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Junior 4-Hers can attend leadership retreat

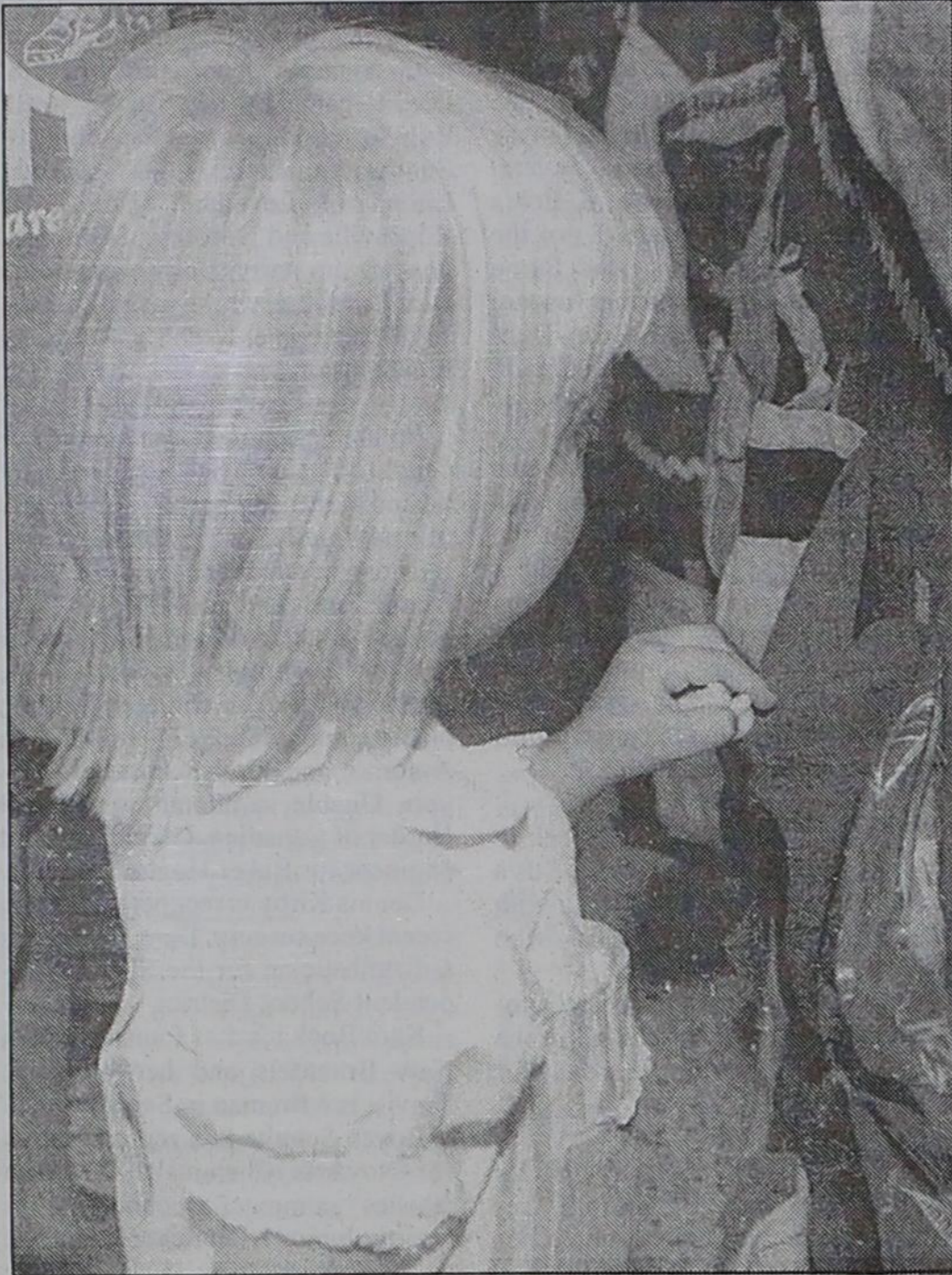
Junior 4-H'ers can learn numerous basic personal skills and leadership techniques by attending the 1999 Junior Leadership Retreat Nov. 19-21 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

The retreat is for 4-H'ers between the ages of 11 and 13.

Participants must be at least 11 on or before Aug. 31, 1999, and cannot be older than 14 on or before that date. Participants must send a \$20 non-refundable deposit with the registration form.

Cost to attend the workshop is \$70 for those arriving Friday evening or \$51.75 for those planning to arrive Saturday morning.

Those interested in attending should contact Castro County Assistant Extension Agent Benny Martinez at 647-4115.



WHAT'S IN HERE? Kyla Acker, daughter of Cary and Leona Acker, peeks into one of the many pockets suspended from the wall and pulls out a prize Sunday. The pick-a-pocket game was one of many games just for children at the Nazareth Labor Day Picnic. *Photo by Joyce Nelson*

Brass concert will be Sunday in Plainview

The Plainview Symphony Orchestra will begin its 21st season with a free chamber brass concert in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

A reception for the public will be hosted by the Musical Arts Club.

The symphony orchestra is made up of many area musicians during the year, but for the first brass concert, players from Lubbock, Canyon, Floydada, Hale Center, Petersburg and Plainview will perform.

Tim Kelley of Wayland Baptist University is beginning his second year as the artistic director and conductor of the orchestra.

The Sunday concert, featuring the brass quintet, will last about one hour and will include favorites from light classics, jazz and dixieland to popu-

lar American songs. Favorites will be played from John Phillip Sousa, George Cohan, Irving Berlin, LeRoy Anderson and others, Kelley said.

Season tickets for the Plainview Symphony Orchestra are \$20 for adults, \$40 for families and \$8 for students.

Other concerts are featured classical selections on Oct. 21, a Christmas festival on Dec. 2 and music by Sousa on Jan. 20, 2000. March 2, 2000 has been billed as "The Millennium Concert: A Proud Heritage."

All concerts will be held in the Harral Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus. The concerts will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will be over by 9 p.m. Limited seats will be available at the box office at 7 p.m.



Patricia Acker

Acker attends Lions' Camp

Patricia Acker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Acker of Nazareth, attended Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville last summer.

Each summer, as parents begin searching for summertime activities for their children, the choices are often limited for parents whose children have disabilities; however, thanks to the Lions Club of Texas, many children with physical disabilities can look forward to an experience that all children dream about—going to summer camp.

The Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville offers special camping programs that serve children who have physical disabilities and diabetes.

The Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children ages seven through 16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of activities for campers' enjoyment, including arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and camping out overnight. All activities are adapted so that each child can succeed. The camp is a non-profit organization, funded by the Texas Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a Lions Club member in your area or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp at PO Box 290247, Kerrville 78029-0247.

Shot clinics set Sept. 27

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct immunization clinics in Nazareth on Sept. 27 at the school cafeteria.

The immunization clinics will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

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

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

The pneumonia vaccine also will be available.

Blood Center hopes drive will boost dwindling supply

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is sponsoring a blood drive Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Westgate Mall in Amarillo.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center has been experiencing a low blood supply due to fewer people donating blood at the drives the center has sponsored over the past several weeks. The cumulative effect of these shortages created a record low blood level just before Labor Day weekend, that's what makes this blood drive so important.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center serves 24 counties in the Texas Panhandle, including Castro County. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in these areas and these needs are only met through the generosity of volunteer

blood donors. A specially designed t-shirt will be given to each donor as a thank you for giving the gift of life.

The following are some facts about blood donation:

- Anyone in good health who weighs over 110 pounds and is at least 17 years of age may donate blood.
- Donors may give blood every 56 days.
- One donation from one person can help as many as three to four people.
- It takes just six units of blood to survive heart surgery and as much as 50 for a car crash victim.

For more information about this or other blood drives, or about Coffee Memorial Blood Center, contact Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

Classes are scheduled for hospice volunteers

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will be offering free training classes beginning on Sept. 21 for those interested in hospice care.

The series of classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., with the first class slated for Sept. 21.

The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training, and individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment.

Volunteers are needed to become direct patient care volunteers, along with administrative volunteers. Federal regulations state that 5% of the total patient care hours must be provided by volunteers.

The volunteer course encompasses 30 hours of training in a wide variety of topics. Communication skills, grief and bereavement counseling and general hospice facts are among some of the topics that will be covered.

Volunteers can be utilized in just about any capacity. Patient volunteers read to patients, do light housekeeping, hold hands, write cards and

letters or anything else that is needed at the time. Every situation is different with each patient. Administrative volunteers can help out with bereavement records and general office help.

"Our biggest need right now is additional volunteers in the Thrift Shop," said Connie Nutt, director of the agency. "We would like to keep the Thrift Shop open every day, but we currently have only three volunteers who generously donate their time to work in the store."

Thrift Shop volunteers are not required to complete the entire 30-hour course. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop benefit the local hospice patients, helping cover any additional things those patients might have a need for that Medicare does not cover.

Those interested in registering for the classes should call Nutt or Shelly Rice at 647-3785. Participants will be required to schedule an interview before beginning the hospice classes.

If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer but the above scheduled classes will not work for you, please call the hospice office to discuss alternative dates and times.

4-H Ambassador Workshop set for November

The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood is the sight for the 1999 Texas 4-H Ambassador Workshop, which will be held Nov. 12-14.

The Texas 4-H Ambassador program was designed to utilize older 4-H members to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas 4-H Program.

At the workshop, 4-H'ers will tell and show audiences how 4-H has impacted them personally as well as others, and how the 4-H program is addressing key youth issues in the community and state.

To register for the workshop, team members must be 14 years of age on or before Aug. 31, 1999. A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due by Oct. 15.

For those planning to arrive Friday night who won't be eating dinner that evening, registration cost is \$70. For those arriving Saturday morning, fees will be \$51.75, and that includes breakfast.

Fees include lodging, accident insurance, meals, snacks and programming fees. Workshop costs will not be pro-rated for participants who leave early.

Those planning to arrive Saturday morning will need to be there by 7:30 for breakfast and registration. Sessions will begin at 8:45 a.m.

For more information about the workshop, contact Castro County Assistant Extension Agent Benny Martinez at 647-4115.

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Ag chemical conference set Wednesday in Lubbock

West Texas agricultural producers and agribusiness people can update their chemical use and application skills and learn more about customer relations, irrigation, biotechnology and Texas agriculture Wednesday at the 47th annual West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Conference in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

James "Doc" Blakely, customer communicator, will give the 8:15 a.m. keynote address.

On-site registration over coffee and donuts will start at 7 a.m., and registration fee is \$70 per person.

The general conference sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., and will include presentations on water management and chemigation, biotechnology, new technology to enhance drift control, record keeping and an update on Texas agriculture by state ag commissioner Susan Combs. More than 500 producers, chemical dealers and agribusiness people are expected to attend.

Participants can earn up to 5-1/2 continuing education units (CEUs) required by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) for certification of commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators, or 5-1/2 CEUs approved by the Crop Consultants Association.

The conference is sponsored by the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, an organization of scientists, educators, industry representatives and agribusiness leaders. The institute has sponsored conducted research and educational programs focusing on safe ag chemical use since 1953.

The noon luncheon will feature presentation of West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute awards and college scholarships totaling more than \$8,000. Election of new officers will also take place at the luncheon.

The afternoon general session will start at 3:15 p.m. and will feature concurrent educational sessions on

cotton, corn and milo, and specialty crops such as legumes, melons, alfalfa and peanuts, presented by Extension specialists, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists and Texas Tech University and industry representatives.

The cotton session will focus on micronutrients and fertility, conservation tillage, managing for an early crop and boll weevil eradication.

Topics in the corn-milo session will be wheat herbicide options, corn nitrogen management, weed management in corn and milo, and transgenic corn.

The specialty crops session will key on peas and beans as a cropping option, water management in melon production, pest management for alfalfa dairy hay, and peanut pest management options.

Each concurrent afternoon session will run from 2:30 to 5:10 p.m. Business meetings, closing remarks, CEU-CCA certificates and session evaluations will be the order of business after the afternoon sessions close.

Groups who plan to attend can receive a reduced hotel rate for the conference, if reservations are secured by Sept. 1. Call the LaQuinta Inn, Civic Center, at (806) 763-9441, and mention the WTACI conference. For more information on the conference, call WTACI at (806) 297-1231.

In ancient times, people hung wet mats in their doorways so that when wind blew in, evaporation of the water cooled the indoor air.

Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

Intellect is to emotion as our clothes are to our bodies: we could not very well have civilized life without clothes, but we would be in a poor way if we had only clothes without bodies.

-Alfred North Whitehead



BRADY GALES EARNED A HAND FULL OF GUMBALLS and a gumball dispenser for his accuracy in the ball toss Sunday afternoon at the Labor Day picnic in Nazareth. The ball toss and other children's games drew a large crowd Sunday afternoon. Photo by Joyce Nelson

September sales tax rebates sent

Sales tax rebates issued during September were down in Hart and Dimmitt, but rose slightly for Nazareth and Castro County.

The rebate issued to Castro County was up a quarter of a percent, from \$11,448.72 in September 1998 to \$11,478.46 this month. So far this year, Castro County is 6.18% ahead on its rebate total. Through September in 1998, the county had earned \$94,399.32. So far this year, the county's rebates have amounted to \$100,236.74.

Dimmitt's stipend fell 1.22% for the period, from \$26,361.27 in 1998 to \$26,039.24 this year. This year, though, the city's rebate total is still ahead of last year's by 5.48%, jumping from \$217,247.20 to \$229,164.99.

Hart is still ahead of 1998 totals, too, despite seeing its September rebate drop 23.55% from \$1,511.56 to \$1,155.45. This month's rebate brings Hart's yearly total to \$13,785.24, up 12.19% from \$12,286.98.

Nazareth's rebate for September was up 11.9% from \$797.12 to \$892. So far this year, Nazareth has received a total of \$10,925.70 in rebates, compared with \$9,938.63 through September in 1998.

The cities of Dimmitt and Nazareth collect a 1.5% sales tax rate while Hart collects 1%. Castro County earns a half of a percent from the sales tax collected.

September's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July which were reported to the state comptroller in August.

EPA okays 'Capture' for use on seed sorghum

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has authorized the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of Capture 2EC (bifenthrin) on sorghum grown for seed to control the Banks grass mite.

The specific exemption will expire on Aug. 23, 2000.

Capture 2EC may be used following all label directions, restrictions and precautions on the label as well as the following restrictions:

- Applications should be made only by certified applicators, licensed applicators or persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any application.

