

Jail bond issue

Pay for it now—or later?

"I really think that we either have to keep up or get left behind. I think it's that simple. I think most of the people in Castro County will realize it if we can just get the information to them."

That is how jail committee member Jo Parks summed up the need for a new jail for Castro County. She spoke out at a meeting of the Jail Committee on Tuesday night at the courthouse.

"That would be nice and simple if we didn't have to take money from people to do that. That would be a nice, easy solution to it, but the cost of it—that's what's tearing us up," Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald said. "But it's going to cost us more if we don't do it."

The jail committee was formed to look at solving the county's jail problems. One option is the jail bond issue that will go before the county's voters on the same ballot as the Nov. 7 general election, asking for issuance of \$3 million in general obligation bonds.

The current jail facility does not meet all current building codes, life safety, ADA and jail commission requirements. It also does not provide adequate capacity to properly house and segregate county inmates.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has revoked the jail's certification at least three times in the past few years, and has threatened to shut the jail down if something is not done about it.

If the jail is shut down completely, all of the county's prisoners would have to be "farmed out" to other area jails willing to accept them (for a fee, of course).

Fitzgerald said the jail has averaged at least 20 prisoners per day for the last three years. At an estimated cost of \$81.41 per day per prisoner, that would cost the county approximately \$594,293 to "farm out" that many prisoners for a year.

That money would have to come out of the county budget, which could not be stretched far enough to cover the additional cost without

raising taxes, according to county auditor Maretta Smithson.

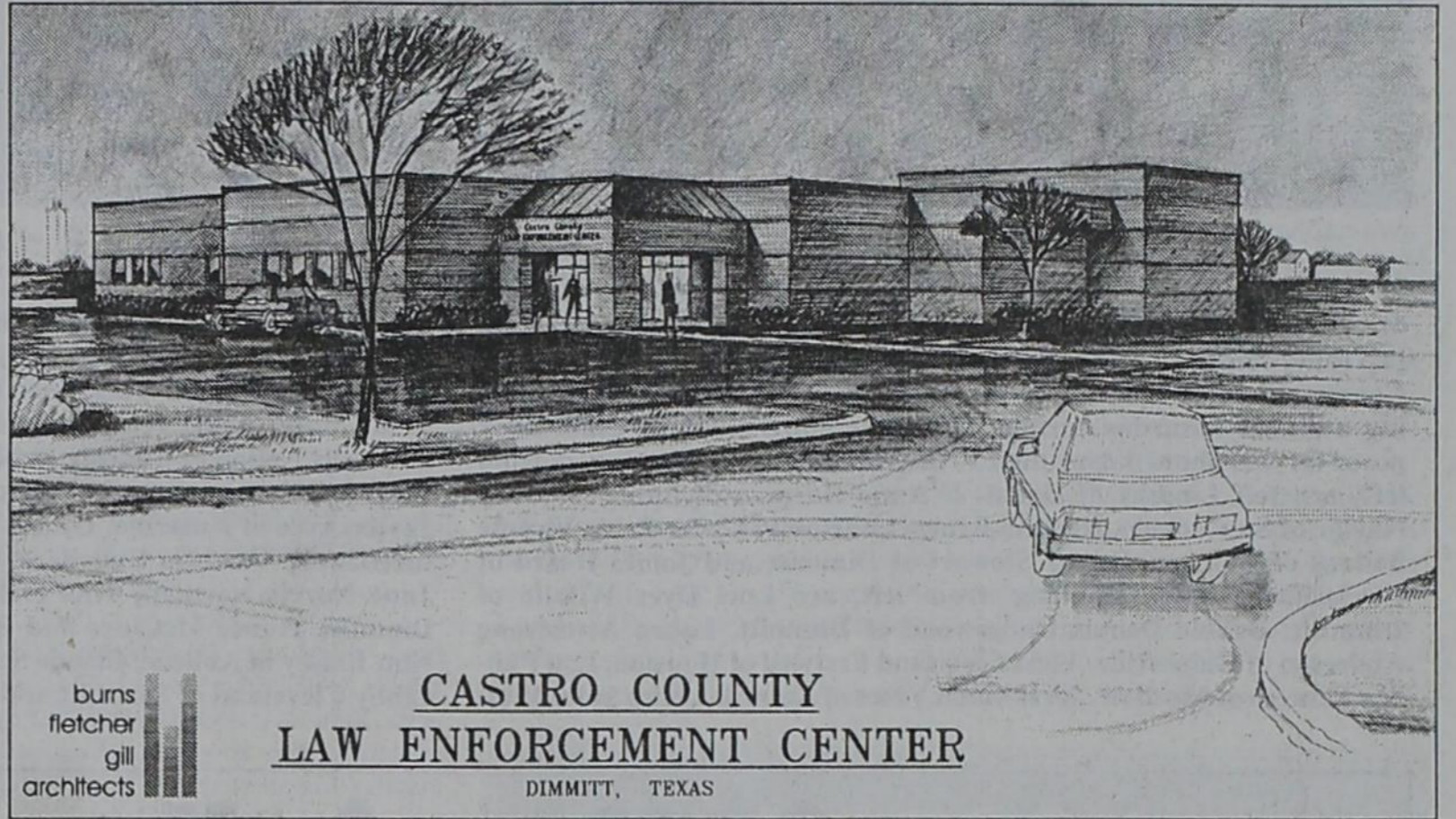
The cost of keeping the same number of prisoners in the local jail at the rate of \$60.64 per day would cost \$442,672 for the year, a savings of at least \$151,621 that would go a long way toward meeting the payments on the bond issue (estimated at \$258,750 each year).

Committee member Harold Bob Bennett asked why the county should spend \$1 million to \$1.5 million just to get the old jail up to the minimum standards and still have the same capacity problems.

"Remodeling (the old jail) is out. Our choice is either get shut down or build a new facility. Those are our choices. And if we farm out (prisoners), it's going to cost us a lot more than it is to build a nice facility for the whole (county)," said committee member Chaun Gunstream.

At a public hearing on the matter in Hart Monday night, Vic Nelson spoke about raising taxes.

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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF THE FRONT OF THE PLANNED COUNTY JAIL FACILITY ... By Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects. The project is the subject of a bond election set for Nov. 7.

WILD FIRE!

Small spark can result in uncontrollable blaze

Parched grassland northeast of Dimmitt became a field of fire Tuesday afternoon, and more than three sections of grass were destroyed by the flames before firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control.

The fire broke out around 4 p.m. Tuesday and before it was extinguished, it burned sections of grassland, utility poles and fence posts. It jumped two county roads, which was unusual because the winds were light.

Firefighters from Dimmitt, Nazareth, Hereford and Dawn responded to the call and were able to contain the fire in a few hours. No structures were damaged.

Dimmitt Fire Chief Tommy Cleavinger said firefighters at the scene reported the blaze apparently started near a utility pole, but the cause hasn't been determined.

This area hasn't received any measurable precipitation since June. Less than a half of an inch of rain was recorded during July and since that time, only .15 of an inch has been recorded. Only a trace was reported in September.

With conditions as dry as they are right now, any small spark can turn into an out-of-control inferno in a short period of time.

Over the past few weeks, grass fires have been keeping local firefighters busy.

"We have been fortunate," Cleavinger said. "Most of the fires we've had so far have been small. But we have had more calls than usual."

Cleavinger said some of the calls the department has responded to have turned out to be a farmer burning corn stubble.

"If you are going to burn your stubble, please call the sheriff's office and let them know," Cleavinger said.

He also encourages people to avoid any outdoor burning if possible and to be extremely careful when disposing of cigarettes.

"Just use common sense," Cleavinger said.

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By Don Nelson

Maurice Campbell was a 16-year-old schoolboy in Roaring Springs when I was born there in the mid-1930s, in the deepest part of the Great Depression.

He was a member of the Epworth League, which is what the Methodist youth group was called back then. My Dad was the sponsor-teacher of that group.

Dad, still in his 20s, had a little job-printing shop. To bring in a few more dollars for his growing family, he cobbled together enough hand-set type and second-hand equipment to start his first newspaper, the *Roaring Springs Reporter*.

Dad's first newspaper press was a little two-page, hand-fed drum press, known in the trade as a "pony." It had both a pulley and a flywheel on the off-end of the drum, so it could be powered either by a motor or by hand.

In the early days of his newspaper, Dad couldn't afford a motor for his little press. That meant that the printing was a two-man job—and he had only a one-man shop.

Maurice and some of his buddies saw to it that Dad always had enough hand-power for his press. They would always show up at his shop at the right time and take turns cranking the flywheel.

"I don't know what I would have done without those boys," Dad once told me. "I couldn't afford to pay them anything; all I could do was

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Think rain!

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	83	42	
Friday	85	41	
Saturday	86	48	
Sunday	93	50	
Monday	95	55	
Tuesday	95	55	
Wednesday	97	55	

September Moisture	0.00
October Moisture	0.00
2000 Moisture	11.61

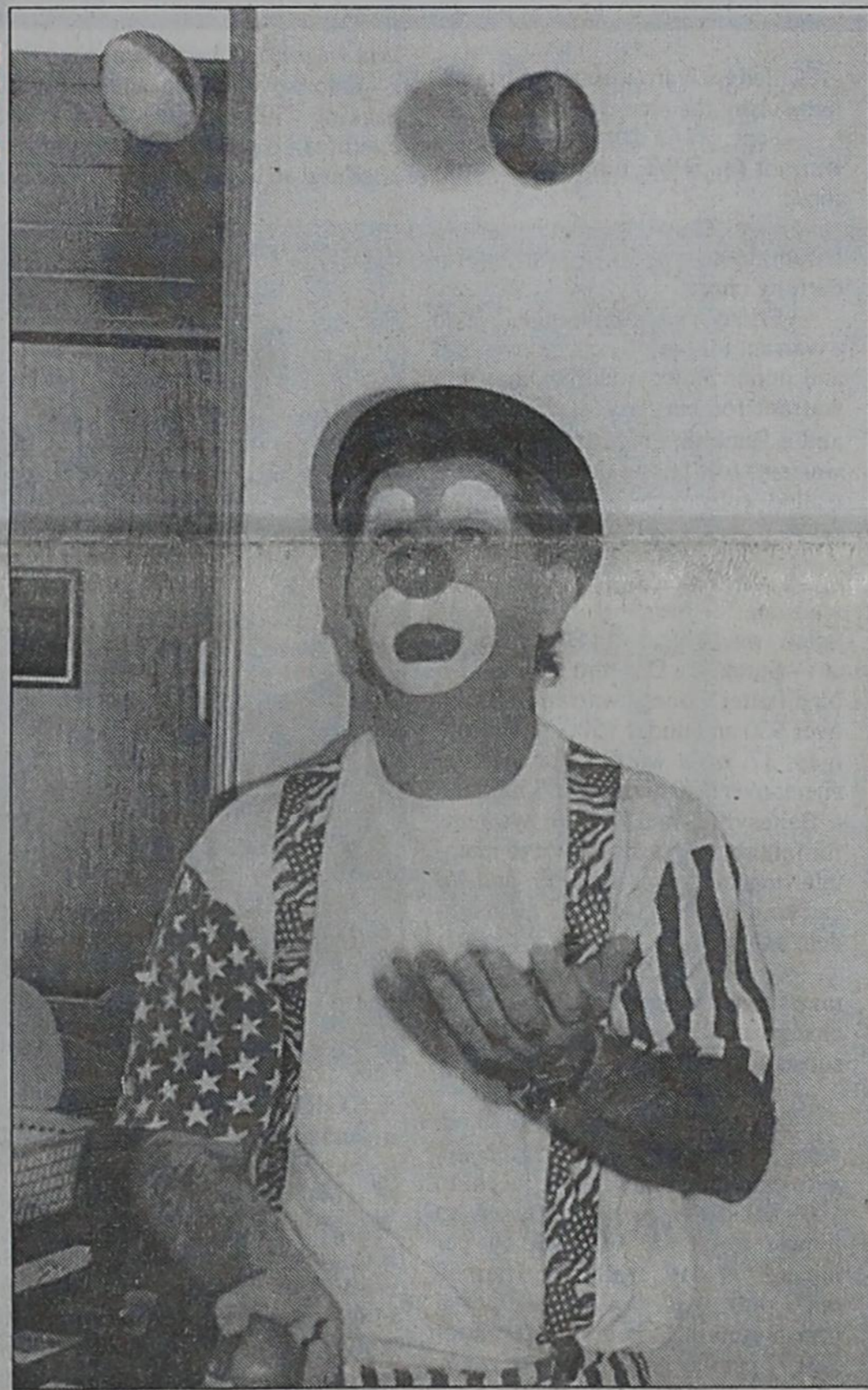
Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

Voter registration deadline Tuesday

Tuesday is the last day that citizens may register to vote and still be eligible to vote in the Nov. 7 election. Those who already have a voter's registration card do not have to register again, but those who have not registered should do so by 5 p.m. Tuesday at the office of Tax Assessor-Collector and Voters' Registrar Billy Hackleman at the courthouse.

Applications for a ballot by mail should be sent to the county clerk's office. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 31.

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election will be held from Oct. 23 to Nov. 3.



WINKY THE CLOWN visited in Castro County Sept. 27, performing his "I Love to Read" show for elementary students at Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. Winky (Will Pearson of Richmond, Ky.) performs with the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, which will be in Dimmitt Sunday. "This is the circus's way of giving back to the communities before they ever get here," Pearson said. "That is why we like to work with civic clubs, such as the Lions, who are sponsoring our performance in Dimmitt." Photo by Linda Maxwell

Big top circus performances are slated in Dimmitt Sunday

An endangered species show featuring the two largest members of the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus family, African elephants "Barbara" and "Connie" will be the first event on Sunday in conjunction with a special circus presentation in Dimmitt.

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Lions Club, the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus will bring the "Big Top" to Dimmitt for two performances on Sunday, one at 2 p.m. and the other at 4. The circus will be held at Southeast Fourth and Stinson Streets in Dimmitt, just north of the Expo Building.

The endangered species show will be a special free performance at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

The idea for the 45-minute endangered species show came from the circus company's desire to introduce these magnificent animals and their amazing intelligence to the public.

Staff members will present information about the disappearance of

wildlife habitat that ironically has made these animals an overpopulated endangered species.

Details about the care they receive at Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, including hygiene, grooming and veterinary attention, are discussed.

The actual circus performance will also feature elephants, along with clowns, aerialists and all the magic of the traditional circus.

The big top will be erected with elephant power and the public is invited to watch the tent raising at about 9 a.m. on Sunday. The endangered species show will follow the tent raising.

Advance tickets for the circus performances are on sale at businesses in Dimmitt or can be obtained by calling 647-2524. Prices for advance tickets are \$5 for children 12 and young and \$7 for adults.

On the day of the circus, tickets will be \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

CCHD auditor decries cuts in federal programs

The hospital district made so much progress in services and revenues during the past year that it might be in great shape financially, *except*:

—The Balanced Budget Act adopted by Congress in 1997 cost the district \$1.2 million last year because of cuts in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and

—Health Maintenance Organizations such as FirstCare are not reimbursing the hospital its costs for services provided to their members.

That's a thumbnail sketch of the hospital district's fiscal condition according to the annual audit report presented to the hospital board last Thursday night by Bill Parrish Jr., C.P.A.

Parrish is president of Parrish, Moody & Fikes, P.C., a Waco accounting firm that specializes in the financial management of health care facilities.

After tallying the district's cash balance, accounts receivable and payable, investment funds balance, accrued expenses, etc., Parrish noted that the district's total fund balance dropped by \$71,000 during fiscal 2000, to \$4.95 million.

That's less of a deficit than the hospital district showed in fiscal 1999 (\$180,000) but noticeably higher than in 1998 (\$4,000), Parrish reported.

Parrish blamed the Balanced Budget Act for most hospitals' inability to make ends meet.

"The Balanced Budget Act cost this hospital \$1.2 million just this

year," Parrish told the board. "Every hospital I work with is suffering. I think this hospital has been able to make it up better than most of the other hospitals."

He said that the follow-up Balanced Budget Refinement Act, passed by Congress to correct provisions that were harmful to rural hospitals, has not been as helpful as promised.

"Despite the promises (of the Balanced Budget Refinement Act), you're getting cut 25 to 30% on your reimbursements and payments," Parrish told the board.

As an expert in rural hospital finance, Parrish has helped formulate an "Essential Service Hospital" concept, with a plan to correct the inequities which he says are threatening the existence of many hospitals. He drew up a plan for Texas hospitals, which is included in House Bill 5220, and has testified seven times recently before congressional committees, including House Ways & Means.

Joe Sloan, the district's chief executive officer, commended Parrish as "the person who just about single-handedly stood up to the Justice Dept. for us (on a legal problem involving the hospital lab)," and added, "His accounting firm is just about the only one in Texas doing anything about this problem" of government-imposed deficits.

In addition to accepting the audit report, the board voted to go ahead with the formation of a tax-exempt foundation to benefit the hospital district.



HOMECOMING QUEEN 2000 for Dimmitt High School is senior Stephanie Casas, the daughter of Harold and Veronica Casas. She is escorted by Salvador Diaz. Other queen candidates were Mary Bradley, daughter of Gene and Shari Bradley, and Casandra Casas, daughter of Ruben and Carmen Casas. The presentation of the homecoming court and the crowning of the queen was held at the Homecoming Pep Rally Friday afternoon at the high school gym. The court and candidates also were honored at half time of the football game Friday night.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



Dimmitt High School Class of 1980

Members of DHS's 20th anniversary class attended the Homecoming pep rally, dinner and football game together Friday, then gathered at the Country Club for a post-game reception. They got in more visiting during a dinner Saturday evening at the Hereford Country Club. They posed for this photo during their Friday evening reception. Seated, from left, are Jeff Lindsey of Dallas, D'Anne Harmon of Lubbock, Gary Naylor of San Angelo, Katrina Bruegel Barton of Cedar Park, Vicente Salinas of Canyon, Jimmy Stewart of Dimmitt and James Heard of Lewisville. Women standing, from left, are Lori Dyer Wilhite of Dimmitt, Debbie Dennis Underwood of Dimmitt, Laura Armstrong Anderson of Gainesville, Vicki Cleveland Fretwell of Houston, Lou Phillips Flowers of Meadow, Jerri Mann Vines of Amarillo, Kim Sides Wat-

son of Georgetown, Kerri Hufhines Magby of Lubbock, Laine Snider Horton of Grand Prairie, Angie Silva Sandoval of Dimmitt, and Deanne Moore Phillips of Lubbock. Men standing, from left, are David Allison, Matt Gilbreath and Terry Smothermon of Dimmitt, Blake West of Phoenix, Kelly Nelson of Canyon, Robert Moore of Slaton, Russel Birdwell of Dimmitt, Sammy Ramirez of Austin, Steve Garcia of Amarillo and Javier Arce of Amarillo. Others attending reunion events but not pictured were Valentin Caballero, Oliver Glover, Pat Gonzales Flores, June Norris Norman, Tina Roland Maurer and Anita Saenz, all of Dimmitt, Howie McClure and Elsa Montes-Valdez of Lubbock, Pam Nutt Kelsey of Abilene, Claude Schilling of Arlington, and class sponsors Libby Cleveland of Dimmitt and J'Lyn Ryan of Seminole.

Photo by Dan Nelson

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He said nearly every farmer has lost money this year and next year will probably be even worse.

"People are leaving the county. School populations are down, the cost of natural gas has doubled this year. Every kind of taxes are getting raised this year, the economy is lower, and most other farmers are in the same boat.

"As the irrigation water level decreases, there is a drop in land value—the tax base. People can't pay higher taxes, so they go out of business and have to leave," Nelson said.

"We need to try to cut expenses, jail-wise and every other way," Nelson said. "We need to have a meeting to figure out how to cut expenses instead of meeting to figure out how to spend more money.

"We can't keep providing more and more services. We have to cut somewhere," Nelson said.

"I know taxes are up," County Judge Irene Miller said Monday. "We all feel taxed to death. That is why we (the commissioners' court) decided to bring the bond issue before the citizens of the county, to see if they want their tax dollars to go for a facility here or to pay other counties to house our prisoners."

"I'm just like you, Vic. The tax situation is irritating," said Newlon Rowland, county commissioner of Precinct 1. "We are trying to figure out an alternative. It looks like to build a jail is as good a thing as we could do in the long run."

Shirley Nelson of Hart said that when the county first started looking at the jail project, "first it was \$2 million, then \$2.5 million. Now we're looking at \$3 million? Are we going to end up like Randall County?"

Randall County had not figured in architects' fees or landscaping costs and were using out-of-date estimates, Miller said. She noted that the county has contracted with a firm to handle the project as construction management at-risk. The company has to give a firm contract price and must keep the project cost at that level or "eat" the difference.

"I think we need to stop and think. It is going to cost a lot of money, and it's not to make the prisoners comfortable. It's to make our lives safer," said jail committee member Jackie Smothermon at Tuesday's meeting.

"If we don't do it now, somewhere in the future we're going to have to and it's going to cost a lot more. We should have done this a long time ago," Miller said. "We have to decide if we want our tax dollars to go for something in Castro County or to buy patrol cars for other sheriff's departments. I have received verbal thank-yous from two different sheriffs that Castro County has bought them a patrol car from the cost of housing our prisoners."

The bond issue would raise taxes by 7.24 cents per \$100 of property valuation, amounting to \$18.10 per year more in taxes for the owner of property appraised at \$25,000; \$36.20 for property valued at \$50,000; \$54.30 for property valued at \$75,000; or \$72.40 for property valued at \$100,000.

The sport soccer is called football in many countries including Great Britain.

The saving grace of humor: If you fail, at least you don't have anyone laughing at you.

Police Calls

A 22-year-old Dimmitt woman told police that someone pushed her in an incident of Class C assault Friday at 10 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School football field.

Jerry Torres of Dimmitt told deputies last Thursday afternoon that someone had taken a 700-lb. Black Angus yearling heifer valued at \$1,000 from his pasture near FM 2567 and CR 613. Investigation is continuing.

Juan Arturo Martinez, 23, of Dimmitt, told police he was bitten by a dog on Sunday in the 1000 block of West Grant.

A 32-year-old Castro County man was jailed Sept. 26 on charges of false report to a peace officer, failure to maintain financial responsibility, employing an unlicensed person to drive, and failure to register a vehicle.

Friday morning, a 20-year-old Hart man was jailed for driving with license suspended.

Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 31, was arrested for being involved in a disturbance and a stopped-traffic offense. He was jailed on charges of DWI, second offense.

Early Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 24, was jailed for DWI, first offense; at 6:50 a.m., a 28-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for public intoxication and on a motion to revoke probation, which stemmed from possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram; and Sunday afternoon a 25-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for public intoxication.

Monday at 1:38 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 27, was jailed for DWI, third offense; and at 3:16 a.m., public intoxication charges were listed against a 33-year-old Hereford man.

