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West shot during SWAT drill

By LINDA MAXWELL
"It was God who saved him."
That is how Peggy and Dickie West of Dimmitt explain their son's survival after he was shot in the chest during a SWAT drill last Thursday night in Dimmitt.

Dale West, 20, had heart surgery when he was only 2, and due to that operation, two of his upper ribs on the left side fused together.

When the bullet entered his body last Thursday, those fused ribs acted as a shield, preventing further damage from the careening bullet, which splintered his scapula (shoulder blade), but missed his heart and any major arteries. The projectile came to rest in Dale's muscles, and surgeons who examined him determined that it would do less damage to leave it there than to try to remove it.

Dale was the victim of an unintentional shooting during the SWAT drill conducted at Dimmitt Middle School. A member of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., Dale is studying criminal justice at Amarillo College and wants to go into law enforcement. He had volunteered to work with members of the Dimmitt Police Dept. and the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. in the SWAT drill, and was playing the part of a hostage taker.

He was shot in the upper left

chest and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, then transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was released Monday around noon, and has returned home.

Peggy said the doctors at UMC remarked that most of the time victims with a wound like Dale's don't make it.

"They were amazed," Peggy said. She said it was the topic of conversation at the hospital.

She said that Dale's ribs growing together was God's way of protecting Dale.

"There was a plan," she said.

"It's what saved me," Dale said. Dale said during the training exercise on hostage situations, one of the participating officers accidentally and unintentionally shot a live round of ammunition.

"I happened to be standing right in the way," Dale said. "Witnesses said it lifted me off the floor."

"My first thought was that it was a blank and I thought I might have powder burns. I started looking around and then realized that it was more pain than just from powder burns. They said I was unconscious for about five minutes, but then I was conscious for the rest of the time."

Dale said everybody "held their cool" pretty well and did what they were supposed to do in response to



IT WENT IN RIGHT THERE—Dale West, 20, of Dimmitt, points to the wound he received last Thursday night in an unintentional shooting while he was participating in a SWAT drill with local law enforcement officers.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

the situation.

"I don't hold any grudges," Dale said about the accident. "If they ask

me to volunteer again, I will."

However, he added with a smile that the next time he will volunteer to

be the hostage.

He said the police department has shown their caring and he has assured them he has no hard feelings toward them.

"Every one of those policemen think of Dale as one of their own," Peggy said.

"They're like a second family to me," Dale said.

Dale said some people have advised him to stick with firefighting, rather than going into law enforcement, because it is safer, but he said even though he enjoys both vocations, he is still determined to become a peace officer.

"And if anyone wants to send flowers, I wish they would send donations to the DVFD fire truck fund instead," he quipped.

"I want to thank the Lord that Dale is still here," Peggy added. "And I want to thank the town for all their prayers and concerns and the medical attention."

"The medical staff, the EMTs, the ambulance drivers—everyone did a very good job," Dickie said.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said, "We do take every precaution possible to prevent such an accident. We were very fortunate how it turned out."

Castro County/District Attorney James Horton said the law enforcement officers followed a careful procedure to make sure all weapons were cleared before conducting the drill and then decided to quit for the evening. One officer reloaded ammunition into his weapon, preparing to leave. Then it was decided to run the drill one more time, and the officer forgot to clear his weapon the second time.

Aleman said the site of the shooting was immediately secured and he contacted the Texas Rangers to conduct an outside investigation. He said the officer involved has been placed on administrative leave.

Texas Ranger Martin Hood of Hereford is leading the investigation into the shooting, which will be brought before a special session of the Castro County Grand Jury on March 6, according to Horton.

"Any time you have an officer involved in a shooting it has to go before the grand jury," Horton said. He added that "everything in this case points to an unintentional shooting."

Horton said the grand jury will have the choice of issuing a no-bill or a true-bill, on a charge of deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor.

Cesar Vega is found dead in Castro County

Between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Monday, a passing motorist spotted a body in a field about 40 feet off of a road in Coronado Acres in northern Castro County.

The body has been identified as Cesar Guadalupe Vega, 37, of Here-

ford. The Castro County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the homicide, the first in the county in about eight years, according to Sheriff CD Fitzgerald. Also aiding in the investigation is Texas Ranger Martin Hood, who is stationed in Hereford.

Fitzgerald said the man was brutally beaten, but investigators think the beating may have happened elsewhere and the man escaped to the field, where he collapsed. No drag marks were found in the vicinity and no murder weapon was found.

The man was last seen Sunday night in Hereford, and the homicide may have happened any time after that, according to Fitzgerald.

The man was wearing only jeans and boots, but no shirt. His wallet and keys were still in his possession,

ruling out robbery as a motive for the death, Fitzgerald said.

The body was taken to Lubbock for an autopsy. Hood attended the autopsy and notified the Sheriff's office Tuesday afternoon that the cause of death was multiple blows

to the back of the head with a blunt instrument. No suspects have been identified yet.

Anyone with information in the man's death is asked to call 647-3311 or the Castro County Crime Line at 647-4711.

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By Don Nelson

I was living in Arizona in 1962 when the US Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling concerning prayer in public schools—that students in New York state could not be required to recite a state-prescribed prayer, no matter how generic it might seem to be.

Of course, the ruling created a public furor.

"They're trying to take God out of our schools," some charged.

To get a public discourse started on the issue—which is one of the key roles of a community newspaper—I polled several of the town's ministers for their reactions to the court's ruling.

I assumed that all of them would be opposed to the ruling.

But I assumed wrongly.

"I agree with the court, absolutely," said Rev. Hal Heath, the Presbyterian minister and one of my best friends.

"You do?" I asked. "Why?"

He explained that many of our Founding Fathers were Presbyterians and that the basic structure of our Republic was patterned after that of the Presbyterian Church.

And that included a belief in the strict separation of church and state. Kids should get their math instruction in school and their religious training in church, Hal said.

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CAN YOU DIG IT?—Raul Jackson watches as Dean Kirby operates a backhoe that is digging up part of the sidewalk in front of Dollar General in Dimmitt

Tuesday morning. The two men are employed with Dimmitt Ready Mix, which had the job of tearing out the old walk and pouring a new one, with wider steps.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Teams racing toward Austin

The battle for basketball supremacy in Texas is heating up, and three Castro County teams are still in the middle of the war.

Nazareth's girls are just two victories away from reaching the girls' final four while the Dimmitt Bobcats and Nazareth Swifts are just beginning the trek.

In a Class AAA area playoff, the fifth-ranked Dimmitt boys will meet Lamesa Friday at 7 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

The top-ranked Swiftettes will face No. 6 Whitharral Friday at 5:30 p.m. in a semi-state semifinal game at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

The Swifts, ranked No. 1 in the state, will meet Texline Friday at 6 p.m. in a sectional semifinal game at Lubbock Coronado.

Nazareth ISD will dismiss school at 12 noon Friday so fans will have

plenty of time to make it to the games.

Bobcats

The Bobcats and Lamesa will play at 7 p.m. Friday in the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Lamesa, 21-8 on the year, defeated Kermit, 65-51, in a bi-district game Monday night.

"Lamesa's plenty good," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle. "They'll run a high-low against us. They're big—6-6 and 6-3 in the starting lineup and a 6-8 kid on the bench. Their seven best players will run a high-low with three guards out. Their inside kid is a real good jumper."

Lamesa's starting lineup features 6-1 junior Derrick Hunter and 6-2 post Noel Morales on the inside; with 5-3 senior guard J.J. Hernandez, 6-0 senior wing Stephen Brown and

6-1 wing Jordan Roberts on the outside.

Hernandez is "real quick," said Steinle, and Brown, a southpaw, is a "good spot-up shooter."

"Roberts is more the slasher—the penetrator—he goes to the basket real well," Steinle said.

Lamesa goes seven deep, and the first two players off the bench are 6-6 post Bruce Marmolejo, who plays as much as the two starting post players; and Lucio Castro, a 5-11 senior guard who "plays significant minutes."

Lamesa lost to Seminole twice and split with Denver City in district play. The Golden Tors finished as the runners-up in District 3-AAA behind Seminole.

Swiftettes

Nazareth and Whitharral are the

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Council approves PD video camera purchase

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to approve the purchase of six video cameras for use by the Dimmitt Police Dept., with the cameras to be purchased in a manner that works out with the city budget.

Police Chief Ray Aleman and Assistant Chief Santos Perez spoke to the council about the video equipment, saying that it would help officers in the performance of their duties, in addition to protecting the officers and the city from liability claims.

The "Video Patrol" cameras recommended by the policemen would cost \$4,082 each from Optical Surveillance Systems, Inc., of Dallas. The purchase price includes shipping and handling and all equipment needed for installation of the cameras in the department patrol cars.

The equipment includes a wireless microphone to be worn by the officers. The microphone can record voices, even if the video is not activated.

Perez gave an example of a recent domestic disturbance in which the victim later recanted her charges and disputed the word of the officer on the scene. He said there would have been no problem making the charges stick if the officer had been able to record what had been said.

He also cited a recent case in Lubbock in which a woman accused an officer of rough treatment and bad

language, but a video record exonerated the officer of the charges and saved the city a lawsuit.

Mayor Wayne Collins asked why the video equipment is so much more expensive than cameras that can be bought "off the shelf."

Perez said the Video Patrol cameras are sturdier, give a steadier picture, record on regular VCR tapes, and have a VCR unit included for installation in the trunk of the patrol car. The microphones also add to the cost.

Collins and City Manager Don Sheffy expressed concern about having adequate funds in the current budget to make the purchase.

Aleman and Perez said the equipment could easily be purchased a few at a time, although a slight discount was offered if six were purchased at one time.

Council member Roger Malone said he would like to see the department go ahead and get the cameras. "I agree we need to provide our police with as much protection as we can," said council member Clint Seward.

In his manager's report, Sheffy said that several city departments are already at or above the amount that had been budgeted for the entire year for natural gas expense.

He said he has ordered a heater for the city warehouse shop that will burn used motor oil.

Eddie Sherman indicted by Lubbock County grand jury

Feb. 14, Eddie Sherman, 42, of Dimmitt, was indicted by a Lubbock County grand jury on charges of assault on a public servant, according to a report by Elizabeth Langton of Morris News Service, carried in the Feb. 16 issue of the *Amarillo Daily News*.

Sherman was charged in connection with a Jan. 12 incident at Shallowater High School, in which he allegedly threatened referees at a basketball game and assaulted school officials after the game. He also faces

two related misdemeanor charges, according to the *Daily News*.

Langton said the police report stated that during the basketball games that evening, a Dimmitt fan repeatedly screamed criticism at the game officials. After the final game of the evening ended (with a 54-50 Shallowater victory), the fan began threatening the officials, according to Shallowater Principal Vernon Townsend.

Townsend told police he ap-

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	28	
Friday	58	25	
Saturday	43	19	
Sunday	56	19	
Monday	62	30	
Tuesday	73	32	
Wednesday	72	37	

February Moisture 0.50
2001 Moisture 1.99

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



NAZARETH SENIOR WADE PRICE (24) accepts the Class A bi-district championship trophy on behalf of the Swifts Tuesday night after they beat Hedley, 79-44. Price is the only senior on the team. The Swifts

will now meet Texline Friday at 6 p.m. in a sectional tournament semifinal at Lubbock Coronado High School.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



Sectional champions

The Nazareth Swiftettes celebrate after winning the Class A sectional championship Saturday at Lubbock Coronado. Nazareth edged Fort Elliott, 51-38, in the semifinals of the section tournament Friday; then blasted Guthrie, 52-43, for the championship.

Nazareth now advances to the Class A semi-state tournament, where it will meet Whitharral in a semifinal game Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

More about

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One of our Lutheran ministers went further:

"The ideal," he said, "would be to have the churches running all of our schools, so our children would receive spiritual training along with their ABC's."

Only the Catholic Church has succeeded in establishing a widespread system of parochial schools. Most Protestant churches have never really taken the plunge.

That young Lutheran minister in Arizona, in fact, hauled youngsters from his church to and from the nearest Lutheran-operated boarding school — in South Dakota.

He argued that if all professed church members in the US would give 10% of their income to their churches—the biblical formula for tithing—then there would be no need for tax-supported schools, or government welfare programs, or a Peace Corps.

The churches would have plenty of

resources to provide all of these programs without the need for government taxes, interference or control, he said.

Our nation is still arguing the school prayer issue.

Many well-meaning American Christians feel that the federal judiciary that took prayer out of the classroom also has banned God from the stadium, and that voluntary prayer should be allowed, at least under the umbrella of "local standards."

And the courts keep knocking down every attempt to abridge that church/state barrier.

Now our new administration is proposing two programs that are going to challenge the separation of church and state again: (1) a system of government-provided "vouchers" that would allow tax money to be used to pay the tuition for students to attend private schools, most of which

happen to be church-operated, and (2) government subsidization of social services provided by "faith-based organizations" such as the Salvation Army and other churches, the Gideons, etc.

We Americans can argue over the rationale, advisability and appropriateness of these proposed programs until the 48th full moon. And we probably will.

But mark my words on this. I have been in the arena long enough to know:

If these proposals to make churches arms of the government are ever enacted into law, and even if they pass constitutional muster, sooner or later we're going to have a holy mess.

Breast cancer screenings are set March 1, 12

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt next month, one on March 1 and another on March 12. Appointments are still available for both screenings.

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

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

Last Puzzle Solution

Police Calls

A Dimmitt woman told police Feb. 14 that the Fast Stop store had received a counterfeit \$100 bill. The person who tried to give it to Fast Stop said she had received it from Sonic. Police said it is unknown how the bill was passed to Sonic. Investigation is continuing, and police have cautioned people to examine money carefully to make sure it is genuine.

DPS Trooper Keith Smith said he stopped a vehicle Sunday afternoon in Dimmitt because the passenger was not wearing a safety belt. He became suspicious and asked for permission to search the vehicle. Canine Deputy Robbie was brought to the vehicle and he sniffed out marijuana under two ounces in the possession of a 26-year-old Amarillo man and almost three grams of methamphetamine in the possession of a 29-year-old Dimmitt man.

A Dimmitt man told police Sunday that someone struck a gas meter in the 600 block of West Andrews, causing \$200 in damage to it.

Feb. 13, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for no driver's license, third or more offense.

Also on Feb. 13, a 40-year-old Amarillo man was jailed on two warrants for possession of marijuana. Jailed on alcohol related offenses during the past week:

—Sunday, a 37-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, first offense; a Hale Center man, 30, for public intoxication; and a 41-year-old Hart man for DWI, second offense.