Applications may be made by ground or air through chemigation at a rate of .06 to .01 pound a.i. (3.84 to 6.4 fluid ounces of product) per acre. Applications must be made in a minimum of 10 gallons of water per acre

by ground application, and a minimum of five gallons of water per acre by aerial application. A maximum of two applications may be made with a maximum of .2 pounds a.i. (12.8 ounces of product) applied per acre.

- A pre-harvest interval of 30 days is required.

- A maximum of 50,000 acres of gain sorghum grown for seed production may be treated under this exemption.

- This pesticide should not be applied directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Applications should not be made when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas. A buffer zone of 150 feet must be maintained between treated fields and the edge of streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, springs, swamps, marshes or irrigation canals containing water year-round.

- This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds and should not be applied or be allowed to drift to blooming crops or weeds while bees are actively visiting the treatment area.

- Treated fields should not be entered until at least 24 hours have elapsed following application, unless appropriate protective clothing is worn.

For more information, contact your Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA approval notice is available on TDA's web page, <http://www.agr.tx.us/pesticide/capture99.htm>.

McDaniel's record book wins at state

Rusty McDaniel of Dimmitt captured first-place honors at State Roundup with his record book covering his 4-H horse project.

As a result of his state finish, McDaniel has earned a trip to Washington, D.C.

The trip to Washington is only partially funded, so the Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association is asking for financial help from other 4-H families and members, and from the general public.

The club is asking each 4-H family in the county to donate \$20 toward McDaniel's trip expenses.

"Rusty has worked very hard and has represented Castro County very well as a Senior 4-H member, so let's help him out," said a spokesperson for the Parent/Leader Association.

For more information about McDaniel's trip or to make a donation, contact the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

McDaniel wasn't the only Castro County 4-H'er to advance to state with his record book.

Thomas Brockman and Jeremy Bishop also submitted their record books at the state level, and both placed among the top 10.

Bishop finished fifth with his book on recreation while Brockman earned a ninth-place finish with his consumer decision book.

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Jackpot pole, barrel race set Monday

A jackpot pole and barrel race competition has been slated for Monday and on Sept. 20 at Kim Drerup's arena in Nazareth.

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More about Bobcats overpower Roughnecks . . .

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of bounds, and on the second play, here came Sutton again. This time the senior tailback broke free behind a clearing block by fullback Fred Traylor, turned on the speed and went 70 yards for the final TD with 2:24 remaining. A two-point pass attempt failed, leaving the score at 33-14.

Although neither team had a fumble—an oddity in an opening game—both racked up lots of penalties. Dimmitt was assessed 68 yards on 14 whistles, and Sundown was penalized 13 times for 87 yards.

"We hurt ourselves several times because of penalties," Dimmitt Coach Dollar commented. "Both teams made a lot of mistakes. We were able to overcome our mistakes, though."

"We played well in the kicking game," he added. "We punted well and they didn't, and that was a big factor, I think."

"I was proud of the way our defense held them out forever down near the goal line."

The coach wasn't surprised by Sutton's performance. "Justin has had bigger games than that," Coach Dollar said. "Last year against Tulia, he scored five touchdowns, and against Dalhart he had 270-something yards. But for a first game, that was a really good performance."

He also praised QB B. J. Hill for "an exceptional game in his first varsity start. I was well pleased with our passing game."

"What you look for in a first game is effort, and ours was outstanding," Dollar said. "I thought we played really well for the first game."

Game at a Glance

Dimmitt	0	13	14	6	—	33
Sundown	0	0	6	8	—	14
	DIM	SUN				
First Downs	11	9				
Rushes-Yards	28-225	42-102				
Passing Yards	77	3				
Total Yards	302	105				
Passes Comp/Att	4/11	1/10				
Interceptions By	2	0				
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0				

Punts-Avg. 3-38.6 3-16.3
Penalties-Yards 14-68 13-87

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter:
D—Keevin Sanders 25 pass from Daniel Flores (Justin Sutton kick), 11:26
D—Sutton 10 run (kick wide), 3:47.
Third Quarter:
D—Sutton 25 run (Sutton run), 7:13.
S—Clay Edwards 85 run (run failed), 0:13
D—Sutton 80 kickoff return (kick failed), 0:00
Fourth Quarter:
S—Todd Bradshaw 3 pass from Marc Dupler (Daniel Salazar run), 3:09
D—Sutton 70 run (pass failed), 2:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 17-168, Anthony Oltivera 4-25, B.J. Hill 4-13, Jake Laurent 2-10, Fred Traylor 6-5.
Passing—DIMMITT: B.J. Hill 3/10-0-52, Daniel Flores 1/1-0-25 (1TD). SUNDOWN: Clay Edwards 0/9-2-0, Marc Dupler 1/1-0-3 (1TD)
Receiving—DIMMITT: Keevin Sanders 3-60 (1TD), Daniel Flores 1-17. SUNDOWN: Todd Bradshaw 1-3 (1TD).
Leading Tacklers—DIMMITT: Bobby Hill 1u, 16a; Sutton 1u, 12a; Michael Penny 1u, 12a; Proffitt 3u, 4a; Daniel Salazar 1u, 6a; Jacob Castillo 1u, 6a; Anthony Oltivera 4u, 2a; James Jackson 1u, 5a.

Tackles Behind Line—DIMMITT: Oltivera 3, Proffitt 3, Jackson 2, Sutton 1, Flores 1, Castaneda 1.
Interceptions—DIMMITT: Sutton 1, Daniel Proffitt 1.
Blocked Punts—DIMMITT: Salazar 1.
Records: Dimmitt 1-0, Sundown 0-1.

Athletic boosters set meeting, meal

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria for a hamburger cookout, followed by the game film and the weekly club meeting.

All members and any interested persons are invited to attend. There will be no charge.

For more information, call Joe Josselet at 647-4151.

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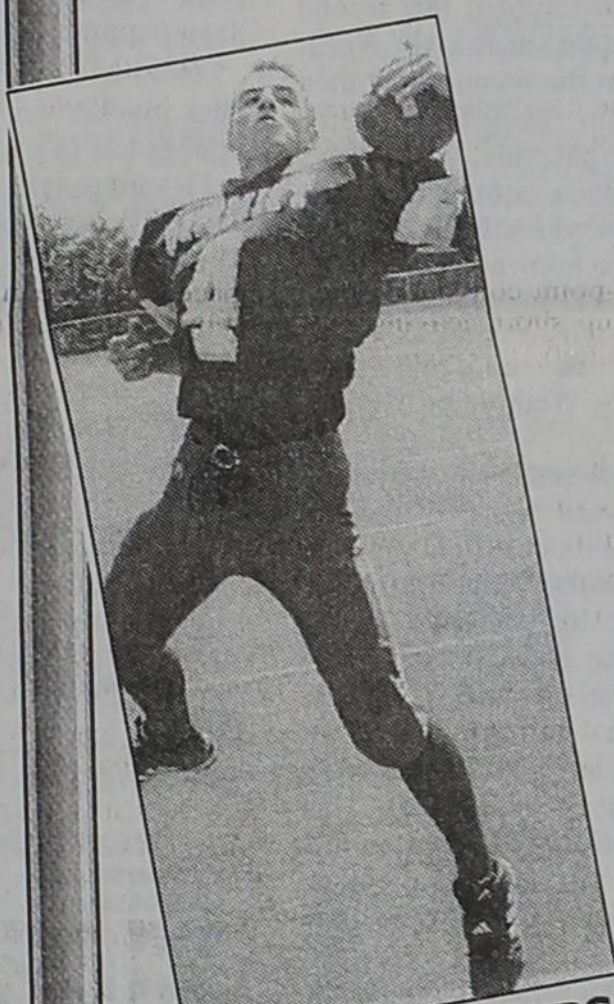


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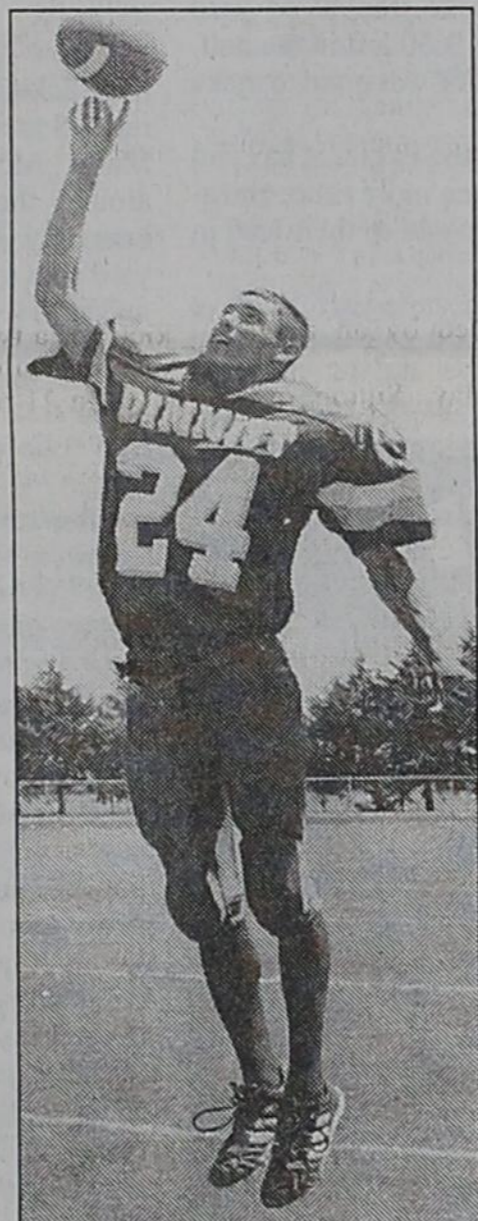
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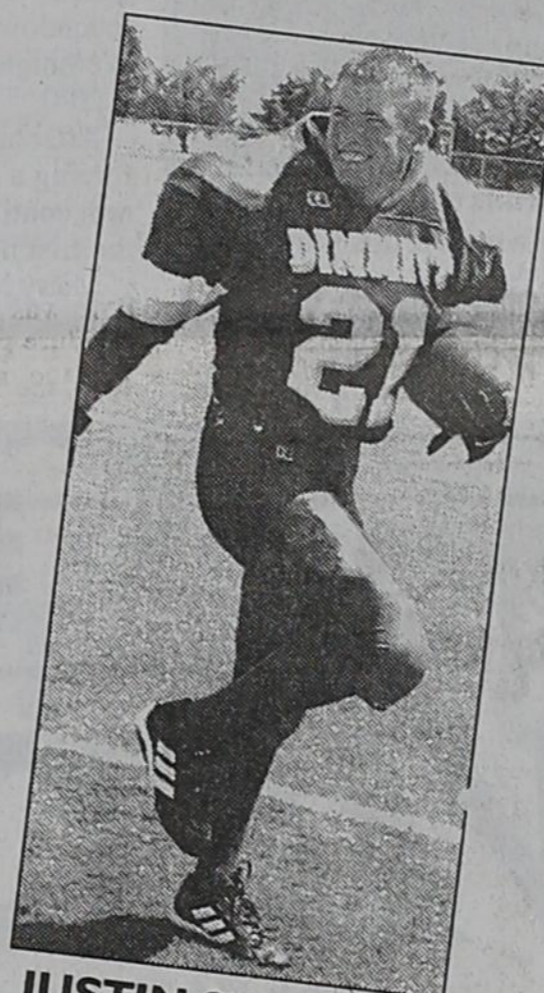
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Schedule & Scores

VARSITY

Bobcats 33, Sundown 14		
Sept. 10 Lamesa	There	8:00
Sept. 17 Friona (Homecoming)	Here	8:00
Sept. 24 Brownfield	There	8:00
Oct. 1 Muleshoe	Here	8:00
Oct. 8 *River Road	There	7:30
Oct. 15 *Tulia	Here	7:30
Oct. 22 *Sanford-Fritch	There	7:30
Oct. 29 *Dalhart	There	7:30
Nov. 5 *Perryton (Senior Parents)	Here	7:30

JUNIOR VARSITY

JV Bobcats 0, Sundown 12		
Sept. 9 Lamesa	Here	6:30
Sept. 16 Friona	There	6:30
Sept. 23 Brownfield	Here	6:30
Sept. 30 Muleshoe	Here	6:30
Oct. 7 River Road	Here	6:30
Oct. 14 Tulia	There	6:30
Oct. 21 Sanford-Fritch	Here	6:30
Oct. 28 Dalhart	Here	6:30
Nov. 4 Tulia	Here	6:30

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Tough challenges face teams this week

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Nazareth Swifts will be going after their second straight wins this week while Hart hopes to eliminate mistakes and post its first win of the season. All three will take to the road Friday night for 8 p.m. kickoffs.

Dimmitt will travel to Lamesa, Nazareth will head to Valley and Hart will face Smyer, there.

Dimmitt at Lamesa

While the Bobcats were whipping Class AA Sundown 33-14 here Friday night, Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes were flattening Class AAA Lubbock Cooper 42-16.

That ought to give you reason to pause and worry about the Bobcats' next opponent.

Dimmitt Coach Bruce Dollar is concerned, but he isn't afraid.

"We beat them last year," Dollar said. "We should be able to do it again this year."

"It will be a tough game," Dollar acknowledged. "It was last year. They got us down 17-0, and we came

back and won."

The Bobcats came out on top in last year's game, 21-17, despite having two touchdowns called back.

After its loss to Dimmitt last year, Lamesa went on to post a 5-5 season mark and a 3-2 record in District 3-AAA, good enough for the third-place playoff spot.

The Tors lost to Monahans, 21-10, in bi-district.

The 1999 version of the Golden Tors proved to be a long-strike team Friday night as QB Waylan Hogg winged touchdown passes of 64 and 10 yards to flanker Noel Morales, and runningback Matthew Wade raced 94 yards for a TD as they built a 35-0 halftime lead over Cooper.

Wade added another TD on a nine-yard run and Hogg scored on runs of 18 and 16 yards as Lamesa roared to a 42-0 lead before Cooper could get on the scoreboard late in the third quarter.

Wade, a 5-9, 160-lb. junior, is the main ball-toter for the Golden Tors. He gained 187 yards on 16 carries Friday night for an average of almost

12 yards per run.

The Lamesa roster includes seven juniors who were pressed into starting duty as sophomores last season, and Tors Coach Tim James has high hopes for them this year.

In all, Coach James has seven offensive and seven defensive starters back from last year's team. With this solid nucleus, the Tors are expected to challenge for a playoff spot again this season.

The Tors' senior leader is nose-guard Daniel Hernandez. You might think he's too small (5-7, 155) to play this here game—especially the smash-mouth position—but he was chosen the Most Valuable Player in District 3-AAA last season.

