drift, sprayer calibration techniques and anti-drift control agents. Extension's Randy Boman, cotton agronomist at Lubbock, will focus on cotton management for profit, including seed and variety selection, planting methods, pre-plant weed control, fertilization and harvest aides.

Jim Leser, Extension cotton entomologist at Lubbock, will cover managing cotton pests on a limited budget, insect identifi-

cation and control, integrated pest management (IPM) strategies, economic threshold determinations and field scouting techniques.

Extension marketing economist, Carl Anderson of College Station, will provide the cotton economic outlook and address marketing strategies and risk management.

A 45-minute break for lunch will include time to revisit displays and posters.

At 12:45 p.m., the program will feature results of replicated cotton variety demonstration by Charles Schlabs, Deaf Smith County cotton producer-cooperator.

Wayne Keeling, Experiment Station weed scientist at Lubbock, will update producers on cotton weed control strategies with a review of herbicide use and benefits of IPM control techniques.

Irrigation and chemigation issues will be addressed by Extension irrigation engineer, Leon New of Amarillo. Also, Greta Schuster, WTAMU plant pathologist and IPM specialist will focus on cotton plant mapping techniques for integrated pest management and harvest aids timing.

Dan Krieg, Texas Tech crop physiologist, Lubbock, will focus on plant growth issues, and how environmental influences, growth regulators and pesticides impact cotton physiology. Dennis Newton, Deaf Smith County agricultural agent, will close with a review requirements for private and commercial-non-commercial pesticide applicator licensing and re-certification.

Pre-registration will help organizers with an accurate count for lunch, contact Newton several days in advance at (806) 364-3573, or by e-mail: dwnewton@tamu.edu.

Information is available through the sponsoring Extension offices in Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter and Randall Counties.

Sheriff's Report

The following are recent additions to the Castro County Jail.

Feb. 23: A 20-year-old St. Paul, Minnesota woman, theft.

Feb. 23: A 27-year-old Dimmitt man, Warrant for Driving While Intoxicated, Third or More.

Feb. 24: A 56-year-old Dimmitt man; Assault Causing Bodily Injury in Family Member.

Feb. 24: A 44-year-old Amarillo man; Driving While Intoxicated, First Offense.

Feb. 24: An 18-year-old Hartman man; Driving While Intoxicated, First Offense; Failure to Maintain Insurance.

Feb. 25: A 19-year-old Dimmitt woman; Warrant for Assault Causing Bodily Injury in Family Member.

Police Calls

A juvenile reported that an male individual assaulted his spouse by slapping her across the face in an apartment in the 900 block of east Jones.

George Rasor, principal of Dimmitt Middle School, reported that two suspects were fighting in school.

A suspect took sunglasses from the Alco Discount Store Saturday and left without paying for them. Value of the sunglasses is \$9.99.

An individual in the 500 block of West Lee reported that an individual assaulted her by punching her in the face Sunday.

More about Early voting ...

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"I then called Chris Herron (of the Department) and he said to do what the secretary of state said."

She said that Herron had told her that several counties in Texas hadn't submitted a plan as of yet.

As of Tuesday morning, Judge Miller said she was awaiting a fax from Herron concerning the status.

"I talked with him this morning and he said that things were looking good," Judge Miller said. "I hoping to get some good news from him."

As it turns out the news was good.

As for the early voting, county voting registrar Billy Hackleman said that new voting cards had been mailed out to individuals whose precincts changed in the submitted plan.

"We sent the cards out Saturday," Hackleman said. "They should have gotten them Monday or Tuesday."

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 —Burma-Shave sayings of yesterday

Obituaries

Josephine Feelings

Josephine Feelings, 93, of Tulia, formerly of Castro County, died Tuesday, Feb. 19. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Church of the Holy Spirit with the Rev. John Salazar officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

She was born April 17, 1908 in Dyer, Ind. And married Hardy Feelings on Aug. 25, 1937 in Tulia. He died Feb. 28, 1980. She attended schools in Castro County and was a resident of Swisher County for more than 60 years.

She worked at Swisher Memorial Hospital and for the Star Grain Elevator/Hipp Brothers. After her retirement, she was a care-giver for the elderly for a number of years. She was a founding member of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

A son, Vincent Black, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sisters, Justina McCurry and Calista Huber, both of Amarillo; Martina Millward of Lytle and Imelda Cook of Hyland, Mich; a brother, Charles Heck of Dalhart; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Church of the Holy Spirit; 513 S. Austin St.; Tulia, TX 79088 or Crown of Texas Hospice; 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Pauline Manning

Pauline "Polly" Manning, 91, of Dimmitt, died Friday, Feb. 22.