—Monday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, first offense, and driving with license suspended.

Jail Count

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

DPS Trooper Brian Burzynski covered two crashes on Feb. 12 in Castro County.

At 11:30 a.m. on US 60 7.2 miles west of Hereford, a 1998 International truck-tractor rig belonging to J.B. Hunt Transport and driven by Gary Wayne Hanson, 46, of Terrel struck the back of a 1998 International truck-tractor rig driven by Cecil Ray Thaxton, 56, of Hereford. Burzynski said Hanson was heading west on US 60 and Thaxton entered US 60 from FM 1057 and accelerated to 35 mph. It was reported that Hanson said he saw the other truck but failed to properly estimate its speed. He said he looked away from the roadway, and when he looked back up, he was upon Thaxton's vehicle and struck the rear of it, causing moderate to heavy damage to both vehicles. Hanson was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center for treatment of a knee laceration. Thaxton was listed with possible injury, but he was not transported. Hanson was given a citation for failure to control speed.

At 2:35 p.m. on US 385 about five miles south of Hereford, a 1999 GMC pickup driven by Elizabeth Barrera Cadena, 20, of Dimmitt, was stopped on the shoulder facing north, getting mail at a mail box. Peter John Richardson, 39, of Amarillo was driving a 1988 Ford utility van south on US 385. Burzynski reported that Cadena looked in her rear-view mir-

ror as she started making a U-turn across the roadway, but failed to check the south-bound traffic lane. As she pulled into the south-bound lane, Richardson saw her vehicle and took evasive action, going into a skid and striking the pickup. Both vehicles were listed with moderate to heavy damage. Cadena was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries. Cadena was ticketed for turning when unsafe, having an unrestrained child under the age of 2, no proof of liability insurance-second offense, and no driver's license-third offense.

Last Thursday, Becky Sue Book, 41, of Dimmitt, backed her 2000 Chevrolet pickup out of a parking space at Dimmitt High School and struck a 1987 Buick Le Sabre driven by Margarita Sandoval, 41, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles were rated with light damage and no injuries were listed.

Feb. 13, a 2000 GMC pickup driven by Troy Kirby, 73, of Dimmitt was stopped at a stop sign in the 100 block of Northwest Fifth and attempted to back up. The pickup struck a 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Olga Ruiz, 46, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles were listed with light damage and no injuries were reported. Kirby was cited for backing without safety.

Three enter plea bargains

Three people entered pleas of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) in different cases heard Feb. 5 in 242nd District Court before Judge Ed Self.

Jose M. Lopez Jr. faced charges of deadly conduct from Sept. 30, 2000. The terms of his plea bargain included a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$247.25, a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, \$500 for attorney fees, and confinement in the Castro County jail for one year, probated to two years of community supervision. He also must perform 100 hours of community service.

Maria Gil faced charges of tampering with government records from Aug. 11, 1999, and must pay \$4,955 in restitution to the Dept. of Human Services. She also was sentenced to two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice-State Jail Division, probated for five years. She must pay a \$1,000 fine, \$251.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, \$50 to Crime Line, and must complete 200 hours of community service.

The charge against Daniel Lopez was DWI, third offense, on Oct. 2, 2000. He was sentenced to five years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, probated for five years, a \$1,000 fine, \$266.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, \$50 to Crime Line, and 400 hours of community service. He also must comply with additional DWI terms, including suspension of his driver's license for one year, participating in and completing a repeat offender's program, and serving 10 days in the county jail.

More about

Playoff races . . .

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only Division II teams left in Region 1-A and they'll square off Friday at 5:30 p.m. in a Class A semi-state semifinal game at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Under the UIL's new playoff format, the Swiftettes and Pantherettes earned berths in the semi-state tournament by capturing their respective sectional championships Saturday.

The Region 1-A and Region 2-A winners will meet in the semi-state finals Saturday and that winner will advance to the state finals in Austin March 1-3.

That means if the Swiftettes beat Whitharral on Friday, they'll meet either Borden County (19-13) or Brooksmith in the semi-state finals Saturday at 2 p.m. at Midwestern State University. Those two teams are in Region 2-A, and each won its respective sectional tourney.

Whitharral beat Hedley, 48-41, in overtime, to win the Section 1 championship while the Swiftettes upended Guthrie for the Section 2 crown.

Whitharral, the District 5-A champion, is 25-6 on the year. The Pantherettes knocked off Jayton, 47-31; New Home, 42-35; and Hedley to reach the semi-state tourney.

The Pantherettes are led by 5-9 post Stephanie Gonzales, who scored 26 points against Hedley, including the first six points of the overtime period.

She's joined by a group of veterans including 5-7 forward Jamie Hoskins, 5-2 guard Hollie Wright, and 5-5 guard Jodi Wright.

Swifts

Nazareth and Texline will tip off at 6 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Coronado in the first of two sectional semifinal games. The other game will pit Jayton (22-5) against Ropesville Ropes.

The winners of those two games will meet at Lubbock Coronado Saturday morning at 11 to decide the sectional championship and who advances to the semi-state tournament in Wichita Falls on March 1-2.

A year ago, the Swifts and Tornadoes met in a bi-district playoff with Nazareth coming out the victor, 83-42.

While most of their key players a year ago graduated, the Tornadoes have regrouped this season and found their way back into the playoffs, finishing second in District 1-A behind Hartley.

The Tornadoes (13-12) are coming off a big upset win over 11th-ranked Fort Elliott in bi-district. In an overtime thriller Tuesday night, Texline knocked off Fort Elliott, 63-62.

Texline's leading scorer is 6-2 sophomore post Michael Gard, who averages 12 points and eight rebounds per game.

ACROSS

- TXism: "tow" (burial bag)
- TXism: "sheared like a spring lamb"
- "Leagues" captain
- large TX family
- spy fiction writer Deighton
- TXism: "off more than I can chew"
- TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of ___ light"
- TX George W.'s victory was ___ as it gets
- safe sex device
- TXism: "I ziggled when ___ have zagged"
- Galveston's USS Stewart is a destroyer
- UH mascot
- TXism: "bien" (good)
- TXism: "he couldn't drown a plastic ___ (bad fisher)"
- TXism: "___ on the cards on the table"
- TX poet Nye
- "Home, home on the ___"
- TX Trini Lopez tune: "If ___"
- tornado hit ___ Fort Worth in 2000

DOWN

- UT has his original manuscript of "Main Street"
- eternal
- location of "Old Cora" courthouse
- Belton "heavy" AM
- TXism: "it's near ___"
- Padre ___ Seashore
- this TX Cassidy was "Lurch" on "Addams Family"
- good poker card
- TXism: "hombres"
- Jay Gould railroad before the Texas & Pacific
- ___ rock, TX
- young porker
- ___ in Peace"
- TXism: "___ spell"
- TXism: "worth his weight ___ leases"
- TXism: "that ___ won't drill" (disagree with)
- TXism: "hen fruit"
- TXism: "chews his own cud"
- posted sign at Lake Crockett (2 wds.)
- the name before Exxon
- boot aroma
- Dallas sportscaster Hitzges
- ___ Fresnos, TX
- ___ Pleasant, TX
- TX singer Pride (init.)
- Austin's words in 1835: "War is ___ only resource"
- Arlington univ.
- TXism: "what's good for the goose is good for the ___"
- loser to TX George W.
- Comanche h.s. class
- TX Holly hit: "___ Boy"
- Gov. ___ Ferguson
- TXism: "lapped ___ up" (believed)
- TX Blocker's "Bonanza" role
- TXism: "spinning like a weather vane in ___ wind"
- Biblical city by the Black Sea
- Waxahachie is seat of this co.
- rod and ___
- take home pay
- ___ Jo, TX
- "Jock" on "Dallas" was an oil ___
- TX-based ___ One Imports
- TXism: "bright ___ and bushy tailed"

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Louise Kemp was honored on her 90th birthday by her children, La Dawn Reichling of Kentfield, Calif., and husband, Tom; and son, Carl Lee Kemp of Amarillo. The group had dinner at the Hereford Country Club. A special guest was Nancy Carol Hance of Austin. Louise's daughter, Ginger Ward of Atlanta, Ga., could not be here for the celebration. Louise is hoping that she can be here this summer for a longer time than just a weekend.

La Dawn is the coordinator for the Special Olympics of Marin County in California. The Marin County newspaper gave La Dawn a nice tribute, saying, "When we think of Special Olympics in Marin County,

we automatically think of La Dawn Reichling."

Ricky and Donna Kuntz, along with Fred and Helen Kuntz, were hosts to three ladies from Sweden who were a part of the Scandinavian group who flew to the US to take part in an Emmaus Walk at Amherst. The ladies are Ula-Gun Angman, Gunnil Karswing and Inegla Hallagrin.

The group from the Scandinavian countries of Finland, Denmark and Sweden was made up of 72 Methodists. These three were the only ones who came to Dimmitt. While they were here, they visited the library

and were impressed by the pewter circus. They went by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Bill Sava gave them post cards and souvenirs from Castro County. They were treated to steaks and Mexican food at two of our local restaurants. Mary Edna Hendrix showed them through the Castro County Museum, and Helen Kuntz and Frances Duke provided transportation for the ladies as they traveled to Lubbock for sight-seeing and to Amherst for a "Community" meeting there. Their favorite thing was shopping at the ladies' clothing and gift shops in Dimmitt.

Mary Dove entertained guests from Wynnewood, Okla. They are Mary's sister-in-law, Neva Dove, and her niece and husband, Mary and Herb Felts.

Peggy Wohlgenuth of Austin was a recent visitor in the home of her mother-in-law, Charley Wohlgenuth.

Buford and Dorothy Newton were in Dimmitt recently for a brief stay. They were mixing pleasure with business. Dorothy worshiped with those at First Baptist Church and saw many friends there.

Lloyd and Jane Vaughan had a delightful time in Dalhart, Jane's home town, visiting long-time friends and catching up on the local news.

The First United Methodist Men honored some special ladies with their annual Valentine's banquet. The honorees were presented corsages, and everyone enjoyed Jerry Heller and Dr. Leon Joplin as they entertained with solos, duets and a variety of songs. Delores Heller and Pam Joplin were there with their husbands. Everyone enjoyed the steaks prepared by the Methodist Men. They fed 78 people.

For the February birthdays in the Sides family, they met in Plainview with the family of their daughter, Cindy Ebling. Those celebrating birthdays were Jae Ebling and her grandmother, Carolyn Sides. Uncle Jack Sides of Lubbock is usually one of the birthday honorees, but he was unable to attend. (The Lady Raiders were playing a home game that night!)

As far as we can tell, Dimmitt was

host to one lone red cardinal. There is a possibility that his mate was hiding in a nest. We discovered that the cardinal was hopping around in our backyard very slowly. Upon investigation, we noted that he was a sick bird. We took him to a veterinary clinic between Canyon and Amarillo that nurtures wildlife back to health for free. We learned that the vet is the only one who is allowed to set the bird loose and back into the wild blue yonder. The bird recovered, but we did not recover the bird.

Randy Stephens is eager to have birds visit his back yard. He called to ask me what I would suggest to help him attract some birds. He had already hung a feeder with feed in it. I surely am not an expert, but I suggested that he add a source of water near the feeders.

Kent Kirby, now of Amarillo, enjoyed a ski trip to Angel Fire, N.M., with the men of his church, who make up the baseball team. Kent

is the son of Troy and Billie Kirby.

The Don Grahams of Llano were visiting several friends in town recently. Paula went by to see Martha Jo Hyman, and Don had breakfast with the Thursday men's prayer group at the church where they had attended while living here.

The Lee Street Baptist Church's Brotherhood Association hosted a Sweetheart's banquet on Valentine's Day at K-Bob's Steakhouse, with members of the group also inviting the widows of the church to attend. Between 30 and 40 attended and enjoyed the meal and time of fellowship.

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

Scholarship money will be disbursed in increments per semester.

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

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

Applications and rules may be picked up at the high school counselors' offices in Dimmitt, Lazbuddie,

Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Adrian and Vega.

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

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

Texas Tech will offer advanced placement classes this summer

Registration is now open to high school students for the Advanced Placement Institute at Texas Tech University.

The AP Institute offers intensive subject specific training from College Board-approved AP faculty. The classes are offered July 16-20 on the Texas Tech campus. The Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL) sponsors the program.

Classes offered July 16-20 are English language, calculus, computer science, Spanish, English literature, chemistry, biology, middle school English and building success, and studio art.

The fee is \$375 and includes all instructional materials and lunch Monday through Thursday. An additional session of studio art will be held June 17-22 in Junction.

Pre AP biology, middle school math, pre-AP high school English, and middle school science will be offered July 16-18. The fee is \$210 and includes all instructional materials and lunch each day. Texas Tech faculty will serve as guest speakers and provide tours and demonstrations.