Hogg was pressed into the starting role at quarterback as a sophomore last year when Josh Wade went down with an injury early in the season. Hogg (5-9, 160) filled in admirably, and held onto the starting spot this year with Wade, a 6-2, 190-lb. senior, as his backup.

Last year it was the Golden Tors' 5-2 defense that kept them in the

race, giving up an average of only 14 points per game.

But Friday night, the Tors served notice that their veer offense has matured. They chalked up a whopping 280 yards in the first half against Cooper.

This will be the longest road trip of the regular season for the Bobcats—137 miles.

Kickoff time will be 8 o'clock at the Golden Tornado Stadium.

Hart at Smyer

The Longhorns hope all of the fumbles and mistakes were left on the field after Friday night's loss to Morton, and they'll be looking for their first win of the season this week as they travel to Smyer.

Kickoff in the Longhorn-Bobcat game will be 8 p.m. in Smyer.

The injury-plagued Longhorns will have the services of recovered tight end/defensive end Dan Eric Castillo and left guard/noseguard Eric Gutierrez for this week's game; but starting quarterback/free safety Jeremiah Velasquez and starting running back/strong safety Jacob Reyna are still out with a broken arm and injuries from an automobile accident, respectively.

Smyer also struggled in its opener Friday, falling to Olton, 20-6, but it had several chances and the outcome could just as easily gone the other way.

The Bobcats have several returning starters back on both sides of the ball from last year's 11-2 playoff team, but they are still young and many players are still adjusting to the varsity level of football.

Smyer focused on a basic ground attack against Olton last week, picking up 128 of its 136 yards offense from its rushing game.

Leading the way for the Bobcats was Gilbert Garcia, who scored Smyer's lone touchdown—an 8-yard run—in the second quarter.

Returning offensive starters for Smyer include tackle Curtis Villegas (5-10, 215-pound senior), fullback Simon Rodriguez (5-8, 167-pound junior), guard Chad Smith (5-10, 185-pound junior), running back Rodney Moore (5-9, 142-pound sophomore), center Kary Cooper (5-10, 158-pound junior) and guards

Matthew Pittman (5-10, 145-pound sophomore) and Nathan Pittman (5-10, 153-pound sophomore).

"Smyer has a big, physical ball club. They've got big linemen on both sides of the ball and they've got a fast running back in Garcia. He's a good ball player," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps.

"They like to get the ball to Garcia and send him behind those big lineman. I expect for them to line up and try to run over us early, then they'll try and hit him with a pass out of the backfield. They will definitely try and get him involved in the game early. They like to use him in a lot of different sets, taking advantage of his speed."

The Bobcats line up in a Wing T on offense and they prefer the 5-2 on defense.

The defensive unit also has some experienced veterans with returnees T.J. Boren (6-1, 159-pound senior) at defensive end, defensive backs Moore, Chey Floyd (6-2, 170-pound junior) and Justin Preston (5-9, 142-pound junior) and linebacker Stephen Tucker.

Smyer's defense allowed Olton just 95 yards rushing Friday, but gave up another 99 yards passing in the losing effort. The Bobcats forced and recovered two Olton fumbles, too.

"Smyer has some good linebackers that make plays and they've got a strong line up front. They're aggressive on defense and they like to blitz a lot," Welps said.

an 85-yard kickoff return by Justin Davis after Memphis scored its first touchdown.

Valley's offense is paced by running back Nathan Wheeler, a 6-0, 190-lb. senior, who picked up 81 yards in the first game.

Directing Valley's option offense this year is quarterback Chris Price, who takes over for the graduated Cory Chandler. He will run with and throw the ball and his favorite target is B.J. Price.

The Prices and Wheeler have the benefit of a couple of big linemen to protect them up front, too.

Anchoring the offensive front are returning starters Jeffrey Butler, a 6-3, 290-pound junior, and Brody Davis, a 6-2, 250-pound senior. They are joined by another part-time starter from last year, Ben Pigg, a 5-10, 180-lb. senior.

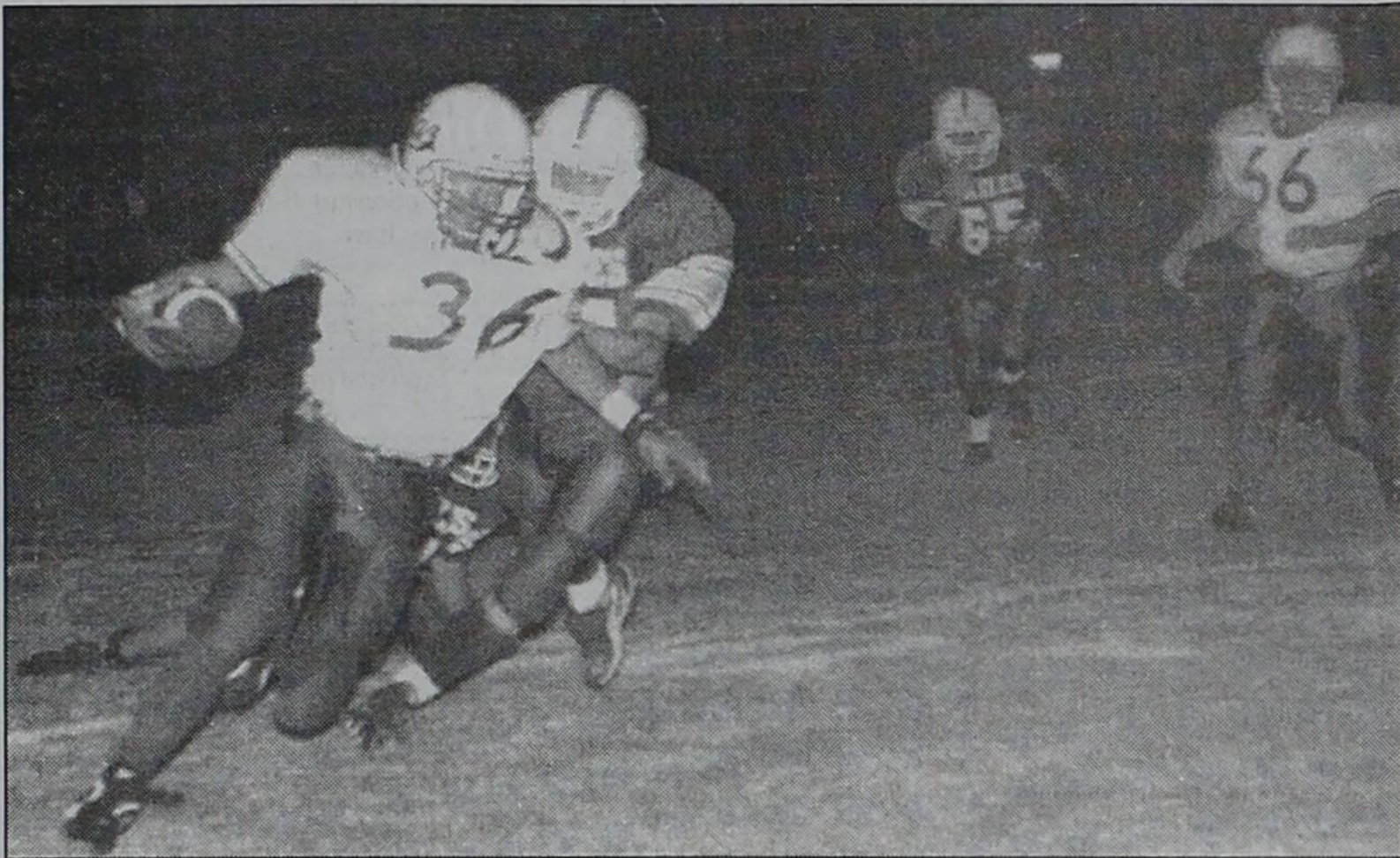
"Valley's still pretty big and they have a lot of guys back from last year," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "Offensively, their number one weapon is their fullback, Wheeler. They'll try and get the ball in his hands a lot, then they'll come off of that with an option look and the quarterback will keep it."

"We've got to be ready to take away their fullback, quarterback and receiver and we should be able to stop them okay," Coach Price said.

Defensively, Coach Price expects Valley to line up in a couple of different formations, and he said "we have to be prepared to block two different fronts. Valley will show an eight-man split front and that's what they'll probably start out in. We'll probably see a 5-3 formation, too."

Valley's defense sports an experienced linebacker corps with Wheeler, Pigg, Stephen Ortiz (5-10, 190-pound senior) and Rowdy Mullin (6-3, 210-pound junior) as the strength of the unit. Davis provides a big, solid anchor on the defensive front line. The secondary features another veteran, B.J. Price (6-2, 185-pound senior), who Coach Price says is probably Valley's leading tackler so far this season.

"Usually when you've got a guy in the secondary making a lot of your tackles, it's a sign that the guys up front aren't doing a good job, but that's not the case here. B.J. Price is just so good at getting to the ball. He makes a lot of stops for no gain."



NAZARETH RUNNING BACK AARON KERN (36) slips by a Lubbock Christian defender and picks up 12 yards to give the Swifts a first-and-goal from the Eagle 4 with 2:16 left in third-quarter action Friday night in Lubbock. Kern led the Swifts in their final scoring drive of the game, picking up good yardage

on three straight carries, setting up a 1-yard touchdown by Jason Huseman. Also pictured is Nazareth's Michael Kormann (66). The Swifts had no problems handling the Eagles and posted a 48-13 opening day win.

Next time a storm knocks the power out at Mrs. Duffy's day care, she'll have to tell a shorter ghost story.

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Criminal laws in Texas changed as of Sept. 1

Gospel Meeting

Sept. 8th-12th

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Wednesday through Friday
You are invited to a
Fellowship Meal
from 6 to 7 p.m.
and to hear an excellent speaker
from Lubbock
Charles Speer
from 7 to 8 p.m.

Criminal laws in Texas have changed or added provisions as of Sept. 1, due to recent legislation.

* Sex-offender registration information available to the public used to include only an offender's name and street name. It will now include the offender's numeric address and photograph.

* The penalty for failing to comply with sex offender registration requirements was strengthened from what had been a state jail felony across the board for all offenders. After Sept. 1, the punishment for failure to comply with registration will depend on the seriousness of the specific crime for which the sex offender was convicted.

For example, if an offender has a single conviction for a serious felony offense that requires lifetime registration and annual verification with local law enforcement, that offender could be charged with a 3rd degree felony for failure to comply with registration. If an offender has more than one conviction for a serious felony offense that requires lifetime registration and verification with local law enforcement once every 90 days, that offender would be charged with a 2nd degree felony for

failure to comply with registration.

* Collection of DNA identification has been expanded to include all offenders who are required to register as sex offenders, and all offenders convicted of aggravated assault, homicide and burglary of a habitation. Offenders incarcerated or convicted in Texas of sex-related offenses have been required since 1996 to give blood samples for DNA profiling and inclusion in the state's CODIS database. (Combined DNA Index System.) CODIS is a DNA profile repository that law enforcement investigators throughout Texas and the nation use to help solve sex crimes, which often are committed by repeat offenders. The CODIS database has helped Texas law enforcement officers crack six unsolved sexual assaults since June 1998.

* A Sex Offender Compliance Unit will be added to the DPS Special Crimes Service to investigate and apprehend sexually violent offenders. The Special Crimes Service already has a fugitive apprehension unit that targets violent re-offenders.

* The Special Crimes Service also will electronically monitor certain

sex offenders (those subject to civil commitment) who are deemed likely to re-offend and are believed unlikely to respond to traditional mental illness treatment aimed at keeping them from committing additional sex crimes.

* Failure to stop or to report aggravated sexual assault of a child will be a Class A misdemeanor.

* Fence-cutting will be a state-jail felony. (Previously, it was a misdemeanor for minor damage.)

* Operating an amusement ride while intoxicated will carry the same punishment as driving while intoxicated. The blood-alcohol concentration also will be 0.08.

* The unlawful transport of persons (smuggling undocumented workers for hire) will be a state jail felony.

* Identity theft (the fraudulent use or possession of identification, someone's name or date of birth), will be a state jail felony.

* The use of so-called "date-rape" drugs such as rohypnol and GHB to commit a rape will enhance the crime to first-degree felony aggravated sexual assault.

Scholarship fund established in Farris' memory

A memorial scholarship fund has been established at the First United Bank of Dimmitt in memory of John Scott Farris, a Castro County teenager who died July 4 in an automobile accident.

Those who wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund may do so by contacting Tim Farris at First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

BBB reports available on Internet

Panhandle and South Plains consumers, and indeed, the world, now have access to the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) reliability reports on the Internet. With just a click of the mouse button, consumers will have direct access to the Bureau's database of reliability reports right at their desktop.

The decision to put the bureau's database of information on-line was made in response to the rapidly growing use of the Internet for information and to allow inquirers greater access to a wide range of BBB information.

The website for the Lubbock area is: www.bbbsouthplains.org

For Amarillo area businesses it is: www.amarillo.bbb.org

Reports on businesses can alert consumers to a history of unanswered or unsettled complaints, law enforcement actions and advertising violations. Charity reports can provide information on local charities and other soliciting nonprofit organizations regarding their governance, fund-raising and finances. Searchable by company or charity name, phone number, or business category, consumers can do their pre-purchase or pre-donation investigation to see what kind of record the business or charity has with the BBB.

The excellent services of inquiry, conciliation and mediation of customer complaints are provided free of charge to area business and consumer communities by the member businesses that meet and maintain high standards of business practice and which support the BBB through their membership dues. The bureau does charge a nominal fee for administering some arbitration hearings.

Classifieds get results!

Candidate filing continues for city election

Filing has started for candidates wanting to serve on the Dimmitt City Council to fill the place left vacant by council member Lyman Schroeder, who moved away.

The special election will be held Nov. 2. The term for the at-large position will expire in May of 2001.

Candidate filing will close Sept. 20. Candidate applications are available at the Dimmitt City Hall and must be returned there when completed. The city offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bob Murdock was the only one who had filed as of Tuesday afternoon.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Justin and Jada Roberts of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl, Jewel Shayne, who was born on Aug. 13 at 2:48 a.m. in Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. The infant weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Jackie and Beth Roberts and Coy and Vickie Ethridge, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Bessie Strickland of Dimmitt and the late Durward Strickland, Ray and Fay Ethridge of Dimmitt, and Jearldine Newsom of Hart.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2348

THE ESTATE OF
W.H. FELDER, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF W.H. FELDER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the Original Letters Testamentary to the Estate of W.H. FELDER, were issued on the 30th day of August, 1999, in Cause No. 2348, in the proceedings of the Estate of W.H. FELDER, Deceased, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to W.H. FELDER, JR., as Independent Executor, whose mailing address is Box 803, Sunray, Texas 79086. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, are required to send the same to us, at the above address, within the time and within the manner prescribed by law.