Jailed on warrants and court matters during the past week:

—Sept. 27, a Dimmitt man, 21, warrant for DWI, third or more offense.

—Last Thursday, a 49-year-old Dimmitt woman on a warrant for theft by check.

—Friday, A Dimmitt man, 51, on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; a Hart man, 19, a warrant for burglary of a building; and a Bucklin, Kan., man, 34, on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, analog under 1 gram.

—Saturday, an assault warrant on a 20-year-old Dimmitt man; and warrants for burglary of a building jailed two 18-year-old Hart men.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt woman, 24, on a Potter County warrant for theft over \$50 and under \$500; a Dimmitt man, 37, on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; and a Baitsville man, 24, on warrants for failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and for carrying over 34,000 lbs. on a tandem axle vehicle.

—Monday, a 26-year-old Happy man served time in jail after court on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jail Count

As of Tuesday morning there were 18 inmates in the county jail, with one farmed out for the week. In 1999-2000 the cost of housing an inmate in-county was \$60.64 per inmate per day, while the "farmed out" rate was \$81.41, including transportation, for a difference of \$20.77 per day or \$145.39 per week.

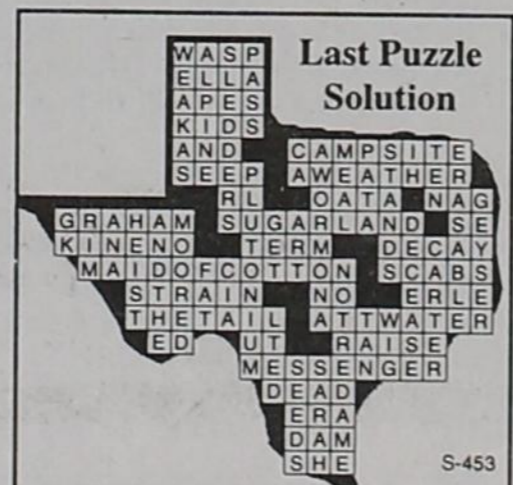
Last Thursday at 7:55 a.m. in the 1600 block of Butler Drive, a 1989 GMC Suburban driven by Cindy Odom, 37, of Dimmitt, backed out of a private drive and into the path of a 1987 Dodge Reliant station wagon driven by Shena Sides Pinnell, 28, of Dimmitt. Pinnell and her 4-year-old daughter were listed with incapacitating injuries, while her 5-year-old was listed with possible injuries. They all were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital.

Odom was listed with possible injuries as well. Damage to the Suburban was rated light, while the sta-

The game of backgammon is so called from the Anglo-Saxon words bac gammon, meaning "back game."

People once believed saying the Lord's Prayer backward would invoke the devil.

A tiger's striped coat helps conceal the animal in tall grass and helps it sneak up on its prey.



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tion wagon had heavy damage.

Odom was given a citation for backing without safety. Pinnell was cited for no proof of liability insurance and an expired driver's license.



A KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE FLAG is unfurled at a ceremony Sept. 27 in Dimmitt, with local veteran Billy Hackleman (left) and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (right) holding the banner as Jean Beene (far right) explains the features of the flag and reads a memorial narrative about the Korean War. The flag was flown just beneath the US Flag on the flag pole in front of the courthouse, and it was displayed through Friday afternoon, as a symbol of Castro County's participation in observing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Beene is a member of Hereford's Los Ciboleros Chapter of the

Daughters of the American Revolution, which has been entrusted by the Dept. of Defense with the flag "to encourage its proper display over the towns and counties of America." Other members of the Los Ciboleros Chapter who attended the ceremony included Juanita Brown, Margaret Bell, Lois Gilliland, Ruth Knox, Donna Smith and Charlotte Clark. Observing the ceremony were several from Dimmitt. The observance was set for Sept. 27 to commemorate the break through of UN Forces at the Pusan Perimeter.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



FLAME KING AND QUEEN for Dimmitt High School for 2000 are seniors Crystal Niño and Emanuel Jaramillo. They were crowned at the pinning ceremony Sept. 27 as part of the Spirit Week activities leading up to the Homecoming football game against the River Road Wildcats. Other Flame candidates included juniors Austin Sherman and Stacey Casas, sophomores Juan Diaz and Ashley Irons, and freshmen Matthew Sanders and Amy Laurent.

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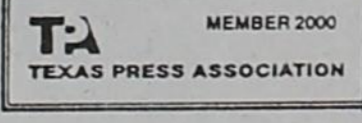
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "never anything in the glow of a neon light"
- 5 measure of TX ranch land
- 6 distribute the poker hands
- 7 Astros leag.
- 8 TX-based eatery: _____ Friday's
- 9 expressed disapproval
- 15 TXism: "suits me to a fare-____-well"
- 16 describing unbounded Texas pride
- 19 a critter often _____ his prey
- 21 TXism: "never let _____ you sweat"
- 22 romantic cruise from Galveston (2 wds.)
- 27 this Premiering directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"
- 28 engine sealer
- 29 rock quarried in Uvalde Co.
- 30 TX Donaldson or Rather employer
- 32 TX George H.'s desert general (init.)
- 33 TXism: "best I ever wrapped a _____"
- 36 Midwestern State ex-athletic conf.
- 37 Denver City h.s. football class
- 38 in Medina Co. off I-35
- 39 Judy Garland's daughter Liza
- 41 TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly _____"
- 42 1st black record _____ in south was Houston's Peacock Records
- 45 Friday night performers: _____ teams
- 46 TX Sissy was "Carrie" created by this King (init.)
- 47 TXism: "never _____ eyes on it"
- 48 TXism: "his facts _____ elastic" (liar)
- 49 TX All-Pro QB for NY Giants
- 52 bounced around in Palo Duro Canyon
- 53 Korean car sold in TX
- 54 TX-based Pizza _____, Inc.
- 55 iced _____

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 51 indicating starting points for clues. The grid is shaped like the state of Texas.

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "tear jerker"
- 2 TX Blue Bell _____ cream
- 3 in Williamson Co. on hwy. 95
- 4 wife of 3-time TX governor
- 8 TXism: "_____ as hen skin"
- 9 TXism: "gave him a dose of _____"
- 10 TX B.J.'s _____ So Lonesome I Could Cry"
- 11 "yes" so. of the border
- 12 TX eatery
- 13 shade trees
- 14 UT has _____ of Edgar Allan Poe
- 15 Horned Frogs' race oval
- 16 Cowboy DT Leon
- 17 TXism: "I've _____ I care to see"
- 18 left Galveston Bay (2 wds.)
- 20 TX Freeman's role on "One Life to Live": _____ Hall
- 22 Denton outlaw Sam (init.)
- 23 Austin musician Ketchum
- 24 TXism: "the fat _____ the fire"
- 25 Vatican matter
- 26 TXism: "_____ a _____ panhandle prairie"
- 28 "_____ and bear it"
- 31 TX "Bum" Phillips real name
- 34 Grand _____ Opry
- 35 Hayden Fry left UNT for this Hawkeye sch.
- 37 TXism: "windy"
- 40 was human
- 43 Seminole h.s. class
- 44 rattler hunters need a snake-_____
- 50 TXism: "lower _____ snake's navel"
- 51 TXism: "I can dance _____ that tune"

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Homecoming activities were quite impressive this year, as each Bobcat football team member was pinned by a pretty girl, the flame king and queen were crowned, and the other candidates were presented at the pinning ceremony.

The homecoming pep rally was also very beautiful and suspenseful, as the court was presented and the homecoming queen, Stephanie Casas, was finally crowned from among the three lovely candidates.

Josefina Diaz Vogt sat beside me at the pinning Wednesday night. She is the mother of Harald and Sverre Vogt and is awaiting the necessary visa to begin practicing psychiatry at the Welch Home Place at Plains

Memorial Hospital. She is a Panama native, speaks Spanish and English fluently, and seems to be enjoying the challenge of living in a new place, and is eager to start to work.

Josefina came over to our house following the festivities to join Harald, Sverre, Andy Garcia and Maribel Montiel for red velvet cake and soft drinks from the kitchen of Martha Human.

Mauzee Youts celebrated her 90th birthday with her family, and the celebration covered a period of about three days. The festivities began on her birth date last Thursday. The family was hoping she would receive 90 birthday cards. There were 65 cards and one large sign from Can-

terbury Villa in Dimmitt with signatures from most of the residents and the staff.

Saturday, Mauzee's daughter, Phyllis Mooney, and granddaughter, Janice Mooney Davis, cooked a "fresh from the garden" lunch at Janice's house in Mauzee's honor. Those present were Mauzee's daughter, Pat Slick of Midland, and her husband, Slick; great-granddaughter Lindsey Davis Crump; and Bob Mooney and Gerald Davis, who helped their wives with host duties.

A couple of days later at the Ware Memorial Care Center in Amarillo, where Mauzee lives, cake and ice cream were served to granddaughter Judy Mooney Moore of Sunray and Judy's grandchildren, Lauren and

Rett Moore; and Joe Mooney, grandson, and his wife, Kathy, and Linda and Curtis Crump, all of Amarillo. This was hosted by Bob and Phyllis Mooney.

The Ebony Club (newly named by Ruthie Thomas) met Sept. 23 to celebrate birthdays (late) for Mrs. Jewel Spencer, Mrs. Jean Boyd and Mrs. Ora Lee Ward.

"We had such fun," Ruthie said. Mrs. Lamonica (Thomas) Hodges, a dealer for home decorating items, gave the group a lot of pointers on home decorating. "She had such beautiful things and good ideas for decorating."

Those attending were served hamburgers, and several door prizes were

given. The group discussed ideas for the next get together and would like to meet at least every other month.

"The Ebony Club is a new social club for women of color," Ruthie said. "We enjoy socializing with the birthday girls and would like to invite interested ladies to join."

Those interested in joining may contact any member for more information or to become a member. Members include Ruthie Thomas, Mary Thomas, Joyce Thomas, Rose Woolbright, Ola Sherman, Debra Robertson, and Gwen Lewis.

Lucille Dollar recently entertained her brother and his wife, Troy and Callie Jackson of Columbus, N.C. They were back in the part of Texas for Callie's Lockney class reunion. She and Joanis Robertson were classmates. She also is the cousin of Carolyn Watts and Travis Hampton of Dimmitt.

I recently visited by phone with Arlene Reid Wohlgemuth of Burleson. She is a 1965 graduate of Dimmitt High School, and is the wife of Micheal Wohlgemuth, doctor of optometry, and the daughter-in-law of Charlie Wohlgemuth of Dimmitt. Arlene is the state representative for the Burleson district, and has served in the position for several years. She is a candidate in this year's election, but is running unopposed.

During the recent summer months

Deanne Clark of Lubbock (formerly of Dimmitt) joined a tennis team of senior adults. Deanne's team won over several other Lubbock senior teams and won the right to go to the sectional play-offs in New Braunfels.

Deanne and her partner were scheduled to play teams from Fair Oaks, Tyler, Fort Worth and San Angelo. Their 9:30 a.m. game against Fair Oaks went well, with Deanne's team winning. The 2:30 p.m. game with Tyler was pure torture. But Deanne and her partner were younger and more determined. In temperatures of 107 degrees (120 on the court), they simply outlasted their slightly older opponents and won the set.

The tournament was held at the Newks Tennis Ranch, a very pretty setting. The game with Tyler was the last win for the Lubbock team. San Angelo was the big winner and will represent its section at the national tournament in Tucson, Ariz.

We attended an out-of-town game this weekend with our granddaughter, Carolan Garza and her sons, Hunter and Christian.

Immediately before kick-off, the opposing teams knelt together to pray. During the half-time show, the band of the home team, the Borger Bulldogs, played a medley of Christian hymns, including *How Great Thou Art* and *Amazing Grace*.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Many relatives and friends from Nazareth attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Urban and Roberta Kleman of Tulia.

Mass was read Saturday evening at Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia. A dinner and dance followed at the VFW Hall in Tulia.

The celebration was hosted by their children and spouses including Brenda and Jackie Gunnels of Tulia, Cheryl and Jim Green of Kansas, Keith Kleman of Amarillo, Wanda and Buddy Vineyard of Kress and Melissa and Raef Albracht of Clovis, N.M. Also helping with the event were the couple's 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A vigil service was held Friday evening at Schooler-Gordon Chapel for Bernice Gerber, 87, of Amarillo. Memorial mass and burial was celebrated Saturday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Msgr. Francis Smyer and Father Ken Kellar, officiating. Her husband, Matt J. Gerber, died in November 1969.

Survivors include a son, Joe Gerber of Austin; seven daughters, Marianne Harms, Rosie Heiselman, Dolores Jackson and Margaret Drummond, all of Amarillo, Gloria Arellano and Helen Rutland of Austin, and Barbara Jones of Temple; a sister, Florentine Franklin of Chicago; 26 grandchildren; 37 great-

grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Seventeen first cousins of the Conrad Schulte family enjoyed a fun weekend in Denver with a beautiful snowfall. They attended ball games, did some shopping and visited in Central City.

This fun group included Steve and Kathy Bratton of Grand Prairie; Jack and Judy Edwards of Livingston; Beth Schulte of Keller; Gilbert and Dolly Schulte, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Cecil and Norita Hoelting, Vincent and Eileen Gerber, all of Nazareth; and Linda and John Smith and Carol and Marvin Hoelting of Denver, Colo.

On Monday they boarded the Amtrak train for a six-hour ride to Glenwood Springs, Colo. They stayed at the historical Colorado Hotel where the "Teddy" Bear originated in honor of President Teddy Roosevelt.

Swimming in the Hot Springs pool, visiting, bike riding and lots of good food were enjoyed by all. The group returned to Denver on Wednesday evening with many fond memories. They made plans for another fun get-together.

Denny and Pill Heiman; and Rodney, Ramona, Tyson, Dustin and Allie Schulte drove to Paul's Valley, Okla., Friday morning. The drive

was very dry all the way because Oklahoma is just as dry as we are.

They spent the night with the Rodney Heiman family. He cooked steaks outside and everyone a nice, cool evening.

On Saturday they all drove to Oklahoma City where they toured the Bombing Memorial, which is really beautiful and impressive.

They spent several hours at Bricktown—this is the older part of Oklahoma City which is being built to resemble the River Walk in San Antonio.

They rode a tour boat down the man-made river which winds around all the old buildings which are being rebuilt into businesses.

Rodney works for the WalMart Distribution Center in Paul's Valley.

Charley and Beverly Hill enjoyed the weekend in Henrietta with the

family of Kevin and Traci Scholl. On Friday they drove to Petrolia, north of Wichita Falls, in time to eat lunch with their granddaughter, Anni, at her pre-kindergarten school. Anni's mother, Traci, teaches first grade at the Petrolia school.

Congratulations to Marty and Tisha Gerber on the birth of a baby girl, Blakely Danielle, on Sept. 29 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Vincent and Toby Gerber and Danny and Shelly Rice. Great-grandparents are Mary Gerber, Jimmie and Floyce George and Joyce Rice. Great-great-grandmother is Irene Carpenter.

A surprise shower of 48th anniversary cards is being planned for Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilhelm, 6318 Hampton, Amarillo 79109.

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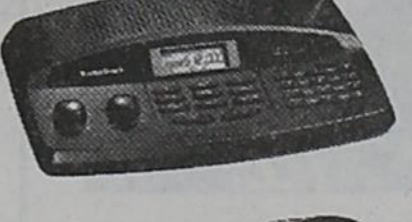
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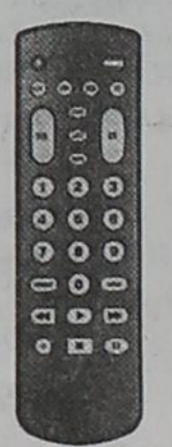
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Historical storytellers to present program Oct. 15 in Nazareth

Comanche Moon, a historical presentation through song and storytelling, will be presented at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth on Sunday evening, Oct. 15.

The evening will begin a potluck dinner at 6, followed by the program at 7 p.m. A \$10 donation per person is being requested for those attending the evening's meal and entertainment.

Comanche Moon will feature singer-songwriter Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, Llano Estacado historian J. Michael Harter of Amarillo and Native American storyteller Eldrena Douma of Canyon.

The theme *Comanche Moon* conjures up images of the fall period on the Llano Estacado when Comanches would complete the buffalo hunting and head southwest to the Chisos Mountains of the Big Bend country for a little recreation. They would then ride on into Mexico to conduct some raiding.

About the same time, Comanchero traders would be out on the Llano to hunt buffalo and trade with Plains Indians in the canyons along the eastern Caprock Escarpment.

In the latter third of the 19th Century, Anglo ranchers and cowboys became a third culture that would briefly interact with the other two cultures and leave an imprint on this landscape with their own fall rituals

of work and festival.

Comanche Moon will be a telling of this unique history in a creative, entertaining program.

Wilkinson will glean songs and poetry from the entire repertoire of his work, telling the story of Hispanic laborers, Native Americans and members of the cowboy "tribe."

Interspersed with the songs will be Native American stories of harvest by Douma, plus Comanchero cultural geography and history anecdotes from Harter.

For more information about the event, contact Lydia R. Villanueva with The Promised Land Network, sponsor of the event, at 364-4445.

Christmas bazaar set in Muleshoe

The Moonlight Extension Education Club will hold its 22nd annual Christmas bazaar on Dec. 9 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space are currently being accepted, and space will be rented until Dec. 4. To request an application contact Linda Huckaby at 902 W 8th, Muleshoe 79347.

Olton group plans annual Sandhills show

The Olton Young Homemakers Club is accepting applications for booth space at its annual Sandhills arts and crafts show, which has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 25.

The booths rent for \$25 for each 8'x10' space.

For more information or to reserve a booth, contact J.J. Graham at (806) 285-7715.



HOMEcomings DINNER—Some members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1980, along with other diners, enjoy the barbecued brisket meal prepared by the Future Community and Career Leaders of America. The meal was served just before the homecoming game Friday, with the Bobcats facing the River Road Wildcats. The school group served about 500 people and profited about \$2,300 that will go toward the projects of the club.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Benefit meal, dance will be held for Laurent

A benefit barbecue supper and dance will be held Saturday at Gerry's First Place in Dimmitt and proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to help defray medical expenses for Cody Laurent.

Laurent, 17 and a student at Dimmitt High School, was injured in an accident on Sept. 22.

The barbecue meal will be served from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and take-outs will be available.

A disc jockey will provide music for a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

All donations will be appreciated.

PMH Auxiliary co-sponsors district meeting

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary helped co-sponsor the district meeting of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries, which was held Wednesday in Plainview.

Featured speaker at the district meeting was Gigi DuBois, who was born in Oakland and raised in the East Bay area of California.

DuBois' goals are very basic—"to serve God and her fellow man and leave a legacy of family with strong conviction."

She holds a degree in education from San Francisco State University. She taught elementary school in California and in New York.

In 1970 she moved to Houston where she has remained until 1983.

She became a "stay-at-home-mom" of two and was an avid volunteer in the school and community. She also served as a substitute teacher.

In 1983 her husband opened an office for a brokerage firm in Corpus Christi and that's where the couple reside today.

She is involved in volunteerism within the schools, church and hospital in her area. She has served on the board of directors of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries for 12 of the 16 years she has been a volunteer at Northwest Regional Hospital. She has held offices within her local auxiliary and served as a member or chairman of many committees for TAHA. She also held three previous vice presidential positions.

Trumpet standout opens Plainview Community Concert series tonight

Trumpet virtuoso Joe Burgstaller will give a special concert in Plainview tonight (Thursday) to open the 56th season of Plainview Community Concerts.

This season, five shows will be featured between October and March, 2001. All shows will be held at Herral Memorial Auditorium in Plainview and will start at 7:30 p.m.

Other shows planned included The Batista Family Andean Show on Nov. 6, Three hits and a miss on Jan. 20, 2001, Roslyn Kind on Feb. 10, 2001, and "I Love New York and the Lights of Broadway—Company of 7" on March 20, 2001.

Admission to the shows is by membership in the Community Concert Association.

Adult tickets are \$30 and student tickets are \$10. Family passes are \$70 and single-parent family tickets will be \$40. Ticket holders will be admitted to each concert during the season. Those tickets also entitle the bearer to admittance to Community

Concert shows in Hereford, Borger, Pampa and Midland as well as Plainview.

To reserve tickets, contact Plainview Community Concerts at PO Box 1512, Plainview 79073-1512; or call 296-2580, 296-5728 or 296-2113.

The first show in the Plainview series will feature Joe Burgstaller, who will present a program saluting one of America's greatest trumpeters, Rafael Mendez.

Burgstaller began playing the trumpet when he was 6. By age 12 he was a soloist with bands and at jazz clubs. When he was 15 he had already appeared on national television and was the youngest member to perform with the Virginia Opera Orchestra.

Now residing in New York City, he tours the world with the acclaimed brass quintet and percussion

group, Meridian Arts Ensemble.

He has appeared on PBS, NPR and other national and local television and radio programs. He has performed with the Phoenix Symphony and Pops Orchestra (with Doc Severinsen), SEM Ensemble, ST-X Ensemble, National Repertory Orchestra and Summit Brass.

Shot clinic will be held

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

The immunization clinics will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

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

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Health fair will feature flu shots, screenings

A delayed shipment of the flu vaccine has pushed back the Castro County Health Fair to November, but the annual event will still feature a wide range of health screenings as well as the flu vaccinations.

This year's health fair will include blood pressure screening, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings along with a PSA screening for prostate cancer. Bone density screenings also will be offered, along with hearing screenings.

Many other services, screenings and information will be offered during the fair.

The public is invited to attend.

The seventh annual health fair will be held Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens' Center.

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Who's New

OUT OF TOWN
Shaun and Jacci Furr are the parents of a baby boy, Quentin Tyler Furr, who was born at 2:19 a.m. on Sept. 26 at Darnell Army Community Hospital at Fort Hood in Killeen. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are John and Nacola Furr of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Don and Lela Bigelow of Missoula, Mt. Great-grandparents are A.L. and Topsy Conner of Springlake and Ruth Furr of Earth. Great-great-grandparent is Bertha Stradley of Springlake.

PLAINS MEMORIAL
It's a girl for Jessie and Jessica Lopez of Dimmitt. Lauren Brooke was born Sept. 27 at 9:19 p.m. weighing 7 pounds and 9.2 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Maria and Andres Lopez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Jose and Sylvia Garcia of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Jesus and Santos Velasquez of Dimmitt.