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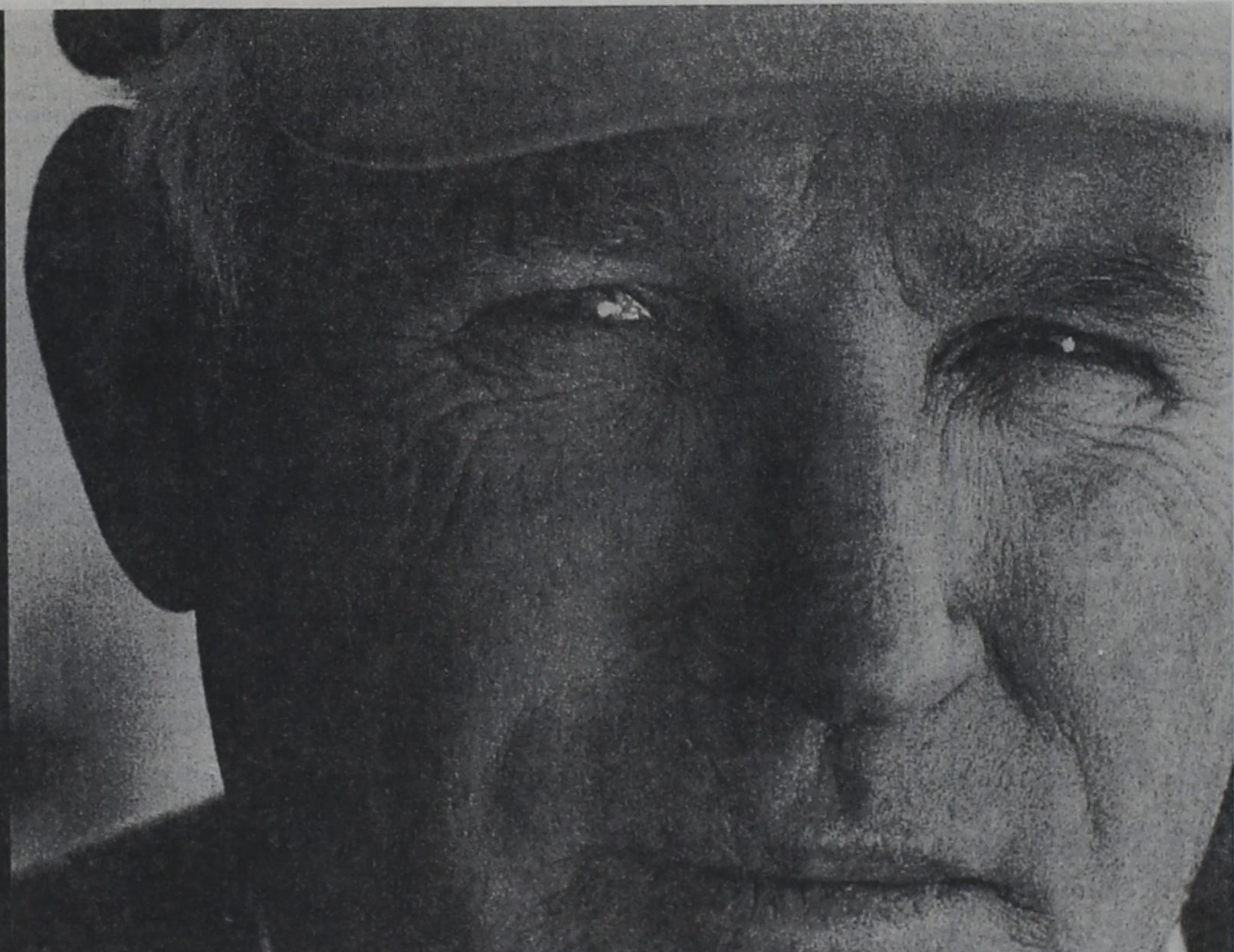
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People



Charles and Betty Vaughan

Charles and Betty Vaughan celebrate 60th anniversary

Charles and Betty Vaughan of Dimmitt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Thursday, Feb. 15.

They marked the occasion by attending a service at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt and by having lunch at the Hereford Country Club.

The couple were joined in the celebration by their children, in-laws and grandchildren including Beth

Vaughan-Wrobel of Fayetteville, Ark., Vicki and Bob James of Dallas, Mike and Sherri Wilkerson of Dimmitt and their daughter Megan. Also joining in the celebration was Delores Heller. The Vaughan's son, David Vaughan of Richardson, was unable to attend.

Charles and Betty Vaughan were married on Feb. 15, 1941, at the home of Betty's parents.

He worked at the drug store in Plainview while attending Wayland College on a football scholarship. She worked as a bookkeeper at a local department store. The two met at the First Methodist Church of Plainview.

During World War II, while Mr. Vaughan was in the Navy, Mrs. Vaughan remained in Plainview. After the war, the couple lived in various towns in Texas and New Mexico.

The Vaughans moved to Dimmitt in 1957. Their four children all graduated from Dimmitt High School.

Aborigines are thought to have been able to cross the Torres Strait from New Guinea to Australia, the at least 43 miles across, as early as 55,000 B.C.

Trees, though they are cut and lopped, grow up again quickly, but if men are destroyed, it is not easy to get them again.

-Pericles

Ogallala Quilt Festival set in Dimmitt April 5-7

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

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. The entry fee is \$5 per quilt, and the entry deadline is March 17.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bobcat Band to sell candy

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band will be selling candy to raise funds for its band trip to Colorado Springs in May.

The candy sale will begin Monday and is slated to continue through March 8.

If you would like to support the band in this fundraiser and you are not contacted to buy candy, call Rachal Harman at 647-2421 or Todd Jansa at 647-5527.

All seniors who want to purchase a band blanket must see Teresa Carlisle. Cost for each blanket is \$50. If you wish to have your name on the blanket, the cost will be \$62. Deadline to submit orders is Monday.

The annual clean-up date for the band is March 3 at 9:30 a.m. All students in the high school and junior high bands should meet at Dimmitt Middle School that morning.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming band banquet and will be finalized at the boosters' next meeting on March 19.

Handweavers' Guild to meet

The Palo Duro Handweavers' Guild will hold its monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

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

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



Vance Acker and Erika Rodriguez

June vows are planned

Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Rodriguez of San Antonio announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Erika Rodriguez, to Vance Christopher Acker, son of Don and Betty Acker of Nazareth.

The couple are planning to exchange wedding vows on June 23 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in San Antonio.

The bride-elect is a student at Navarro Junior College, where she is pursuing a degree in paralegal studies.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1991. He holds a degree in nuclear medicine technology from Amarillo College. He is currently employed at Baylor Medical Center.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in the Dallas area.

Quilters will need housing

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

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

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

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

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

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



Cesar Rodriguez and Rosemary Enriquez

Rodriguez, Enriquez to marry

Rafaul and Rafaula Enriquez of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rosemary Enriquez, to Cesar Rodriguez, son of Cesar Rodriguez Sr. and Flora Valdez of Arlington.

The couple plan to marry at 2 p.m. on March 24 at the Church of Arlington. The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is employed at Tarrant County Tax Office in Arlington.

The prospective groom graduated from Lamar High School in 1996. He is employed by Fresenius Medical in Arlington.

Following the wedding, the couple will reside in Arlington.



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Bridal shower fetes Loudder

Lacy Loudder, bride-elect of Justin Conway, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Linda Langford.

High tea was served to guests with assorted sandwiches, scones, tarts, and eclairs along with coffee, tea and white grape juice.

Katy Loudder and Shonnah Black presided over the serving table.

Special guests attending the shower included Lou Fleming of Lubbock and Roxie Loudder of Dimmitt, grandmothers of the bride-to-be; Katy Loudder of Dimmitt, sister of honoree; Linda Hoemisch of Merkel and Debbie Wells of Amarillo, aunts of the bride-elect; Janice Conway, the prospective groom's mother; and Toshia Conway of Cheyenne, Okla., his sister.

Other out-of-town guests included Debra Redwine, Jana St. Clair, Stephani and Staci Foster, Tammi Turner, Paulette Foster, and Savannah, Shonnah and Sara Black of Lazbuddie; Gena Yantis of Amherst; Kina Peny of Springlake; Kelly and Ashley Quisenberry of Earth; and Camilla and Nicole Quirk of Amarillo.



Pete and Nelda Laney

Wayland's new activity center will honor Laney

Wayland Baptist University has garnered the support of several key Texans in a new effort to complete fundraising efforts for the Pete and Nelda Laney Activity Center slated for the Plainview campus.

As the campaign enters the second phase, the university seeks to raise \$30,000 from 250 individuals or businesses toward the building fund.

A statewide advisory committee chaired by Dimmitt native Kent Hance, now of Austin, has lent its support and assistance to the effort as well.

A 61,000 square foot, \$7 million facility, the Laney Activity Center will meet two important needs, said Dr. Russ Gibbs, vice president for institutional advancement at Wayland.

For one, the facility will provide Wayland students with a recreational and wellness facility.

The center will include a gymnasium, indoor jogging track, Olympic natatorium, racquetball courts, aerobics rooms, cardiovascular and weight training rooms, classrooms and dressing rooms.

Through its naming, the facility also has afforded the university the opportunity to honor the Laney's contributions to Texas now and into the future.

Wayland is located in Speaker Laney's district and is the fifth largest private university in Texas. The university named the facility in honor of the Laney's to recognize their selfless service to the area and the state.

"Wayland chose to name the university's new student activities and wellness center after the Laney's because of their outstanding contributions to Texas," said Gibbs.

"Many contributions could be cited, but just one example is the Speaker's support of the Texas Equalization Grant program and other higher education initiatives. His support has been extremely positive for both private and public colleges and universities. Wayland is honored to be in the Speaker's congressional district and is proud to recognize Pete and Nelda Laney in this way."

Donations toward the Laney Center bring no political gain and the Laney's receive no funds from the campaign. Donors are simply afforded the same opportunity—through Wayland—to show appreciation to the Laney's and support higher education.

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent the law allows and naming opportunities for portions of the center are available for major gifts. All donors will be recognized on plaques within the facility and through the appropriate media.

For more information on the Laney Center campaign, contact Gibbs at (806) 296-4701.



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 22 to March 2.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go
THURSDAY: Fruit Loops, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Breakfast hash brown, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, fresh apples and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, fresh banana and milk.
THURSDAY: Fruit Loops, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Grilled cheese with a bowl of chili, Mexicali corn, applesauce and milk.
TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto beans, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices with cinnamon and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese with bowl of chili, bean chalupe or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens, or seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or applesauce; fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chili Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli with cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls or arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, southern fried chicken or Chinese plate; hash

brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or barbecued beef on a bun; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, red beans and rice or new Mexican enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices with cinnamon; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast
THURSDAY: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of cinnamon toast, sweetened applesauce, variety of cereal, peanut butter bar, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, white cake with strawberry and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, sour cream, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger and potato chips or pork chop; rolls, gravy, green beans, salad, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Chicken sandwich with chips, corn dog or lasagna with ground beef; bread

stick, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, fish nuggets or sub sandwich; macaroni and cheese, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, carrot sticks, pecan cookie and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of tuna salad with lettuce leaf, chicken sandwich with chips or steak fingers; mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich with chips or cheese enchilada; tortilla pieces, salad, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk, punch or tea.

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

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joe or chef's salad, tossed salad, fried okra, fruit cocktail, pineapple and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, cauliflower, orange, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Frito pie or pizza, tossed salad, cornbread, corn, pears, pudding and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Ham, turkey or bologna sandwich, or corn dog; lettuce, green beans, applesauce, tater tots, cookie and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Fish or baked potato, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, peaches, brownies and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, peas, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: No school.

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

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Rodriguez makes SPC dean's list

Ysa-yvett Rodriguez of Hart has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester at South Plains College in Levelland.

Students named to the list must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work, with no failing grades.

"It is always a pleasure each semester to recognize those students who have been named to the college's honor lists," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have set high standards for themselves academically, and we appreciate and applaud their efforts."

Class of 1991 plans reunion

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

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

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc1991/index.html and leave their information.

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



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN
 Bob and Irma Wilhelm of Plains are the parents of a baby boy, Jaxon Dean Wilhelm, who was born at 10 a.m. on Feb. 1 at Seminole Memorial Hospital. He weighed in at 5 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has two older siblings including 16-year-old Chelsi and 13-year-old John. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Diana Wilhelm of Nazareth. Maternal grandparents are Bruno and Anita Gonzales of Plains. Great-grandparents are Leonard and Rosemary Wilhelm.

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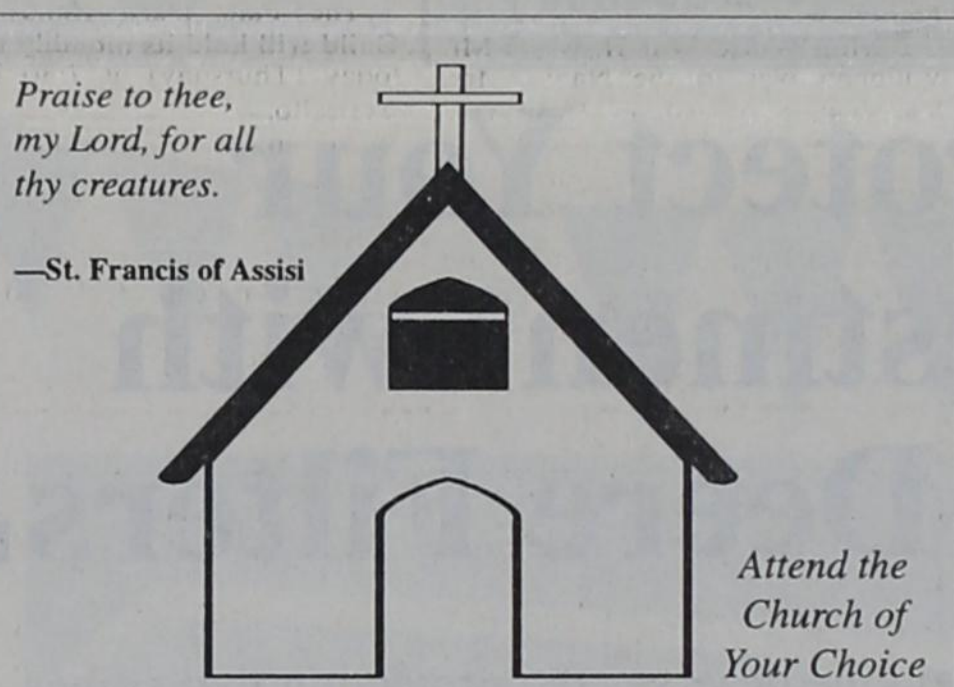
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Corn growers must plan to control volunteer StarLink

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) is urging growers who planted StarLink hybrids last year to take extra precautions to control possible volunteer StarLink corn in 2001.

That may mean rotating to another crop or growing a herbicide-tolerant hybrid that lets you control volunteer StarLink.

"The danger comes if volunteer StarLink corn pollinates surrounding non-StarLink corn plants, further compounding the problems of keeping StarLink out of the supply of US corn," said David Ford of TCPB, a farmer and member of TCPB.

"Rotation is the best choice," Ford said. "In an ideal situation for 2001, you'd rotate ground planted to StarLink last year into soybeans, oats or some other crop that will allow you to find and destroy the volunteer corn."

"But if you're locked into growing corn-on-corn, you need to plant herbicide-tolerant hybrids that will let you eliminate StarLink volunteers," he said.

The other control options are to grow either glyphosate (Roundup-Ready) tolerant hybrids or imidazolinone (IMI) Clearfield tolerant hybrids and then use those herbicides to kill volunteer corn and other

weeds; however, TCPB warns farmers about the use of Roundup-Ready hybrids to control StarLink volunteers.

"Roundup-Ready corn is not yet approved for export to the European Union and is restricted from some domestic wet-milling markets," Ford said. "Check with your primary corn market before selecting this control option."

"Planting glufosinate (LibertyLink) tolerant hybrids or using conventional corn herbicides on StarLink ground will not control volunteers, because StarLink contains the LibertyLink gene," he said. "Also, you'll need to check with your seed dealer to see whether the StarLink hybrids you planted last year were stacked with IMI. If they were, you can't control volunteer StarLink with an IMI hybrid."