W.H. FELDER, JR.
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
W.H. FELDER, Deceased
25-23-1tc

9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

FOR SALE: The City of Nazareth is accepting bids through Sept. 13 to sell a Hough H40 payloador. For information call 945-2284. 9-23-1tc

Job Fair set Oct. 27

The Dept. of Human Services local office is sponsoring a Job Fair on Oct. 27 at the Expo building in Dimmitt.

Employers from Castro, Deaf Smith and Swisher counties are being asked to have exhibits and let workers know what type of jobs are available and what type of skills are needed to fill those jobs.

There will be no fee for employers who participate in the event.

"We hope to make this an annual event and to keep it on a non-profit, no-fee basis," said Belle Braddock of the local DHS office.

Other organizations also are helping with the job fair.

Braddock said volunteers will be soliciting local businesses for door prizes and items to be included in "goodie bags" that will be given to those attending the job fair. Also, donations are being sought to help supply a meal for the employers who participate.

An organizational meeting was held Wednesday (Sept. 8) to set up committees.

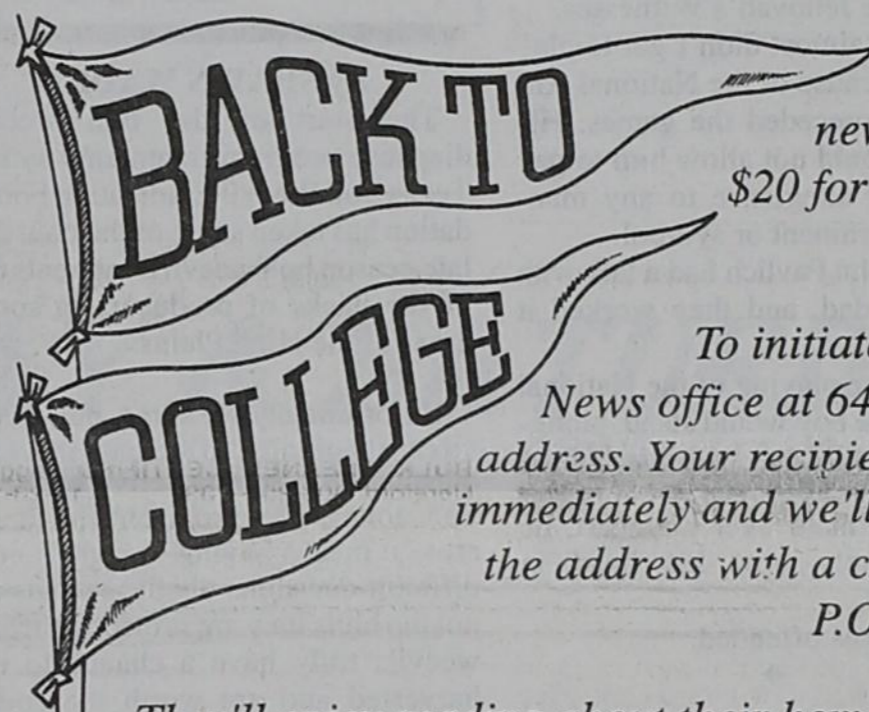
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AT THE EXPO BUILDING IN DIMMITT

- ◆ Kids' Tractor Pull
- ◆ Quilt Show
- ◆ Harvest Days Parade
- ◆ Early Settlers' Reunion
- ◆ Local Talent
- ◆ Hula Hoop Contest
- ◆ Team Rodeo
- ◆ 4-H Goat and Poultry Show
- ◆ Homemade Pie Contest
- ◆ County Fair
- ◆ Food, Food & More Food
- ◆ Pet Show
- ◆ Cow Patty Bingo
- ◆ Barbecue Supper
- ◆ Ladies' Greased Pig Contest
- ◆ Fiddlers' Contest
- ◆ Goat Roping
- ◆ Hula Hoop Contest
- ◆ Live Music
- ◆ Ground Beef Recipe Contest
- ◆ Preschool Playtime
- ◆ Street Dance
- ◆ Water Polo
- ◆ Arts and Crafts Show

Chamber hopes to attract many floats for HD parade

It's time for a celebration in Dimmitt and Castro County, and a big parade is a great way to begin festivities.

The Castro County Harvest Days celebration will be held Saturday and the annual parade through the streets of Dimmitt will kick off the day's celebration.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce hopes that this year's parade—the last one of the millennium—will be the biggest and best ever, but they need your help to make that happen.

The Chamber is asking for all civic clubs and organizations to enter some type of float or other entry in the parade.

Theme for this year's parade is "Be a Sport—Support Castro County."

The parade will begin at 10 a.m.

and it will start at the Dimmitt Post Office on 205 Southeast Second Street.

The Dimmitt Lions Club will direct the parade and will serve as judges for the event. Cash prizes and ribbons will be presented to winners. Best of Parade winners will receive \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Those planning to enter the parade should call the chamber at 647-2524 by 12 noon today (Thursday).

Parade entries must be lined up by 9:15 a.m. on Saturday in order to be judged.

There are several divisions in the parade, including the following: Business float, civic float, antique car, antique truck, antique tractor, horse-drawn wagon and other (describe).



BICYCLE RIDERS PARTICIPATE in the Castro County Harvest Days Parade each year. This year, they will line up Saturday at 9 a.m. at 301 SE Second in front of C&S Battery in Dimmitt. The Dimmitt Lions Club sponsors the parade each year and this

year's theme is "Be a Sport." Last year's winners were (from left) Casey Enriquez, 8, first, with a scarecrow theme; Joshua Alvarez, 6, second, dressed like a football player; and Brooke Parker, 7, third, with a rainbow and pom poms. Photo by Linda Maxwell

It's time to plan for the fair

It's county fair time, again, and those interested in entering any of the competitions can get a jump start on their projects by picking up a fair book, which includes the rules, deadlines and more.

Fair books are now available at the County Extension Office, at the Chamber of Commerce Office, and at businesses around the county.

"Almost any project or hobby in which you are engaged can be exhibited at the fair," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "Your club might be interested in having a float in the parade or in having a booth at the carnival."

For more information about the fair or other Harvest Days activities, contact Neal at 647-4115 or Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.

VFW plans goat roping this month

The Dimmitt VFW's annual goat roping began last week and will continue this Saturday and will conclude with the final round on Sept. 18.

The heading and heeling foot back roping will cost participants \$12 for three head. The event will be held at the Dimmitt VFW Post 8056.

Books will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday for the second round of the roping.

Saturday's performance is slated to begin at 5 p.m.

The final round will be held on Sept. 18, with books slated to open from 4 to 5 p.m. A calcutta will start at 5 p.m., followed by the roping at 6.

A stew and cornbread supper will be served to participants following the Sept. 18 show.

The high money winner of the series will be awarded a set of hand-made spurs, made by Ted Stubblefield.

For more information about the roping, contact the VFW.

Wake up—time to go to the fair!

Plan to spend an enjoyable day at the Castro County Fair Friday or Saturday. You'll see the best in hobby work, garden products, canned goods, baked goods, clothing, flowers, photography and artwork. We'll see you there!

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Here's where you need to line up for the parade

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Dimmitt Lions Club have established line-up spots for various entries in this year's Harvest Days parade, which will be held Saturday morning at 10.

Everyone entering a float, car, bicycle, etc., in this year's parade is asked to be at the appropriate starting spot by 9:15 a.m. Winners will be judged prior to the parade and awards will be presented while entrants are lined up. The only award which will not be presented during lineup will be the "Best of Parade," which will be announced as the winners pass the Broadway-Beford intersection on the parade route.

"Best of Parade" cash awards will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Other special awards will be presented to the "Best Dressed Cowgirl" and "Best Dressed Cowboy." Ribbons and rosettes will

be presented to winners in most categories.

Parade traditional, including the parade marshal, elected officials, bands, color guard, etc., will line up in front of the Dimmitt Post Office Saturday morning.

Those planning to ride a bicycle in the parade are asked to gather in front of C&S Battery, 301 Southeast Second.

Floater entered by clubs and organizations in the county will line up in front of Dimmitt Equipment Co., 411 Southeast Second.

Antique cars will meet in front of Gary's Engine and Machine, located at 207 Southeast Third.

Antique tractors which will be entered in the parade will line up on East Belsher next to Taylor's Garage. Commercial floats will line up behind C&S Battery on Southeast

Third.

Three Wheelers, go-carts, motorcycles and other such entries will start from the north side of Dimmitt Equipment.

Riding clubs and individual horseback riders will line up north of the Expo Building on Southeast Fourth.

Animal-drawn wagons will line up on Southeast Fourth ahead of the riding clubs and individual horseback entries.

Farm equipment and tractors will be the final entries to line up for the parade, and those drivers are asked to line up on Southeast Third south of Stinson Street.

Together We Can

A Salute to Castro County

We're grateful to the farsighted Castro Countians who developed our original corn processing plant back in the 1960s and put it into production as a homegrown industry in 1970. The idea was born before corn was even a major crop here.

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We feel that our homegrown industry pays many dividends to Castro County—not just through production, employment and taxes, but through the contributions that our employees make to the community and to the quality of life here.

During Harvest Days 1999, we salute Castro County and all our wonderful neighbors here. We look forward to many more years of partnership and progress.

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Piecework creations will be displayed during Harvest Days weekend

Some of the best machine and hand quilting in the Texas Panhandle can be found in Castro County, and those talented seamstresses will be sharing their talent by displaying their creations at the 12th annual Castro County Quilt Show, which will be held Saturday in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

The annual event is sponsored by the Friendship Quilters' Guild, and all Castro County residents are eligible to enter the show and competition.

Quilts entered in Division I will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to winners in each category. Several special awards also will be presented for "Best of Show," "Judge's Award," and "People's Choice."

Quilts that have won in a previous show can be entered only as display items. Only one quilt per entrant, per category will be allowed. If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to the other person. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.

Quilts entered in the competition or show may be sold if the owner so desires.

Categories for this year's show are as follows:

1. Children's (crib quilt, made for children).
2. Combination technique (applique and pieced).
3. Embroidery and other needlework.
4. First quilt.
5. Group.
6. Hand applique (all methods)
7. Machine applique (all methods)
8. Machine quilted.
9. Miniature quilts
10. Pieced (hand-quilted only).
11. Quilts by youth (17 and under).
12. Quilt tops.
13. Small quilts and wall quilts (less than 60" x 90").
14. Specialized method (includes painted, cathedral windows and crazy quilts).

Those who would like to enter a quilt should pick up a fair book at the Extension office or Chamber of Commerce Office. The book includes an entry form and complete rules for the show and competition.



A REAL TREAT—The Castro County Harvest Days Parade will start in Dimmitt Saturday at 10 a.m. and children will be lining the route watching for treats and enjoying all the floats and pageantry. Last year, Morgan Dyer, 1½, came all the way from Groesbeck with her parents, Kim and Scott Dyer.

To "insure" you'll have a really good time, get out and enjoy Harvest Days!

Castro County Farm Bureau

304 N. Broadway, Dimmitt 647-5106

Team rodeo, greased pig contest set for Harvest Days

It's not a traditional rodeo, but the team rodeo and ladies' greased pig contest has become one of the favorite activities held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

This year's event will be held Saturday at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena and the show will be sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club.

Teams will be introduced at 6:30 p.m. to start the activities, then the kids' steer riding (for youngsters up to 12 years of age) will be held. That will be followed by the "Mutton Bust'n" competition (for youngsters no more than 40 inches tall) and the stick horse race (for those 5 and under).

Costs to enter the rodeo events are

\$100 for a four-person rodeo team, \$10 for a two-person team entering the greased pig contest, \$5 per person for the steer riding and "Mutton Bust'n," and \$1 per person for the stick horse race.

Entries are due by Friday and may be submitted to Pammy Millican at 647-4115 or Kenny Ebeling at 647-3618.

Tickets for the show may be purchased in advance or at the gate. Adult tickets will be \$4 in advance while tickets for students 12-18 years old will be \$2 in advance or \$3 at the gate. Children 9 and younger will be admitted free.

The rodeo events will be held regardless of "rain, dust or shine," according to organizers.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

HULA HOOP CONTEST

Saturday, 4 p.m. at the Expo Performance Area

See you there!

Country Club of Dimmitt

Fair time means chow time

"Fair food" is a favorite of many who attend county fairs around the country and Castro County's annual Harvest Days celebration and fair will offer something to satisfy everyone's palate.

Exhibitors will offer everything from hamburgers, fajitas, various Mexican foods and barbacoa to salads, snow cones, soft drinks, home-made pies and more.

See you at the **Fiddlers' Contest!**
Saturday, 1:30 p.m. at the Expo

Come out and enjoy the many events planned during Castro County's annual celebration!

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Team rodeo promises hilarious entertainment

It's not a traditional rodeo, but the events at the 4-H Team Rodeo are guaranteed to entertain crowds of all ages Saturday night at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena, beginning at 6:30.

The event is part of the Castro County Harvest Days celebration and is sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club, which will receive proceeds from the event.

Advance tickets to the show are \$4 for adults and \$2 for those between the ages of 8 and 18. Tickets at the gate will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Those 7 and younger will be admitted free.

Teams entering the rodeo and ladies who will take part in the greased pig contest will be introduced at the start of the show.

Entry fee is \$100 per four-person team and each team will compete in six events—Rescue Race, Pony Express, Hide Race, Tomahawk Race, Saturday Night Bath Race and a surprise event.

The ladies' greased pig contest requires a two-woman team and entry fee is \$10 per team.

Several other events have been planned to entertain younger cowboys and cowgirls, including kids' steer riding for those up to 12 years of age, Mutton Bust'N for those up to 40 inches tall, and a jackpot stick horse race for those 5 and under.

Entry fee for the steer riding and Mutton Bust'N is \$5 per person, per event. Those competing in the stick horse race will be charged a \$1 entry fee.

All entries in the team rodeo and ladies' greased pig contest are due by Friday. Late entries in the team rodeo will be charged \$125.

To enter a team, contact Pammy Millican at 647-4115 or Kenny Ebeling at 647-3618.

Feedyard-sponsored teams are welcome and each feedyard represented will be recognized.

Here's a rundown of what each event in the team rodeo will entail:

Rescue Race

A rider must put on pants, boots, shirt and hat, then bridle and saddle his horse. He then mounts his horse and rides it to the opposite end of the arena, where the other three team members will be standing on top of a barrel.

The team members on the barrel must mount the horse behind the rider, who takes each across the starting line. Both members must be mounted on the horse as they come across the finish line.