Alterations by Peggy Broadstreet

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Matthew and Rachel Goldsmith Dowling
(Oct. 14)

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Oct. 9-13.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, applesauce and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk.
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce, hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, Chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions and peppers; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; onion rings, refried beans or spinach; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow

salad; cornbread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortillas; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Bread cowboy blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: No school.
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, shredded cheese, sour cream, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: No school.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Waffle and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joe or chef's salad, tossed salad, fried okra, pineapple, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken nuggets and bread or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, peaches, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: * Tater tot casserole and sopapilla or pizza, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, S'mores and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or chef's salad, tossed salad, stuffing, applesauce, cranberry sauce and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Fish or steak fingers, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, orange cake and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Spaghetti and rolls or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, pears, chocolate pudding and milk.

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

WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chef's salad or steak fingers; green beans, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chef's salad or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad or spaghetti and meat sauce with toast; salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

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MISS HISPANIC 2000 for Dimmitt is Melissa Maldonado (right), the daughter of Gilberto and Santos Maldonado. Runner-up is Kristi Saenz (left), daughter of Manuel and Elizabeth Saenz. The two were honored at the Hispanic Awareness Month Fiesta held Saturday in the Expo Building in Dimmitt, and will appear at the Mexican Rodeo set for Sunday starting at noon at the Dimmitt rodeo grounds, where they will pin the ribbons on the winners of each event. *Courtesy Photo*

Book Club will meet Wednesday

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt with Marie Howell and Susie Bradford serving as hostesses. The book review will be given by Jane Vaughan after a short business meeting.

The practice of giving plants scientific names began during the 1700's.

Blood drive nets 32 pints

A blood drive held in honor of Bill Henderson of Dimmitt raised 32 pints of blood on Sept. 19. Conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo, the blood drive was sponsored by the Castro County Masonic Lodge No. 879 AF&AM as a benefit for Henderson, who is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Henderson and his wife, Ann, are staying in Houston while he undergoes treatment for leukemia.

The Sept. 19 blood drive was the first to be sponsored by the Masonic Lodge, and they plan to hold subsequent drives yearly.

Henderson is an active member of the Masonic Lodge. He served twice as Worshipful Master of the local lodge and held all other offices as well. He has served as District Deputy Grand Master and Education Chairman of the 100th District of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He also attends the Grand Lodge's annual meeting in Waco each year.

"We hope for the best for Bill. He is missed by his lodge and friends," said a spokesperson for the Masonic Lodge.

Need a ride to church?

We at Abundant Life Family Church, a spirit-filled Christian community, will gladly pick you up and bring you to our 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Sunday services and 7 p.m. Wednesday services. **Call 647-5288 for arrangements.**

Youth Nights Monday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair is planned Oct. 16-20

Parents can encourage their children's love of reading by attending a Scholastic Book Fair that is being planned for Oct. 16-20 at Dimmitt Middle School.

The Scholastic Book Fair will bring the best books and learning products from more than 150 publishers to Dimmitt during the fair, and the books are designed for readers of all ages. The fair is also open to the community.

The book fair will feature traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators.

Parents and teachers will find works that interest them as well. The book fair will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A special family event will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in conjunction with the annual DMS open house. The book fair will be open that night from 5:30 to 6:45.

During family night, there will be

a special drawing for a \$25 gift certificate which can be redeemed at the book fair.

The book fair helps DHS promote learning while raising funds to help increase the school library's book collection.

For more information call Ruth Cochran at 647-3108.

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Kelly Inman.....938-2462
- La Asamblea Cristiana**
400 NW 5th, Dimmitt
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110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt
Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106
- Iglesia De Cristo**
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1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt
Fern Couture.....647-4219, 647-0105
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Retail sales up in county during first quarter of 2000

Sales among retail businesses in Castro County were up 23% during the first quarter of 2000, despite a 3.6% decrease in sales for all industries.

Over the first three months of the year, 87 retail trade outlets in Castro County reported gross sales of \$10,349,468. That's up 23% from the \$8,412,183 reported by 82 outlets during the first quarter of 1999.

Of that amount, use tax purchases totaled \$13,307 and \$3,607,562 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

The number of reporting outlets for all industries in the county also

was up from 152 in 1999 to 156 in 2000, but sales were off slightly.

During the first three-month period in 1999, the county reported gross sales of \$20,201,995. This year's first-quarter gross sales report of \$19,470,684 was off 3.6%. Of those sales, use tax purchases were reported at \$54,144 while \$4,598,193 were tagged for the state sales and use tax.

The first-quarter sales and use tax report was released on Sept. 12 by Carole Keeton Rylander, comptroller of public accounts.

Technical analysis workshop will focus on 'reading the charts'

Agricultural producers and agribusiness people can learn how to read, interpret and understand futures market price charts at an Oct. 16 technical analysis workshop at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the research center, which is located 1/2 of a mile east of I-27 on FM 1294 north of Lubbock.

"A lot of commodities trading is done solely on the basis of chart information, so it is really useful to understand the basics of charting," said Jackie Smith, Extension economist at Lubbock.

Alan Brugler, senior analyst with DTN's AgDaily News Division, will share his expertise on the right way to read price charts.

"Brugler is the person who provides daily charting information for DTN subscribers," said Smith.

"Many producers believe supply and demand factors and fundamental analyses are the driving influences

behind commodity price movements. That's true, but there are other factors involved, too. In order to gain a more complete understanding of the futures market, you have to know how to read and interpret the information posted in price charts and in technical analyses," Smith said.

Brugler will discuss and demonstrate the use of tools such as trend lines, moving price averages, support lines, resistance lines, gaps, corrections and other charting tools. Producers and traders can use these to decide when to "pull the trigger" on any futures market pricing strategy, Smith said.

Workshop registration fees are \$30 per person if made by Tuesday, and increase to \$35 per person thereafter. Lunch will be provided.

Registration forms are available at county Extension offices, or from Smith at the Lubbock center by calling (806) 746-6101. Registration checks should be payable to TAEX, Account #222108.



A COMMUNITY SERVICE—Castro County probations donated food to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services. The probations made an effort to include some items not usually included in food drives, such as soft drinks. Jerry Peña of PCS said the pantry is currently serving

about 90 families in the county and selections have gotten a little slim. Shown with the probations' donations are (from left) probation department employee Eloyce Smith, PCS employees Esther Espinosa and Lorena Corrales, probation department employee Rudy Flores, and Peña. To make donations to the pantry, call 647-3244. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Probationers donate food to local pantry

Probationers from the Castro County Probation Dept. gathered up food donations recently for the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services.

The probationers made an effort to include some items not usually thought of for food drives, including soft drinks. Jerry Peña of PCS said the pantry is currently serving about 90 families in the county and selections have gotten a little slim.

Some items for the pantry can be obtained through the High Plains Food Bank, but small packages of staple items, such as flour and sugar also are needed. Peña said that the families being served also could use personal care items such as toilet tissue, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and detergents, which are not available through the food bank.

To make donations to the pantry, call 647-3244.

TFU chief requests 'country of origin' labeling

Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims recently testified before the Livestock and Horticulture Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee in support of legislation that would establish mandatory country of origin labeling for meat products sold in the US.

Sims' testimony called for "meaningful and accurate labeling legislation" to be passed this year.

Parmar County holiday bazaar set for November

The Parmar County Christmas Bazaar Committee is planning its annual arts and crafts show Nov. 16-18 in Friona.

Exhibitors will be allowed to set up their booths on Nov. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Nov. 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. The show will be open to the public on Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is a limit of two booth spaces per person and/or organization. Wall tables rent for \$30 and center tables will be \$25. We provide an 8-foot by 30-inch table and two chairs for each booth.

To reserve a booth or for more information about the event contact Valerie DePillo at the Parmar County Extension Office, (806) 481-3619.

"As a cow/calf producer, I am proud to have products from my farm labeled as products of the United States," Sims said. "Labels are used on many other consumer items. At a time when producers are facing extremely low prices, disastrous weather conditions and an industry best with high levels of concentration and integration, a label denoting country of origin can provide a valuable marketing tool and important consumer information. Labeling meat seems long overdue."

The legislation, House Resolution 1144 sponsored by Reps. Helen Chenoweth-Hage (R-Idaho) and Earl Pomeroy (D-North Dakota), would require a label on beef, pork and lamb indicating the country of origin

for imported meat, regardless of where it was produced. The bill would provide for a US label on meat from animals born and raised in the US.

"The provisions of H.R. 1144 are good producer policy, good consumer policy and good trade policy," said Sims. "At a time when US producers and processors are under rigorous production requirements and consumers are expressing an increased interest in the origin of their food, it is more important than ever that Congress adopt country of origin labeling. This legislation would provide a big boost to US livestock producers."

Sims also told the subcommittee that Farmers Union is opposed to an

industry-supported measure to allow a US label for "imported" cattle. That proposal would allow operations to purchase foreign cattle 100 days prior to slaughter and still receive the "Made in the USA" label. These operations are in direct competition with US cow/calf operations.

"This proposal would deceive consumers and harm US producers by encouraging imports," Sims said.

MDA offering free flu shots

The Muscular Dystrophy association is again offering free flu shots in the Amarillo area for people who are affected by any of the more than 40 neuromuscular disorders covered by MDA programs.

The shots can be obtained at one of MDA's 230 clinics, including the one at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

People registered with MDA may have transportation made available or be reimbursed for travel costs to visit the MDA clinic. The association also may pay a local doctor to administer a flu shot if a person registered with MDA isn't close to one of the clinics.

For more information or to set an appointment for a free flu shot, call MDA Program Services Coordinator Donna Veach in Lubbock at (806) 371-8002.

Influenza is particularly hazardous for people living with muscle-wasting diseases, including muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease).

MDA administers thousands of free flu shots annually, an effort made possible by a year-round fundraising effort that is highlighted by the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon broadcast nationally on Labor Day weekend. MDA works to defeat neuromuscular diseases that affect children and adults, using programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

"The flu can be life-threatening for children and adults with progressive neuromuscular diseases," said Robert Ross, MDA senior vice president and executive director. "Flu shots are vitally important in reducing their risk of respiratory infections. That's why MDA offers this important weapon against influenza."

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Texas soybean producers will elect board members

Texas soybean growers will elect new board members through an election by mail on Dec. 15.

Four farmer directors will be elected—two from the Texas Panhandle, one from the state at large and one from the Gulf Coast region.

The positions on the board are all voluntary and must be held by producers. The board meets three to four times each year at various locations in Texas. Travel, meals and housing are provided for board members attending the meetings.

Anyone who would like to run for a position on the board should apply to Texas Soybean Board by Oct. 13 by calling 1-800-247-8691. A nomination form with 10 producer signatures is required.

The Texas Soybean Board is responsible for the allocation of the state portion of the National Soybean Checkoff in the best interest of state producers. Half of all checkoff funds collected remain in Texas and

are used to fund research and promotion to the benefit of Texas soybean producers. The rest of the funds are sent to the United Soybean Board and are pooled with collections from across the country. These funds are used nationally and internationally for promotion, research (new uses of soybeans and production), maintenance of global markets, etc.

The state is divided into four districts with board members being elected on a rotating basis every two years for terms of six months.

Current officers are Weldon Melton of Plainview, chairman; Richard Raun of El Camp, vice chairman; and T.P. Rotello of Navasota, secretary/treasurer. Other board members are R.D. Burnside III of Baytown; worth Matteson III of DeKalb, Louis Pyle of Floydada, W.B. Tilson of Plainview, Carl Weets of Cooper and one vacant at-large position.

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Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative (DSEC) is helping to air a nationwide television campaign to define the electric cooperatives' national brand, Touchstone Energy.

The commercial campaign Oct. 3-15 distinguishes the member-owned, non-profit electric cooperatives from their investor-owned counterparts.

Steve Louder, president and general manager of DSEC, said, "The Touchstone Energy brand symbolizes our commitment to our member-consumers. Together, the nation's electric cooperatives constitute the largest utility in the country."

"Touchstone Energy also identifies us as a locally based and locally controlled utility and... an advocate for our customers' energy and community needs."

DSEC joins more than 560 electric utilities across the country as a Touchstone Energy cooperative. The Touchstone Energy logo already is incorporated into the DSEC graphic identity, its symbol appearing on bucket trucks, customer bills and educational literature.

AAF accepting applications for children's needs

The Amarillo Area Foundation is seeking to award approximately \$15,000 to meet some very special needs for area children.

The foundation is now accepting applications for mini-grants from the Children's Fund. The fund will distribute individual grants from contributions raised during the 1999 Children's Fund campaign held last holiday season. Each mini-grant will range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle and offering services to children is eligible to apply for the one-time grant. Interested agencies should call the Amarillo Area Foundation at 376-4521 to request an application form. Applications must be returned on or before 5 p.m. Oct. 6.

Instead of token seasonal gift giving, the Children's Fund provides local citizens with a way to acknowledge business associates and special friends through a charitable gift in their name.

The Children's Fund helps agencies meet those "special" needs of children and youth which are not met through normal funding channels.

Grants from the foundation last year made possible such items as:

- Basic hygiene and clothing items for underprivileged and at-risk children who attend a variety of community programs.
- Birthday gifts for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.
- Complimentary fees for underprivileged youth to participate in group sporting activities.
- Baby beds, car seats and diapers for needy children whose mothers attend parenting classes.
- A new daycare literacy program for low-income parents and preschool children.
- Christmas presents for children of families who are spending their last holiday together due to a terminal illness.



BOTH FEET INSIDE THE SQUARE—During the "Junior Olympics" staged at Dimmitt High School for spirit week, teams had to see how many people they could fit inside a 24" square. Here, the team "Vatos Locos (Crazy Guys)" is piling up and holding on tight until the timer sounds. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Ag commissioner to visit Hereford

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs will hold a town hall meeting in Hereford at 4 p.m. on Oct. 26 as a part of a series of meetings held across the state to find out the concerns of farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders.

All of the meetings are free and open to the public. The Deaf Smith County meeting will be held in the

Hereford Community Center, The Ballroom, 100 Avenue C, in Hereford.

"I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community, and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future."

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and

agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas.

For more information on the town hall meeting, contact John McFerrin, producer relations specialist at TDA, at (512) 463-7593 or jmcferrin@agr.state.tx.us.

Band to attend two marching contests

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Marching Band will participate in two marching contests this month and asks that parents and community members show support for the band members by coming out to watch them perform.

The band will participate in the practice marching contest set for Oct. 14 in Plainview. For more information, contact Harold Hinsley at 647-3105.

Also, the band is slated to participate in the Region I UIL Marching Contest set for Oct. 21 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Admission to view the contest is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

The Dimmitt band is scheduled to march at 4:48 p.m., the last of the Class 3A bands, performing just before the supper break.

The ratings will be announced immediately following each class.

Selected bands from Region I in 3A and 5A classes will be selected to compete in the Area A Marching Contest set for Oct. 28, also at Dick Bivins Stadium, competing with bands from the regions of Lubbock, Odessa and El Paso.

The winners of the Area A competition will go on to the State Marching Contest Nov. 8 in Waco.

Bobcat Band selling pecans

Orders for pecans will be taken by members of the Dimmitt Bobcat band and flag corps, continuing through Oct. 13. The students will be selling pecans, cashews or mixed nuts at the price of \$6 for a 1-pound bag.

Those wanting to order the nuts may contact any band or flag corps member. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving.

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

The officers of Plains Cotton Growers went to Washington, D.C., to talk issues and reiterate the severity of the economic situation for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains.

Members of the PCG contingent were President Ronnie Hopper, Vice President Mark Williams, Secretary-Treasurer Rickey Bearden and Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

Scheduled meetings included a three-hour session with the staff of the House Agricultural Committee. The meeting included discussion of crop insurance reform implementation and a Texas re-rating study that would improve the ability of producers to afford better insurance coverage.

Joining the PCG group for the crop insurance meeting were Woody Anderson, a producer from Colorado City, as well as National Cotton Council staff members Craig Brown and Louie Perry.

Thanks to the Ag Committee's efforts earlier in the year, growers will be able to purchase additional coverage in many instances simply as a result of new premium subsidy levels that will take effect in 2001. Coupling the higher subsidies with an improved rate table would magnify the benefits to cotton producers and even stretch premium subsidy dollars a little farther.

The PCG contingent also talked

about a number of other issues including the devastating effects rapidly increasing energy costs and continued drought across the area were inflicting on producers.

The PCG group highlighted the fact that nobody has proven immune to the situation in 2000 and that some form of additional disaster, as well as economic assistance, is needed.

Regarding crop insurance, the PCG group sat in on a presentation by economists from Montana State University. They have been working on an alternative rating system that could significantly decrease the premium rates paid by growers.

Before producing any savings, however, the study will face serious tests from many sources.

The bottom line is that the rates derived from the MSU study show that Texas cotton producers are paying higher rates than they should based on the broader 50-year database used in the study.

Current Risk Management Agency (RMA) rating methodology utilizes only 20 years' worth of data to determine premium rates for cotton. Under the RMA system, disaster events such as those experienced in Texas over the past four to five years, carry much more weight in the calculation and therefore produce higher rates.

Cotton rates derived by MSU using the same type of analysis were adopted by the RMA in the mid-south and far west production region for the current growing season.

The result is that those producers now have the chance to buy insurance at rates that more accurately reflect their actual risk at different coverage levels.

The next step is to provide Texas cotton producers the same opportunity to buy coverage at rates that also

accurately reflect potential risks.

For growers in Texas, the changes could mean the difference between dreaming about affording higher levels of coverage and actually reaping the benefits promised by recent reforms to the federal crop insurance program.

Another disaster relief package will probably be needed to help agriculture limp its way through another year of devastating weather and economic pitfalls.

In Washington, Hopper, Williams, Bearden and Verett discussed the needs of producers and floated ideas about how to best target assistance where it will be most beneficial.

Irrigated producers, typically able to make it through dry conditions, have found themselves struggling to stay up with the demands of their crops this year.

Nothing has come easy for dryland producers either. Their crops have taken a drastic route to economic misfortune.

Dry weather during July, August and September have decimated the potential of a dryland crop that was doing well until subsoil moisture accumulated earlier in the year played out.

The overall effect will be similar for all producers as they struggle to find ways to pay out at the end of the growing season.

A key idea that will be included in any disaster program will be inclusion of a harvest incentive.

Discussion centered around increasing the incentive to producers in a way that would add benefits while still encouraging the harvest of crops and support of the industry's infrastructure, from ginning to warehousing.

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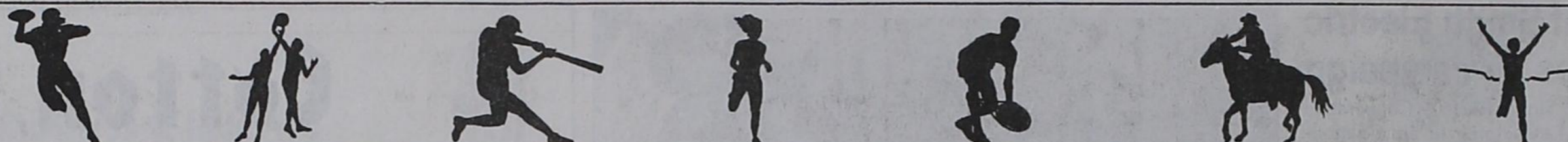
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Sports



Bobcats gamble and lose, 21-7

By DON NELSON

River Road's Wildcats got their first win at the Bobcats' expense here Friday night, 21-7.

As the Wildcats celebrated in the visitors' dressing room after the game, the Bobcats and their coaches sat dejected and frustrated, realizing how close they had come to winning their Homecoming game.

The Bobcats had a touchdown called back in the first quarter and gave up another one near the game's end when, trailing 13-7, they gambled and failed on fourth down deep in their own territory. River Road scored the insurance TD five plays later and added a two-point conversion to belie the closeness of the game.

"They're a lot better team than their 0-3 record showed," said junior cornerback Matthew Wright, who played a yeoman's game defensively. "They had good talent. We still should have beaten them, though. I guess we'll have to wait until next week."

"The kids played their hearts out; they have every week," said a frustrated Coach Wade Wilson. "You know, they got better this week, doggone it, but they just couldn't get the win."

A short Dimmitt punt into a stiff wind gave the Wildcats their first possession on the Dimmitt 37, and

170-lb. senior running back Eric Flanders made up the distance in four straight running plays to give River Road its first touchdown with the game only 3½ minutes old. Junior place-kicker Chris Bivins added the extra point to give the Wildcats an early 7-0 lead.

The Bobcats responded with a quick drive to the RR 24, sparked by runs of 22 yards by Bobby Hill and 37 yards by Anthony Oltivero.

Then, on third-and-three, quarterback B.J. Hill completed a pass to Oltivero in the end zone. But the TD was nullified by a holding call that cost the Bobcats a 15-yard penalty.

"I ran a flag pattern," Oltivero said. "The defender was in front of me, but he wasn't any taller than I am, and B.J. laid in right in there. I just jumped and caught it."

The penalty pushed the Bobcats back to the RR 38, and after an incomplete pass, the drive ended with a punt.

A shanked punt by River Road later in the first quarter gave the Bobcats good field position at the RR 46 and they advanced to the 33 but came up empty after three incomplete passes.

The Bobcats couldn't put together a sustained drive in the second quarter, but Oltivero made up for it with a punt that likely was the longest in Texas Friday night.

After seeing two of his three into-

the-wind punts in the first quarter stop in mid-air, drop and backspin for net yardage of less than 15 apiece, Oltivero dropped back to near the goal line on fourth-and-eight at the Dimmitt 15 midway in the second.

The ball shot off of Oltivero's bare foot at a 30-degree angle, sailed at least 50 yards, then took several long forward bounds and rolled to the RR 3-yard line, where a trio of excited Bobcats downed it.

The punt netted 82 yards. "I didn't think it was going to go that far," Oltivero said. "I just punted it, and the wind did the rest. It went with the wind."

Even with a setback like that, however, the Wildcats marched 95 yards in a sustained drive that used up the remaining 6:40 of the second quarter. They drove to the Dimmitt 2, where they faced a fourth-and-goal, but they had no time-outs left and the clock ran out before they could get off their final play.

The Wildcats hiked their lead to 13-0 midway in the third quarter when sophomore quarterback Eric Miller completed a 20-yard scoring pass to senior wide receiver Josh Hunt, capping a five-play, 41-yard drive. The Bobcat defense blocked the extra-point kick.

Late in the third, defensive back Brent Josselet—after batting down



GET A GRIP!—Dimmitt's Jonathan Stevens (51) and Albert Campos (20) bring down River Road tailback Eric Flanders (33) at the Dimmitt 15-yard line as he tries to turn the corner on a sweep in the third quarter of the Bobcats' Home-

coming game Friday night. The visiting Wildcats scored three plays later to take a 13-0 lead. Flanders, a speedy 170-pound senior, gained 141 yards and scored a touchdown to lead the Wildcats to a 21-7 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend

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and almost picking off a Miller pass—fielded a River Road punt at the Dimmitt 30 and returned it 32 yards to the Wildcat 38 to give Dimmitt a good launching point.

The third quarter ended with the Bobcats on the RR 22, thanks to runs by the Hill boys, B.J. and Bobby.