The recommendation on controlling StarLink volunteers is in addition to the National Corn Growers Association's recent statement encouraging growers to plant seed that has been tested for Cry9C, the StarLink protein.

For more information about the Texas Corn Producers Board and biotechnology, visit the TCPB website at www.texascorn.org.



AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AWARD—Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (left) is acknowledged as one of two recipients in Texas of the award. Making the presentation is Jim Baker, vice president of the board of directors of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Collins was cited for his work in economic development and his efforts at improving the infra-

structure in Dimmitt. A \$1,000 grant for economic development goes along with the award, and has been given to the City of Dimmitt. The award and grant are sponsored by Wal-Mart, to be presented to elected officials in small communities for service to their communities.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Energas meetings continue

Energas Ag Services has two more of its Community Ag Meetings set for the coming week in this area. The purpose of the meetings is to give farmers and other interested persons the opportunity to talk with company representatives about the new Energas contracts and the future of natural gas prices.

A meeting will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in Hereford at the Annex Building, 511 N. 25 Mile Ave.; and the last one will be Monday, also at 10 a.m., in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

Energas Ag Services wants to make sure farmers are making decisions based on accurate information.

"There is a great deal of misinformation in the field right now and many farmers are understandably confused and concerned," an Energas spokesperson said in a news release about the meetings.

"We are very concerned about how high energy prices will affect our irrigation customers this upcoming season," said Kelley Grimes, Energas Ag Services General Manager. "All of us are in a unique situation, and we at Energas feel we must all work together to find solutions that are good for everyone concerned."

"Agriculture is vital to our area and vital to the success of Energas. Therefore, we are making ourselves available to all of our customers to ensure that good communication is maintained as we work our way through this difficult time."

The news release said, "The new irrigation contracts reflect the commitment of Energas to provide natural gas at as competitive a rate as possible while continuing to work on providing irrigation customers with unparalleled service. Energas Ag Services is only concerned about the success of its customers."

The release went on to say that all Energas Ag Services customers are urged to attend these meetings.

"We also strongly encourage anyone involved in the irrigation business who may have an interest in high energy prices to attend," the spokesperson said.

For more information, contact Grimes in Lubbock at 806-798-4477.

TSCRA plans state convention

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has slated its 124th annual convention for March 25-28 in Austin.

Those planning to attend may call the TSCRA at 1-800-242-7820 for more information.

"I urge every cattle producer to participate," said J. Mark McLaughlin, president of TSCRA. "With new administrations in Washington and Austin, we need every producer to be counted if the needs of agriculture are to be heard."

"TSCRA's convention is where

grassroots efforts are molded into programs and policy," McLaughlin continued. "You don't have to be a member to participate. Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend committee meetings, general sessions and the board of directors' meeting."

This year, TSCRA will take an especially hard look at legislative and tax issues, according to McLaughlin. A session on the Sunday of the convention will address legal issues, including employment law, conservation easements, property issues, water, wills and estates.

The board of directors will meet

on Monday of the convention, with TSCRA Attorney Ed Small reporting on issues being considered by the current session of the Texas Legislature. That evening, participants will have the opportunity to visit with legislators attending the TSCRA's PAC reception.

Other sessions will include updates on the cattle outlook, animal health and weather. Results of the National Beef Quality Audit will be reported. Also, the relentless fragmentation of land will be the subject of a session led by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and Andrew Sansom, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

A major topic will be the impending re-registration of all Texas brands. Other sessions will cover updates on promising ag research projects.

The trade show will be open March 25-27 at the Austin Convention Center. Admission requires a \$5 day badge or a badge received with registration to the convention.



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While blood donors are needed throughout the year, they are especially needed during the winter months. With many regular donors unable to give because of colds and flu, new donors must be found.

More than 120,000 eligible donors live in the Texas Panhandle, but only about 15,000 gave blood through the center in the past year. CMBC is the only non-profit blood center in the Texas Panhandle.

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Sales tax rebates are up across county this month

Sales tax rebates issued during February to the cities of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth jumped when compared with the same period in 2000.

Rebates issued in February were for local sales taxes collected in December which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and from annual filers for the entire year 2000.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$29,787.08, 15.33% higher than the February 2000 rebate of \$25,827.42. So far this year, the city has earned \$51,603.84, which is 3.94% down from the \$53,721.75 collected in February 2000. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax.

Nazareth saw a 19.50% hike in its rebate from February 2000 to February 2001, as this month's payment of \$2,013.67 was up from the 2000 stipend of \$1,685.01. This year, Nazareth is running 16.18% ahead of 2000 totals after receiving \$2,988.53, compared with the \$2,572.22 earned through February 2000. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was up 14.92% for February. The city earned a rebate of \$2,199.84 this month, compared with \$1,914.14 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$3,374.80 so far this year. That's 8.79% behind 2000 payments which totaled \$3,700.16 through February.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, March 9.

County horsemen receive awards at Tri-State banquet

Several local horse showmen received awards and recognition at the first awards banquet sponsored by the Tri-State Open Horse Show Association.

The awards banquet was held Feb. 4 at Trinity Fellowship Hall in Amarillo. Approximately 85 members and guests enjoyed a barbecue dinner catered by Cattle Call.

The Grand Champion Halter Stallion was *Kid's Coolest Clu*, owned and shown by Malcolm Reynolds of Dimmitt.

Reserve Champion Halter Gelding 3 and Under was *Dee's Lucky Star*, owned and shown by Chris Reynolds, also of Dimmitt.

In the Junior Youth Western Division, Eric Odom, riding *Kim's Lucky Penny*, was the third high-point overall individual.

Chris Reynolds, riding *Dee's Lucky Star*, was the third high-point overall individual in the Senior Youth Western Division.

Special recognition was given to Cindy Taute of Amarillo and Cyndy Reynolds of Dimmitt, founders of the organization.

The Tri-State Open Horse Show Association was formed in April 2000 and has a current membership topping 100.

"Our goal is to have fun and enjoy your horse," said Cyndy Reynolds. "We offer age divisions from pee wee, 9 years old and under, up to adult, 19 years and over. We feature classes from Jumping and Flat English, Showmanship, Halter, Arabian, Western and Speed. Ownership of the horse is not mandatory to show at Tri-State Open Horse Show Association events."

The group is planning its first show March 4 at Lavas Terra Firma Equestrian Center in Amarillo.

"This show will be our 'Shaggy Show,' and we'll have a prize for the 'shaggiest' horse," said Cyndy Reynolds. "Only the bridle path and fetlocks need to be clipped. You may wear jackets and gloves."

If you would like to know more about the association and upcoming horse shows and futurities, contact Taute at 358-9621 or Cyndy Reynolds at 647-3255.

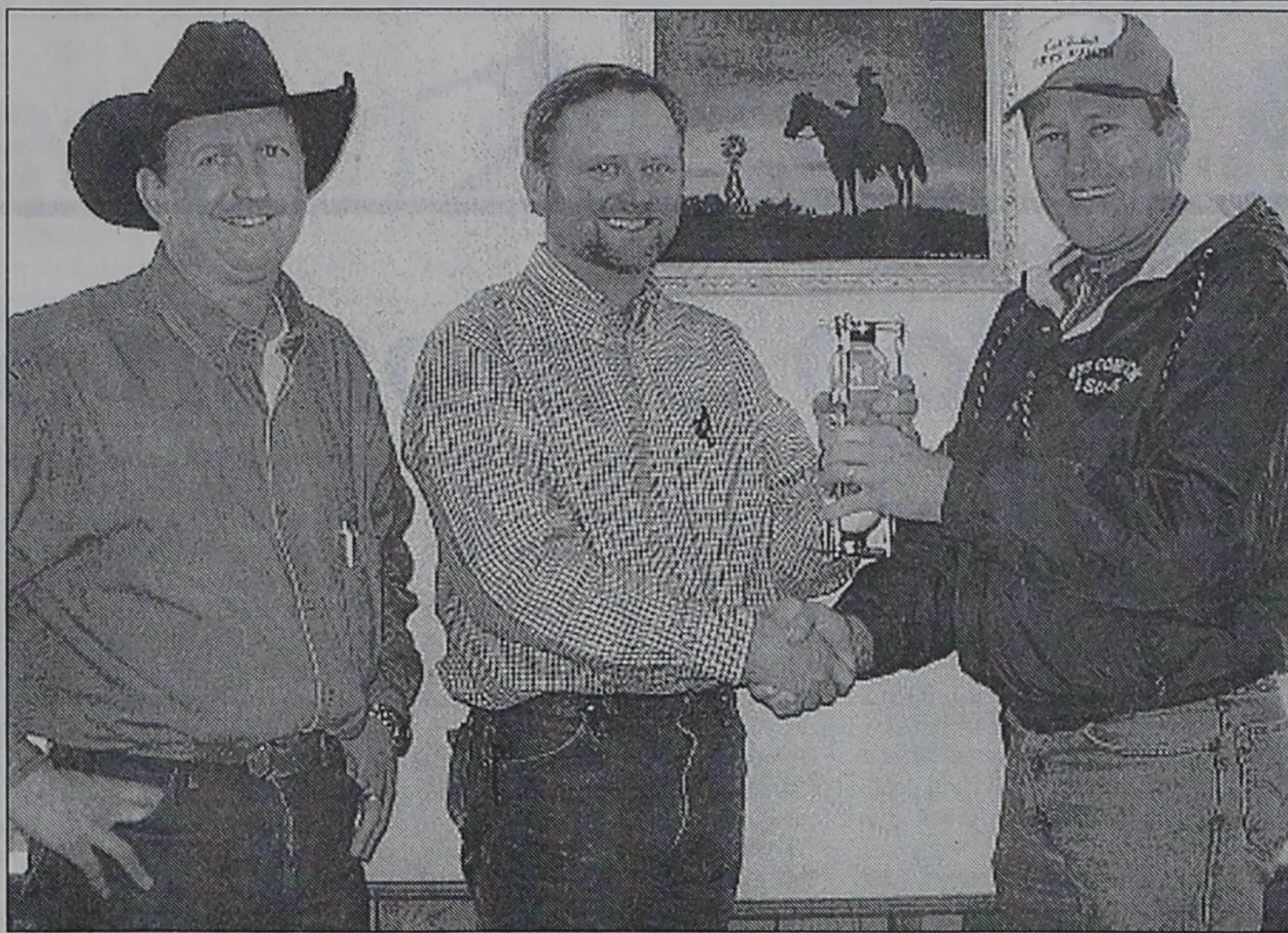
Sausage meal set in Bovina

sauce, relish plate, homemade bread, desserts, and tea and coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no extra charge.

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

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

The meal will include German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry



PRIZE WINNER—Donny Carpenter of Dimmitt (center) is presented with a gift by Andy Williams of Dimmitt (left), local Pioneer sales representative for this area, and Rod Carpenter (no relation to Donny)

of Farwell (right), district sales manager for Pioneer. Donny won first in state in the irrigated division of the National Corn Growers' Association Corn Yield Contest, using a Pioneer® brand hybrid. Staff Photo

Carpenter wins first in state in corn yield contest

Donny Carpenter of D&D Farms of Dimmitt won first place in the irrigated division of the 2000 National Corn Growers' Association's Corn Yield Contest in Texas. He also ranked among the top 10 in the nation.

He won using Pioneer® brand 33B51, which yielded 275.66 bushels per acre.

The NCGA Corn Yield Contest is an annual competition among corn producers with the goal of producing the highest yields. Growers compete within a broad range of corn production classes, including conventional, no-till/strip-till non-irrigated, no-till/strip-till irrigated, ridge-till non-irrigated, ridge-till irrigated, and irrigated classes.

Carpenter planted his winning crop on April 13, 2000, in fields that had been grown to soybeans in 1999. He planted 30-inch rows using a John Deere 7300 planter at a rate of 36,000 seeds per acre, and applied a total of 300 pounds of nitrogen per acre to enhance fertility. He used a John Deere 9650 STS combine to harvest the winning plot on Sept. 2, 2000.

The NCGA awarded a total of 507 state and national titles in this year's contest.

Carpenter took one of the 399 state titles that were won with more than 75 different Pioneer hybrids. Growers planting Pioneer hybrids also won first place in all nine national categories and 25 out of 27 among the top three winners in the nine national classes.

Growers planting Pioneer hybrids won 79% of all awards presented,

setting a new NCGA record.

County 4-H sets Roundup for March 20

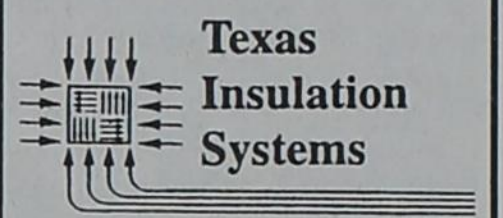
The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt, and 4-H'ers who are planning on entering a Method Demonstration in this year's contest should begin working on their project now.

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

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

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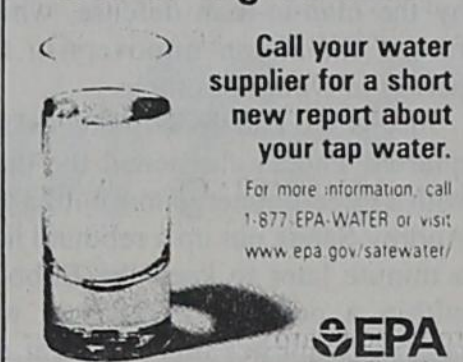
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Bobbies top Slaton in 50-43 thriller

When the Bobbies fell behind the high-flying Slaton Tigerettes by 13-2 in the first quarter Friday night, things looked bleak indeed.

But the Bobbies switched defenses and fought their way back to a thrilling 50-43 victory over the District 3 champion Tigerettes to capture the area trophy.

It was only the fifth loss of the year for the Slaton girls, whose team bus bore the sign, "On to State!"

The victory propelled the Bobbies (18-15) to Tuesday night's Region I-AAA quarterfinals against the No. 3-ranked Perryton Rangerettes, champs of District 1.

The Dimmitt-Slaton game was one of two Class AAA area playoffs in Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center Friday night. In an earlier area game, District 2 champ Shallowater buried District 3 runner-up Lamesa, 78-36.

Slaton jumped out to an 8-0 lead on a putback and a pair of treys from outside Dimmitt's 2-3 zone before the Bobbies got their first field goal, a 16-footer by Heather Black 3½ minutes into the game.

Then the Tigerettes pushed their lead to 13-2 with five free throws before Black got the Bobbies' next

two points with a pair of free throws with 2:26 left in the opening period.