The race continues until the first rider has "rescued" the remaining members of his or her team.

Tomahawk Race

Two members of the team stand at each end of the arena.

One rider is at the starting line and he will have an extra helper (team member) to hold his horse. He must blanket the horse, mount the horse unassisted, then ride to the opposite end of the arena where he will dismount. The rider then hands the

blanket to a second rider, who must blanket, mount and ride the horse back to the starting line.

Pony Express

The Pony Express Race will run just like the old-time mail run.

It will resemble a relay race and all four team members will compete. The first person will carry a bag to a waiting teammate, handing it off to that teammate who will complete the second leg of the race. The second will hand off to the third, and so on. The person on the final leg of the race must drop the bag in a barrel, then race to the finish line.

Hide Race

A cowhide pulled behind a horse will provide a big challenge for the cowboys brave enough to hang on to the skin as it's pulled toward the finish line.

One team member will ride his horse, pulling the hide, to the other end of the arena. A teammate will hop onto the hide and ride it back to the starting line.

Night Bath Race

A long-sleeved, button down shirt, pants, boots and hat are required for this event—until the competitor reaches a stock tank filled with water.

The Saturday Night Bath Race will involve a horseback ride to the tank, then the competitor will have to remove pants, shirt, hat and boots and completely submerge himself in water. Once wet, he must re-dress—with every button in place—then ride back to the starting line.

Surprise event(s)

At least one surprise event is planned for the teams, but no one will know what it is until the time comes.

All teams are required to compete in the surprise events.

Ladies Greased Pig

In this event, two-person teams were required to catch a greased pig, then do something "different" with the animal.

One year they were required to put the pigs in a barrel and last year the ladies dressed the pigs in bloomers after catching the creatures.

Mutton Bust'N

This event is strictly for youngsters, but they can't be more than 40 inches tall.

Youngsters will be required to ride a lamb and each ride will be timed, just like a regular rodeo. An eight-second ride will earn the youngster top points.

Stick Horse Race

The stick horse race is for all children ages 5 and younger and entry fee is \$1 per person.

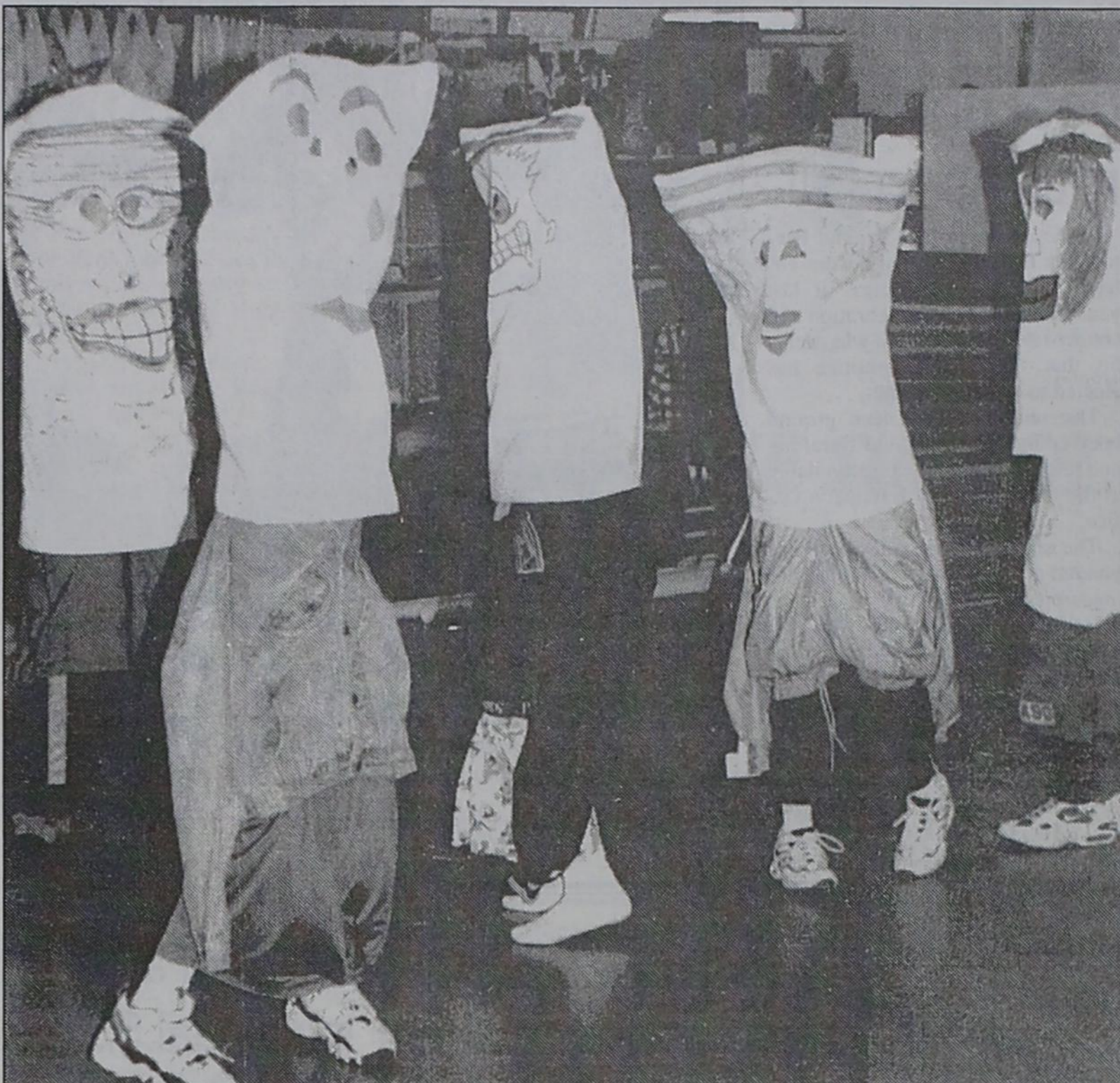
The kids competing in this race may bring their own stick horse or directors of the rodeo will find them something to use.

Competitors will ride their stick horses down the arena and the fastest one wins.

Kids' Steer Riding

Brave cowboys and cowgirls 12 and under will be able to try their hand at steer riding in this year's rodeo.

Entry fee for the steer riding will be \$5 per person and a jackpot prize will be given to the winner.



LOTS OF FUN—There will be plenty of fun events on hand at this year's Harvest Days celebration set for Thursday through Saturday, with most activities

at the Expo Building. Last year, the gymnastics students of Dana Black of Hart gave a demonstration of their skills, including this humorous dance number.

Enjoy some great music at the **FIDDLERS' CONTEST** sponsored by the Castro County Fair Association **Saturday-- 1:30 p.m.** Expo Building Performance Area

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See you at the RODEO!

You don't want to miss the exciting action at the **TEAM RODEO** Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m.

Our best wishes to all the cowboys and cowgirls who compete and to the sponsoring Castro County 4-H Horse Club.

Dimmitt Feed Yards

Let's dance the night away!

If you like music, you're in for a treat Saturday.

Mercury Fall will perform from starting at 10:45 a.m. at the Expo Building. Then the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual dance at 9 p.m. at the Expo, with music by **Janet Denton & The Sixshooters.**

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Lean ground beef contest returns to fair

Some of the tastiest ground beef recipes from local cooks were entered in a special contest at last year's Harvest Days celebration and county fair, and the event was such a hit that the Fair Committee has elected to sponsor it again.

The second annual lean ground beef contest will be held Saturday and rules and guidelines are available at the Castro County Extension Office.

The cooking project has been expanded this year to include a homemade pie baking contest.

Homemade fruit pies will be judged by well-known judges Saturday during the fair.

Ground beef dishes entered in the contest will be judged around noon on Saturday and winners will be announced later that afternoon.

The homemade pies will be judged at 12:30 p.m., with winners to be announced later that day.



FIDDLING AROUND—The winners from the Fiddlers' Contest at last year's Harvest Days celebration included (from left) Weldon Turpin of Lubbock, Justin Williams of Kress, and Gary Williams of Kress. This year's contest will start Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Expo building, with cash prizes offered in four age divisions.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Electric and telephone customer protection affected by PUC laws

Customers can look for lower prices, enhanced services and stronger protections with the implementation of new telecommunications and electric utility laws which were passed last spring and went into effect Wednesday.

"Customers win big with these laws," said Public Utility Commission (PUC) Chairman Pat Wood III. "They get lower prices that come with competition, plus legislative assurances that customer abuse will not be tolerated in Texas."

Senate Bill 560, authored by Sen. David Sibley and Reps. Toby Goodman and Leticia Van de Putte, lowers telephone access charges to significantly lower prices for intrastate long distance calls. To implement this part of the law, the PUC ordered long distance companies to pass these access charge savings through to customers and broadened the Texas Universal Service Fund to provide affordable local telephone service to all Texans.

SB 560 also requires Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. (SWBT) to reduce its access charges by another penny, which will save its customers an average of five cents per minute off their intrastate long distance calls.

No later than June 1, 2000, or when SWBT begins offering intrastate long distance service, another two-cent reduction will take effect. Approximately 76% of Texas telephone lines are served by SWBT.

Customers' local telephone service cannot be disconnected for non-payment of long distance charges. This benefit is due to SB 86 by Sen. Jane Nelson and Rep. Debra Danburg.

SB 86 is a comprehensive customer protection bill that also does the following:

- * Protects customers from fraudulent, deceptive and anti-competitive

practices.

- * Outlaws cramming, the adding of unauthorized charges to your phone bill.
- * Prohibits changing phone service based on a "negative option" offer—an offer that switches the customer's service if the customer takes no action preventing the switch.
- * Bans discrimination based on income level, source of income or geographic area.
- * Requires phone bills to use "clear, readable format and easy-to-understand language."
- * Requires that eligible customers be automatically enrolled in discount programs for low-income customers.
- * Lets the PUC revoke the operating certificates of any telecommunications company that violates the law or PUC rules.
- * Strengthens the PUC's enforcement authority by removing a provision that gave a utility 30 days after receiving a PUC notice of violation to show that the utility solved the

problem.

On the electricity side, Senate Bill 7, authored by Sen. David Sibley and Rep. Steve Wolens, freezes electric rates for all customers of investor-owned utilities, which serve approximately 80% of Texas customers. That will be followed by a 6% reduction on rates in January 2002.

Electric cooperatives are no longer regulated by PUC, but are required to adopt equivalent customer protection standards. In addition, the General Land Office can begin selling electric power at discounted rates to school districts, state universities and state agencies as well as cities and counties.

The major task of the PUC over the next two years will be to adopt new rules and regulations to implement the new laws. The commission already has established working groups to ensure a fair and speedy process.

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Cow's 'bingo' will earn a lucky individual \$500

At 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, a cow will be turned loose in a fenced area marked with 100 numbers in squares, and when that cow drops its deposit, one of 100 generous people will win \$500.

The annual cow patty bingo is sponsored by the Castro County Fair Association and this year's event will be held on the east side of the Expo Building.

The 100 squares marked inside the pen will sell for \$10 each. The person who has purchased the square on which the cow leaves a deposit will win the \$500 prize.

I'm gonna win the goat show! What about me? Sorry little lamb, we're in the petting zoo I'm the best chicken in the coop!

Don't forget to watch 4-H'ers showing animals in the **Harvest Days Goat and Poultry Show** Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Quonset Barn adjacent to the Expo Building

Also, kids can enjoy a **Petting Zoo** during the show

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Harvest Days

Tractor Pull set for today

A tractor pull for children ages 4 to 12 will be held today (Thursday) starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo Building. Registration will start at 4:30 at the Expo.

Advance registration forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford. There is no charge for participating and the pedal tractors are provided by the Texas Pedal Pullers Association.

Boys and girls compete separately in nine age divisions.

The event is being sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club.

More than one child may compete at a time. When the start signal is given, the child must start pedaling. A trailer pulled by the tractor holds a weight on an inclined pulley. As the tractor is pedaled, the weight moves up the pulley, increasing the amount of power it takes to pedal.

When the children stop pedaling, their turn is over and the distance they pedaled is measured. Those with the longest distance are the winners. If the weight reaches the top of the pulley, the child qualifies for the next round in their age group. For the second round, weights are increased. Top competitors will continue to take turns with greater weights until a champion is named.

Barbecue meal one of Harvest Days favorites

The annual barbecue supper, catered by Richard Dyer of Desperados, is one of the highlights of the Harvest Days celebration for many.

The meal is sponsored by the Castro Masonic Lodge #879 and the Masons are selling advance tickets for \$6.50 adults and \$4.50 for children 12 and under. Tickets purchased at the door Saturday night will be \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Expo Building and the public is invited to come out and enjoy the barbecued sausage and beef, apricot preserves, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread and more.

For more information, contact Bill Henderson at 647-4342.



Presenting the Colors

Leading off last year's Castro County Harvest Days Parade was the Cannon Air Force Base Honor Guard, featuring (from left) Senior Airman Dale Morehouse, Airman First Class Teri L. Murray, Airman First Class Kimberly A. Trent and Staff Sergeant A.J. Benavides. This year's parade theme is "Be a Sport." The parade will start at 10 a.m. from the post office, progressing through town along Southeast Second to Bedford, then heading west down Bedford to Front Street. It will turn east along Jones and end up at Southeast Third. After the parade, other Harvest Days activities are scheduled throughout the day. Photo by Anne Acker

Food and nutrition meeting set

There will be a meeting on the 1999-2000 food and nutrition program for Castro County 4-H'ers on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

"We will be planning program activities and setting dates for fall projects," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agents.

Any adult leaders interested in helping with the food program should also plan to attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Neal at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

Pet show will be Saturday

Puppies, kittens, turtles, birds, baby chicks, rabbits—animals like these and more have been paraded before Dr. W.J. Hill, local veterinarian, during past pet shows and Dr. Hill is expecting more of the same this year as he prepares to judge the Harvest Days Pet Show.

The annual event will begin at 12:15 p.m. Saturday on the southeast corner of the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The event is one of many associated with the Harvest Days Celebration and Castro County Fair.

Last year's pet show drew a total of 58 entries, with most of the cuddly creatures being dogs and cats. All pets receive ribbons and samples of Merrick Pet Foods and specialty items donated by Merrick Pet Foods.

There is no entry fee, and anyone who wants to show off his or her pet is invited to bring the animal to the Expo on Saturday for the show.

For more information about the pet show, contact Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.