Three plays later, after a first down, a pair of short runs, a procedure penalty and an incomplete pass, the Bobcats faced fourth-and-nine at the RR 27.

B. J. Hill had to scramble as he optioned right and looked for a receiver. Meanwhile, wide receiver Daniel Proffitt had reached the end zone and doubled back. Hill winged the ball straight downfield to Proffitt, and the speedy senior gathered in the ball and spun into the end zone for the TD.

Tanner Griffitt kicked the extra point to close River Road's lead to 13-7 with just 13 seconds elapsed in the fourth period.

After Dimmitt's ensuing kickoff, the Wildcats fumbled a pitch-out and Albert Campos recovered the ball on the RR 37 to give the Bobcats new life.

But it was not to be. The Bobcats

drove to the RR 5 in seven plays, but on fourth down they were penalized for illegal procedure, and on the next play B. J. Hill was sacked at the 18, getting his bell rung in the process.

"I just remember getting hit in the face mask, and the next thing I knew, I saw Ron (the team's professional trainer) talking to me," Hill said. "They would get me after I threw the ball. They did it all night long; that's just the way the game went."

The Bobcats' next possession started at their own 1-yard line after a 43-yard Wildcat punt. They drove out to the 20, but a pair of incomplete passes left them facing fourth-and-nine with just 2:48 left in the game.

Trying to keep their drive alive, the desperate Bobcats gambled and failed. An alert RR defender knocked down a pass intended for Bobby Hill as Hill stretched for it, and the ball went over to the Wildcats at the Dimmitt 20.

River Road kept the ball on the ground to use the clock, and opted for a run instead of a field goal on fourth-and-six at the 16. They made the first down by inches on a power play up the middle.

On the next play, junior running back Nick Rincones broke through the middle and raced into the end zone from 11 yards out for the final TD with 2:03 remaining. Reserve quarter-back Micah Mullin connected with his brother Corey on a two-point conversion pass to make it 21-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Bob-

cats lateraled the ball twice trying to spring someone loose, but it didn't work as Austin Sherman got dragged down at the Dimmitt 25.

River Road defensive back Shane Rankin intercepted a long Dimmitt pass two plays later to effectively end the game. The Wildcats used the final two plays to run out the clock.

Game at a Glance

River Road	7	0	6	8-21
Dimmitt	0	0	0	7-7
		RR	D	
First Downs	17	11	11	
Rushes-Yards	42-252	29-110		
Passing Yards	37	84		
Total Yards	289	194		
Passes Comp/Att	5/11	8/25		
Interceptions By	2	0		
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0		
Punts-Avg.	6-29.5	6-32.2		
Penalties-Yards	8-59	5-55		

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter:
RR—Eric Flanders 5 run (Chris Bivins kick), 8:35
Third Quarter:
RR—Josh Hunt 20 pass from Eric Miller (kick blocked), 5:43
Fourth Quarter:
D—Daniel Proffitt 27 pass from B.J. Hill (Tanner Griffitt kick), 11:47
RR—Nathan Rincones 11 run (Corey Mullin pass from Micah Mullin), 2:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—DIMMITT: Anthony Oltivero 8-48, Bobby Hill 11-38, B. J. Hill, 8-19, Jake Laurent 2-5.
Passing—DIMMITT: B. J. Hill 8/24-2-84, Oltivero 0/1-0-0
Receiving—DIMMITT: Oltivero 4-21, Daniel Proffitt 1-27 (TD), Wesley Harkins 1-15, Austin Sherman 1-11, Laurent 1-11.
Records: Dimmitt 0-4, River Road 1-3.

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AND AWAY WE GO!—Dimmitt's Matthew Wright returns a River Road kickoff 20 yards in the third quarter of the Bobcats' Homecoming game Friday

night. Trailing Wright is Dimmitt's other deep receiver, Austin Sherman. River Road won the game, 21-7.

Photo by Carter Townsend



Harris Picks



Here are Jon Harris's predictions for Week 5 of the regular season, along with his latest rankings for Class A and AAA. Harris rates teams by a unique power rating system, and each team's power rating, as calculated by Harris, follows its ranking.

CLASS A TOP TEN

1. Iraan, 202; 2. Stratford, 198; 3. Shiner, 193; 4. Paducah, 192; 5. Rankin, 192; 6. Roscoe, 190; 7. Beckville, 189; 8. Celeste, 188; 9. Windhorst, 187; 10. Munday, 186.

AREA CLASS A TEAMS

12. Gruver, 186; 14. Nazareth, 185; 16. Springlake-Earth, 185; 21. Petersburg, 181; 32. Sudan, 174; 35. Wheeler, 173; 42. Vega, 170; 50. Claude, 166; 51. Farwell, 166; 53. Hart, 165; 62. Bovina, 161; 68. White Deer, 161; 72. Crosbyton, 159; 75. Booker, 157; 80. Lorenzo, 156; 92. Boys Ranch, 152; 100. Whiteface, 149; 104. Kress, 147; 105. Meadow, 146; 110. Motley County, 144; 111. Anton, 143; 113. Spur, 143; 122. Shamrock, 136; 125. Smyer, 131.

CLASS AAA TOP TEN

1. Gatesville, 213; 2. Diboll, 211; 3. Daingerfield, 210; 4. Abilene Wylie, 209; 5. Aledo, 209; 6. Lindale, 209; 7. Graham, 207; 8. Madisonville, 207; 9. Lamesa, 206; 10. Elgin, 206.

AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS

58. Muleshoe, 196; 60. Shallowater, 196;

73. Lubbock Cooper, 193; 84. Vernon, 192; 85. Bowie, 191; Perryton, 191; 92. Childress, 190; 100. Sanford-Fritch, 188; 108. Decatur, 186; 129. Denver City, 182; 135. Littlefield, 181; 136. Amarillo River Road, 180; 151. Seminole, 178; 153. Tulia, 178; 158. Dalhart, 175; 180. Dimmitt, 170; 194. Slaton, 166; 195. Brownfield, 165; 210. Lubbock Roosevelt, 150.

WEEK 5 PICKS

- (Home teams are listed in capital letters).
- TULIA 8 over Dimmitt
 - NAZARETH 17 over Claude
 - Hart is open
 - CHILDRESS 17 over Wheeler
 - Crane 6 over Perryton
 - LITTLEFIELD 17 over Brownfield
 - Lubbock Cooper 11 over DENVER CITY
 - MULESHOE 20 over Seminole
 - LAMESA 10 over Shallowater
 - Amarillo River Road is open
 - Dalhart is open
 - Sanford-Fritch is open
 - Lubbock Roosevelt is open
 - Gruver 34 over BOYS RANCH
 - SHAMROCK 14 over Crowell
 - Stratford 37 over WHITE DEER
 - KRESS 3 over Motley County
 - Vega 8 over BOVINA
 - Crosbyton 6 over O'DONNELL
 - Lorenzo 13 over SPUR
 - PETERSBURG 35 over Meadow
 - Aspermont 3 over Throckmorton
 - Paducah 20 over BAIRD

- Booker is open
- Anton is open
- Springlake-Earth is open
- Whiteface is open
- Smyer is open
- Knox City is open
- Lubbock 21 over EL PASO AUSTIN
- AMARILLO 6 over Midland
- Amarillo Tascosa is open
- Lubbock Coronado is open
- Lubbock Monterey is open
- Borger 17 over AMARILLO CAPROCK
- CANYON 13 over Canyon Randall
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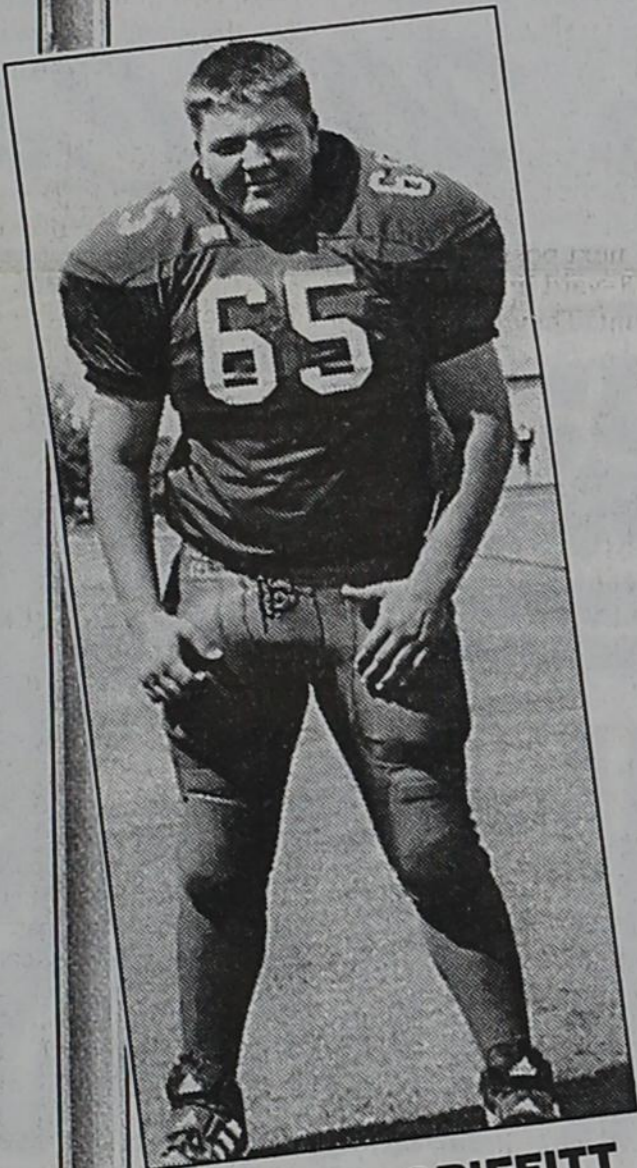
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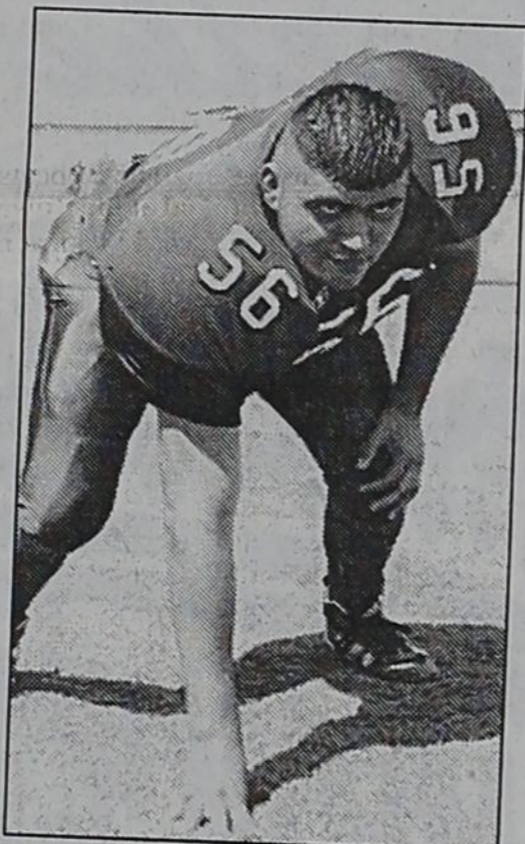
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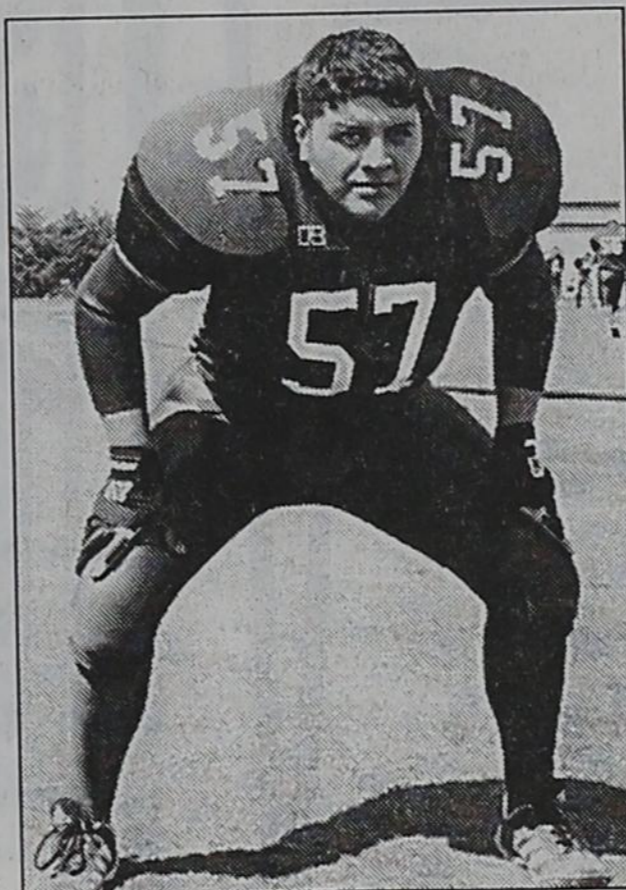
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- Bobcats 22, Springlake-Earth 33
- Bobcats 20, Friona 37
- Bobcats 0, Denver City 36
- Bobcats 7, River Road 21
- Oct. 6 Tulia
- Oct. 13 *Roosevelt There 7:30
- Oct. 20 *Shallowater Here 7:30
- Oct. 27 *Cooper Here 7:30
- Nov. 3 *Littlefield*** There 7:30
- Nov. 10 *Muleshoe Here 7:30
- There 7:30

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- JV 26, Plainview 6
- JV 34, Friona 40
- JV 26, Denver City 13
- JV 6, River Road 26
- Oct. 5 Tulia
- Oct. 12 *Roosevelt Here 5:30-7:00
- Oct. 19 *Shallowater There 5:30-7:00
- Oct. 26 *Cooper Here 5:30-7:00
- Nov. 2 *Littlefield There 5:30-7:00
- 9th 13, Friona 22
- 9th 12, Denver City 18
- 9th 8, River Road 19
- Here 5:30-7:00
- There 5:30-7:00
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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

- 7th 0, Muleshoe 48
- 7th 8, Friona 16
- 7th 0, Denver City 12
- 7th 18, River Road 16
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- Oct. 19 *Shallowater Here 5:30
- Oct. 26 *Cooper Here 5:30
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Farwell slams door as Hart comes knocking

Hart watched a 12-point lead evaporate at the hands of the Farwell Steers in the third quarter Friday night, but the Longhorns were threatening to regain control with less than two minutes left to play.

The lines were drawn and Hart was poised to complete its final drive in the end zone when the Steer defense eliminated that hope with a tough goal line stand.

The Hart drive stalled and the Longhorns were forced to give the ball up on downs deep in Farwell territory, enabling the Steers to hold on to a 22-18 win.

Hart suffered its first loss of the season, falling to 4-1; while Farwell improved to 1-3.

The Longhorns were held to five first downs on offense, but managed to out-gain the Steers in yardage, 272-243. Of those 272 yards, 234 came on the ground.

Two turnovers hurt the Longhorns, killing a couple of good drives.

Hart took an early 6-0 lead in Friday's showdown thanks to a 1-yard plunge by leading rusher Keith Finch.

The Longhorns extended their advantage to 12-0 in the second period when Josh Finch shook the Farwell defense for a 35-yard touchdown scamper.

Both extra point kicks failed, but Hart had pulled ahead, 12-0.

That lead wouldn't last for long. Before the first half was in the books, Farwell cracked the scoring column with a 7-yard run by Manuel Garcia. The ensuing kick by Kolby Kimbrough made it a 12-7 game, Hart's favor.

While Hart faltered through most of the second half, Farwell prospered.

The Steers took the lead in the third quarter, racking up 15 points to take a 22-12 lead.

Farwell's first touchdown of the second half came on a 1-yard dive across the goal line by Garcia. Gage Gregory was successful on the two-point run attempt to give Farwell the lead, 15-12.

Later in the quarter, Eulogio Ruiz got the call on the goal line and he found enough room for the 1-yard TD effort. Kimbrough booted the extra point to give Farwell its 22-12 advantage.

Hart's offense got back on track in the fourth quarter when Salvador Velasquez found a seam, exploited it, then dodged several tackle attempts as he raced 59 yards to paydirt. The extra-point kick failed to split the uprights, but Hart was within four of the Steers, 18-22.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 18, Farwell 22					
	Farwell	0	7	15	0-22
	Hart	6	6	0	6-18
	HART	FAR			
First Downs	5	15			
Yards Rushing	234	167			
Yards Passing	38	76			
Total Yards Gained	272	243			
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	1-4-1	7-14-0			
Punts-Avg.	3-21.7	3-22.6			
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1			
Penalties-Yards	4-27	3-20			

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
HART—Keith Finch 1 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter:
HART—Josh Finch 35 run (run failed)
FARWELL—Manuel Garcia 7 run (Kolby Kimbrough kick)

Third Quarter:
FARWELL—Garcia 1 run (Gage Gregory run)
FARWELL—Eulogio Ruiz 1 run (Kimbrough kick)

Fourth Quarter:
HART—Salvador Velasquez 59 run (kick failed)



SWARMING—Hart defenders flow to the ball and stop Farwell's runner after a short gain Friday night. Hart's Jacob Reyna (4) grabs the runner's ankles while teammate Jeff Bennett (7) stops his forward progress. Hart was able to stop Farwell early in the game and held a 12-0 lead before the Steers got on

track. Farwell reeled off 22 unanswered points before Hart scored again. The Steers also held off Hart as the Longhorns threatened to score late in the game and preserved the 22-18 win. It was Hart's first loss of the season and Farwell's first win.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Here's how our opponents fared

Here's a rundown of how opponents of the Dimmitt Bobcats, Nazareth Swifts and Hart Longhorns fared during the fifth week of the season.

Dimmitt opponents

DENVER CITY (4-0) beat Kermit 26-0
MULESHOE (4-0) beat TULIA (1-3), 32-0
S'LAKE-EARTH (3-2) lost to Idalou, 6-37
FRIONA (4-1) beat Floydada, 41-20
ROOSEVELT (1-5) beat Ralls, 19-0
SHALLOWATER (4-0) beat Post, 38-6
LUB. COOPER (3-1) beat Seminole, 54-10
LITTLEFIELD (2-2) lost to Lamesa, 21-63

Nazareth opponents

SAN JACINTO (0-5) lost to White Deer, 7-54
LCHS (0-5) lost to Whiteface, 0-27
HALE CENTER (3-2) beat Olton, 14-13
FARWELL (1-3) beat HART (4-1), 22-18
CLAUDE (1-3) beat BOYS RCH (2-2), 32-13
VEGA (2-2) beat Shamrock, 67-0
KRESS (2-2) was open
STRATFORD (4-0) beat Gruver, 48-21

Hart opponents

NAZARETH (4-0) was open
MEADOW (1-2) beat Spur, 14-9
MORTON (3-2) lost to Abemathy, 0-41
ANTON (2-3) lost to Motley County, 14-28
CLAUDE (1-3) beat BOYS RCH (2-2), 32-13
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Dimmitt sub-varsity teams fall to River Road

The Dimmitt freshmen and junior varsity football teams were upended by River Road last Thursday.

The freshmen were topped 8-19 while the junior varsity fell 6-26.

Dimmitt's freshmen were held scoreless in the first half and their lone score of the game came early in second-half action.

Matthew Sanders blocked a River Road punt, then Chris Lindsey picked up the loose ball and ran it in for the touchdown. Sanders raced in for the two-point conversion, giving Dimmitt its eight points.

Leading tackler for the freshman defensive unit was Anthony Zambrano.

The junior varsity Bobcats put

together one big scoring drive against River Road and the highlight of the downfield march was a 40-yard pass play from quarterback Matthew Gauna to Ruben Espinosa.

That long bomb set up a two-yard touchdown run by Lee Hernandez for the Bobcats. Dimmitt attempted a two-point conversion, but was stopped short of the end zone.



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Cats, Swifts ready for last non-district tilt



LOOKING FOR A TOUCHDOWN—Dimmitt quarterback B. J. Hill (2) tries to evade a River Road pursuer as he looks for a receiver in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' Homecoming game Friday night. Hill got the play-action pass away—and completed it to wide receiver Daniel Proffitt for a 26-yard touchdown on the third play of the final period. Hill had completed another apparent touchdown pass in the first quarter, but it was nullified by a holding penalty. This TD pass and Tanner Griffith's extra-point kick closed River Road's lead to 13-7. However, the visiting Wildcats went on to win the game, 21-7. Photo by Carter Townsend

Dimmitt at Tulia

If life is fair, then Dimmitt will win this game, because Tulia already has won one.

Friday night's annual set-to between the Bobcats (0-4) and the Hornets (1-3) at Tulia will be played for pride and experience, not for marbles.

When the UIL moved Dimmitt from District 1-3A back to 2-3A this year, Tulia remained in District 1 with Perryton, River Road, Sanford-Fritch, Dalhart and Childress.

It will be the final pre-district game for both teams.

Their only common foe has been Friona. The Hornets dropped their season opener to the Chieftains by a narrow 17-8 margin, while the Bobcats lost a 37-20 decision to the Big Red.

All of the Hornets' other games have been lopsided one way or the other. Since losing to Friona, they've lost to Lubbock Cooper by 28-0 and to dreaded Muleshoe by 32-0, and have defeated Roosevelt by 33-0.

The Bobcat and Hornet squads are both small and quick. Tulia runs a multiple option "flexbone" offense, and will counter the Bobcats' "circus ball" attack with a split defense.

Tulia Head Coach Eric Wilson considers the Hornets' defense to be their strong point. Their defensive leader is Robert Finch, a 6-0, 170-lb. senior who was an all-district line-backer last year.

Finch is also doing double duty as a fullback this season, and is doing a good job at the post, according to Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson.

The Hornets' main ball carrier, though, is T. J. Olivarez, a speedy junior who stands 5-10 and weighs 165.

Bobcat quarterback B. J. Hill, who took a shot that knocked him unconscious for a moment or two in the River Road game, "is good to go" against Tulia, Coach Wilson reported.

"All of B. J.'s tests came up negative," he said. "Everybody else is healthy, too, and we had good workouts Monday and Tuesday."

He added, "We've gotten better every week, and I think we'll continue to. The boys were all pretty

When frightened, the hoopoe bird will flatten itself to the ground and play dead.

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down Saturday after the loss, but that tells me they're serious about it. I think it's just going to get better."

Claude at Nazareth

Containing Claude's option offense and quarterback Kenny Herring will be the key to a Homecoming victory for the Nazareth Swifts Friday night.

The Swifts and Mustangs will square off Friday at 7:30 at Swift Field in a rematch from the area playoffs a year ago. Nazareth won that game and advanced to the regional round before Rankin ended its season.

Claude lost several key players to graduation and has struggled to find the win column in 2000, but the Mustangs are still a solid team.