Meanwhile, the Bobbies switched from their standard zone defense to man-to-man.

"We really thought we were going to play zone most of the game, but they forced us out of that pretty quick," Bobbies Coach Tim Gilliland said.

It turned out to be a shrewd switch in strategy as the Bobbies collected four quick steals.

"I was surprised," Gilliland said. "Our quickness was able to contain them, and the more we played man-to-man against them, the better we got at it."

With the Bobbies still trailing 13-4, point guard Lori Schulte swished a pair of back-to-back three-pointers at the 1:42 and 1:13 marks to cut Slaton's lead to 13-10.

After a driving layup by Slaton's premier shooting guard, Brittany Crouch, Black netted two more free throws to keep Dimmitt within three at 12-15 as the first quarter ended.

After Black and Schulte scored all of Dimmitt's points in the first frame, Rachel Fabela and Tamara Robertson carried the scoring load in the second.

Fabela opened the second quarter with a three-pointer that tied the score at 15-15, and added a 12-ft. jumper late in the period, while Robertson hit three of four free throws. Slaton led by 24-20 at the halftime buzzer.

Although the Tigerettes out-rebounded the Bobbies 5-3 in the second period, they were frustrated by the man-to-man defense, which forced six Slaton turnovers in the period to Dimmitt's three.

Just as she had done in the second quarter, Fabela christened the third with a three-pointer to make it 23-24. Audrey Saenz put up a rebound half a minute later to keep the Bobbies within a point at 25-26, but was benched with her fourth foul at the 4:36 mark.

Kelsey Welch replaced Saenz un-

der the basket and immediately collected two key rebounds, one of which led to a 14-foot jumper by Black that put the Bobbies in front for the first time, 27-26, with 2:54 left in the third.

Less than a minute later, Welch nailed an 18-ft. jumper to open up a three-point Dimmitt lead. Sharla Kenworthy sank a fast-break layup with 45 seconds left in the period to make it 31-28 before Slaton's Aissa Trotty sank a free throw in the final second, giving Dimmitt a two-point advantage going into the fourth.

With their full-court man-to-man defense, the Bobbies forced five Slaton turnovers in the third while committing four themselves, and held the dangerous Tigerettes to only five points. The two teams tied on rebounds with five each.

After Trotty put up a rebound to cut Dimmitt's lead to 32-31 early in the fourth, the Bobbies took control of the game with a turnaround jumper by Robertson, a three-pointer by Black after a steal by Welch, back-to-back jumpers by Fabela and a pair of free throws by Black. With that 11-2 run, the Bobbies opened up a big 10-point lead, 43-33, with 3:31 remaining in the game.

At one point in the onslaught, Slaton changed strategy and ran a minute off of the clock while working for a good shot, but was unable to penetrate the Dimmitt defense and came away scoreless.

In the final 3:31, all of Dimmitt's points came on free throws by Black, Schulte and Robertson as the Bobbies played their control game, forcing the Tigerettes to foul.

Dimmitt sank 10 of 13 free throws in the final period. For the final two, Robertson hit nothing but net to give the Bobbies their final winning margin, 50-43.

The frustrated Tigerettes committed four turnovers to the Bobbies' one during the fourth period, and the two teams again tied in rebounds, 5-5.

"They were a really good defensive team," Schulte said. "Our main objective was to stay on Brittany Crouch, No. 20, and that's what we did. She got frustrated, and that helped us a lot."

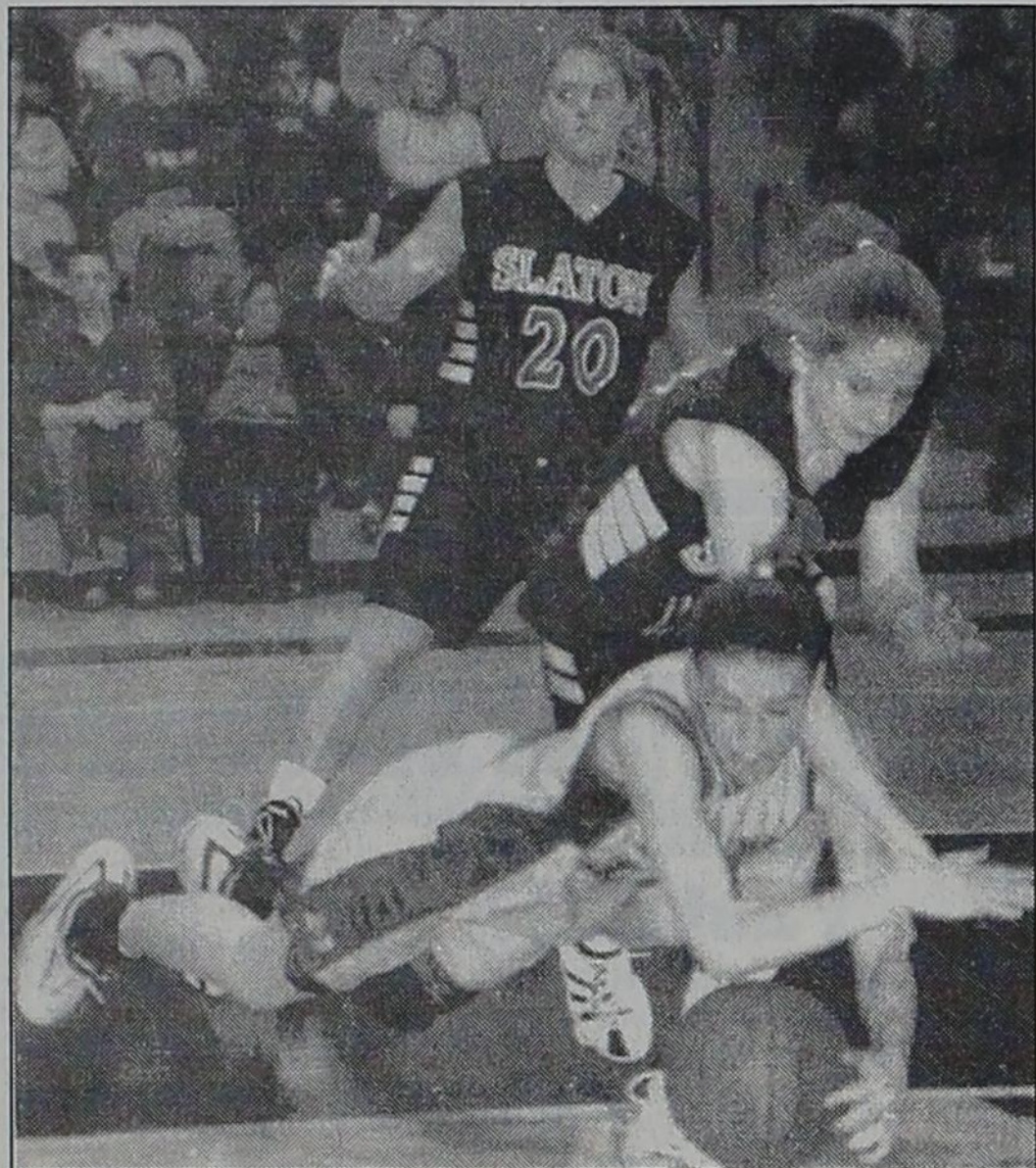
Crouch, who rang up nine points in the opening period, was guarded mainly by Black in the man-to-man set, and went scoreless in the second quarter. She sank three field goals and two free throws in the second half to finish with 17.

Trotty with 10 points was the only other Slaton player in double figures.

For Dimmitt, Black finished with 15, Fabela with 12, Robertson with 9, Schulte with 8, and Welch, Audrey Saenz and Kenworthy with 2 each.

"They were real strong under the basket, and they were real aggressive, and they wanted it," Welch said. "But we wanted it more."

"It was a very nice win," Coach Gilliland said.



SCRAMBLE—Dimmitt's Heather Black pounces on a loose ball during the Bobbies' area championship game against the Slaton Tigerettes Friday night in Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center. Black led Dimmitt's scorers with 15 points while containing Slaton's high scorer, Brittany Crouch (20) on defense. The Bobbies won the game, 50-43.

Photo by Carter Townsend



RUNNING THE OFFENSE—Dimmitt point guard Lori Schulte looks for an opportunity inside during the third quarter of the Bobbies' area championship game against Slaton Friday night in Lubbock. Schulte scored a pair of back-to-back three-pointers to kick Dimmitt's offense into gear in the first period and finished with eight points as the underdog Bobbies knocked off the District 3 champion Tigerettes, 50-43, for the area championship.

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Eskimo Partnership results announced

Steve Russell and Wylie McEntire of Amarillo won the Championship Flight of the Eskimo Partnership, which was held Feb. 10-11 at the Country Club of Dimmitt. The winning scores for the duo were 63 and 60, for a total score of 123.

Other winners are listed below.
Championship Flight
In a tie for second, Lanny Savage and Shawn Savage of Plainview scored 64, 65—129; and Codie Scott and Michael Montoya of Amarillo shot 65, 64—129.

First Flight
1. Manly Davis and Price Barton of Amarillo, 70, 66—136.
2. (Tie) Jerry Heller of Dimmitt and Bob Baker of Hereford, 69, 69—138; Russ McClure and John Wetzel of Amarillo, 70, 68—138;

Gary Don Burrows and Leon Tatarok of Sayre, Okla., 71, 67—138; and Chris Watson and Mark White of Hereford, 73, 65—138.

Second Flight
1. Joe Graff and Ken Warren of Amarillo, 74, 70—144.
2. Gerald Griego and Bobby Roberts of Clovis, N.M., 76, 69—145.
3. (Tie) Doug Spradling and Brian Slaughter of Muleshoe, 74, 72—146; and Alli Squier and Reggie Roberts of Canyon, 74, 72—146.

Third Flight
1. (Tie) Roy Chick and Bobby Ware of Wheeler, 78, 73—151; and Jerry West and Johnny Land of Plainview, 78, 73—151.
3. Scott Weatherly of Wheeler and Bob Pierce of Roswell, N.M., 78, 74—152.

Bobcats open baseball season at home today

The Dimmitt Bobcats will host Tulia today (Thursday) in a baseball season opener at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

The first pitch is slated to be thrown at 4:30 p.m.

The Bobcats have a full slate of games scheduled this week, and the showdown with Tulia heads the list.

On Saturday, Dimmitt will travel to Olton to face the Mustangs in a 1 p.m. game.

Dimmitt will face Friona, there, in a 4:30 p.m. game on Tuesday.

Dimmitt scrimmaged Dumas and Dalhart in preparation for the 2001 hardball season, and Bobcat Coach Jesus Quiroz said his team learned a lot in the practice games.

The first scrimmage was against Class AAAA Dumas, and the Demons won the battle, 8-1.

"We got some good things out of that scrimmage. We identified some things we needed to improve on," Quiroz said.

The Bobcats' next scrimmage was a slugfest with Dalhart, and this time the Cats came out on top, 18-14.

Tanner Self and Bobby Hill each homered for Dimmitt and Hill picked up a double.

"We switched kids in and out, trying to find who was best at each position," Quiroz said.

Dimmitt will be playing without three returning varsity players until basketball season is over—Mathew Wright, Daniel Proffitt and Brent Josselet.

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Saturday:
If the Nazareth Swifts advance to the finals in the Sectional Tournament at Lubbock Coronado High School, we will broadcast that game at 11 a.m.

Stay tuned to KDHN for play-by-play coverage of the upcoming playoffs as they develop for the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Nazareth Swiftettes and Swifts!

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Bobbies' season ends in OT loss

It took more than just four quarters to determine a winner in Tuesday night's regional quarterfinals game between the Bobbies and the state's third-ranked team, the Perryton Rangerettes, in the West Texas A&M Field House.

The game went into overtime after Perryton standout Courtney Nowlin hit a 10-ft. jumper with 14 seconds left to tie it at 61-61 while Dimmitt fans screamed "Walk!"

Then in overtime, the Rangerettes survived a torrid 13-11 shootout that went down to the last free throw by Perryton guard Erin Hale with two seconds left.

The result: A 74-72 Perryton win and a return ticket to the Region I-AAA Tournament for the Rangerettes, the defending regional champions.

The Bobbies ended their topsy-turvy season with the bi-district and area championship trophies and an 18-16 record.

The game was this close:
The Rangerettes sank 26 field goals to the Bobbies' 22, but the Bobbies nailed five of eight three-pointers to the Rangerettes' two of 11.

The Bobbies made 23 of 35 free throws while the Rangerettes sank 20 of 31.

The two teams forced 25 turnovers apiece.

Perryton had 27 rebounds to Dimmitt's 24.

Perryton depended heavily on Nowlin, a 5-10 senior post, who netted 28 points. Dimmitt depended just as heavily on Heather Black, 5-8 senior guard, who finished with 25.

Perryton's second-high scorer, Hale, had 18. Dimmitt's second-high scorer, Tamara Robertson, had 19.

Perryton's third big gun, 5-4 senior guard Tabatha Fletcher, netted 12, while Dimmitt's shooting guard, 5-7 senior Rachel Fabela, finished with 11.

It was that close all down the line as the two teams dug down deep and battled for survival.

"When it's that close... we could taste it, you know," a dejected Coach Tim Gilliland said after the game. "It's just that much harder to lose."

After trailing throughout the first half by as many as nine points, the Bobbies outscored the Rangerettes 17-13 in the third as Robertson, Fabela and Sharla Kenworthy scored five apiece and Black two, and carried a 52-51 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Bobbies started the fourth in their deliberate perimeter offense, and patiently stretched their lead to 57-53 on free throws by Black and Jill Merritt and a put-back by Black with 5:20 remaining.

Fabela sank a fast-break layup at the 3:42 mark and followed with a basket underneath with 2:08 left to keep the Bobbies four points ahead.

But then Nowlin sank a pair of free throws at the 1:44 mark to close it to 61-59, then made that crucial 10-ft. runner with 14 seconds left to throw it into overtime.

"We knew what we wanted to do," Coach Gilliland said, "but they hit some big baskets down there and made a big difference. You have to give them credit because they stepped up and showed composure even when they were down."

Many Dimmitt fans thought Nowlin had taken an extra step as she crossed the lane and put up the tying field goal—and they let the refs know it.

"I don't think the referee wanted to make that call at that point, in that type of game," Coach Gilliland said.

In the four-minute overtime, the Rangerettes jumped out front early and built a five-point lead, 70-65, with 1:48 left.

Dimmitt post Audrey Saenz sank a free throw and Black muscled under and scored an impossible basket to cut Perryton's lead back to two.