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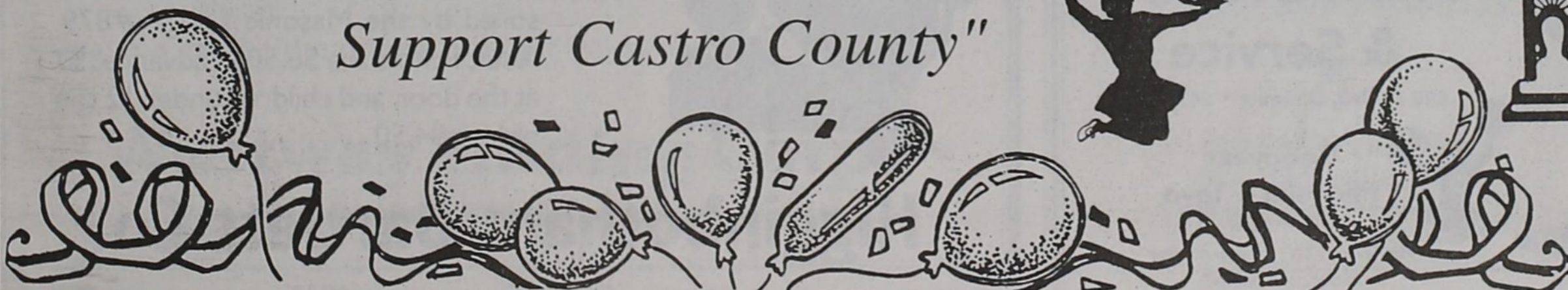
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Day/Date	Time	Event	Location	Sponsored By	Contact	Phone #
Thu - Sept 9	5:30 P.M.	Kids' Tractor Pull - Registration & Event	Castro Co Expo	Chamber/Kiwanis Club	Bill Sava	647-2524
Fri - Sept 10	All Day	Castro County "Fair Deal Friday" Sales	Participating Merchants	Chamber of Commerce	Look For In Store Bargains	Check Stores
	11:00 A.M.	Fair & Quilt Entries Accepted Until 6:00 P.M.	Castro Co Expo	Castro Co Fair Association	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
	3:00 P.M.	Vendors Set Up - Expo Will Close at 6 P.M.	Castro Co Expo & Quonset	Chamber/Fair Association	Marilyn Neal/Bill Sava	647-4115/2524
	6:15 P.M.	Judging of Fair Entries - Expo Closed	Castro Co Expo - Officials Only	Castro Co Fair Association	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
	8:00 P.M.	Football - Dimmitt at Lamesa. Hart at Smyer	Nazareth at Valley	No Home Games	Bobcats, Longhorns, Swifts	Boosters
Sat - Sept 11	7:00 A.M.	Vendors Set Up In Expo & Quonset	Castro Co Expo	Castro Co Fair Association	Bill Sava	647-2524
	9:00 A.M.	Exhibits, Booths, Activities Open At the Fair	Castro Co Expo	Castro Co Fair Association	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
		Early Settlers' Reunion - Registration	Senior Citizens' Center-218 Jones	Early Settlers' Committee	Wade & Walter Maynard	647-4358
		Parade Line Up & Judging	See CC News for Line UP Order	Chamber/Lions Club	Bill Sava	647-2524
	10:00 A.M.	Castro County Fair Parade	Downtown Dimmitt	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524
	10:45 A.M.	"Mercury Fall" - Live Music	Area Between Expo & Quonsets	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Justin or Joshua Roberts	647-5242
	12:00 Noon	Chow Time - Hamburgers, Fajitas, etc. etc.	Inside & Around the Expo	Extension Office	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
		Early Settlers' Reunion Lunch (Covered Dish)	Senior Citizens' Center-218 Jones	Early Settlers' Committee	Wade & Walter Maynard	647-4358
		Fresh Ground Beef Cooking Contest Results	Expo Performance Area	Castro Co Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
	12:15 P.M.	Pet Show	S.E. Corner of Expo	Merrick Pet Foods/W.J. Hill	Bill Sava	647-2524
	12:30 P.M.	Pie Contest - Judging of Entries	Expo Performance Area	Castro Co Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
	1:00 P.M.	Dimmitt Middle School Choir (4th, 5th, 6th)	Expo Performance Area	Dimmitt Middle School	Elaine Hazel	647-2524
		4-H Goat Show	S.E. Corner of Expo	Castro Co Extension Service	Benny Martinez	647-4115
		Water Polo	S.E. 3rd St. - Behind C&S Battery	Volunteer Fire Dept Reserves	Bill Sava	647-4115
	1:30 P.M.	Fiddlers' Contest - Followed by Karaoke Fun	Expo Performance Area	Castro Co Fair Association	Herb Mayfield	647-5526
	2:15 P.M.	Cow Pattie Bingo	S.E. Corner of Expo	Castro Co Fair Association	Marilyn Neal	647-4115
	3:30 P.M.	Preschool Playtime - Games for Kids	Expo Performance Area	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524
	4:00 P.M.	Goat Roping Contest	VFW Post - Co Rd	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Sam Hardy	647-5750
		Hula Hoop Contest	Expo Performance Area	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524
5:00 P.M.	Booths Close - Fair Entries Picked Up	Castro Co Expo	Castro Co Fair Association	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	
5:30 P.M.	Bar-B-Q (Desperado's)	Castro Co Expo	Masonic Lodge # 879	Bill Henderson	647-4342	
6:30 P.M.	Team Rodeo & Ladies' Greased Pig Contest	Dimmitt Rodeo Arena	Castro Co 4-H Horse Club	Pammy Millican	647-4115	
9:00 P.M.	Dance - "Janet Denton & The Sixshooters"	Castro Co Expo	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava / Max Ellison	647-2524	

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Agriculture Outlook



By JOHNNA PATTERSON
County Extension Agent-IPM
A few wet spells were seen in the area last week. Hot temperatures have been welcomed by producers trying to get heat units to build up their cotton yields.

Most cotton fields have surpassed the stage where worm and plant bug infestations can damage the crop, but weevils and aphids are still a threat. Silage cutting is definitely in swing, and grain harvest is just around the corner.

INSECTS & DISEASES

Cotton
Heat units continue to accumulate at a fairly rapid pace.

Between 1,689 and 1,791 heat units have accumulated in Dimmitt and Earth, respectively, on May 1 planted cotton.

About 750 heat units are needed to produce a harvestable boll, and 850 heat units are needed for a fully mature boll. With our wide variation in fruit set, it is necessary to check each individual field to determine how well they are progressing.

I know some late fields and some with abnormal fruit set will be difficult to determine when to terminate the crop.

Cotton aphids remain very low in most Integrated Pest Management (IPM) fields. Castro County fields ranged from zero to 10 per leaf and fields in Lamb County were showing between zero and three per leaf.

Producers need to keep a very close eye on aphid populations as we go into the last part of the season, especially once boll weevil eradication efforts begin.

Lady beetle adults and larvae numbers are holding at very high numbers, but these will be taken out with chemical applications. There certainly remains a high risk for developing high aphid infestations.

Avoiding sticky cotton is of utmost concern. Remember that the threshold for aphids at this time is 15 per leaf. A well-timed Furadan application or a good rain will eliminate the threat of sticky cotton.

Bollworms continue to increase in the Castro and Lamb County IPM fields. All of these IPM fields reported having bollworm eggs, but just over half in Castro County and only three fields in Lamb County reported finding larvae.

Larval counts range from 513 to 1,517 per acre in the Flagg area, 1,197 per acre in the Dodd area, 2,052 per acre north of Dimmitt, none in Hart and 1,862 per acre north of Sunnyside.

Boll weevil activity is increasing in IPM fields. Punctured boll counts reported in Castro County were 2% in the Dodd area, 3% in the Flagg area, 5% north of Dimmitt and up to 6% in the Hart area.

Boll weevil grid tran catches have

continued to increase by 33% over the past week across the High Plains area, but the percent of traps catching weevils remained about the same.

As fields cut out, weevils emerging from fields will move to the lush fields with squares and small bolls still in abundance. There are plenty of red weevils now appearing, which indicates that these weevils are home-grown. These weevils will fly considerable distances to find their next banquet table. This is when we start filling up our traps with weevils, especially near fields with few hostable squares or bolls.

For those producers who need to protect their crop for a few more days, make sure you are using the action level of 15% punctured small bolls. With the current pricing for cotton this year, you will need to protect at least three to four bolls per 10 row feet of cotton plants to break even. These bolls would have to be undamaged, still vulnerable to weevil attack and be able to mature before they run out of heat units in October.

Corn

IPM fields are in the hard-dough to dent stage and some fields are close to being ready for harvest.

Spider mite infestations increased considerably this past week in other counties.

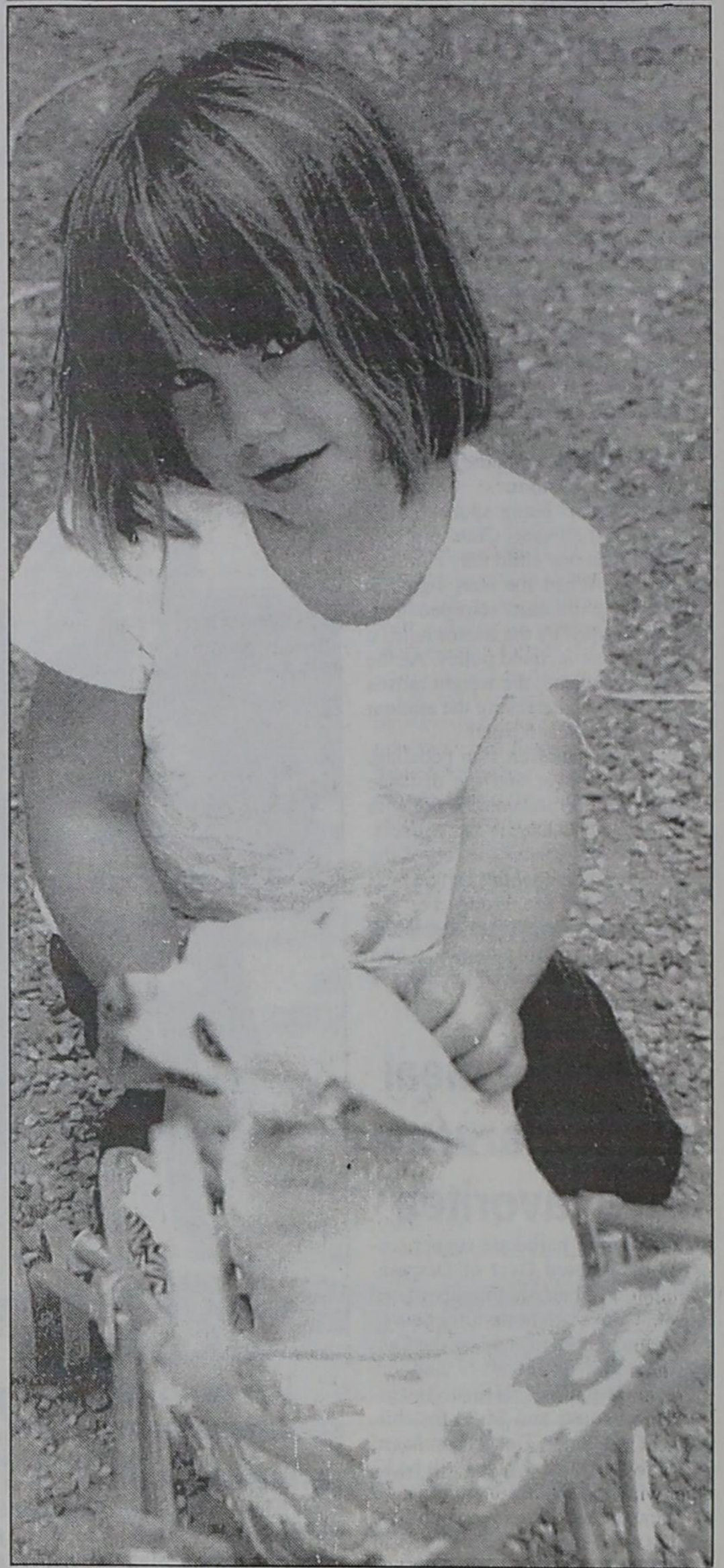
The percent of leaf area damage ranges from 5 to 10% of the lower 1/3 of the plants west of Dimmitt; 2 to 10% of the lower 1/3 of the plants in the Flagg area, 10 to 15% of the lower 1/3 and 5 to 10% of the middle 1/3 of the plants north of Dimmitt; 2 to 35% of the lower and 2 to 20% of the middle 1/3 and 0 to 10% of the upper third of the plants in the Hart area.

Southwestern corn borer moth flight dropped considerably this past week.

European corn borer moth flight held fairly steady last week. Program fields continue to report below threshold levels of eggs and small larvae.

Southwestern corn borer infestations in Castro County range from 1.25 to 8.75% south of the Dimmitt/Sunnyside area, 5% west of Dimmitt, 5% north of Dimmitt, up to 11.25% in the Hart area and 1.25 to 6.25% in the Flagg area.

Scouting in corn ended last week.



'OLDEST DOG' was the award that went to Sweet Pea, the pet of Carly Gilbreath of Dimmitt, in last year's Harvest Days Pet Show. This year's show will start Saturday at 12:15 p.m. at the Expo, with local veterinarian W.J. Hill judging the entries. Photo by Anne Ackel

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Games and play time set for Harvest Days

Game booths, a hula-hoop contest, and a special play time for pre-school youngsters will be included in the Harvest Days activities Saturday at the Expo building.

Vendor booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Those that will include game activities are the pie toss and basketball toss booths, both sponsored by the Dimmitt High School Student Council; a dart game for the American Red Cross; and a "pick-a-duck" booth, sponsored by an individual. There is a charge for participating in these booths, and most will offer prizes.

The pre-school playtime is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. in the performance area of the Expo. Ring toss, horseshoe toss and other simple games will be set up for pre-school age children, with no cost for participation.

"We want to have activities to capture the interest of everyone who attends Harvest Days, including some of the youngest," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

The hula-hoop contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will

Hula hoop contest will require stamina

Hula hoopers will be competing against each other in an elimination tournament Saturday, with the top prize being a Fuzz Beanie Baby.

The event is one of the games planned during the Harvest Days celebration Saturday at the Expo Building. Hopeful hula hoopers will compete in groups of three for the first round of the competition and will hula until they can't hula anymore, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

The winners of the threesomes will return for another round against two other winners, and the winner of that will remain in the running until only one hula hooper remains.

Early settlers will gather for reunion Saturday

Visiting, maybe a few games and good food will highlight the annual Early Settlers' Reunion, which will be held Saturday at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center.

Registration for the reunion will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at the Senior Citizens Center.

Following registration, guests are invited to join with other early settlers to view the Harvest Days parade, which will pass in front of the center.

Local residents are asked to bring a covered dish for the pot luck luncheon, which will start at 12 noon.