The Mustangs started off the season with an 0-3 mark before picking up their first win of the season Friday against Boys Ranch, 32-13. Prior to that, Claude had fallen victim to Clarendon, 14-34; Highland Park, 7-

14; and Hart, 0-33.

"They're going to be tough to contain on offense. They like to run a lot of single-back stuff with slots and wings and four receivers, yet they still run the option. They're hard to defend," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

Directing that multiple attack is veteran signal caller Kenny Herring (6-1, 185), who is one of the better option quarterbacks in the area.

"Herring's been keeping it a lot on the option. He had 26 carries against Boys Ranch. I think taking care of him will put their offense in an uncomfortable position. We need to try and limit his production," Price said.

Lee Eddleman (5-11, 200) gets some carries at fullback and he's joined in the backfield by Eric Eddleman (6-1, 165), one of the Mustangs' slot backs.

"We know from experience that both the Eddlemans can run with the ball," Price said. "Eric is also one of Herring's favorite receivers."

The Claude offensive line is big and experienced, and Price said the

strength of the offense lies along that front line, which averages 215 pounds per player.

Linemen include Josh Lewis (6-2, 220), Michael Reed (6-3, 240), Chad Garvey (6-0, 210) and Tim Lewis (6-2, 215).

"Up front they're big and strong. They block well and really get after it," Price said.

On defense, Claude lines up in a 4-3 and once again, the strength is on the massive front line anchored by Reed, Garvey, and the two Lewises.

"They've got some guys that are fast, but overall they lack team speed. If we can make things happen, maybe we can make a good play into a great play. Their pursuit is not as good in the open field.

This will be the Swifts' final game before they open district play next week, so Price hopes to see a solid performance out of his squad.

"We need to sharpen up our offense and get our running game back on track. I'd also like to see us complete a higher percentage of our passes," he said.

County runners race against stiff competition in Lubbock

The competition was intense among the hundreds of runners competing in the Lubbock Invitational Cross Country meet Saturday, but one county runner still managed to medal.

Nazareth's Danette Ramaekers was the lone county runner to finish the grueling two-mile course among the top 10 individuals. She was 10th in the Division I girls' race, which included 49 teams and more than 400 individuals from Class A, AA and AAA schools.

Her finish, along with decent finishes by several teammates earned Nazareth 302 points an eighth-place finish among the teams.

Dimmitt's girls finished 18th with 581 points while the Hart Lady Horns were 36th with 972 points.

The Hart Longhorns accumulated 361 team points to finish 11th out of 29 teams in the Division I boys' race.

The annual race, held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, drew teams from across the state. The winning girls' team in Division I was Decatur, which tallied 115 points. Sundown was second with 137

points and Ballinger was third with 187.

Ramaekers' 10th-place time of 12:55.43 was less than 42 seconds off the winning pace set by Hope Jimenez of Lamesa (12:13.68).

Other Swiftettes running, along with their finishes and times, were Stephanie Thiel, 43rd, 13:27; Erica Gerber, 48th, 13:30; Mandy Hoelting, 116th, 14:11; and Marsha Black, 117th, 14:12.

For the Bobbies, top team finisher was Morgan Hazel, who completed the course in 13:58 for 92nd place. Others running included Lyndee Behrends, 112th, 14:10; Sheena Ehly, 135th, 14:22; Kelsey Welch, 153rd, 14:37; Sally Stahl, 151st, 14:29; Sadra Daniels, 192nd, 14:58; and Crystal Nino, 203rd, 15:02.

Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland said his team ran well, but added that with so many girls competing, they had to go about a mile before they could start breaking out of the pack.

Kellie George was the first Lady Horn to finish the race, crossing the line in the 110th position with a time of 14:10. Her teammates and their

respective finishes include Amanda Carrasco, 211th, 15:05; Dalila Longoria, 221st, 15:09; Angie Mata, 265th, 15:30; Maegan Farris, 268th, 15:32; Marissa Mendoza, 297th, 16:01; and Kathleen Diaz, 336th, 17:14.

The boys' team title went to Decatur with 79 points. Holliday finished second with 100 and Perryton was third with 163.

Hart's top runner was Isaias Garcia, who finished 49th in 18:12. Other Longhorns running included Roy Robledo, 73rd, 18:30; Joey Pantoja, 79th, 18:37; Thomas Chia, 110th, 19:15; George Marin, 128th, 19:44; Marcus Reyna, 145th, 20:04; and Frankie Chaparro, 170th, 21:00.

Nazareth had two boys competing in the race. Quentin Jones finished 71st in 18:46 and Craig Birkenfeld was 148th in 20:22.

Dimmitt's lone runner in the boys' race was Aaron Saenz, who finished among the top half of the field with a time of 17:55. Gilliland said Saenz did a great job of keeping his time below 18 minutes and that he ran a good race.

Students put plans in motion for Nazareth Homecoming

Nazareth students donned pajamas, clothing from decades past, bright-colored outfits and more earlier this week as Homecoming 2000 kicked off at NHS.

Monday was designated as "Pajama Day," Tuesday was "Crayola Day" and Wednesday was named "Oldies Day."

Students will wear blue and gold today (Thursday) to show their school spirit. On Friday, dress-up day has been planned.

On Tuesday evening, the students formed teams and compete in a variety of "relay" events—Practically Nearly Everything.

The annual Homecoming Pep Rally and coronation of the 2000 Spirit royalty will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at Swift Field.

Spirit candidates include seniors Tara Kleman and Adam Schulte, juniors Kyla Schacher and Aaron Kern, sophomores Teri Ramaekers and Shelby Wilhelm and freshmen Veronica Rodriguez and Ricky Pena. Prior to the pep rally, the Home

and School Association will sponsor a chili supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal will continue after the pep rally.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned Friday during pre-game festivities at Swift Field. Kickoff in the Nazareth-Claude football game is slated for 7:30 p.m., so the coronation will begin sometime between 7 and 7:30.

Homecoming queen candidates are seniors Lindsey K. Gerber, Shawna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting. Members of the Homecoming Princess Court will be junior Mandy Hoelting, sophomore Wendy Black and freshman Cassie Price.

At halftime of the football game, the Swift Band will crown its queen and king for 2000.

Candidates for the band king are Craig Birkenfeld, Ricky Pena, Koty Huseman and Andrew Brockman. Queen candidates include Brooke Eymbers, Kimberly Brockman, Sara Ellison and Elizabeth Olvera.

Flag football teams, coaches are selected

The newly-formed Kids Inc flag football league will begin playing soon, and enough students signed up to allow organizers to form eight teams, four in each division.

The teams are split into two divisions, one for third and fourth graders and another for older students.

The first flag football games will be played on Oct. 14 and coaches will notify their teams about when and where those games will be played.

Coaches also will be notifying team members about the time and location of practices.

No arm pads or cleats will be allowed.

Kids Inc. will still accept students into the league until today (Thursday). If you want to join and haven't signed up yet, you may do so today (Thursday) at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt or by calling one of the coaches listed below.

Here are the flag football teams, their respective coaches and contact phone numbers:

THIRD & FOURTH GRADE COWBOYS

Coaches: Val Barrera, 647-3285; and Joe Alvarez, 647-4792.

Team Members: Jeremy Barrera, Beau Bradley, Mark Sheffy, Matthew Sheffy, Fabian Reyna, Eric Fuentes, Isaac Sifuentes and Josh Alvarez.

JETS

Coaches: Scott Sheffy, 647-4779; and Keith Acker, 647-2130.

Team Members: Sid Sheffy, Paul Acker, Kyle Birkenfeld, Ryan Birkenfeld, Javier Ibarra, Braden Nelson and Obyran Dominguez.

BRONCOS

Coaches: Kenny Ebeling, 647-3618; and Todd Hatla, 647-3153.

Team Members: Jake Ebeling, Chase Hatla, Brennan Cluck, Reagan Hunter, Tyler Gilliland, Caleb Penny and Nati Sias.

VIKINGS

Coaches: Jane Eby, 647-4629; and Clayton Eby, 647-4629.

Team Members: Casey Eby, Dustin Venhaus, Taran Clark, Darren Ivy, Dylan Haney, Martin Pujia, Sinfo Arguijo and Damien Gauna.

MAJOR LEAGUE TITANS

Coaches: Mike Cornett, 647-2855; and Tad Cornett, 647-2460.

Team Members: Bryce Parker, Tyler Cornett, Landon Porsch, Caleb Snitker, Robert Lopez, George Dones, Zane Matthews and Curtis Thomas.

DOLPHINS

Coaches: Randy Griffith, 647-4114; and Eddie Sutton, 647-4639.

Team Members: Kaden Griffith, Houston Sutton, Brad Lane, Sverre Vogt, Klay Clearman, Jerry Martinez, Dennis Underwood and Michael Cline.

RAMS


Coaches: Layne Myatt, 647-3407; and Mark Cluck, 647-3609.

Team Members: Ross Myatt, Cameron Cluck, Chris Hindsley, Kalan Steinle, Beau Gonzales, Michael Raser, Toby Ward and Jessica Arguijo.

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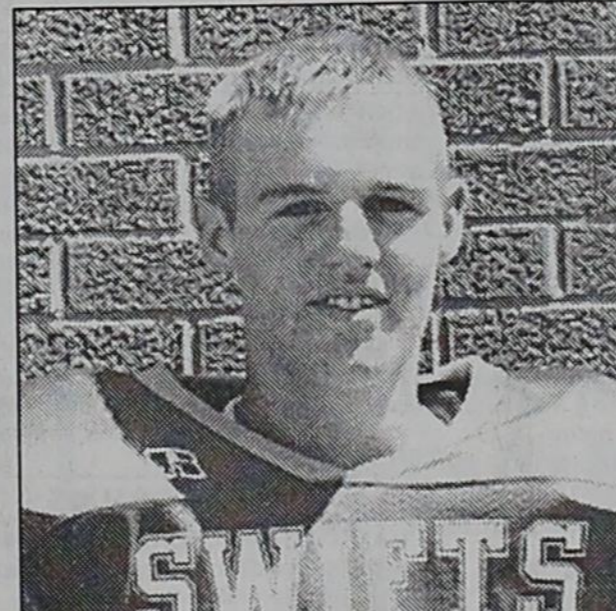
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Team Members: Kyle Whately, Zack Starling, Coby Eby, Marcus Herrera, Rye Patton, Eric Odom, Matthew Almanza and Marisela Saucedo.

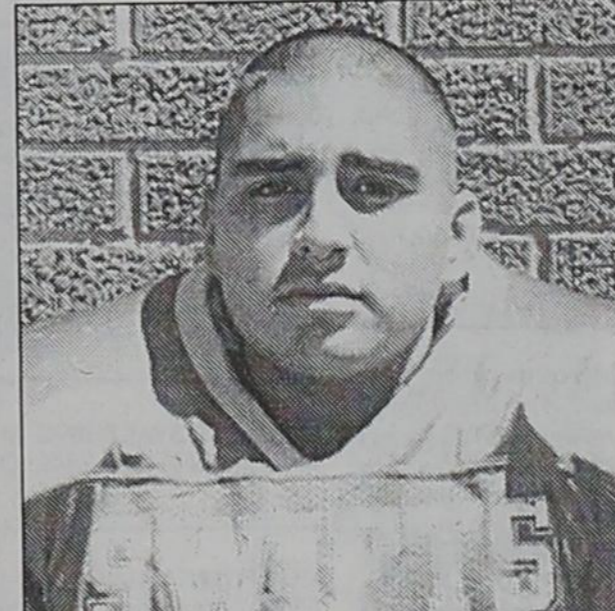


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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION PERMIT NO. 10080-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Dimmitt, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of permit No. 10080-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 750,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 477 acres of agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on March 24, 2000.

The wastewater treatment facilities and disposal area are located approximately one mile east of U.S. Highway 385 and 0.6 mile north of State Highway 86, northeast of the City of Dimmitt in Castro County, Texas. The plant site and disposal area are located in the drainage area of the Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City Hall, 210 East Jones Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will

Mexican Rodeo set Sunday in Dimmitt

A Mexican Rodeo will be held in Dimmitt Sunday starting at noon at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena and the public is invited to come and watch.

Admission will be \$5 per person. Entries in the events also are invited and those interested may contact Gloria Hernandez at 647-4571 or Mary Lou Lumbraera at 647-4225. Miss Hispanic 2000 Melissa

Maldonado and Kristi Saenz, runner-up, will participate in the rodeo by handing out the ribbons to the winner of each event. The two were crowned at the Hispanic Awareness Month Fiesta Saturday in Dimmitt.

The rodeo is being sponsored by the Hispanic Awareness Committee of Dimmitt, and proceeds will help fund additional Hispanic Awareness activities.

The committee also sponsored the fiesta Saturday in Dimmitt, which featured food and game booths, a talent show, and Folkloric dancers from Lubbock, Muleshoe and Dimmitt.

For more information on the committee activities, contact Hernandez or Lumbraera.

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the November general election.

DEMOCRAT
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 Billy Hackleman (I)

For County Constable:
 James Dobbs (I)

For Precinct 1 Commissioner:
 Newlon Rowland (I)

For Precinct 3 Commissioner:
 W.A. "Bay" Baldrige (I)

For County/District Attorney:
 James Horton

For County Sheriff:
 CD Fitzgearld (I)

Political advertisement paid by candidates.

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of J.L. Small would like to express our appreciation for all the calls, visits, flowers, memorials, food and many other acts of kindness shown to our family during his hospital stay and the loss of our loved one.

Your concern and support through this difficult time showed us the meaning of friendship and we will be forever grateful to each of you. God bless you.

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BID NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Castro County will accept bids on 2 (two) new vehicles to be used by the Castro County Sheriff's Office. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2000, and will be opened on Oct. 23, 2000, at 10 a.m. during Commissioners' Court.

Bids should be submitted in the following manner:

Bid for the outright purchase of 2 (two) Factory Police Interceptors. Bids should include the price with and without the trade-in of 1 (one) 1996 Ford Crown Victoria.

Vehicle being offered for trade-in can be seen at the Castro County Courthouse by contacting the Castro County Sheriff's Office.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Castro County Sheriff's Office from the Sheriff or at the Office of the County Judge. Any other information may be obtained by contacting Sheriff CD Fitzgearld at the Castro County Sheriff's Office at (806) 647-3311 or (806) 647-4611.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
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CARD OF THANKS

Due to community support, the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's Homecoming dinner was a huge success. The members and advisors of the Dimmitt High School chapter would like to thank each person who attended the dinner and assisted with the preparations. Funds earned will provide members the opportunity to attend leadership conferences and participate in various projects throughout the year.

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also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll-Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Dimmitt at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Don Sheffy, City Manager, at (806) 647-2155.

Issued: Sept. 26, 2000.
 LADONNA CASTANUELA, Chief Clerk
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Obituaries

Maurice Campbell

Maurice Campbell, 83, of Liberal, Kan., former Castro County resident, died Sept. 27 in Liberal.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel in Amarillo with Pastor Bill Fitzgerald of San Jacinto United Methodist Church in Amarillo and Pastor Royce Womack, retired minister, officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Campbell was born July 25, 1917, in Motley County. He married Wanda Cornell in 1939 in Childress.

He and his family moved from Amarillo to Castro County in the early 1950s. They lived between Dimmitt and Hart for many years and he farmed in the Cleo Community south of Dimmitt. He retired from farming and moved to Amarillo in 1980. He lived there until he moved to Liberal recently.

He was a veteran of the US Army and was a member of San Jacinto United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Carolee Campbell of Liberal; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Cornell, Colby Waldrop, Gary Campbell, David Hays, Justin Cornelien and James Bryon Campbell. Honorary pallbearers included Arnold White, Don Moke, Walt Shuman, Melvin Summers, Amos Mize and Bob Gruber.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association or Kidney Foundation.

Berniece E. Gerber

Berniece E. Gerber, 87, of Amarillo, formerly of Nazareth, died last Thursday, Sept. 28.

Rosary was recited Friday evening at Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel in Amarillo. A memorial mass was celebrated Saturday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo with Msgr. Francis Smyer officiating.

Mrs. Gerber was born in Chicago and she moved to Nazareth when she was 17 years old. She married Matt J. Gerber in 1930 at Nazareth. He died in 1969. She moved to Amarillo in 1941.

Survivors include her son, Joe Gerber of Austin; seven daughters, Marianne Harms, Rosie Heiselman, Dolores Jackson and Margaret Drummond, all of Amarillo, Gloria Arellano and Helen Rutland, both of Austin, and Barbara Jones of Temple; a sister, Florentine Franklin of Chicago, Ill.; 26 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to St. Mary's Catholic Church's organ fund.

Oleada Hance

Funeral services for Oleada Hance, 87, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Hance died at 10:26 a.m. last Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born on April 6, 1913, in Randolph. She married C.A. "Shorty" Hance on May 1, 1930, in Durant, Okla. He died on Nov. 20, 1989.

She graduated from Randolph High School and moved to Dimmitt in 1938 from Randolph. She was a homemaker and a former owner of a Merle Norman Studio in Dimmitt. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and was a former Sunday School teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Harry Hance; a grandson; two sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Honea of Plano and Martha Rhynes of Sherman; three sisters, Phoebe Claborn of Dimmitt, Dacy Webster of Mabank and Dale Madison of Savoy; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Ruth Snider

Graveside services for Ruth Snider, 91, of Amarillo, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon in Resthaven Cemetery of Amarillo, under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Amarillo.

She died Sept. 30 in Amarillo. Mrs. Snider was born Sept. 16, 1909, in Harrison, Ark. She married W.C. "Bill" Snider in Clovis, N.M., in 1932. He died in 1992. Mrs. Snider was retired from Harman's Dept. Store in Dimmitt as a sales clerk and moved to Amarillo in 1992. She was a life-long member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Don Paul Snider of Amarillo; two daughters, Dana Margaret Allen of Hobart, Okla., and Vana Marie Raines of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Jewell Stanton

Funeral services for Jewell Stanton, 90, of Shallowater, the mother of Tommy Stanton of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Shallowater with Rev. Mitch Wilson officiating.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Stanton died Sept. 29 in the Grace House of Lubbock. She was born Dec. 23, 1909, in

Shallowater, and attended Hardy School. She graduated from Shallowater High School in 1925 and from Lubbock High School in 1928. She married M.T. Stanton on Dec. 19, 1928 in Shallowater. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1981. Mrs. Stanton married Frank Allen on July 8, 1985 in Lubbock. She moved to the Grace House in Lubbock in 1999.

She had been the president of the Home Demonstration Club of Shallowater, an officer in the Home Quilting Club of Shallowater, and a member of the Shallowater PTA. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Shallowater and the Homemakers Sunday School Class, a Sunday school teacher, and a member of the Glory Singers.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, of Shallowater; two sons, Tommy Stanton of Dimmitt and Jay Stanton of Shallowater; two sisters, Lorene Cullison of Monticello, Fla., and Jennie Lee Sprague of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jay Kent Stanton, Steve Stanton, Adrian Stanton, Larry Allison, Joseph Reed, Wendel Christenson, and Brian Davis.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Shallowater Building Fund or the Senior Citizens Group of Shallowater.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

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BEEF APPRECIATION DAY was observed in Dimmitt Saturday by the Dimmitt Lions Club, with members selling plates of barbecued brisket at the courthouse square. Over 400 plates were sold to raise money for the projects of the club. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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take them to the drugstore for a nickel milkshake once in a while. But they seemed to be happy with that."

Maurice came to idolize my Dad. I hope he realized that the feeling was mutual. There was nothing that either of them wouldn't have done for the other.

Maurice graduated, married, went off to war, and didn't return to Roaring Springs. Dad moved his family to Amherst, then to Olton, and finally to Dimmitt.

But they ended up in the same town again when Maurice and Wanda moved from Amarillo to Dimmitt in the early '50s. Maurice farmed in the Cleo community south of Dimmitt for almost 30 years.

In 1957, Wanda became the proof-reader and bookkeeper for the *Castro County News*. That was a job that Dad felt should be kept in the family. Wanda was family.

The Campbells lived between Dimmitt and Hart at first, and later bought a home in Dimmitt. Their son, Ken, got all of his public schooling here, graduating from DHS in

1966.

Maurice and Wanda retired to Amarillo in 1980. He let me know, in no uncertain terms, that he wanted to be kept up-to-date at all times on Dad's condition. Dad was 74 then, and none of us—least of all Dad—realized at the time that he would live to be 93.

In recent years, Maurice became a victim of diabetes, which I guess is what led to the kidney failure that eventually took his life.

I was ignorant as to how serious Maurice's condition was until Dad died two years ago.

Of course, we asked Maurice to be an honorary pallbearer at Dad's funeral. Of course, he agreed. But when he got here, I learned that he was undergoing dialysis every other weekday, and that if the funeral had been a day earlier or a day later, he could not have come.

That was the last time I saw him. As his condition worsened, he and Wanda moved from Amarillo to Liberal to be closer to Ken and Carolee and the grandchildren. Last Wednesday, his body finally

gave out.

Maurice was a good farmer, a nice guy, a devoted family man, and a good friend to many—including me, thank God, since the day I was born.

Bobcat tail-gate party set in Tulia

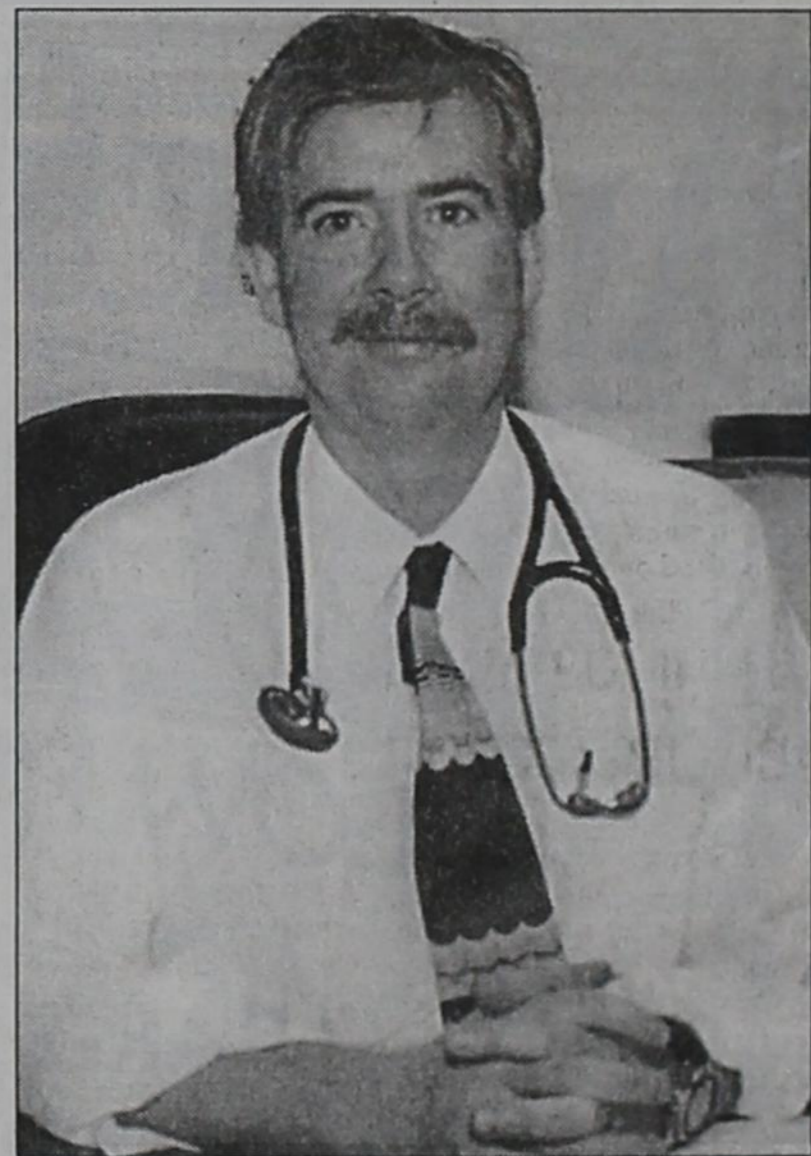
The Bobcat Athletic Booster Club will hold a tail-gate party starting at 6 p.m. Friday in Tulia at the stadium before the game between the Bobcats and the Tulia Hornets.