Memorial services were at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ with Chuck Ball, minister and the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Private family burial took place under the auspices of

Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 25, 1910 in Jack County. She married Luther Gray "Shorty" Manning at Amherst in 1930.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheere Collins of Dimmitt; two sons, Leon Taylor of Fort Worth and Jimmy Manning of Buena Vista, Co; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Natividad Dora Menchaca

Natividad Dora Menchaca, 65, of Hart, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002.

Rosary was Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart. Mass was at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the same church with Gerome Brockman officiating. Burial was in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Bartley-Silva Funeral Home of Plainview.

She was born Dec. 27, 1936 in Sabinal and married Miguel Menchaca on Feb. 14, 1952 in Uvalde. He died in April 1985. She moved from Uvalde to Hart in 1966. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

A son, Richard, preceded her in death in Oct. 2000.

Survivors include four sons, Mike and Raul, both of Plainview, Paul of Hart and Tommy of Florence; three daughters, Mary Ester Gonzales of Hart, Tammy Brunson of Florence and Trina Vasquez of Plainview; three brothers, T.D. Martinez of Hart, Cayetano Martinez of North Dakota and Edwardo Martinez of Brownfield; 34 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Irene Rivera Vasquez

Irene Rivera Vasquez, 75, of Levelland, mother of Paul DeLeon of Dimmitt, died Saturday, Feb. 23.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. John Salazar officiating. A rosary was said Monday at the Head Family Funeral Home of Levelland. Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 20, 1926 in Pecos and married Antonio D. Vasquez in Feb. 1967 in Lubbock. She had lived in Levelland since 1960, having moved from Ropesville. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

A daughter, Rosa DeLeon, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Mary Lou Ybarra and Elizabeth Guerrero, both of Pearland; three sons, Paul DeLeon of Dimmitt and Joe J. DeLeon and Angel R. Vasquez, both of Levelland; two brothers, Joe Rivera of Tulia and Blas Rivera of Lubbock; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Richardson book fair scheduled

The Richardson Elementary Book Fair is set to run starting Monday through next Friday.

The event is set to run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for Family Fun Night, which will be Thursday, March 7, from 6-7 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.

Richardson Elementary Librarian Diann Leatherwood said there would be several activities scheduled for that night including math activities, computer activities and the like.

Leatherwood said that anyone needing more information about the event could contact her at 647-4131.

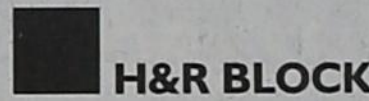


'I'LL HAVE A...' — These Richardson Elementary head start students are lined up to get a drink during last Thursday's Reading is Fundamental activities in the school's library. Photo by John Hasselmeier

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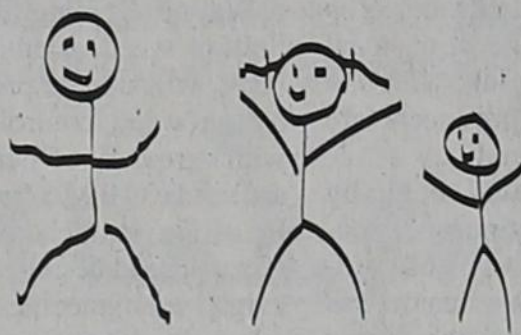
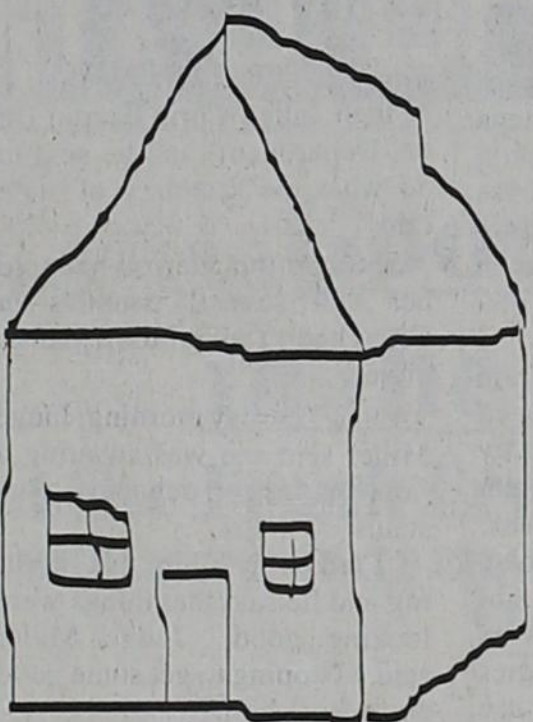
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