For more information about the reunion, contact Wade or Walter Maynard at 647-4358.

start at 4 p.m. at the Expo building, with all ages welcome to enter at no charge. Prizes will be given.

Water polo guaranteed for cool down

Teams wielding fire hoses will try and keep a ball suspended in the air with streams of water in the water polo contest Saturday afternoon.

The event, which is sponsored by the Dimmitt Fire Dept. Reserves, is guaranteed to offer a cool break for those brave enough to get soaked—and they WILL get soaked.

Those interested in competing in the water polo should report to the lot on Southeast Third Street behind C&S Battery, Inc.



FACEPAINTING will be offered this year at the Castro County Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo, sponsored by the Republican Organization for Women. Last year, Chelsea Buckley (seated, left) was one of the many youngsters who took advantage of the fun art. Photo by Anne Acker

Motorists and farm equipment can share the roadways safely

With the 1999 crop season in full swing, Texas motorists traveling state highways and rural roads may occasionally find themselves sharing the road with the large, slow-moving farm equipment necessary for wheat harvest and summer crop planting and cultivation. These include combines, tractors and implements, grain carts and semi-trucks.

As a result, motorists should keep both eyes on road and traffic conditions, learn how to identify slow-moving equipment and give it a wide berth whenever possible, said Dr. Bryan Shaw, agricultural and environmental safety specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Not recognizing slow-moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions between motorists and farm equipment.

Farmers are very busy at this time of year and they often have to move their equipment along the road. Motorists who encounter this situation should remember that a car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, with average reaction time and braking. If you're traveling 65 mph, the safe stopping distance increases to about 302 feet.

A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about five seconds. At 65 mph, that time drops to about four seconds.

"Texas motorists should be especially cautious when traveling on hilly roads, in bad weather and during the dim hours around dawn and sunset," Shaw said.

They should also be aware that the most common farm vehicle accident occurs when a slow-moving vehicle makes a left turn after the motorist behind begins to pass. Texas motorists can avoid that and other potentially dangerous encounters with slow-moving vehicles by following

these driving tips:

1. Recognize and respect the Slow-Moving Vehicle emblem—the triangular fluorescent orange emblem bordered in red. When you see one, slow down and be as cautious as when approaching a stop light.

2. Watch for hand signals. Don't assume that a slow-moving vehicle pulling to the right side of the road is going to turn right or is going to let you pass.

3. Slow down when you see a slow-moving vehicle's flashing turn signal.

4. Keep your distance. Most farm equipment can only travel about 25 mph in road gear.

5. Be patient. It's not easy for the operator to move aside to let you pass, especially when road shoulders are questionable.

6. Always make sure the road ahead and behind is clear before you pass. "If you spot something up ahead that isn't another car or truck, slow down immediately and proceed cautiously. That's the safest way to share the road with slow-moving equipment," Shaw said. "Don't pull out in front of a slow-moving farm vehicle—such as a tractor pulling a grain cart—and then stop or slow down rapidly. Farm equipment cannot stop or slow down as quickly as an automobile."

At the same time, farmers and farm workers should drive their slow rigs defensively, and they should make every effort possible to increase their visibility on the road. They should install clean Slow-Moving Vehicle emblems on all their equipment and replace those that are faded or worn. New, self-adhesive emblems are now available to ease this chore.

Marking slow-moving equipment with reflective tape is another good idea. Use yellow reflective tape on the front and sides, and apply red or

fluorescent orange tape to the back of equipment. Shaw said drivers should always turn on their amber flashing lights when traveling on the road and should allow extra time and distance when crossing or pulling onto highways and roads.

"Be courteous. Let oncoming traffic pass before you move your equipment onto the road," Shaw said. "After you get moving, stay alert for curves, dips and intersections, and keep an eye on traffic around you.

Drive slowly and allow more braking or stopping distance when pulling equipment that isn't equipped with independent brakes.

"Lock your tractor's brake pedals together before you pull onto a public road. This helps prevent unintentional hard right or left turns if you have to stop quickly."

Use turn signals or hand signals and be extremely careful when you have to make a wide left turn from the road. Shaw added that if possible, slow-moving equipment shouldn't be driven on the road when visibility is restricted by bad weather or in the twilight hours near dusk or dawn.

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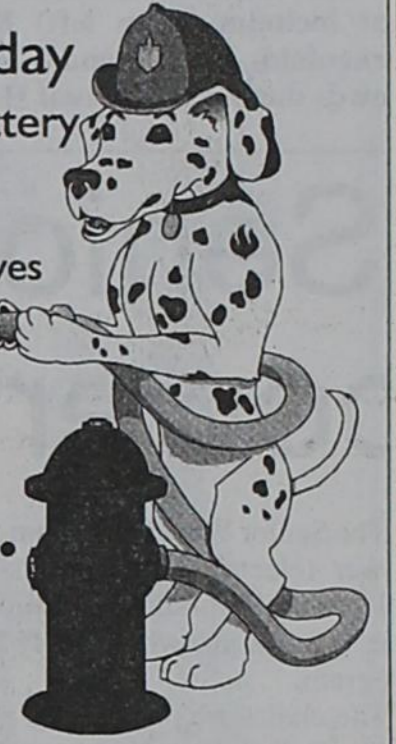
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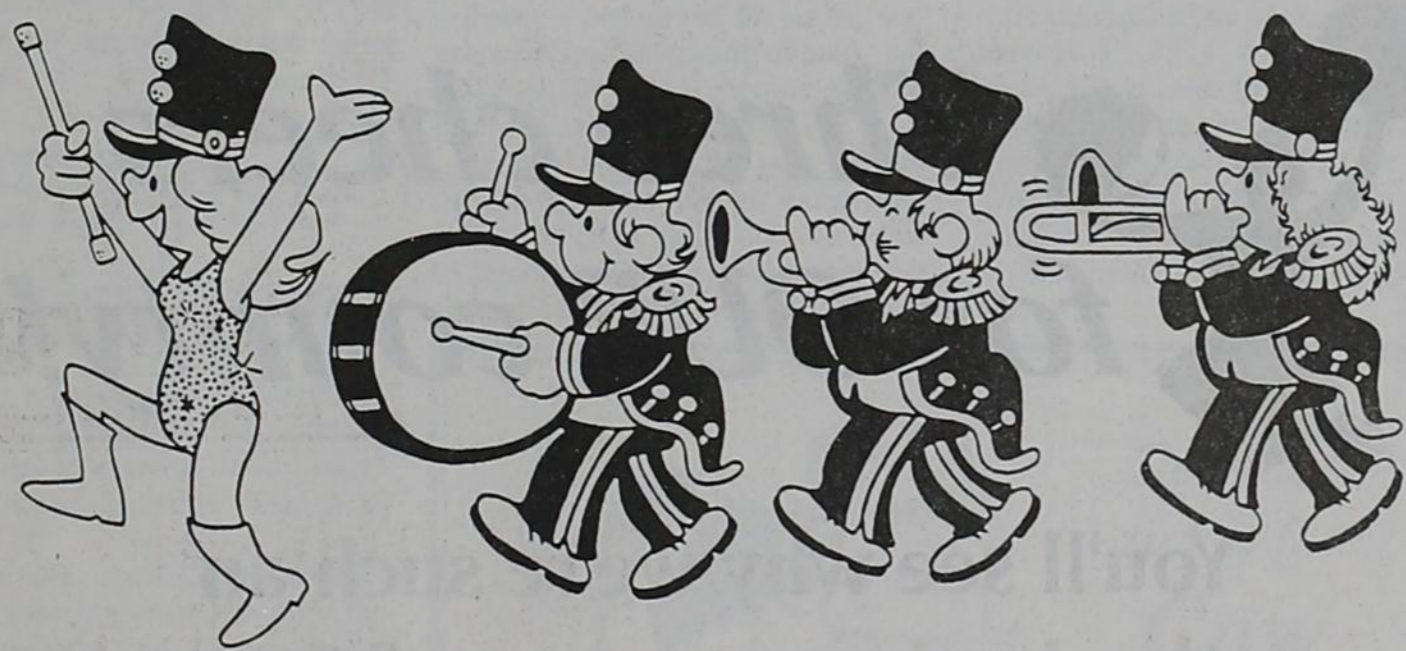
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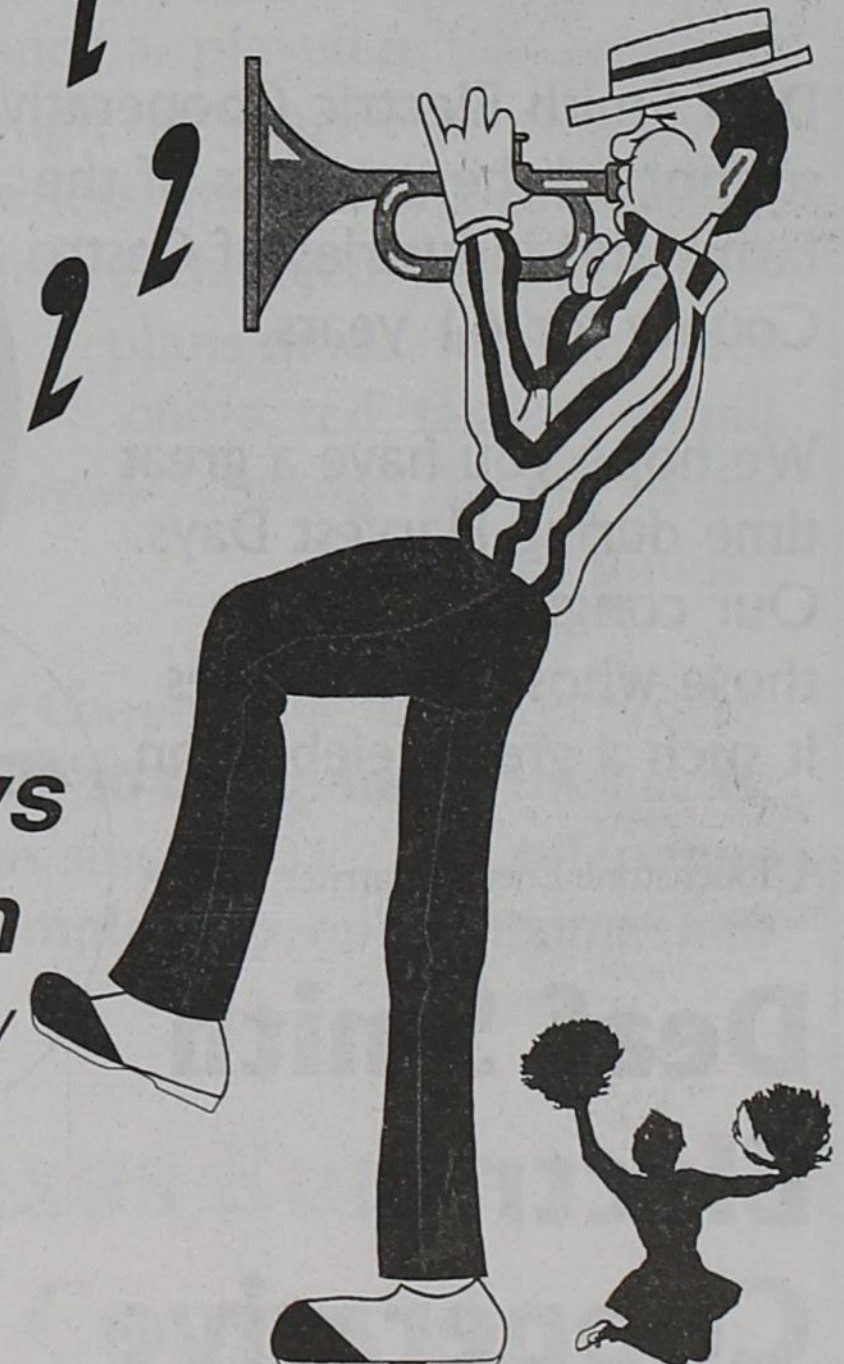
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THE HOLY WARRIORS, a Christian musical group that includes (from left) Richard Herring, Greg Birkenfeld and Glenda Birkenfeld, entertained the crowds during the annual Harvest Days celebration

last year. Music groups slated for this year include rock and roll band Mercury Fall, country and western artist Janet Denton and the Sixshooters, and the Dimmitt Middle School choir. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Federal programs help restore wildlife habitat

Across the country, two American traditions are quickly disappearing—abundant wildlife habitat and family farms.

A pair of voluntary government programs promise relief for both, and current bills in the US Congress could expand these programs nationwide.

The United States is losing its wetlands, which are some of nature's most productive ecosystems, at a rate of more than 170,000 acres a year. Grasslands, forests and other important habitats are disappearing at similarly alarming rates.

At the same time, global economic problems are forcing many farmers out of business. Last fall, Congress approved nearly \$6 billion in emergency farm aid. Federally subsidized crop insurance may cost another \$4 billion.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) are restoring wildlife habitat and, at the same time, helping save many family farms. By paying farmers to set aside land for wildlife, these programs have restored millions of acres across the country at a cost of about \$2 billion annually.

The Conservation Reserve Program was initiated in 1985 to help stem erosion on agricultural lands. The program pays farmers to retire their croplands from production for 10 years, showing erosion and providing prime cover for breeding birds and other wildlife. Today, more than 36 million acres are enrolled in CRP.

The Wetland Reserve Program places conservation easements on marginally productive agricultural lands and restores them to wetlands. More than 800,000 acres are enrolled in this program. Many WRP lands are in the environmentally important Mississippi Delta.

Today, both CRP and WRP are becoming victims of their own success. The number of acres allowed in both programs is limited by Congress, and both are due to "fill up" soon; however, many landowners are still interested in enrolling their

lands, both for economic and conservation purposes. Bills recently introduced by Congress would raise the caps on acreage for both of these programs.

Officials from Ducks Unlimited, the continent's largest wetlands and waterfowl conservation group, and other groups are recommending that the cap on CRP be raised from 36.4 million to 45 million acres. Likewise,

they would like to see the WRP cap raised from 975,000 to two million acres.

"We are encouraging our members to contact their congressmen and urge them to support the expansion of CRP and WRP," said Matt Conolly, executive vice president of Ducks Unlimited. "These programs are examples of government programs that work for wildlife and work for people, too."

Petting zoo planned, too 4-H'ers to exhibit goats and poultry on Saturday

Goats and poultry raised by 4-H'ers from Castro and Deaf Smith Counties will be judged Saturday in a special stock show sponsored by the Castro and Deaf Smith County 4-H programs.

Castro County Assistant Extension Agent Benny Martinez said he expects between 25 and 30 youngsters to show goats with another five to seven youngsters exhibiting poultry.