"Everyone is invited to stop by and help show support for our kids," said Pam Josselett, a member of the booster club.

Josselett said the boosters will be serving fajitas and others are welcome to bring their own chips, dips, soft drinks and desserts.

For more information, contact Josselett at 647-4121.

Local People Caring for Local People



Dr. Donald P. McGrorey

We're pleased to announce that Donald P. McGrorey, M.D., has renewed his contract with the Castro County Hospital District.

Dr. McGrorey will begin his fourth year here in December.

"I enjoy the situation here," he said. "We have a good group of doctors here to work with, and the people in general have been very supportive. We like the community, the school system and everything. Our kids are all doing well here."

Dr. McGrorey's wife, Michelle, is a Registered Nurse (BSN) at Plains Memorial Hospital. The McGroreys have four children: Erik, 15, Marissa, 13, Patrick, 7, and Donny, 18 months.

Dr. McGrorey, 38, is primarily a family physician, concentrating on family medicine and obstetrics/gynecology. He also is trained and experienced in emergency medicine, pediatrics, infectious diseases, orthopedic surgery, gastro-intestinal medicine, neurology, psychiatry and other medical disciplines.

"If I had to pick a favorite part of my work, I guess I'd say obstetrics," he said, "but I really enjoy everything, from the

elderly patients down to the babies."

He stays active by running a couple of times a week at the high school track.

"I don't really have a lot of spare time, but I try to keep active and stay in shape," he said.

Dr. McGrorey is a native of Canada, but has spent most of his professional career in the US—New York, New Jersey, Nevada and Texas. Before coming to Dimmitt, he was the medical director and acting chief of staff at the Nye Regional Medical Center at Tonopah, Nev.

"I miss my family in Canada, especially since my mother has had some illness," he said, "But I get back to see them two or three times a year."

Dr. McGrorey has office hours at the Medical Center of Dimmitt from 8:30 to 5 weekdays.



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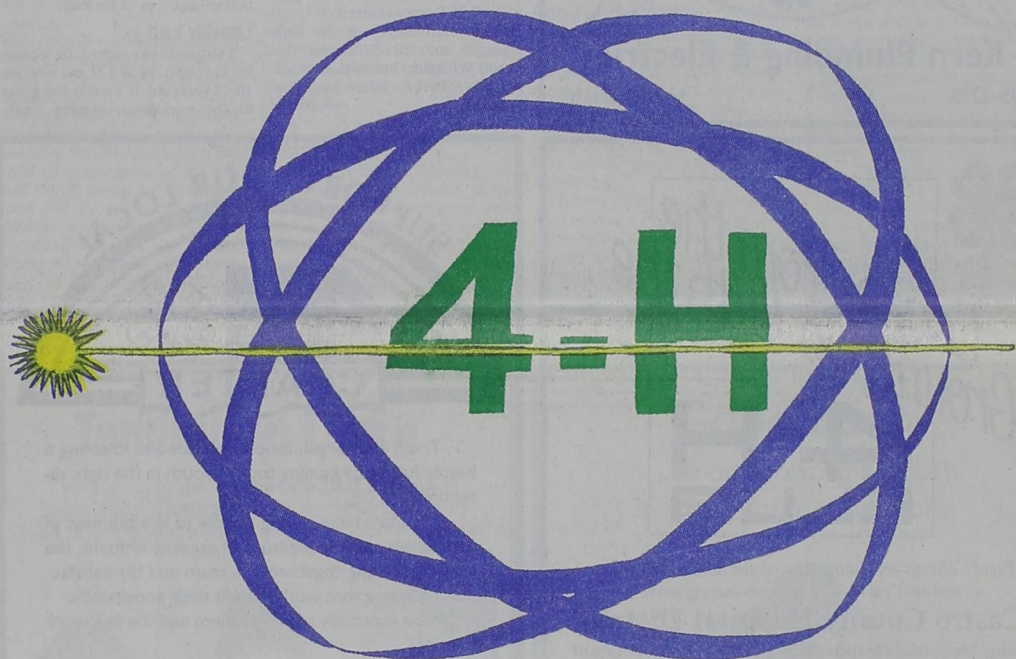
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4-H The Power of Youth

Castro County 4-H'er Jeremy Bishop designed this for the 4-H Centennial Logo Design Contest, and has submitted the creation to the state-wide contest.

Under contest guidelines, the logo should express the "4-H: The Power of Youth" theme of the centennial celebration.

In Bishop's logo, the 4-H is positioned as the nucleus of an atom, representing power. The shooting star through the center symbolizes that through the power of 4-H you can reach for the stars.



These are just some of the community 4-H club program ideas

Agriculture
Animal Judging
Beef
Bicycles
Boat Safety
Child Development
Clothing
Citizenship
Communication
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Dancing
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CASTRO COUNTY
Celebrates National 4-H Week, Oct. 1-7



THESE GUYS KNOW THEIR HORSES—Castro County 4-H'ers (back row, from left) Adam Schulte, Reece Hales, Ross Schulte and Coach Scott Bagley; and (front row, from left) Eric Odom, Jake Ebeling and Rye Patton, were among the best horse judges at

the district contest recently. Hales, Adam Schulte and Ross Schulte teamed to finish third overall in the senior contest while Odom, Ebeling and Patton took first-place team honors in the junior division.

Courtesy Photo

Anna Brockman enjoys consumer decision-making

By ANNA BROCKMAN
Hello. My name is Anna Brockman. I have lived in Dimmitt all my life. My parents are Virgil and Shirley Brockman. I have two older brothers, Cody, 19, and Thomas, 15. I am 11 years old.

I joined 4-H because I wanted to meet new people, go to fun camps, and have a new experience in things.

I have been in 4-H for four years. The first year I was a Clover kid. The second and third years I was a Junior 1 member. I had fun as a Junior 1, and also it wasn't so hard. Now I am a Junior 2, and it's a little harder than before.

Consumer decision making

As a Junior 2, I participated in Consumer Decision Making again. I learned when you're a Junior 2, it's a lot busier. I also had to give reasons!

This year I participated in Consumer Contest. I got a recognition award in consumer contest and a talk. I also helped when the consumer group had a toy drive. I donated four stuffed animals to the toy drive. One year at the County Fair, the consumer group had a taste test where people could taste two different kinds of chips and hot sauce. I helped with that, too.

Then Thomas, Jeremy and I tested two different games for the State office. I also helped when we went shopping for toys for the Angel Tree last year. I had fun just knowing that some little boys and girls were happy to get toys and games for Christmas. Some of them lived in shelters and some were homeless. We really did have fun doing the shopping and taking back toys to the kids.

Leader Lab

I also went to Leader Lab, a camp for kids who are in 4-H and who are 10-12 years old. It's really fun going to the workshops, playing sports

games like kickball, volleyball, horseshoes, washers, ping pong, and pool. You also get to stay in dorms with others from your county or you stay with somebody from a different county. You also have counselors who are in high school and are from counties like Floyd, Bailey and Scurry.

Lamb showing

I also showed lambs. For instance, I showed a medium wool lightweight, and a Southdown. When I showed the medium wool, he was twice the size I was when I was 9. He jumped up and down and always tried to get away. We always have to walk them at least every day of every week, and feed them in the morning and in the evenings at about 5 p.m., and work them before we feed them.

We also have to make sure they have enough water and feed and also the right amount of food. We also have to make sure one lamb doesn't eat the other lamb's food. We have to make sure they get alfalfa hay for lambs.

Then before a show, we have to wash and shear the lambs so they look nice for the show—either it's the Aaron Wilcox, the Jackpot or the County Show. Then we have to run them so they don't get so fat. If they happen to get too fat, you really have to run them, or you will have to cut down on their feeding or take away their water. You really have to take care of them or they can die.

Food show

I also entered the County Food Show and got second place and went on to District. In District, I got a recognition award on the main dish. The best part about a food show is that you make new friends and you also get to go places you may have never been to before. The District Food show is always in Levelland.

You always get to try new things to make, and make it a dozen times before you go to the food show. If you don't believe me, ask my dad. I don't think he ever wants to taste my meatloaf again!

County Fair

The County Fair is always fun. You get to buy things, see the demonstrations they have, all the little shops and crafts they have, and the great food booths. They always have animal shows, like lambs and steers. Then there is the dog and cat shows. It is so neat to see the different dogs and cats people have. They also have concession stands that I have helped in at Stock Shows and also at the County Fair a couple of times. You also get to see people you've never seen before in Dimmitt.

Fund raising

One year we had a candy bar sale. First we let people buy them at booths we had. Then we went door to door asking people if they wanted to buy a Baby Ruth or a Butterfinger. It was fun, but there was a lot of walking to do. You have to go to one door, then to the next door, then the next door, and the next door, and so on. It just keeps on going until you get to the end of the street. Then you

go to the next street and do the same thing all over again.

One year for Santa's Open House, the Consumer Decision Club had a Christmas gift-wrapping booth, where we would wrap people's presents for them so they wouldn't have to do it themselves. It was located inside the courthouse. We charged \$10 for the wrapping and \$2 extra for ribbon or for a bow. It was really fun to help people during the Christmas holidays. By then, everybody's real busy getting their shopping in.

Pledge and motto

I have said the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H motto and pledge for the Dimmitt Bethel 4-H Club. The motto and pledge goes something like this: "In support of the 4-H club motto to make the best better, I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hand to bigger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

The Pledge of Allegiance goes like this: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

These pledges and mottos are to start off meetings for the Consumer Decision and Bethel Club. These groups are really fun to go to. Marilyn Neal, our county agent, comes to most of them. They were in the basement of the courthouse, and now they moved the location because Marilyn couldn't go down the steps. Their new address is 205 N. Broadway.

Club activities

Every year Consumer Decision has a party to elect officers. I had to bring the cookies. That year I was elected reporter. I hardly did anything but fill out this one piece of paper for the Castro County News for the newspaper. It was a lot of fun electing officers, because you had to give a speech about why you wanted to be elected.

I was the secretary of the Bethel Club. You just have to write down what time the meetings start and end, who said the pledge, who said the 4-H motto and pledge, what the meeting was about, who said what speech or talk, what the speech or talk was about, what was old business about and what was the new business about.

4-H plans open house

Castro County 4-H is planning an open house at the newly-relocated County Extension Office at 205 N. Broadway St. in Dimmitt on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The open house will be from 4 to 6 p.m.

Each 4-H member in the county is encouraged to bring at least one prospective new member to view exhibits, talk to members and leaders and join in refreshments.

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Hart 4-H elects new club officers

Aaron Hart has been installed as the 2000-2001 president of the Hart 4-H Club.

Other officers of the club who will serve during the coming year are John Emery, vice president; Stacy Finch, secretary; Austin Dudley, secretary; Javier Velasquez, reporter; and Adam Hart, parliamentarian.

Adrienne Hart serves as a delegate to the 4-H County Council.

Laura Hart serves as the club manager and she is assisted by Lanell Whitaker. Parent leaders are Aurelia Perez and Angelica Ramirez.

There's always something new on the horizon to explore, and that's why 4-H deserves our support!

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Love of sports, outdoors leads 4-H'er to 'Recreation' project

By Jeremy Bishop

"Fun in the Sun," "No Pain, No Gain," "Just Do It." Do any of these phrases sound familiar? Well, in my Recreation project, "Life is Short—Play Hard" is the one for me.

Hello, my name is Jeremy Bishop. My parents are Mickey and Carole Bishop. I am 16 years old. I have a younger sister, Jaci, who is 14; and a younger brother, Jeffrey, who is 8. I am a junior at Dimmitt High School.

Six years ago, one of my friends invited me to join 4-H. He took me to one of the meetings and encouraged me to join.

After having so much fun my first year, I asked a few other friends to join us, too.

I have been a member of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club for six years now. I have learned some very useful skills over these last few years and have had fun while I was learning. I hope to get involved in other projects and activities in the coming years. Through my recreation projects I have learned to develop leadership abilities, build character and assume citizenship responsibilities with my activities.

I am entering my record book in Recreation because I enjoy all sports.

Bike-a-thon

One of the community service projects of our club has been organizing the St. Jude Bike-a-thon. I have been the chairman of this event for two years.

I solicited local businesses to donate prizes for the riders. I think everyone who competed in the bike-a-thon enjoyed it. We raised about \$700.

Toy drive

Another community service project I was in charge of this year was the Christmas toy drive. The response from donors was so overwhelming. We picked up several boxes of new and used toys. These toys were given to Hospice and a Ministerial Alliance Group to distribute to underprivileged families. I'm certain we made several children happy. In fact, it was such a huge success that we plan to make it an annual event.

Recreation

Last year I was also the 4-H junior coordinator of recreational activities for our county's July Jubilee celebration. Some of the children's activities we had were a hula hoop contest, sidewalk chalk drawing and hockey lessons with the Amarillo Rattlers hockey team.

As a freshman and sophomore I was a member of the Dimmitt High School football team, golf team, tennis team, Chess Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Last summer I worked at Country Club of Dimmitt. My duties consisted of picking up and washing range balls, mowing the fairways and greens, cleaning carts, and being the cashier in the pro shop. I really liked my job, especially visiting with the golfers and swimmers, but most importantly I appreciated getting a paycheck.

Two summers ago I helped teach swimming lessons at Country Club of Dimmitt. We held one-hour classes each day for five days. We had two sessions daily.

My sister helped with the beginner class, which was mainly smaller children. I worked with the intermediate classes. I had 10 to 15 students in each session, mostly older kids between the ages of 8 and 10. It took a lot of physical strength to

help keep them up in the water but by the end of the week all of the students were able to swim across the pool on their own.

This was one way I utilized my leadership skills.

The swimmers were also taught basic water safety and how to react in an accident situation.

During the summer months I have also been working out in the evenings by lifting weights and running. Two-a-day football practices started in August and I wanted to be ready.

The decision to start training early at building up my endurance was a goal I set for myself. As a freshman and sophomore I played on the high school football team. I played the positions of center, right tackle and defensive end.

My favorite winter sport is snow skiing. Every year in February we take a family ski trip. We usually go to Angel Fire, N.M. and rent a condo with my aunts, uncles and cousins. I have several younger cousins whom I have taught to ski.

This year my little brother, Jeff, went through ski school. After his class, I worked with him some more on the beginner's side of the mountain. By the end of the weekend, Jeff had learned how to turn, which is the key to controlling your speed and skiing safely. Next year, Jeff should be able to ski with our group on the easier runs.

Jaci and I like to ski the blue intermediate runs. My Aunt Gail took us down a black expert run—appropriately named, "Hell's Bells!" It was challenging, but we made it.

I love this trip because we always have such a good time. The family ski trip allows us to interact with and relate to others as a family through recreation.

This summer was the first year my mother's family held a reunion. We all met in San Antonio over Labor Day weekend.

My Aunt Kathy put me in charge of evening recreation to entertain those from 7 to 70 years of age. We played cards and games in the evenings. During the day we went to Sea World and Fiesta Texas. I even talked by grandpa into riding the Boomerang with me.

Everyone really had a great time.

We are already in the planning stages for next year's Vogel Family Reunion, which will be in Denver.

My favorite summer sports are

golf and tennis.

My dad is a golfer and is helping me to improve my game. Through working at the Country Club, I have become acquainted with a retired golf pro. He has agreed to give me some private lessons on my days off.

My goal is to improve enough to be able to play in a father-son tournament. My dad and I have played together in a few scrambles, but not in a tournament.

Since tennis and golf are both played at the same time of the school year I had to alternate practices and meets to be able to participate in both sports.

As a freshman I played with the varsity tennis team. I didn't have a very impressive record because I was competing against older, more experienced players. But with a lot of dedication and practice I began to see some improvement. I was pleasantly surprised at the end of the year during the athletic banquet when Coach Lynch named me to receive the "Most Improved" tennis award.

Participating in sports has helped me develop good sportsmanship, make contact with people and learn to accept defeat gracefully. Participating in sports has also taught me the importance of physical fitness.

DARE

I have also learned the impact of drug use through my Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) class in school.

Many talented, popular athletes have struggled with drug abuse and have lost their careers because of drug addiction.

I won an essay contest that was shared with my classmates and parents at the end of our DARE program. I used my winning speech and added current information, such as the new tobacco legislation and employment drug screenings, to do a Method Demonstration. I thoroughly enjoyed this.

District Council

At the 4-H District Council meeting last year I was elected to the office of third vice president. This year I was accepted to be a member of the 4-H State Recreation Team.

Offices

During my 4-H career I have held the offices of vice president, reporter, treasurer and various committee

chairmen of our local club. I have also served on the DHS Student Council, my freshman and sophomore years. I attended a Student Council Leadership Camp at Ceta Canyon.

We practiced leadership skills through skits, drills and recreational activities. Throughout the school year we organized several activities for the student body.

Some of the community service programs we held were visiting the elderly in nursing homes, handing out Halloween safety tips to the elementary schools, organizing blood drives, and holding a hamburger cookout to raise money for the victims of the Oklahoma City and Fort Worth tornadoes.

Leadership

4-H has taught me the importance of leadership and citizenship.

I have also been the committee chairman for National 4-H Week, and had to come up with some unique ideas to promote 4-H. We held a windshield wash at the courthouse square and it was very successful. We even had a couple of 18-wheel semi trucks stop to have the bugs washed off their windshields.

During 4-H week I also did some radio spots to support our club and wrote a newspaper article telling of the various projects 4-H offers.

We also helped promote 4-H by sponsoring a table at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. It was decorated in green and yellow and had assorted 4-H promotional gifts which the diners were allowed to take home after the banquet. Our county agent received many compliments on the decorations.

Food and Nutrition

I have also participated in the Food and Nutrition program. Through the years I have attended many cooking schools. I have entered dishes in the county and district food shows.

I studied the USDA National Food Guide Pyramid in our classes and have learned the importance of a healthy diet.

With the summer heat I have used my knowledge of maintaining adequate fluids while playing sports. Losing too much body fluid by sweating can lead to dehydration, which can be very dangerous.

Through my Food and Nutrition project I have also learned how proper nutrition and regular exercise

relates to physical appearance and health.

Consumer Decision Making

The past five years I have participated in the Consumer Decision Making project. Two of those years, our team earned the privilege to compete at State Roundup.

Through our consumer classes I have learned to shop wisely. I have used many of these skills to find the best buy.

Recently I purchased a new tennis racket, a CD player for my room and a CD player for my car.

My consumer skills have come in handy when spending my own money. I also have learned the rights and responsibilities of the consumer end of business.

Camps

One of the things I enjoy most about 4-H are the camps.

Through my 4-H career I have been able to attend County Camp, Leadership Camp, Entrepreneur Camp, Electric Camp and State Roundup.

I have made so many new friends from attending these camps and participating in the activities. I always look forward to going to district or state events so I can meet up with these friends again.

I have been able to attend Southwestern Public Service Electric Camp three years. This week spent at Camp Scott Able is a blast!

I absolutely love the mountain hikes and nightly dances. The SPS men are all very nice and make the week informative as well as fun.

Through our classes we learned about electrical safety and conserving energy. We also learned about the developments of environmental power such as hydro electricity and solar electricity.

I was disappointed to learn Electric Camp was canceled this year due to the forest fires, but there is always next year.

After attending these summer camps, "Home Sweet Home" had a new meaning to me.

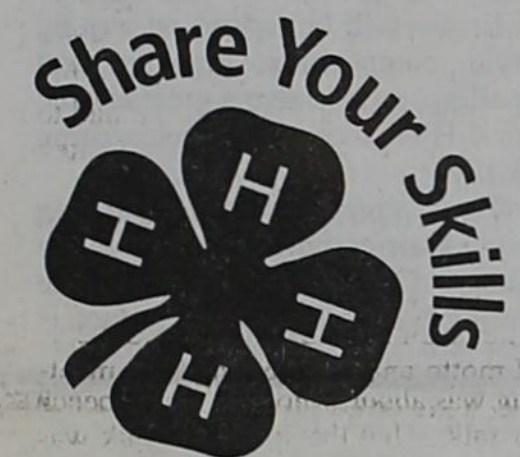
It felt so good to sleep in my own bed and eat a home-cooked meal. After resting up from all the dancing, swimming, hiking, playing, talking, staying up late and meeting new people, I am ready to go again.

But I know the privilege of getting to go these places is thanks to the hard work I put into my 4-H projects.

Share the Fun

This year several members of our club got together to do a skit for Share the Fun. We did a humorous skit that originally ended with someone getting shot, but with all the problems associated with guns we changed our ending to the skit and omitted the shooting.

We placed first at district, securing a trip to College Station in June for State Roundup. We also performed our skit at a talent contest to benefit Make-A-Wish.