After a free throw by Nowlin, Dimmitt's Stacy Saenz—who had replaced her sister Audrey when she got her fifth foul at 1:02—swished two free throws to make it a one-

point game again, 70-71, with 55 ticks left.

Perryton sophomore guard Tessa Powell, who had replaced fouled-out Terrah Manross, sank a huge 10-ft. jumper from the lane with 12 seconds left to give the Rangerettes a 73-70 edge.

With that three-point cushion, the Rangerettes chose to foul during the desperate trade-out contest in the final seconds, and the strategy worked for them.

Robertson sank two free throws with four seconds left to pull the Bobbies within a point again, but Hale was able to end it by sinking one of two freebies at the 0:02 mark to give the Rangerettes their final victory margin.

The loss ended an up-and-down season in which the Bobbies started out ranked in the state's top 10, then dropped out of the rankings and finished in a second-place tie in District 2-AAA.

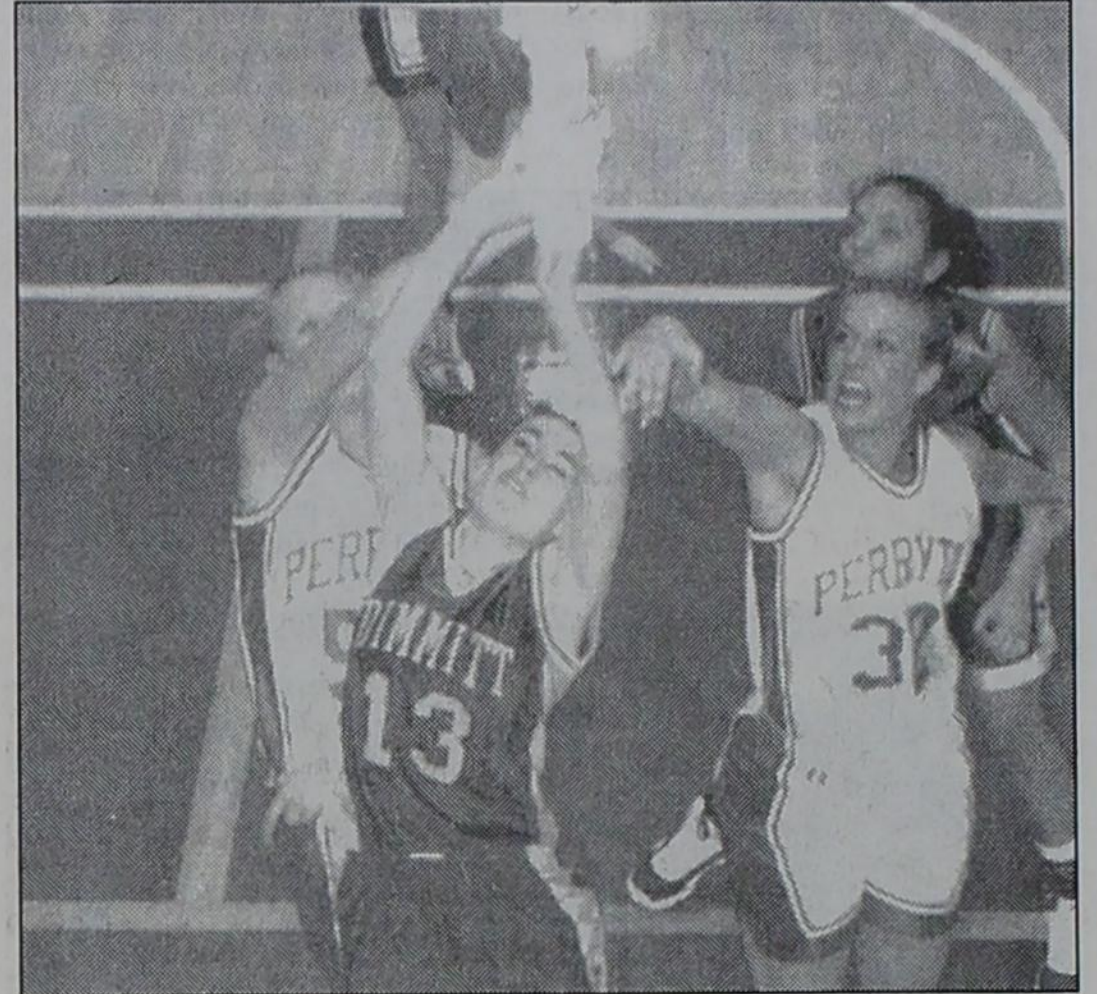
But toward the end of the season they took No. 4-ranked Shallowater to the wall before dropping a 49-48 heartbreaker, then downed Muleshoe and Lubbock Cooper for the district's No. 2 seed.

From that point they topped Tulia for the bi-district championship and upset the 23-4 Slaton Tigerettes to capture the area trophy before taking the region's top-ranked team to the

final seconds of overtime in Tuesday night's cliff-hanger.

"I think you can point to a lot of things" as factors in the Bobbies' late-season turnaround, Coach Gilliland said.

"Playing as a team made a huge difference, especially down the stretch. I think the girls played fearless, and wanted to win—not just out there playing, but out there to win. That made a big difference in the way we played, in every game."



DIMMITT'S HEATHER BLACK (13) is fouled by Perryton's Kari Parvin (50) as she drives under for a layup in the first quarter of the Class AAA regional quarterfinals game Tuesday night in Canyon. At right are Perryton's Courtney Nowlin (32) and Dimmitt's Stacy Saenz. This action typified the fierce play in the game. Photo by Carter Townsend

Good Luck, Bobcats

in the the playoffs!



FRIDAY: Bi-District Championship

Bobcats vs. Lamesa, 7:00 p.m.

at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University

Thanks for an exciting season, Bobbies!

District Runnerup ★ Bi-District Champs ★ Area Champs ★ Regional Quarterfinalist

Scores

Bobbies

- 42, Randall 54
- 39, Levelland 58
- 44, Borger 62
- Queen's Classic
- 41, Randall 55
- 57, Muleshoe 44
- 68, Vega 70 (OT)
- 59 Hereford 55
- Canyon Classic
- 36, Tascosa 71
- 51, Panhandle 63
- 65, Godley 35
- 41, Tulia 44
- 57, Abernathy 52
- 49, River Road 65
- 43, Amarillo High 81
- Caprock Tournament
- 68, Amarillo Caprock 43
- 51, Lubbock Coronado 61
- 51, Andrews 46
- 49, El Paso Franklin 33
- 47, Stephenville 39
- 49, Littlefield 46
- 42, Lubbock Roosevelt 45
- 49, Shallowater 70
- 59, Muleshoe 49
- 55, Lubbock Cooper, 40
- 58, Littlefield 33
- 61, Lubbock Roosevelt 47
- 48, Shallowater 49
- 38, Muleshoe 41
- 65, Lubbock Cooper 64
- 56, Muleshoe 41
- 56, Lubbock Roosevelt 48
- 56, Tulia 48
- 50, Slaton 43
- 72, Perryton 74
- Season Record: 18-16
- District Record: 8-4

Bobcats

- 49, Randall 68
- 60, Levelland 67
- 69, Borger 62
- 43, Hereford 52
- Plainview Tournament
- 63, Plainview 53
- 56 Paducah 40
- 70, Hale Center 40
- 75, Tulia 55
- Big Spring Tournament
- 81, Sweetwater 55
- 66, Clyde 48
- 54, Merkel 41
- 70, Abernathy 61
- 71, River Road 39
- 73, Amarillo High 79
- Caprock Tournament
- 62, Lubbock Estacado 60
- 45, El Paso Montwood 46
- 63, Lubbock Coronado 66
- 73, Tulia 48
- 55, Amarillo 52
- 50, Shallowater 54
- 62, Muleshoe 53
- 53, Lubbock Cooper 43
- 61, Littlefield 48
- 86, Lubbock Roosevelt 73
- 71, Shallowater 53
- 46, Muleshoe 37
- 59, Lubbock Cooper 52
- 65, Littlefield 36
- 67, Lubbock Roosevelt 52
- 58, Burk Burnett 73 (Practice Game)
- Season Record: 22-9
- District Record: 9-1



Area Champions

The Dimmitt Bobbies hoist the area trophy they earned Friday night with a 50-43 win over the Slaton Tigerettes at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

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Sectional champions

Swiftettes wear down Guthrie in third

Nazareth was able to offset early foul trouble with a big boost from its bench in the first half, then the Swiftettes wore down their opposition in the third quarter to claim the Class A Division II Sectional Championship Saturday morning with a 52-34 win over Guthrie.

Nazareth improved to 29-4 with the win and earned a spot in the Class A Semi-State Tournament, which will begin Friday night at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Guthrie ended its season with a 27-3 mark.

Junior guard Stephanie Thiel and senior post Whitney Hoelting combined for 17 points in the third quarter as Nazareth broke open a close game in the second half. Thiel finished with 21 points in the game—12 of which came in the third. Hoelting chipped in 16, despite missing most of the first half with foul trouble.

The Swiftettes trailed Guthrie 2-5 early in the first quarter after senior Krissy Shipman drove through the Nazareth defense for a layup, then added the bonus shot after Hoelting fouled her.

That 5-2 Guthrie lead wouldn't last for long, though.

Hoelting answered with an inside move of her own to pull Nazareth within one, then Stephanie Thiel connected on a three-pointer from the baseline for a 7-5 Nazareth lead.

Guthrie would never have the advantage on the scoreboard again.

After Hoelting picked up her third foul, Krissy Shipman pulled Guthrie within a point of Nazareth, 8-9, but that was all she would get before Gerber took control.

Her first shot, which she nailed from three-point range, came with 2:12 left in the quarter. She would score again with 1:11 left for a 14-8 Swiftette lead.

Joli Shipman scored with a minute left to make it 14-10, Nazareth, at the end of the first quarter.

Krissy Shipman was charged with her second personal early in the second quarter when she attempted to block a three-point attempt by Thiel. Thiel stepped to the line and dropped the ball through the net three times for a 17-10 Nazareth lead.

Nazareth continued to keep control, answering Guthrie free throws with shots by Thiel and Gerber for four minutes of the period.

A three-pointer by Joli Shipman with 4:10 left cut Nazareth's lead to four, 21-18, but Gerber put the Swiftettes back up by five when she hit a pair of free throws with 3:21 left. That was the last time either team would score in the first half.

Most of Guthrie's first-half points were created from Shipman penetrations, and the Swiftettes adjusted their defense to try and eliminate that threat.

Nazareth switched between zone and man-to-man defenses in the half-court, trying to keep Guthrie guessing and it worked in the second half.

"I think we were nervous and a little tight at first, but Guthrie was playing great defense and it was tough for us to do anything. We seemed to relax a little later in the game," Garrett said. "We kept our composure and finally started making things happen."

Nazareth took an eight-point lead early in the third when Thiel connected on a back-door play and Black added a free throw seconds later. Guthrie held the Swiftettes scoreless for the next two minutes, though.

Hoelting broke the drought with an inside move that caught Pettiet off guard. She went at Pettiet again with 3:30 left and was drilled under the basket. Hoelting made one of her two free throw attempts for a seven-point Nazareth lead.

The battle was close until the final

three minutes of the third quarter. That's when Nazareth went on a 12-2 run that deflated Guthrie.

The run was sparked by Thiel, who buried a three from the top of the key. The next time down the floor, Thiel drove down and nailed a shot off the dribble. Seconds later she found her mark from three-point range again—capping off an eight-point run in less than a minute.

With 1:20 left Thiel brought the ball down the floor and spotted Hoelting cutting toward the bucket. She rifled the ball to Hoelting under the middle and the post counted the jumper for a 39-23 Swiftette lead.

A pair of Thiel free throws with 51 seconds left gave Nazareth its biggest lead of the game at 18.

The only other Guthrie player to score in the game was Shai Decker, and she got her lone field goal as time expired in the quarter. By then Nazareth was in command, 41-25.

Hoelting picked up a pair of jumpers early in the fourth, and Nazareth limited Guthrie to two points until the clock was down to 3:45.

Krissy Shipman and Joli Shipman were able to pull Guthrie within 12 points with 2:27 left, but Nazareth made three of four free throws in the final two minutes, and Black added a coast-to-coast drive and layup to dash any Guthrie hopes of a late rally.



TAKING IT TO THE HOOP—Nazareth's Erica Gerber (10) eyes the goal and sinks a jumper in the second quarter of Saturday's sectional championship game at Lubbock Coronado. Gerber sparked Nazareth in the first half, scoring nine points when starting post player, Whitney Hoelting, got into foul trouble and went to the bench. Gerber started off with a three pointer, then sank a pair of jumpers and two free throws. The Swiftettes went on a big run in the third quarter and pulled away from Guthrie for a 52-34 win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swiftettes dodge Fort Elliott in sectional semifinal playoff

Fort Elliott had a six-point lead over Nazareth late in the third quarter, but the Swiftettes turned up the heat on offense and defense in the fourth quarter and escaped the Class A Sectional Semifinal with a 51-38 win.

Fort Elliott played solid basketball until that pivotal fourth quarter, but only managed to score one basket over the final eight minutes. That was fatal because Nazareth poured in 19 points in that stanza.

After claiming a 16-9 first-quarter lead, Nazareth struggled offensively in the second and third quarters, and

that was due in part to the Lady Tigers' defense.

The Swiftettes led by as many as 10 with 2:46 left in the second quarter before a lid was placed over the basket.

That's when Fort Elliott took control. An 8-0 Lady Tiger run nipped the Swiftettes' lead to a basket by the end of the first half. That 25-23 Nazareth lead was erased with 3:04 left in the third and quickly became a six-point Fort Elliott advantage.

The turning point came in the fourth quarter.

Nazareth's offense finally came to life, sparked by Stephanie Thiel, who scored on an offensive rebound, then popped a three-pointer seconds later to put Nazareth on top for good with 6:15 left in the game.

The Swiftettes opened the game in a full-court man-to-man press, but dropped back in their half-court defense midway through the quarter.

Tamera Hartline put Fort Elliott on the board first a minute into the game, but Nazareth tied it with a free throw by Whitney Hoelting and another by Stephanie Thiel.

Those were the only points scored over the first three and a half minutes of the game.

A Leslie Brockman steal resulted in a Hoelting jumper with 4:30 left, giving Nazareth a slight edge, but Fort Elliott knotted the score at 4 when Kyleigh Trimble broke through the Swiftettes' press and drove the length of the court for a layup.

A nice left-hand lay-in by Hoelting put Nazareth up by two, then Thiel connected with 2:42 left.