The goat and poultry show will be held on the southeast side of the Expo Building and is scheduled to begin around 1 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Harvest Days celebration.

Martinez said local businesses have donated items which will be given as prizes for the exhibitors of the grand champion and reserve grand champions in the show. Other top exhibitors will receive ribbons.

4-H'ers exhibiting animals in the show have been working with their projects since June, according to Martinez. In addition to the livestock show, exhibitors also are required to complete a record book, which also will be judged Saturday. Exhibitors also will undergo an interview process with judges.

The Castro County 4-H also is planning to sponsor a petting zoo Saturday afternoon in one of the barns adjacent to the Expo Building.

Martinez said he hopes to have calves, lambs, goats, and may be rabbits, for youngsters to see and pet. The petting zoo will be open from 1 to 3 or 4 p.m.

Quilt to be raffled off

"There's A Dandelion in Our Garden," a quilt sewn by the Friendship Quilters' Guild of Dimmitt, will be raffled off during Harvest Days activities Saturday.

However, the winner will not take possession until after the quilt is shown at the 25th anniversary of the International Quilt Festival on Oct. 21-24 in Houston. It has been named a finalist in the International Quilt Association's Judged Show—Quilts: A World of Beauty.

The quilt was the Best of Show winner at the annual Ogallala Quilter's Festival in Dimmitt. Call Joyce Davis at 647-5362 for information on buying chances on the quilt.

'Senior Wheels' makes power chairs available

The Senior Wheels Program makes power (electric) wheelchairs available to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 and up) who qualify for the program.

The chairs are provided at no out-of-pocket expense to those who are confined to a wheelchair and can no longer self-propel in their living area, and meet the additional qualifications of the program.

No deposit is required. This service also may be available to the permanently disabled if they qualify.

"If your need for a power wheelchair is for use in your apartment or home, please call for more information on the details of the program," said Tom Thurlow, program director. "We ask that no nursing homes call, please."

The number to call is 1-800-360-8765.

The unique, nation-wide program has as its main focus to educate and assist severely handicapped senior citizens in what options they may have in remaining independent.

"Without this awareness and education, they and others may prematurely choose a nursing home or spend out-of-pocket money unnecessarily for a power wheelchair or scooter," Thurlow said.

Participants in the program must already be in a manual wheelchair, and unable to self-propel in their home.

"In other words they must be dependent on others to push them," Thurlow said. "If their need is only for outside, they are not candidates for this program."



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Farmers urged to look at water as commodity

By EDITH A. CHENAULT

Texas farmers and ranchers will have unprecedented opportunities to chart their future in the next 50 years in light of predicted water shortages, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agricultural engineer said.

Texas is expected to fall short in meeting water demands: some say by the year 2050, the state's water demand will be 20.95 million acre-feet per year. However, the groundwater and surface water supply projected will fall short by 6.04 million acre-feet, enough water to cover the entire state of New Hampshire to a depth of one foot.

"Existing supplies will not meet the demand," said Dr. Bruce Lesikar of College Station.

It is expected that the shortfall will be met through more efficient agricultural, landscaping and household practices, waste water reuse, development of new resources, or reducing the amount used on irrigated crops.

Already, irrigated agriculture use is predicted to drop to 5 million acre-feet of water from the current 11.1 million acre-feet of water. Still, Lesikar predicted, about 17% of the irrigation demand will go unmet.

"Our water path is not really charted," Lesikar said. "We have the opportunity to change how our water picture looks in the future, either by increasing the amount of waste water that we use for the irrigation of crop land or turf grass areas and using more potable water resources for

meeting other demands."

Lesikar urged farmers to consider water as a commodity.

"When we start considering water as a commodity, we will be looking at what is the best use of that water resource," he said. "It may be more profitable for the farmer to actually sell the water to other sectors than it is for him to use the water to grow an agricultural crop."

For instance, urban water consumers pay from \$1 to \$2 per 1,000 gallons of water in the first part of their water usage; then \$2 to \$4 per 1,000 gallons as they get up into a higher water usage and rate structure. That could increase to \$4 to \$6 per 1,000 gallons as water becomes more precious and alternative technologies are needed to treat the water to drinking water quality, he said.

If a farmer purchased his water for 65 cents per gallon and he grew a crop that required two acre-feet of water, or 650,000 gallons, to grow, his water cost would be \$422 per acre. On the other hand, the farmer could sell the water to the municipality, resulting in a profit of \$422.

The city could then transport the water, pay for the pipeline to bring it to the city and sell the water and still cover their infrastructure costs, he said.

The farmer could then use that land to grow dryland crops or could sell just a portion of his water and irrigate a smaller section of land, and still have an annual income coming from the sale of the water.

Lesikar warned, "If you sell the right to the water, you get a one-time sale to the city. So it would be better to lease your water or sell it on an annual basis rather than selling the

right to the water."

Not everyone will have this option to sell water; however, farmers near major cities may wish to consider this.

Water deficits also may be met through new technologies being developed for water treatment, allowing the use of saline groundwater resources or the Gulf of Mexico as supplies. There also may be a shift in the types of crops being produced from those that use more water to those that use less.

Farmers have been switching to more efficient means of irrigation over the last two decades, said Dr. Guy Fipps of College Station, Extension agricultural engineer.

"One change we're seeing is the abandonment of furrow irrigation and a switch to center pivot irrigation," Fipps said. Long used on the Texas High Plains, the more-efficient center pivot method is being adapted widely in Southwest Texas. These types of systems put the water where the crop needs it, either on the surface of the ground or under the surface.

Lesikar added, "With irrigation scheduling, we can calculate what the water demand is for that crop and apply that water at the time the crop needs it or store the water in the soil profile. We get the maximum return on the water invested in the crop production."

Texas reached its peak of irrigated acreage in 1974 with 8.4 million acres, Fipps said. In 1997, the total irrigated acreage in the state was 5.1 million acres, about 13% of the total. The drop was largely due to more efficient irrigation technology, higher input costs and volatile crop prices.

FCE to raffle bears and snowman

Members of the Town & Country Family and Community Educators club are raffling off a basket full of eight Beanie Baby™ bears and a painted wooden snowman yard decoration.

A drawing for the winners will be

held Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Expo building during Harvest Days.

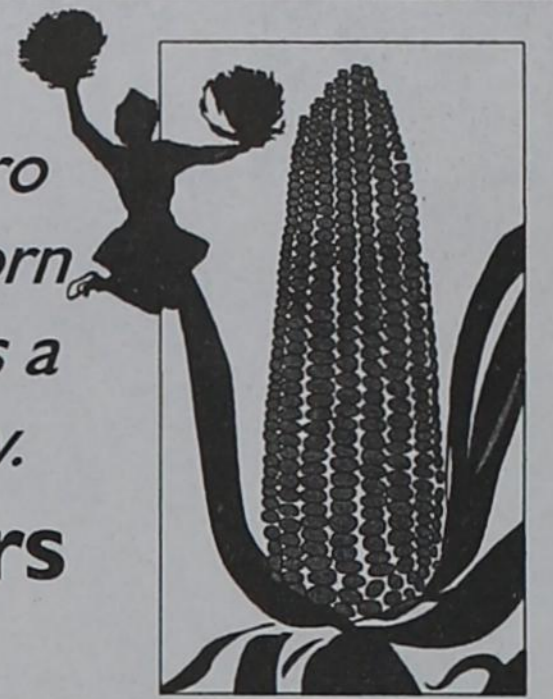
Chances on each item are selling for \$1 each, and may be purchased from any FCE member or at Unique Gifts and More, where the items are

on display.

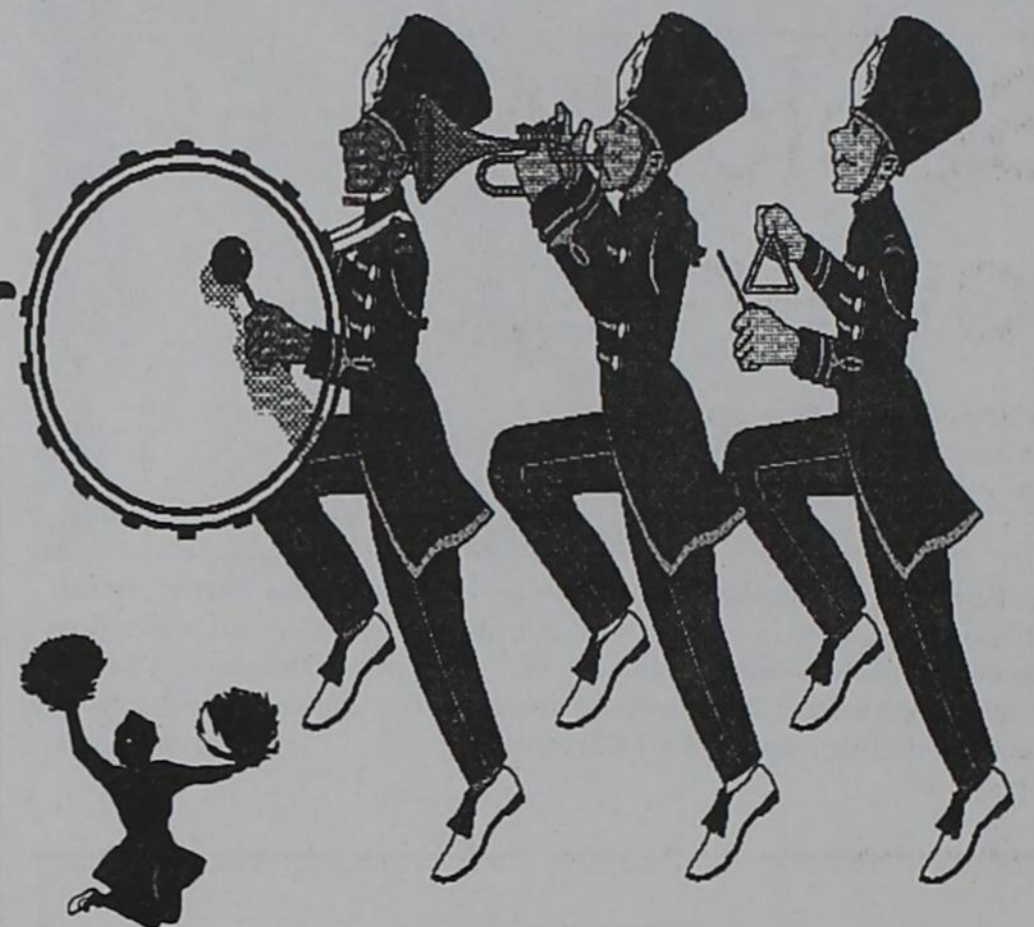
The bears include Germania, Peace, Valentina, a 1999 Signature Bear, Fuzz, Kicks, Millennium and Hope. The snowman was painted by Suzy Wall of Hereford.

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Restoring the normal rhythm is the only way to save a victim of cardiac arrest. Trained lay rescuers using these devices on a victim within minutes of cardiac arrest could make the difference between life and death.

"The number of deaths from cardiac arrest do not need to be as high as they are. This device is not a true lifesaver, and those good samaritans who use it to help others should be applauded, not penalized with a lawsuit," said State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, one of the sponsors of the legislation.

An individual can be properly trained in CPR and the use of an AED in just a few hours. The AHA HeartSaver AED program, the first basic course that combines CPR and AED training for lay people, can be completed in three to four hours.



Get your ticket for **Cow Patty Bingo!**

Chances are \$10 each and are being sold by members of the Fair Association. Only 100 chances will be sold.

The "Bingo Field" will be 100 numbered squares southeast of the Expo Building. The cow will be turned loose at 2:15 p.m. Saturday. The game will end when the cow "bingos" on somebody's square, **AND THE WINNER WILL GET \$500!**

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PET PRIDE—David Underwood brought "Smokey the Turtle" to last year's Harvest Days Pet Show and won the blue ribbon for the "Most Unusual Pet." Local veterinarian Dr. W.J. Hill judges the show. "To me, one of the highlights is seeing what categories W.J. makes up so everyone can have a unique award," said Bill Sava. Photo by Anne Acker

🎵 Harvest Days to swing with music 🎵

A rock and roll band, a country and western band, middle school singers, a fiddlers' contest, and karaoke fun all will be included in the entertainment scheduled during the day Saturday as a part of the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

✦ "Mercury Fall," the band featuring Dimmitt natives Joshua and Justin Roberts, will perform from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Expo building. The group also includes Nick Bell and Paul Miller, both of Amarillo. They will play a selection of rock and roll numbers made popular by groups such as Creed, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Collective Soul. They also play contemporary Christian music, in addition to a few original rock and roll compositions.

Josh is the vocalist and sometimes plays back-up guitar and harmonica. Justin plays lead guitar, with Miller on the bass guitar and Bell on the drums.

✦ At 1 p.m., the Dimmitt Middle School Choir will perform in the performance area inside the Expo. They are directed by Elaine Hazel. Featuring students from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, the choir will sing three selections: *Get Up, I Like School*, and *Education Rock*. Hazel said the students will include motions with all of the songs, and for the final number they will don hats and shades.

The Fiddlers' Contest will start at

1:30 p.m. inside the Expo in the performance area. Herb Mayfield, organizer of the event, said there are four age groups for the competition. Cash prizes are offered for first, second and third place in each age division.

For the Age 12 and Under division, the entry fee is \$5 per person. Prizes will be \$25, \$20, and \$15 for first, second and third places, respectively.

Entry fees for all other divisions are \$10. For the Ages 13-18 Division, prizes will be \$75, \$50 and \$25. In the divisions for Ages 19-40 and Age 41 and up, prizes will be \$100, \$75 and \$50. Participants may sign up just before the contest.

Each contestant is allowed six minutes to play three selections, including a waltz, a hoedown or breakdown, and then a tune of their choice.

Judges will be Blackie Foster of Amarillo, Jim Elliott of Clovis, N.M., and Cal Tipple, also of Clovis.

✦ Karaoke Fun will follow the fiddlers in the performance area set up in the Expo. Everyone is invited to participate or just come watch the fun. The karaoke songs and singing set up will be supplied by Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Karaoke singing features background music of popular songs playing, with the participant singing the words that are written out.

Janet Denton & The Sixshooters will be the featured band for the

closing dance, slated to start at 9 p.m. at the Expo building. The group is a country and western band, with all of its members coming from the Panhandle area.

Denton was born in Amarillo and began playing the piano at age 3. Blind from birth, she has been enter-

taining throughout the Panhandle for most of her life. She has been showcased in several "Opries" in the area and has made an appearance on the satellite program "Star Seek," as well as being featured on "Texas Country Reporter."

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