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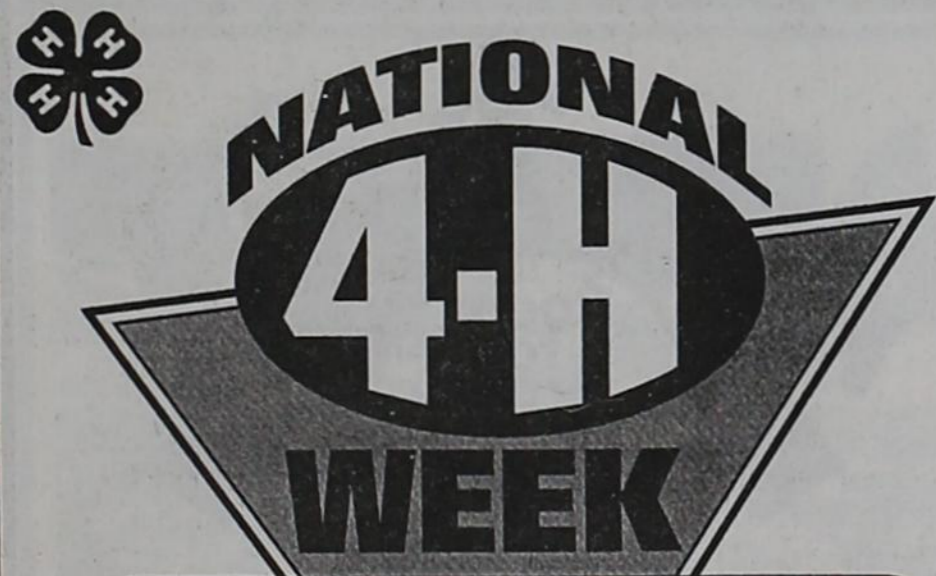


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Are you into it?

4-H'ers across the country will be promoting their organization as National 4-H Week is observed Oct. 1-7.

This year's theme, "Are you into it?" is a continuation of the ongoing 4-H Youth Voices and Action national public service advertising campaign.

4-H has plenty to celebrate around the country. Last year, thousands of

4-H'ers from around the country participated in 4-H through clubs, school enrichment programs, 4-H special interest groups and school-aged and individual study programs.

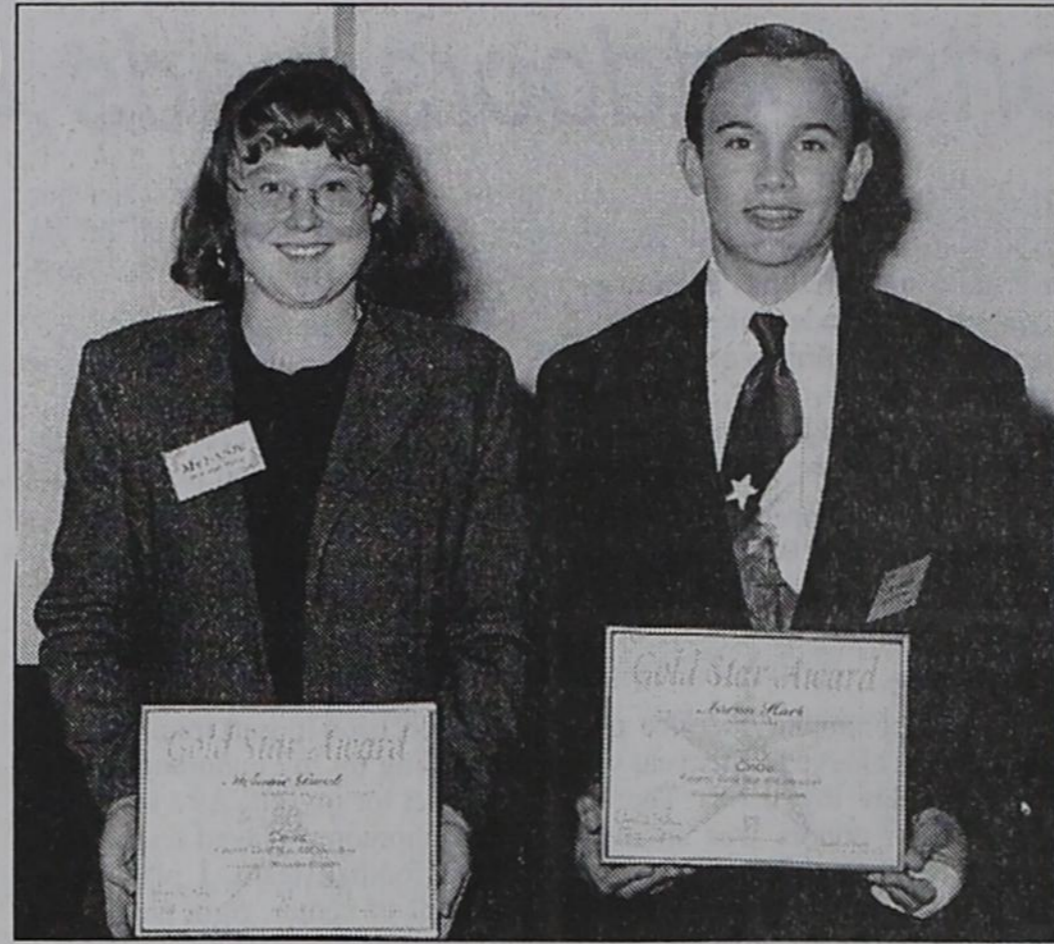
Though traditionally 4-H has its roots in agricultural programs, today it offers a diverse range of project areas including public speaking, environmental stewardship, workforce preparation, small engines

and aerospace. Through educational programs and caring adult role models, 4-H'ers also learn leadership development and how to give back to their community.

What do Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Orville Redenbacher, Garth Brooks, Alan Shepard and Herschel Walker all have in common? All were involved in 4-H.

During National 4-H Week, appropriate activities are arranged nationally and in each state, county and local communities. A major aim is to broaden the public's perception of 4-H so they realize the variety of opportunities for youths that are available through 4-H youth development programs.

National 4-H Week celebrates the first week of the new 4-H program year.



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H'ERS MELANIE BOOK AND AARON HART were recognized at the District 2 Gold Star Banquet held in Lubbock. The two were honored as Gold Star winners for Castro County. "We are extremely proud of both of our Gold Star winners for all of their 4-H accomplishments as well as all of their other accomplishments," said Benny Martinez, Castro County Extension Agent. The Gold Star award is the highest award available to 4-H members at the district level.

Hart 4-H'ers gather second Wednesdays

On the second Wednesday of each month, you can find a host of young people enjoying refreshments, fellowship and an entertaining program at the Community Room at the Hart Banking Center.

This group of youngsters are members of the Hart 4-H Club and they include Nikki Burruss, Melanie Davis, Austin Dudley, John Emery, Stacy Finch, Aaron Hart, Adam Hart, Adrienne Hart, Whitney Mitchell, D'Neise Smith, Javier Velasquez and Rachel Wall.

4-H sponsoring 'Amazing Mom' essay contest

The National 4-H Council has joined forces with Redbook magazine and "Inside Edition" to host an essay contest.

In a one-page essay, tell the judges what makes your mom so special. What sets her apart from the other kids' moms? What makes you love her as much as you do?

The contest is open to all youth between the ages of 6 and 12.

Essay winners will have the opportunity to appear on "Inside Edition," and their essays will be printed in the March 2001 issue of Redbook.

"This is a great opportunity to show the nation what you are made of," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "This essay contest is a great opportunity to recognize your mom for all the hard work she does, not to mention your chance of winning a number of fun prizes for you and your mom, including a \$1,000 savings bond."

Essays will be judged on writing style, composition, grammar and spelling, so it is also a great chance for 4-H'ers to work on their writing skills.

Those entering the contest can bring their completed essays to the Castro County Extension Office during National 4-H Week, which is Oct. 1-7.

For more information, contact Neal at 647-4115.

Student livestock exhibitors find practical uses for winnings

Elementary, junior high and high school students who may have won in excess of \$100,000 at a single stock show have, for the most part, put their winnings toward higher education.

That's according to researchers at Texas Tech University's Dept. of Agricultural Education and Communication.

Lead researchers Dr. Steve Frazee and Dr. Lance Kieth, both professors in agricultural education, surveyed past champion 4-H and FFA exhibitors at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from 1983 to 1992 to gather data on the benefits of livestock shows for school students, and the major uses of money earned from a champion sale.

A total of 210 exhibitors were surveyed who had exhibited a grand champion or reserve grand champion steer, barrow or lamb, including all breeds of steers. The response rate was 65%.

The majority of respondents, 75%, indicated that a major portion of their winnings was used to help finance

their education after high school and 93% received some post-high school education, including 60% who received bachelor's degrees.

Of the survey participants, 43% used some of their money to expand their livestock projects. Almost a quarter, 24%, of students put some of the money in savings and 22% purchased a vehicle.

Other conclusions of the survey show that exhibitors enter both agricultural and non-agricultural occupations and professions. Also, researchers found that success at the Houston show takes trying several times.

Both 4-H'ers and FFA members are extremely competitive. Cost of championship animals was moderate compared with the return. High quality livestock is raised in Texas.

The survey showed some definite benefits of exhibiting champion livestock. The greatest benefits cited by the exhibitors were that the monetary winnings allowed for further education, that they gained encouragement from setting and reaching goals, and they learned responsibility.

Other benefits mentioned in the survey were gaining confidence and motivation, bringing the family closer together, learning the value of long-term hard work and competing and succeeding in a legal and ethical manner.

Flagg 4-H meets monthly in Dimmitt

The Flagg 4-H holds monthly meetings and plans a variety of programs for those gatherings, but the meeting times vary because the club officers try to avoid conflicts with other activities.

Members of the Flagg 4-H Club are Mary Bradley, Raynee Bradley, Rudy Corrales, Chase Foster, China Foster, Reece Hales, Adam Hunter, Meggie Lemons, Justin Lively, Kayla Lively, Chris Reynolds, Kami Sanders, Shawn Nelson, Lori Schulte, Carol Summers, Justin Sutton, Adam Wright and Matthew Wright.

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We at Castro County Farm Bureau know the value of sound training and high ideals such as you receive in your 4-H work.

We commend all our 4-H'ers. May you continue to expand your personal horizons through your work in 4-H!

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Room to Grow

4-H builds citizens, molds character, encourages leadership. We salute the club members and their leaders!

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Jaci Bishop learns economic achievement through 4-H

By JACI BISHOP

Home—*Webster's Dictionary* lists one of the definitions of home as "a family's place of residence." That is true of any house. My definition of home is a house filled with love, joy, laughter, work, school, church, and 4-H.

Hi. My name is Jaci Bishop. I am the 15-year-old daughter of Mickey and Carole Bishop. I have two brothers. My older brother, Jeremy, is 16, and my younger brother, Jeffrey, is 8. I am a sophomore at Dimmitt High School.

With mom and dad working, a lot of the household chores are divided among us kids. I have learned how to do the laundry, some ironing, and a little mending. With my mom's help and with skills learned through 4-H clothing classes, I have sewn a few things for 4-H projects.

Sewing

My projects have been entered in the Castro County Fair, South Plains Fair, and the Make it with Denim contests.

My most prized award so far was the "Best of Show" from the South Plains Fair for a quilt I constructed. The Quilter's Association had a weekend class one day last year. With their help, I cut and pieced a quilt top from material scraps I had at home. My extension agent helped me to finish the project. I also have modeled a couple of my outfits at our local fair and South Plains Fair. Modeling has helped me build self-confidence and poise.

Method demonstrations

Talking in front of a group of people while doing my method demonstrations also has strengthened my confidence. My first presentation was on giving a manicure. The next year my topic was proper etiquette. I placed first at County and first at District competition both years. Through my demonstrations I have learned how important good manners are, as well as appearances.

One of my favorite classes in middle school was life management skills. Mrs. Setliff named me as her "Most Outstanding LMS Student." Several of the things we did in class I had already learned through my 4-H projects. One of our class assignments was to make an appropriate toy for a child of a certain age. Projects turned in ranged from very

creative to very simple. I made a soft, batting-filled cloth storybook suitable for infant through toddler stage. In our class, we studied our self images, child development, sewing and cooking.

Food and nutrition

My 4-H food and nutrition classes have taught me the importance of eating a well-balanced diet. I also have learned many cooking skills that I enjoy using at home. I have attended Southwestern Public Service Co. cooking schools, food safety classes and listened to a bread-making presentation. We made cinnamon rolls to take home that were so good. I have gotten to compete at the district food show three times.

Consumer decision making

I have also been in the Consumer Decision Making Group for three years. Some of our other consumer projects have been a comparative taste booth at the county fair and a package-wrapping booth during Christmas Open House. My favorite consumer project, though, is shopping for the Christmas Angel Tree.

A new community service project our club did this year was a toy drive at Christmas. Our club had several boxes of toys donated that we went through and sorted for Hospice and the Ministerial Alliance to distribute to needy families.

Another project I participated in to promote 4-H was to help decorate a 4-H table for our Chamber of Commerce banquet. The table had 4-H coffee mugs, pens, pencils, and pins as promotional give-aways for the diners to take home after the meal. Members of our 4-H club also served tea at the meal.

Working with children

During the summer months, I spent much of my time babysitting my younger brother. I would usually try to have lunch ready for my mom, so she would have time to take us to the swimming pool on her way back to work.

I helped teach swimming one summer. I worked with the beginner classes, mainly smaller children. A few of the kids were afraid and it took a little more patience. By the end of the week, I had made some new little friends and gained their confidence. Most were willing to put their face in the water and kick. In

enjoyed this job because I like working with kids.

Last year, our church youth group did two mission trips: one at home and one at Corpus Christi. Our local mission was working with low-income children from the Azteca complex in Dimmitt. For the other mission, we spent a week at Leward Homes working with about 30 underprivileged children. We did arts and

crafts, told Bible stories, played games with them, and fixed them lunch. Just spending time with them made me really appreciate what kind of home life I had in Dimmitt. It was very heartwarming to see how much these kids responded to our attention.

Our evenings were spent with fellow group members having fun on the beach. I also helped babysit at the nursery for a women's retreat at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. I have started getting a few other babysitting jobs. I am trying to save my money and use my consumer skills to buy new clothes for school.

Recreation

I also enjoy recreation. I have been a member of the Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School basketball teams. I played with an AAU team this summer. My freshman year, I also was a member of the golf and tennis teams.

Through my recreation projects, I have learned to develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities with my activities.

This year several of our club members got together to do a skit for Share-the-Fun. This was our first year to enter that project. We did a humorous skit that originally ended with someone getting shot. With all the problems associated with guns, we changed our ending to the skit and omitted the shooting. Our message was just as we changed the skit, society must change to do something about violence. We placed first at district to secure a trip to College Station in June for State Roundup.

Camps

My favorite thing about 4-H is the camps. So far, I have been able to attend County Camp, Leadership Camp and State Roundup. I have made lots of new friends, and learned some new dances. I had a lot of fun at the camps and loved the dances.



DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW participants from Castro County competed in the Senior Division. The competition was held April 4 at Texas Tech University. They are (from left) Melanie Book, who took third in formal buying, Rachel Wall, third in casual buying, and Nikki Burress, who competed in formal construction. Only first place winners will advance to the state competition.

Courtesy Photo

Nazareth 4-H has community service projects

Collecting canned foods, preparing holiday gift baskets for the needy are among the community service projects Nazareth 4-H'ers enjoyed during the past year, and club members are planning more for this year.

The Nazareth 4-H Club meets at the Nazareth City Hall, usually at 7:30 p.m. The meeting dates vary, depending on other activities of club members.

Those listed on the club's roster are Adam Acker, Jenna Acker, Lacey Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Skyler Birkenfeld, Dusty Braddock, Kimberly Brockman, Clifford Gerber, Bridget Hochstein, Kelsey Hochstein, Clay Hoelting, Beth Horn, Dustin Horn, Michael Horn, Caitlin Huseman, Evan Huseman, Kendra Huseman, Chandra Jordan, Aaron Kern, Brandi Kern, Susan Kern, Garrett Kleman, Karis Kleman, Luke Price, Wade Price, Charlie Rundell, Kami Rundell, Adam Schulte, Brady Schulte, Jill Schulte, Keli Schulte, Macee Schulte, Ross Schulte, Shay Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.

Dimmitt-Bethel remains one of biggest 4-H clubs

The Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Clubs sports one of the largest memberships among county 4-H clubs, and it is also one of the most active.

The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The club roster includes the following individuals: Sage Annen, Robin Beames, Garrett Behrends, Lyndee Behrends, Jaci Bishop, Jeffrey Bishop, Jeremy Bishop, Eric Book, Melanie Book, Anna Brockman, Thomas Brockman, Ashley Burks, Brandon Burks, Brandon Furr, Jeremy Furr, Shane Furr, Gabriel Garcia, Chauncey Gilbreath, Joshua Green, Jared Griffith, Kaden Griffith, Elizabeth Hill, M'Lissa Huffhines, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Bradley Lane, Corey Lane, Holly Lane, Casey Maurer, Charley Nutt, Bryce Pohlmeier, Kendra Puente, Brandy Smith, Keshia Smith, Jeffrey Stovall, Jody Stovall, Lauren Waggoner, Tucker Waggoner, Tyler Waggoner, Jake Wright and Shenea Wright.



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4-H: Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders

4-H projects, camps helped Holly Lane overcome shyness

By HOLLY LANE

Hello, my name is Holly Lane. I am from the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club.

When I was 8, I was introduced to 4-H by my mother. When she was growing up she was also in 4-H and she wanted me to have the same experience she had.

I am the daughter of Mary Alice and Charlie Lane. I have a 17-year-old brother, Corey. I also have a younger brother, Brad, who is 10. I am 15.

I started my Health program at an early age.

I have always been interested in sports. I played t-ball in kindergarten and moved up to girls' softball. When I was in the third grade I started Kids, Inc. basketball.

I was a junior high cheerleader and cheered at all the football games and pep rallies.

When I entered the seventh grade I started running cross country. We ran almost every afternoon. I ran at least two miles every day. Sometimes I ran in the afternoon and in the morning.

After cross country I started playing basketball. Basketball practice was every day. During basketball practice we would work on ball han-

dling, set shots and jump shots. I also attended basketball camp at Wayland Baptist University.

After all the basketball practices and games were over I started running track. I ran the mile-and-a-half. I got second place at the Friona Track Meet.

When I got into high school, everything changed. I had to pick between my cheerleading and basketball. Of course, I chose basketball.

Now we practice in the mornings and during class. After basketball is over we start off-season and I decided to play tennis and golf.

During my junior high days I played tennis and I loved it, so I decided to keep on playing.

We practiced every day after school from 4 to about 5 or 5:30 p.m. Then it was off to the golf course for a few holes before it got too dark to play. We practiced from about 5:30 to 7 and sometimes 8:30 p.m.

When school got out I taught swimming lessons for about two weeks. I helped with the smaller kids around 3 years old. That was so much fun.

I did a Method Demonstration on "Healthy Eating for Athletes" at District 4-H Roundup.

To stay in shape during the sum-

mer, I try to run at least a mile a day. Playing summer basketball and AAU also helps me keep in shape. We practice almost every day and we play in tournaments every weekend. We even played in Newton, Kan.—boy I was exhausted after that trip.

I started my Public Speaking project with livestock judging. I then began a Consumer Education project. In Consumer Education we learned

about smart shopping. Since I enjoy shopping so much, I also like Consumer Judging.

Our Extension agent made us give reasons on why we placed the class the way we did. That was kind of hard.

In livestock judging we attended a few judging meets. I love animals and really enjoy trying to decide which animal is the best.

We were also required to give oral reasons for the class. Reasons were hard because I am a little shy, but I am doing better.

I did a Method Demonstration last year and the year before that.

This year I took part in Share the Fun. We did very well with our skit, placing first in district and advancing to state, where we finished among the top 10.

I have raised pigs for six years. In order for the pigs to keep their muscle balance, you have to walk them every day. That's a lot of work if you don't have much time.

I also raise lambs. I have had lamb projects for the past four years.

During the summer I have to slick shear them. In order to do this you have to wash them extra good and rough slip them with a bigger clipper.

Before shows, I do the same thing, but I finish them with the lister shears.

I have done fairly well with my animals. I had two fifth place lambs last year.

We keep our lambs and pigs out at the 4-H Livestock Center. Sometimes it's hard to check on them because they are out in the country and I live in town.

I have to walk the lambs for a month before the show so they will get used to walking with a halter.

I always cry when we have to put the pigs on the truck because I get so attached to the animals, especially when I have to be out there so much feeding them and walking them.

This year it was a lot easier. A few years ago we took my pigs to a pack-

ing plant. My livestock judging team went to watch them kill and skin the pig so we could see what it looked like hanging up. I couldn't bear to watch. It took me a long time before I could eat bacon again.

This year we are going to add another animal project to our college. We are going to try and raise a steer. It has been very interesting. Just think about how I am going to be after we have to put the steer on the truck.

I am also involved in Clothing projects. I haven't been as active in this project as I should. I did make and model a cotton jumper in the fashion show at the county fair a few years ago. I also modeled in the "Make it with Denim" contest a few years ago. I was a little nervous getting up in front of all those people, but I managed.

Since I have started my Food and Nutrition project I have learned to

eat better.

I watch what I eat and try not to eat too much. I've learned that if you eat too many fatty foods or too much candy, you can clog your arteries. That could lead to a heart attack or high blood pressure.

I also found out that if you eat too many fatty foods and candy when you are a teenager, you will be prone to acne and it will clog your pores and make you break out.

4-H has helped me make many new friends. I have gone to many camps.

Last summer I went to Electric Camp and met a lot of people.

I also went to State Roundup and met up with most of the kids I had met at camp.

When I was little I attended Leader Lab. That helped me so much. That is where I started trying new things

and started to overcome my shyness.

We used to go to County Camp, but they changed their policies and our county no longer attends. I sure miss it though.

It is amazing how 4-H camps have changed my life. I used to be so shy, but now I am outgoing and sometimes a little too loud.

Several years ago we had a lock-in. I made a towel wrap and went swimming. Some girls from other counties joined us for the lock-in. I met a girl during this period, then became reacquainted with her again at Electric Camp. It has been a blast meeting new people.

I have really enjoyed 4-H. I have achieved quite a lot over the past years. If you are not in 4-H, I strongly encourage you to join. You don't know what you are missing. Trust me!

Consumer group has become one of most popular

4-Hers in Castro County have been joining the Consumer Decision Making group ever since the club first formed a few years ago and now the membership is active in several projects.

A Christmas toy drive for needy families, sponsoring "angels" during the holidays and more are among the projects this group has undertaken during the past year.

They also learned to spot quality and value in merchandise while shopping and they have learned to value what they have.

Members of this club are Robin Beames, Jaci Bishop, Jeremy Bishop, Eric Book, Melanie Book, Anna Brockman, Thomas Brockman, Gabriel Garcia, Niccole Heard, Holly Lane, Casey Maurer, Bryce Pohlmeier, Kendra Puente, Jennifer Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

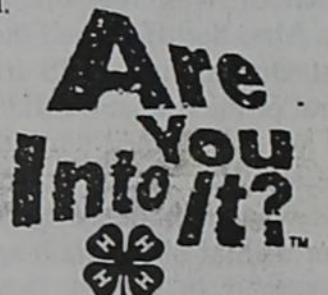
The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Extension office, unless otherwise noted.