Another court-length drive and layup by Trimble forced the Swiftettes to adjust their defense. The adjustment worked—at least in the first quarter.

Using a strong move inside, Hoelting was able to score and draw a foul on Fort Elliott's Ashley Estes. Hoelting added the bonus shot, giving Nazareth an 11-6 lead.

An off-the-glass three by Fort Elliott's Holly McCurley pulled the Lady Tigers within two, but Nazareth reeled off five unanswered points when Thiel swished a three and Erica Gerber was on-target with a jumper as she fell to the floor. That gave the Swiftettes a 16-9 advantage.

Nazareth took a 10-point lead on a steal and layup by Wendy Black with 2:46 left in the first half, and Fort Elliott asked for a time out.

After the break, Kirbie Kinnaman took control, scoring a pair of free throws and two other baskets as she sparked the 8-0 Fort Elliott run to pull her team within two points of the Swiftettes, 23-25, at intermission.

Julie Zybach converted a three-point play early in the fourth to put the Lady Tigers on top by one, but Hoelting answered with a three, then Mandy Hoelting converted a fast-break play with 6:40 left in the period. That was the last basket Nazareth would see until the final minute of the period.

During the drought, Nazareth

missed six shots and turned the ball over twice.

A revived Lady Tiger squad took advantage.

Zybach, Estes and Kinnaman all scored during the Swiftette drought, and Estes' second basket of the quarter put Fort Elliott up by six, 36-30, with 1:13 left.

Marsha Black gave the Swiftettes new life with a minute left when she sank a pair of free throws to trim Fort Elliott's lead to four heading into the final quarter.

Thiel, who had struggled to find her shot for most of the game, found her mark early in the fourth quarter and it was all over.

Her rebound and putback pulled Nazareth within a bucket with 6:23 left, then her three-pointer at the 6:15 mark put Nazareth up by a point, 37-36.

Wendy Black followed with another three, giving Nazareth a 40-36 edge with 4:50 left.

Mandy Hoelting got in on the action later, scoring a jumper, then adding a pair of free throws a minute later to boost Nazareth's lead to 44-36.

Fort Elliott's lone points in the quarter came with 2:16 left on a shot by Hartline. The Lady Tigers wouldn't score again.

Nazareth held a six-point lead with 1:45 left when Estes fouled out, and that's when the Swiftettes switched to their spread offense.

Zybach snatched a pass out of the air near midcourt and was racing for a layup when Wendy Black came up from behind and knocked the ball away, just as Zybach was going in for a layup.

Over the final 1:34 Nazareth went to the free throw line 11 times, and the Swiftettes cashed in on seven of the shots to extend their final victory margin to 51-38.

Nazareth was led by Whitney Hoelting, who finished with 17 points. Thiel added 14, Wendy Black finished with 9 and Mandy Hoelting added 6. Rounding out the scoring were Marsha Black, who had 3; and Gerber, who had 2.

Kids Inc. sets basketball sign-up times

Kids Inc. of Dimmitt is signing up kids now for the basketball program, which is open to all kids in Castro County, with minor and major leagues for both boys and girls.

The entry fee is \$20 for players, and absolutely no late sign-ups will be allowed. Coaches also are required to sign up.

Forms for signing up are available at local schools or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. The forms should be returned to the Chamber office by today (Thursday).

For more information, call 647-2524 or Sal Ortiz at 647-3653 or any Kids Inc. board member.



IT'S BASKETBALL TIME

Good Luck, Swiftettes, in the Semi-State Tournament!

FRIDAY: Swiftettes vs. Whitharral, 5:30 p.m. at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
SATURDAY: Finals, 2 p.m. at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls

Good Luck, Swifts, in the Sectional Tournament!

FRIDAY: Swifts vs. Texline, 6 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado High School
SATURDAY: Finals, 11 a.m. at Lubbock Coronado High School

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GUTHRIE'S JOLI SHIPMAN (20) tries to cut off Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel, but Thiel steps around her and has a clear shot at the basket Saturday in a sectional championship game at Lubbock Coronado. Thiel scored eight straight points in the third quarter to break open a close game and help propel the Swiftettes to a 52-34 win. Thiel finished with 21 points to lead the Swiftettes, who improved to 29-4 and earned a berth in the semi-state tournament in Wichita Falls this weekend.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Schilling intimidates Owls; leads Swifts in bi-district victory

Hedley couldn't find a way to stop Nazareth's 6-4 post Eric Schilling Tuesday night at Amarillo Tascosa Activity Center.

Schilling dominated the boards and scored almost all will in the Class A bi-district playoff and finished with a double double, pouring in 23 points and pulling down 13 rebounds as he led the Swifts in a 79-44 victory.

Nazareth improved to 21-7 on the year and will advance to the Class A sectional tournament, which will be played at Lubbock Coronado Friday and Saturday.

Schilling was almost perfect from two-point range Tuesday, hitting 7-of-8 shots. He was perfect from the free throw line, hitting all six of his attempts. He didn't limit his scoring to the paint, either. He connected on one of three trey attempts.

Hedley struggled to find an offensive rhythm, and the Owls were forced to adjust their shots to avoid potential blocks by Schilling and other Swifts.

Nazareth took an early 20-10 lead over Hedley, then blew the game wide open in the second quarter, going on a 25-8 run to take a commanding 45-18 lead by the break.

The second half was all Nazareth as well, as the Swifts outscored Hedley 34-26 for the win.

Nazareth got scoring production from 10 players Tuesday, with Schilling's 23 points leading the team. Kade Wilcox finished with 19, Daryl Pohlmeier added 9 and Tyler Ehly finished with 8.

Hedley's leading scorer was Josh Collins, who hit 7 of 11 free throws, three field goals and one trey to finish with 16 points. David Evans contributed 10 for the Owls.

The Swifts shooting percentage wasn't spectacular—28-of-71 overall (including 11-of-35 from three-point range), but Hedley couldn't connect, either. The Owls made just 15 of 42 shots in the game.

Nazareth easily won the board battle, 43-27; and the Swifts had

fewer turnovers than Hedley, 10-18.

Nazareth never trailed, jumping out to a quick 7-2 lead and constructing a 10-point advantage midway through the quarter.

Wilcox opened scoring with a steal and layup, and the race was on.

In the first quarter Wilcox connected on three treys to go with his layup. Schilling chipped in six points and Blake Birkenfeld added a three to give Nazareth its 20-point first quarter.

Schilling missed two treys in the quarter, but he wouldn't miss again until the third stanza.

Balanced scoring in the second quarter allowed Nazareth to run away with the game.

The Swifts got 10 points from their bench in the quarter, sparked by an eight-point performance by Ehly. Schilling and Wilcox added five each and Pohlmeier got his first four points of the game as Nazareth opened up the big 45-18 lead. Capping the run was an offensive put-back by senior post Wade Price, just before the buzzer sounded ending the first half.

Schilling missed his first shot early in the third quarter, but after that everything he attempted swished the net.

After that initial miss, he connected on three field goals and made a pair of free throws to add eight points to his total and boost Nazareth to a 62-30.

With 4:37 left in the quarter, Evans executed a move inside and launched a short jumper under the basket. Schilling got a hand on the ball as it neared the rim and was whistled for goal tending.

Over the fourth quarter Nazareth connected on three shots from outside the arc, while Schilling and Pohlmeier hammered away inside.

The Owls showed signs of life in the fourth quarter, sparked by Collins who had five in the quarter.



REJECTION—Nazareth post Daryl Pohlmeier (32) blocks a shot attempted by Hedley's Aaron Bugg (33) Tuesday night in a Class A bi-district playoff at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. Pohlmeier and the Swifts intimidated the Owls enroute to a 79-44 win. He finished with 9 points in the game.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Scoreboard

CLASS A DIVISION II SECTIONAL SEMIFINAL
at Lubbock Coronado
Swiftettes 51, Fort Elliott 38
Nazareth 16 9 7 19—51
Fort Elliott 9 14 13 2—38
NAZARETH: Stephanie Thiel 4 4-6-14; Whitney Hoelting 5 6-7-17; Erica Gerber 1 0-0-2; Wendy Black 3 1-2-9; Mandy Hoelting 2 2-2-6; Marsha Black 0 3-5-3. **TOTALS:** 15 16-22-51.

FORT ELLIOTT: Tamara Hartline 3 0-0-6; Kyleigh Trimble 2 1-3-5; Holly McCurley 1 0-0-3; Kirbie Kinnaman 4 5-6-13; Julie Zybach 3 1-1-7; Ashley Estes 2 0-0-4. **TOTALS:** 15 7-10-38.
FIELD GOALS: Nazareth 15 of 43 for 35%; Fort Elliott 15 of 44 for 35%.
FREE THROWS: Nazareth 16 of 22 for 73%; Fort Elliott 7 of 10 for 70%.

3-PT FIELD GOALS: Nazareth 5 of 21 for 24% (Stephanie Thiel and Wendy Black 2, Whitney Hoelting 1); Fort Elliott 1 of 7 for 14% (Holly McCurley 1).
REBOUNDS: Nazareth 27; Fort Elliott 27.

TURNOVERS: Nazareth 9; Fort Elliott 16.

BLOCKED SHOTS: Nazareth 3; Fort Elliott 0.

FOULED OUT: Ashley Estes, Fort Elliott; Mandy Hoelting, Nazareth.

CLASS A DIVISION II SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
at Lubbock Coronado
Swiftettes 52, Guthrie 34
Guthrie 10 8 7 9—34
Nazareth 14 9 18 11—52
NAZARETH: Whitney Hoelting 6 4-8-16; Stephanie Thiel 6 6-7-21; Erica Gerber 3 2-3-9; Wendy Black 1 1-2-3; Mandy Hoelting 0 3-4-3. **TOTALS:** 16 16-24-52.

GUTHRIE: Joli Shipman 5 6-10-18; Krissy Shipman 4 5-7-13; Shai Decker 1 1-2-3; Jami Gass 0 0-4-0. **TOTALS:** 10 12-23-34.
FIELD GOALS: Nazareth 16 of 39 for 41%; Guthrie 10 of 55 for 18%.
FREE THROWS: Nazareth 16 of 24 for 67%; Guthrie 12 of 23 for 52%.

3-PT. FIELD GOALS: Nazareth 4 of 12 for 33%; Guthrie 2 of 11 for 18%.
REBOUNDS: Nazareth 36; Guthrie 26.
TURNOVERS: Nazareth 14; Guthrie 9.

BLOCKED SHOTS: Nazareth 1; Guthrie 2.

FOULED OUT: Krissy Shipman of Guthrie.

CLASS AAA AREA PLAYOFF
at Lubbock Christian University
Bobbies 50, Slaton 43
Dimmitt 12 8 11 19—50
Slaton 15 9 5 14—43
DIMMITT: Tamara Robertson 1 7-10-9; Heather Black 3 8-9-15; Sharla Kenworthy 1 0-0-2; Audrey Saenz 1 0-0-2; Kelsey Welch 1 0-0-2; Lori Schulte 2 2-2-8; Rachel Fabela 5 0-0-12. **TOTALS:** 14 17-21-50.
SLATON: Brittany Crouch 5 6-6-17; Roelye Taylor 3 0-0-8; Alissa Trotty 3 4-

7-10; Latasha Smith 2 0-0-4; Ruiz 1 2-5-4. **TOTALS:** 14 12-18-43.

3-PT. GOALS: Dimmitt 5 (Rachel Fabela 2, Lori Schulte 2, Heather Black 1); Slaton 3 (Roelye Taylor 2, Brittany Crouch 1).

REBOUNDS: Dimmitt 20 (Tamara Robertson 6); Slaton 28 (Trotty 9).

TURNOVERS: Dimmitt 8; Slaton 18.

FOULED OUT: Audrey Saenz of Dimmitt and Alspaugh of Slaton.

CLASS A BI-DISTRICT
at Tascosa High School
Swifts 79, Hedley 44
Nazareth 20 25 17 17—79
Hedley 10 8 12 14—44

NAZARETH: Eric Schilling 8 6-6-23; Kade Wilcox 7 0-0-19; Daryl Pohlmeier 4 1-2-9; Blake Birkenfeld 1 1-2-4; Justin Kleman 1 0-0-2; Tyler Ehly 2 4-5-8; Trey Robb 2 0-0-6; Brock Birkenfeld 1 0-1-3; Chase Schulte 1 0-0-3; Wade Price 1 0-0-2; Shane Kleman 0 0-0-0; Monty Hoelting 0 0-0-0. **TOTALS:** 28 12-16-79.

HEDLEY: Josh Collins 4 7-1-16; David Evans 4 2-2-10; Justin Alexander 2 1-3-5; Rhett Holland 2 0-0-5; Bradley Cannaster 2 1-3-5; Aaron Bugg 1 0-0-3. **TOTALS:** 15 11-19-44.
FIELD GOALS: Nazareth 28 of 17; Hedley 15-42.

3-PT. GOALS: Nazareth 11 of 35 (Kade Wilcox 5, Trey Robb 2, Blake Birkenfeld, Eric Schilling, Brock Birkenfeld and Chase Schulte); Hedley 3 (Rhett Holland, Aaron Bugg and Josh Collins).
FREE THROWS: Nazareth 12 of 16; Hedley 11-19.

REBOUNDS: Nazareth 43 (Schilling 13); Hedley 27.
TURNOVERS: Nazareth 10; Hedley 18.
BLOCKED SHOTS: Nazareth 4; Hedley 1.

REGION 1-AAA QUARTERFINAL
at The Box, WTAMU
Bobcats 72, Perryton 74 (OT)
Dimmitt 13 22 17 9 11—72
Perryton 17 21 13 10 13—74

DIMMITT: Tamara Robertson 4 8-8-21; Heather Black 9 7-9-25; Audrey Saenz 0 1-2-1; Rachel Fabela 5 1-4-11; Lori Schulte 2 2-4-5; Stacy Saenz 0 2-2-2; Sharla Kenworthy 2 0-1-5; Kelsey Welch 0 0-1-0; Jill Merritt 0 2-2-2. **TOTALS:** 22 23-35-72.
PERRYTON: Courtney Nowlin 9 10-15-28; Erin Hale 6 5-7-18; Kari Parvin 0 0-0-0; Tabatha Fletcher 3 4-5-11; Terrah Manross 3 0-0-6; Skyla Monreal 1 1-2-3; Lindsay Dyer 3 0-0-6; Tessa Powell 1 0-2-2. **TOTALS:** 26 20-31-74.
3-PT. GOALS: Dimmitt 5-8 (Robertson 3, Schulte and Kenworthy); Perryton 2 (Hale and Fletcher).

FOULED OUT: Audrey Saenz and Schulte for Dimmitt; Manross for Perryton.

PRACTICE GAME
Bobcats 58, Burkburnett 93
Dimmitt 15 20 7 16—58
Burkburnett 23 27 21 22—93

SCORING: Dimmitt—Dee Norman 19.

More about

Eddie Sherman . . .

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proached DISD Supt. Les Miller to report the fan's behavior, and as the men talked, Sherman confronted Townsend. According to reports, Miller stepped between Townsend and Sherman, but Sherman threw a punch over Miller's shoulder, striking Townsend in the face and causing him to fall to the ground. Reports said Sherman then fled the gym.

Langton said police reported that Wesley Kitchens, Shallowater's athletic director, followed Sherman outside and pointed him out to Shallowater schools Police Chief Bennie Ussery. When the men approached Sherman, he grabbed and pushed them, the police report stated. Ussery managed to handcuff Sherman, who was arrested on assault charges.

Matt Powell, First Assistant Crim-

inal District Attorney for Lubbock County, told the *Castro County News*, "It's just a ballgame, and his (Sherman's) actions went a little bit too far."

Powell said the offense of assault on a public servant is a third degree felony. He said it will probably be several months before the case comes up for scheduling to be placed on the court docket.

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4. Be presently certified as a juvenile probation officer.

For an application and a complete list of the job description, please contact the Texas Workforce Commission at 310 W. Broadway, Tulla, Texas, or the Castro County Treasurer's Office located on the second floor of the Castro County Courthouse.

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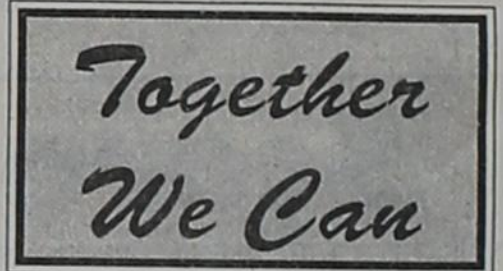
24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you for the telephone calls, flowers, cards and gifts of money at the passing of our father, Gerald D. Love. Thank you especially to the Lee Street Baptist Church for the memorial made in our father's name. We appreciate your loving concern. Please pray for us.
BONNIE POWELL
RODGER LOVE
JACK LOVE
AND FAMILIES
24-47-11p

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, donations to Hospice and any other expression of sympathy during our time of sorrow. May God bless you and thank you for your support and friendship.
THE FAMILY OF BOBBY WEST
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BILLY, MARY & TRACI WEST
TIPPI, MITCH & MATTHEW GERDES
JIMMY & BARBARA WEST
24-47-11p

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We would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown after the loss of our loved one. The cards, food, visits, and prayers will never be forgotten. We would like to especially thank Mary Lou and Rayphard Smithson and Bob and Darlene Walters for the hospitality shown to our relatives and to the Arney Community Club for their love and support.
THE FAMILY OF OPHA BURKS
CHARLES BURKS
LARRY BURKS & FAMILY
RONNIE BURKS & FAMILY
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24-47-11p



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25—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**
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1. PROPERTY COVERAGE
2. EDP EQUIPMENT FLOATER
3. BAND EQUIPMENT/INSTRUMENTS FLOATER
4. GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE
5. EDUCATORS LEGAL LIABILITY
6. BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE
7. CRIME
8. BOILER & MACHINERY

Proposals, specifications, or additional information may be obtained from John Chase, Business Manager, 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. The telephone number is 806-647-3101. The fax number is 806-647-5433; however, no proposals will be accepted by fax.

One copy of a proposal should be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to the attention of John Chase. The envelope or package containing a proposal should be clearly marked "RESPONSE TO RFP-PROPERTY/CASUALTY".

All proposers are required to read the enclosed GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS and PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS prior to submitting a completed proposal. The Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities.

The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in April.

25-47-21c

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CASTRO**

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 2nd day of February, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. 94-04-A-6758-CV, CASTRO COUNTY VS. DUNCAN, GLENN.
All of Lots Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), Block One Hundred Eight (108), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 9805-A7302, CASTRO COUNTY VS. ROSALEZ, RAMIRO.
All of Lots Number Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Number Forty-nine (49), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 99-03-A-7418-TX, CASTRO COUNTY VS. TERRAZAS, SIMON.
Parts of Lots No. 5 and 6, Block No. 57, of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Tract 1: Being a part of Lot No. 5, Block No. 57, of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Lot No. 5;

THENCE North 50 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot No. 5;

THENCE East 8 feet to the West line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains right-of-way line;

THENCE Southeasterly along said right-of-way to a point in the North line of Lot No. 6 in said Block;

THENCE West 34.6 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract 2: A part of Lot No. 6 in Block No. 57, of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Lot No. 6;

THENCE North 50 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot No. 6;

THENCE East 34.6 feet to the West line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains right-of-way line;

THENCE Southeasterly along said right-of-way to a point in the South line of said Lot No. 6, which point is on Bedford Street;

THENCE West 61.2 feet to the place of beginning.

Levied on the 5th day of February, 2001, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties and interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CITY OF DIMMITT.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 5th day of February 2001.

CD FITZGEARLD
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas

BY: JERRY W. JANSA, Deputy
25-46-31c

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS**

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

25-47-14c

If you include your family when counting assets, you'll always show a profit.

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25—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR 2418**

**THE ESTATE OF
CLEO SUSAN CAMPBELL, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
CLEO SUSAN CAMPBELL, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of CLEO SUSAN CAMPBELL, Deceased, were issued to WANDA CAROLYN WISEMAN and MARILYN CLEO GINN on February 13, 2001 in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. 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, as follows:

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Dimmitt, Texas 79027

Marilyn Cleo Ginn
1104 Wood Creek Circle
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Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Mass was celebrated Wednesday evening in Holy Family Catholic Church with Bishop John Yanta of Amarillo and Rev. Peter Otto presiding. The Sacrament of Confirmation was given to eight of our second grade students. The Bishop made the event interesting and very meaningful for the students. Nikki Wethington and Ashley Kleman are the student CCD teachers.

Evelyn Backus, Julia Birkenfeld, Lucille Drerup and Virgie Gerber enjoyed dinner at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday. It's always fun to attend their functions and visit with the Witkowskis, Lester and Viola Wagner, Swede and Josie Schmucker and others.

Louise Braddock was honored on her 80th birthday with a family dinner at the Nazareth Community Hall, hosted by her children and their spouses: Gail and Marilyn Wilson of Olton; Hubert and Joan Backus, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Raymond and Belle Braddock, Jerry and Mary Braddock, Tom and Marcie Braddock, and Cecil and Lenora Braddock, all of Nazareth; Gene and Susie Gerber of Kellar; Duane and Peggy Braddock of Amarillo; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also attending were her sister,

Alvina Gerber, and her brother, Lawrence Schmucker. Her son, Dan Braddock of Roswell, N.M., came to visit on Sunday.

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus council sponsored their annual basketball free-throw contest Sunday afternoon at the Nazareth gym for ages 10-14. Winners for the girls were: Heidi Ramaekers, age 11; and Candace Birkenfeld, age 12. Winners for the boys were: Taylor Schulte, age 10; Bradley Gerber, age 11; Adam Thiel, age 12; and Jake Hoelting, age 13. The district shoot-off will be Sunday at 2 p.m.

Bingo Sunday at the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Booster Club, proved to be an afternoon of fun for young and old alike.

The Nazareth Swiftettes did very well this week as they won their bi-district game against Groom, then on to the Division II Sectional tournament in Lubbock. They won Friday's game with Fort Elliott, 51-38, and Saturday's game with Guthrie, 52-34. Well done!

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

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**DARSPA
names new
officers**

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association elected officers for the 2001-2002 year at the group's February meeting.

Barbara Bain was selected as president, with Bilye Gwynn Davis as first vice president, Joanne Snider as second vice president, and Mary Jo Brown as secretary-treasurer. Bain and Brown also were selected as voting delegates to the State Convention set for April 11-14 in Austin.

At the meeting, the theme of "I Love Retirement" was carried out in the program and the refreshments.

Several members of the organization showed their hobbies and talents for the program. Members commented that it is great to have time to pursue outside interests during retirement.

Pat Bagley brought some of her sewing and craft projects, and Joanne Snider shared her tailoring skills and the cookbook which she has had published. Snider also showed some intricate wood carvings done by Emmett Broderson, retired principal of Dimmitt Middle School. Helen Berryhill shared her wall hangings, which included a four seasons hanging and one depicting different Mrs. Santa Claus figures. J.R. Brown spoke to the group about jewelry making and showed several pieces he has made. Other members were invited to bring some of their projects to show.

Valentine refreshments were served. Anyone interested in learning more about this group of retired school personnel may contact any officer or group member for more information.

At the group's April meeting, the program will include a presentation of cowboy poetry.

**Citizens may register
for May 5 elections**

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

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

Unregistered persons may register by April 5 and still be eligible to vote in the May 5 elections for municipal, school board and hospital district positions.

Candidates were able to file for positions on ballots on Monday, and may continue to file through March 21. Applications for early ballots by mail will be accepted beginning

March 6. Early voting will be held April 18-May 1.

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

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

Dimmitt

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

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

Hart

City: The terms of Mayor Marguerite McLain and Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez are expiring.

HISD: Those whose terms are ending are Daniel Higgins and Sandy Farris. Both incumbents have already filed for re-election.

Nazareth

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

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

**St. Ann's, Canyon
sets Czech dinner**

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Canyon will hold its 10th annual Czech Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Family Center at 605 38th St. in Canyon.

The meal will include Czech sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, bread, cobbler, and all the trimmings. Take-outs will be available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 12. Those under 6 may eat free.

Also, in conjunction with the meal, there will be arts and crafts, games, a "Country Store," and a drawing.

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4-H fashion show is slated in March

The Castro County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

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

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

4-H'ers may enter either the "Buying" or "Construction" contest

in any of the previously-mentioned categories.

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

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

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

DHS students ready for STAR competition

The Dimmitt High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will be attending the Region I Conference set for Friday and Saturday in Lubbock.

The chapter is sending two regional officer candidates—Melissa Maldonado and Bianey Saucedo.

Also, three STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events teams are planning to participate in competitive events at the conference.

Jessica Montes and Christy Moctezuma will participate in the Chapter Service Event.

The Parliamentary Procedure

Team consists of Cherie Norman, Mary Bradley, Stephanie Casas, Rachel Fabela, Debbie Peralez, Anita Rodriguez, Cristin Rodriguez, and Casandra Casas.

The Skills for Life Team includes Nancy Quiroz and Maribel Garcia.

Some of the workshops and general sessions will address the topics of scholarships, date rape, team building, personality profile, eating disorders, Stop the Violence, community service, depression, stress management, leadership, underage drinking, public speaking, self-esteem, and attitude check.

Apply now for AC scholarships

Amarillo College scholarship applications for the Fall 2001 semester must be completed and returned by March 1.

Applications will be considered for 232 endowed and 30 non-endowed scholarships administered by the Amarillo College Foundation.

"I would encourage any one who is considering Amarillo College to apply for one of these scholarships," said Joyce Eldridge, director of financial aid. "Students often dismiss themselves from this opportunity for the wrong reasons. Generally, awards are based on combinations of merit, achievement, financial need and academic potential."

Application forms may be picked up at the assistance center, president's office and the library on the Washington Street Campus; the registrar's office in the lecture hall on the West Campus; the Bird Administration Building at Amarillo Technical Center; and at the reception area at the Business & Industry Center on the Polk Street Campus. Applicants may call the Financial Aid Office at 371-5310 or The AC Foundation at 371-5107 to have one mailed.

The student's most recent transcript (high school or college) must be attached to the application and returned to the Office of the President, PO Box 447, Amarillo 79178.

Obituaries

Iva Ferguson

Funeral services for Iva Burrow Ferguson, 90, of Tulia, a former employee of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in First Baptist Church in Tulia with Rev. Charles Davenport officiating, assisted by Rev. Travis LaDuke, retired Baptist minister.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia under direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Ferguson died Feb. 18 at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

She was born Jan. 12, 1911, in Hobart, Okla., and was raised in Tulia, attending schools there. She graduated from nursing school in Plainview in 1932. She married Thomas Ferguson on Oct. 8, 1933, in Fort Sumner, N.M., and lived in Knox City for a while, moving back to Tulia in 1934. Mrs. Ferguson was a registered nurse. She worked for Dr. Burke and the hospital in Tulia, and also worked in the hospital in Dimmitt for a number of years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Tulia and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Tulia.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 5, 1990; by two brothers, Roy and Bill Burrow; and by two sisters, Amy Caraway and Mamie Lee Burrow.

She is survived by a son, Jim Ferguson of Waco; four sisters, Leota Miller of Tulia, Fontella Hunt of Hutchinson, Kan., Lola Mae Sanderson of Springlake, and Helen LaDuke of Amarillo; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Gerald D. Love

Funeral services for Gerald D. Love, 75, of Great Bend, Kan., and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Feb. 12 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Rev. Angel Dy officiating.

Burial followed at Sylvia Cemetery under the direction of Bryant-Christians Funeral Home of Great Bend.

Vigil services were held Feb. 11 at the funeral home.

Mr. Love died Feb. 8 at Integrated Health Services of Woodhaven in Ellinwood, Kan.

He was born March 29, 1925, in Cromwell, Okla., the son of Forest and Bertie Bryer Love. He lived in

Great Bend, where he was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He was a retired plumber. He moved to Dimmitt in the fall of 1996 and moved back to Great Bend in May of 2000.

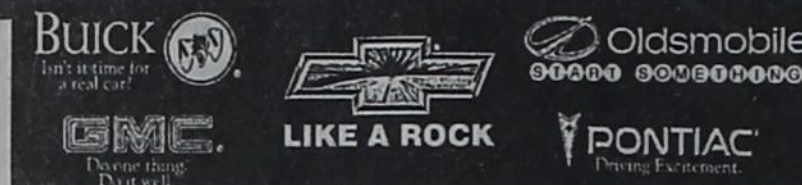
He is survived by two sons, Rodger D. Love and Jack E. Love, both of Great Bend; a daughter, Bonnie L. Powell of Dimmitt; two brothers, Alvie Love of Boise City, Okla., and Elmer Love of Amarillo; a step-brother, Ronnie Campbell of Ellendale, N.D.; a half-sister, Janet Leingang of Dimmitt; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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