WHICH IS THE BETTER BUY? Thomas Brockman, Castro County 4-H'er, compares two brands of jeans at a local retail store as part of his 4-H Consumer Education project. Brockman has been one of the most active 4-H'ers this year, participating in several projects. Courtesy Photo

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Corey Lane enjoys veterinary science

By COREY LANE

My name is Corey Lane from the Dimmitt Bethel 4-H Club in Castro County. I am the son of Charlie and Mary Alice Lane. I have a younger brother named Brad and a younger sister named Holly.

I like to show swine, play basketball, baseball and football, and I love to water ski. I am a sophomore at Dimmitt High School this year.

I joined 4-H because many of my friends were members and it looked like fun. I also joined because I wanted to become active in livestock and in livestock judging. So far, it has been very fun and very rewarding.

Vet science

Unknowingly, I have been involved in vet science since I started with my livestock projects. With my animals, I have learned how to take care of them.

Every year since I started with my animals, I have helped my extension agent validate. I help with about 20 to 30 animals each show year.

Through the years, I also have helped my agent castrate hogs, doing about 10 to 12 a show season. I also have helped the local vet perform surgeries on my animals. I've helped him cut blood warts off of a hog. I assisted in the repair of a ruptured hernia twice. I have also helped relieve the inflammation after the castration of a barrow, assisted in the removal of an abscess on the neck of my agent's hog.

This year I learned how to drain fluid from the joint of my lamb and to take the temperature of a lamb. I also have helped the newcomers out at the 4-H center give necessary shots. In the past, I have helped put lime out at the center to kill any bacteria that might infect the animals.

Two years ago I had a good cross-breed hot that cut his pad all the way to the bone. Since this was such a

good hog, I doctored him every day using anything anybody recommended. But it just didn't seem to get better.

So, after the county show we had his foot operated on so he could possibly get well in time for the Houston show. When the time came to send the pigs off to Brenham, he still hadn't gotten any better. It was about time for him to heal up, so against my agent's advice, I went on and sent him, even though he was walking worse than he had in a couple of weeks.

I figured that we wouldn't even make it through the first sift. Then one night my agent called and told me that I needed to get down there because my hog had made the show. While I was there, my hog didn't limp at all. He went on to get 10th in his class!

Judging

This past winter I had a new experience with my pigs. Of the six pigs I raised, I picked three of them out on my own. All of the three I picked out made the sale at the county show.

My sister and I had two crosses that were both pretty good. I liked one better than the other, so my sister decided to take the other one. All through the year, everyone I talked to like my sister's pig better. Every time we showed the two of them, hers always placed higher than mine, but I still kept telling everyone that mine was better.

Then came Houston. I took both of them to Brenham. My sister's pig didn't even make the first sift, but mine made the show. I only placed 22nd, but at least I proved to everyone that I was right. Of course, I never said, "I told you so."

Showing

I also enjoy showing livestock. Before we got our county livestock center it was almost impossible to

live in town and have show animals. Now we have many more kids involved in this project because of our facilities.

I learned how to feed and to take care of them my first year, and then I started showing summer pigs, which was the most educational experience of all.

Balancing activities

I also play basketball and football during the time we raise our winter pigs and lambs, and I play baseball during the time of our summer pigs I also work for my dad in the summer.

Sometimes it is hard for me to practice, make the games and work, too. It was worth it, though, because I've done well at the county show with both my pigs and lambs, and made the show in Houston for the past three years with my hogs. This summer I raised summer pigs again and played baseball.

Public speaking

I've been in the Public Speaking Project for the last four years. For these years, I have competed in the Clarendon and Levelland Livestock Judging meets, as well as competed in the District Contest.

I started Public Speaking with Livestock Judging. Even though junior 4-H participants in judging don't have to give reasons, our agents made us give them anyway in practice and at Clarendon. This year when I was a senior 4-H member, I was ready.

Method demonstrations

I have given a Method Demonstration for the past three years. At first I was afraid to do it, but after I said it a few times, my confidence began to build. I got second place one year and this year I placed first at District and went on to State.

When I first started this project, I was very quiet and shy, but now I am very good at speaking to crowds and can give reasons for livestock judging pretty well. I have even given a speech to the Lions Club about our 4-H Center and have done several spots for the radio.

Trap

A couple of summers ago, I started to shoot trap, but at the same time I was getting certified for scuba diving. The day of the District trap contest was the day we were going on our certification dive so I had to miss trap. The next summer, I broke my thumb and the next, I broke my arm. After that, I was just too busy with baseball and my animals to get started back, but I enjoyed it while I did it.

Food and nutrition

I also was in food and nutrition which taught me many things that I didn't even know existed. I learned about the food guide pyramid and the importance of proper nutrition. The two years I have entered the County Food Show, I got a second and a fourth. Unfortunately, I didn't get to go to District with that project.

Leadership

4-H has helped me become a better leader by teaching me how to

become a leader and by giving me the opportunity to become one. Last year I went to Electric Camp, which taught me many useful things and gave me information on how to become more involved in my community.

4-H has gotten me interested in many new things. Before I joined 4-H, I didn't do that much and I wasn't involved in any community services,

but now I can hardly find time to do anything but 4-H.

Our club is involved in many community services, such as cleaning the museum and helping put on the city-wide garage sale. Last year, my club elected me president and this year I am the parliamentarian.

My 4-H participation has helped me learn new things, which has made me feel better about myself. It

also has taught me to become a leader in school and in sports.

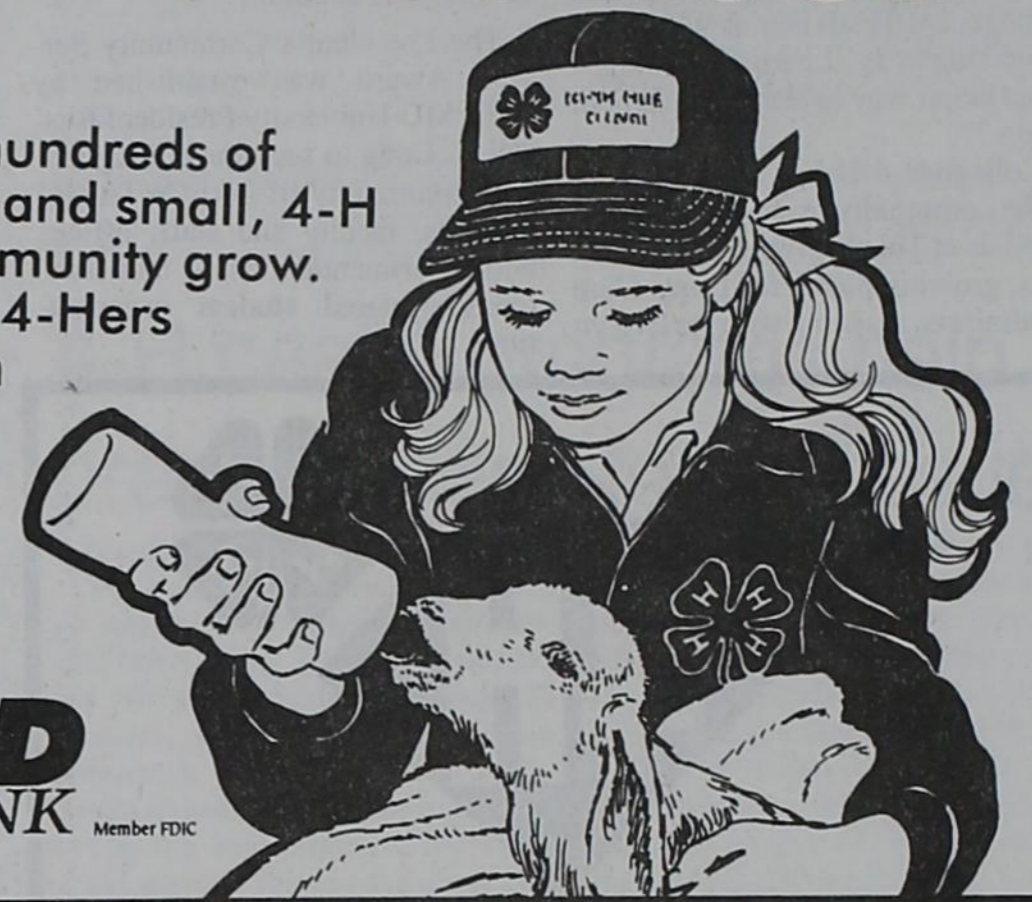
A bright future

Due to this, I plan to go to school at Texas A&M University and get my degree in animal science.

4-H has influenced me to try my hardest in whatever I do, and has taught me to always reach for higher goals.

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VOLUNTEER TARGETS—Castro County 4-H'ers Thomas Brockman and Gabriel Garcia take a turn at riding the dunking booth during a recent community celebration. The Castro County 4-H Council sponsored the dunking booth as a fundraiser. Proceeds from the event helped fund County Council activities. *Courtesy Photo*

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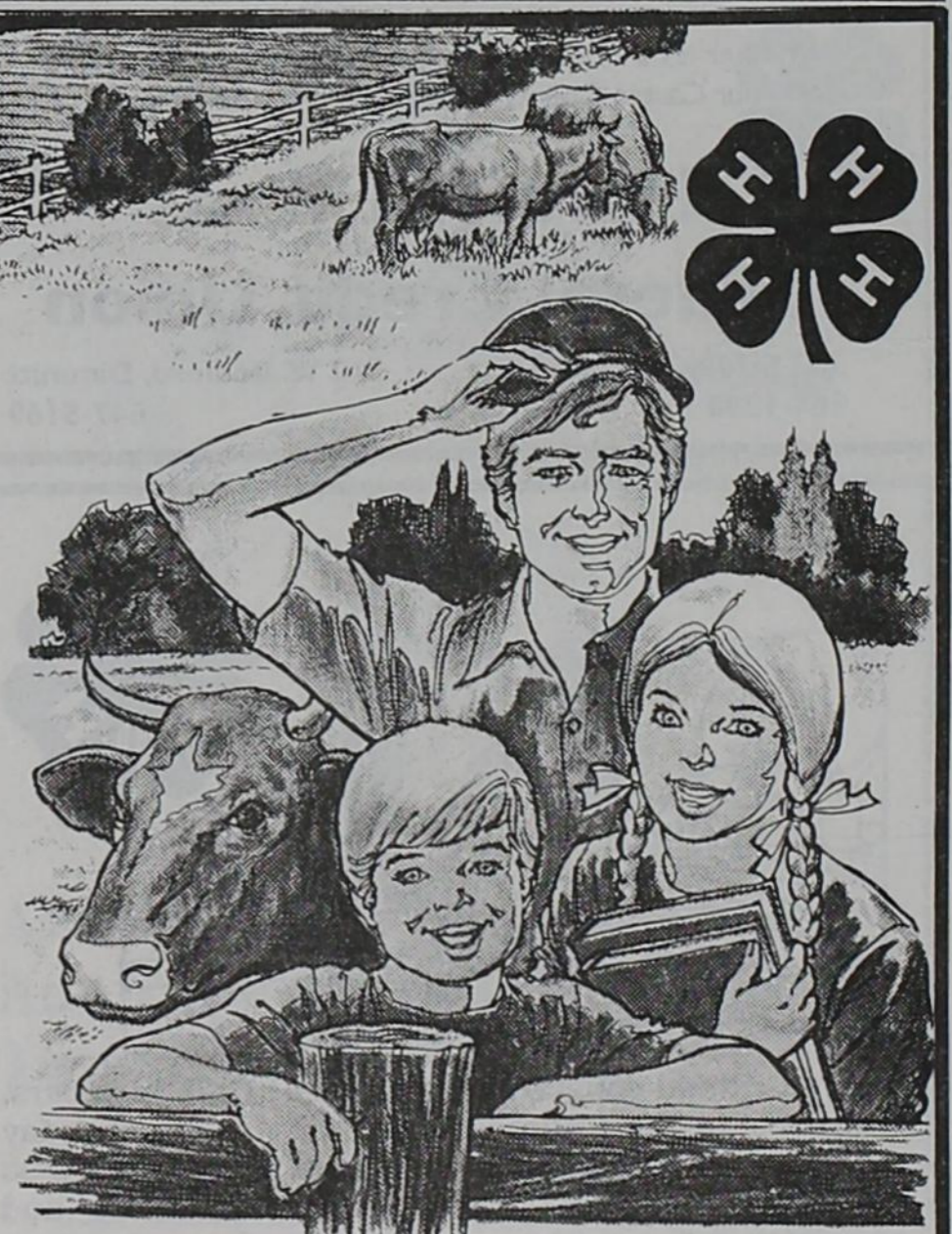
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Collegiate 4-H is selected for community service award

Since its inception at West Texas A&M University in September 1998, Collegiate 4-H has remained steadfast in its commitment to community service.

Collegiate 4-H received the President's Community Service Award for September because of the many programs and services it provided.

Among those projects including doing yard work for needy families, conducting leadership training for area youth, providing judges for the 4-H Roundup and other service-oriented activities.

"Participation in all our community service activities has not only strengthened the club itself, but it has humbled our members and taught us the real benefit in life is helping to make someone else's better," said Greta Schuster, assistant professor of integrated pest management and Collegiate 4-H advisor at WTAMU. "Our slogan is 'Learn by Doing.' What better way to learn than to help others?"

Collegiate 4-H has helped others in the community by adopting needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, growing plants for Lions Club fundraisers, assisting with the Evelyn

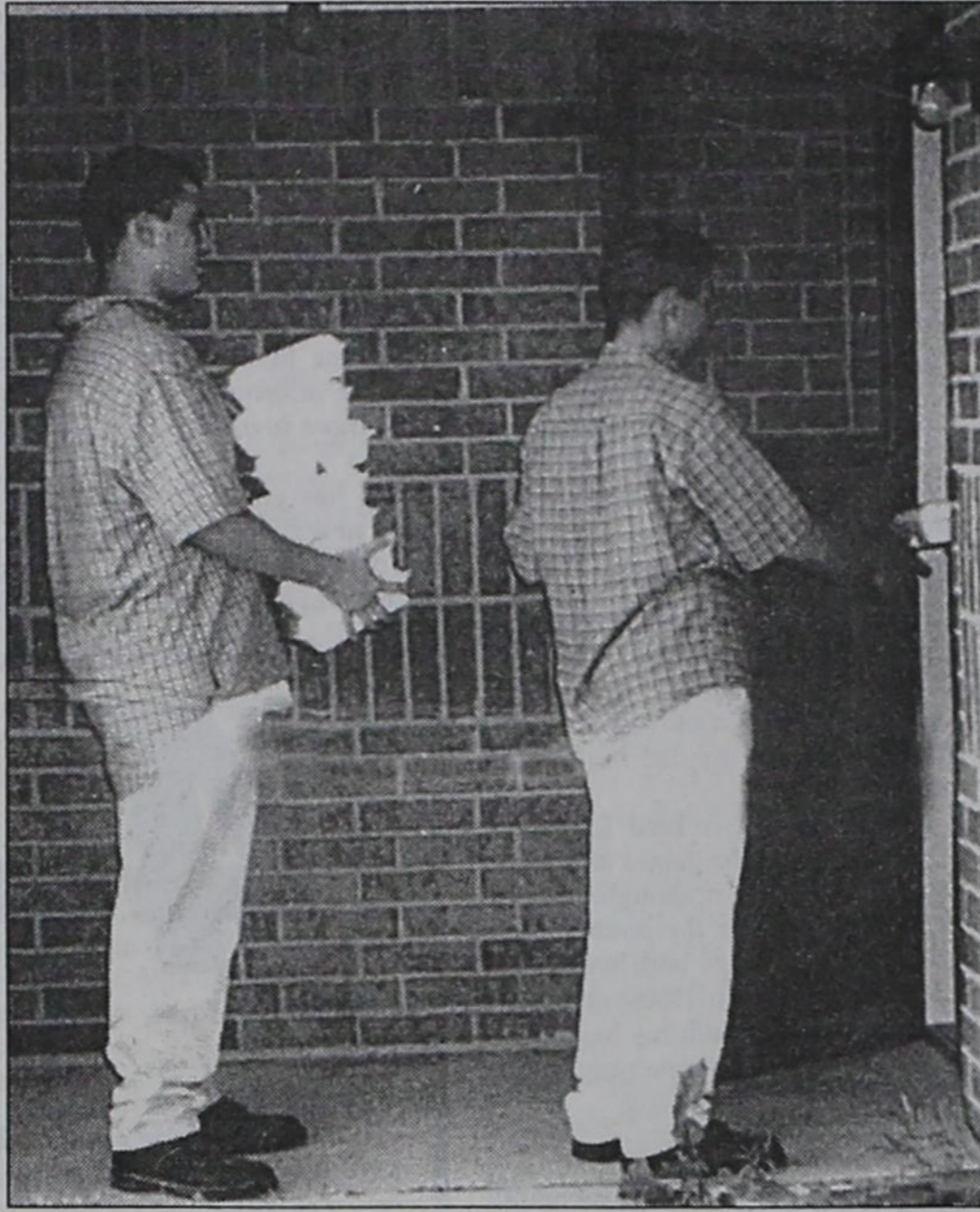
Rivers Christmas Project and donating to Ribbonfest and WTAMU's Angel Tree.

The organization's commitment to WTAMU is evident through its participation in campus events such as Work-A-Thon, Festival of lights, Buffapalooza, Recruit-A-Buff, Stress Olympics, Buff Branding and Faculty Night Out.

Collegiate 4-H also makes school-age 4-H'ers a priority and has hosted the Panhandle Leadership Institute for area middle-school students, helped judge the Randall County and District I 4-H Roundups and conducted officer training for a group of 30 area 4-H'ers.

"By participating in any community service activity, a club and its members are able to grow closer as a club," Schuster said. "Serving others is what 4-H is about."

The President's Community Service Award was established by WTAMU University President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and department/divisions; and chartered/registered student organizations.



BRYCE POHLMEIER AND THOMAS BROCKMAN deliver Meals on Wheels as part of a Castro County 4-H community service project. 4-H'ers across the county volunteer their time and talents in a wide range of community service projects, including food drives, toy drives and more. *Courtesy Photo*

Volunteers to be saluted during National 4-H Week

Across the country, 4-H'ers will celebrate National 4-H Week from Oct 1-7, and this year's focus will provide recognition to the 6.6 million youth involved in 4-H programs and the 6.3 million 4-H volunteers.

Pledging their hands to larger service is a key component to the 4-H philosophy of learning by doing.

This year, 4-H made a pledge to America's Promise to strengthen youth participation and youth/adult partnerships in order to build an infrastructure in communities where youth and adults commit to making their communities better places for everyone.

4-H, recognized for its service and volunteer activities, has promoted youth volunteerism.

During National 4-H Week, 4-H'ers in Castro County will participate in many activities.

The week-long celebration kicked off Sunday with the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet at the Expo Building. During this banquet, the accomplishments of 4-H members and leaders were recognized.

Throughout the week, each club has planned community service activities and special events.

From water quality to recycling to nutrition, more than 70 volunteers in Castro County pledge their head, heart, hands and health toward improving their communities and themselves.

"By pledging their heads, 4-H volunteers contribute their knowledge and expertise. They pledge their hearts to the love they have for children and their community. They pledge their hands by using their skills to show youngsters how to develop their skills and abilities to better serve themselves and their fellow man. They pledge their health, both physically and mentally, to be a good role model for the youth of Castro County," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

"The skills volunteers bring to 4-H strengthen it and help the young people. Over and over volunteers say they concentrate on what they can contribute yet are amazed at what they gain," Neal said. "People enjoy volunteering when they're able to make changes in a community that are needed."

4-H volunteers range in age from 13 to over 70. Many of them are 4-H

alumni who wish to give back to the organization from which they benefitted. They come from a wide array of economic situations and backgrounds and share the common interest of youth development.

A variety of 4-H volunteer opportunities are available in Castro County. For more information, contact Neal at the Castro County Extension Office, 647-4115.

Nazareth 4-H'ers enjoy baking cookies

A special program on cookie baking was held Monday for members of the Nazareth 4-H Club.

The class was intended to help 4-H'ers interested in a Food and Nutrition project, according to Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent.

Cookies baked during the class were given to Nazareth ISD teachers during National 4-H Week.

Also on Monday, 4-H'ers took part in a community cleanup.

Adult leaders Debbie Horn and Sharon Brockman helped coordinate both projects for the Nazareth 4-H.

Clover Kids will begin meeting soon

The first Clover Kids meeting of the new 4-H year has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. at the County Extension Office, located at 205 N. Broadway St. in Dimmitt.

The Clover Kids group is for students in kindergarten, first grade or second grade who might be interested in 4-H in the future.

The program is expected to run about an hour.

"We always have lots of fun. If your child is interested in attending, please call and let us know at 647-4115. We are hoping for a large crowd," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.



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4-H cannot function without adult volunteers

By **MARILYN NEAL**, Castro County Extension Agent

As I'm sure you are aware, 4-H (and all other organizations) could not function well without volunteers.

Here in Castro County we are blessed with great civic-minded people who are willing to donate their time and money to help worthwhile groups better serve their neighbors throughout the county.

While it seems like the number of volunteers are dwindling, here are some positive thoughts about volunteerism.

◆ Teens who report having positive role models were nearly twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not.

◆ Over half of Americans still

volunteer.

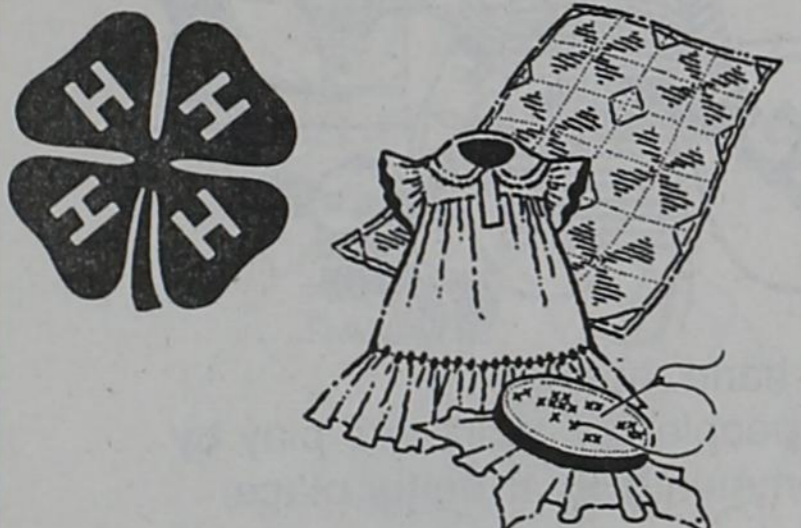
◆ The majority of volunteers are working people.

◆ Volunteers also give more money to charity than to those who do not volunteer.

One-fourth of all adult volunteers do so for five or more hours per week.

Six out of 10 volunteers began volunteering before the age of 14. You can never start to care too early. Compassion and creativity are leading to a greater range of volunteer opportunities.

So, all of you who do volunteer, give yourself a big pat on the back. My heartfelt thanks also go out to you for the part you play in making better citizens of our young people.



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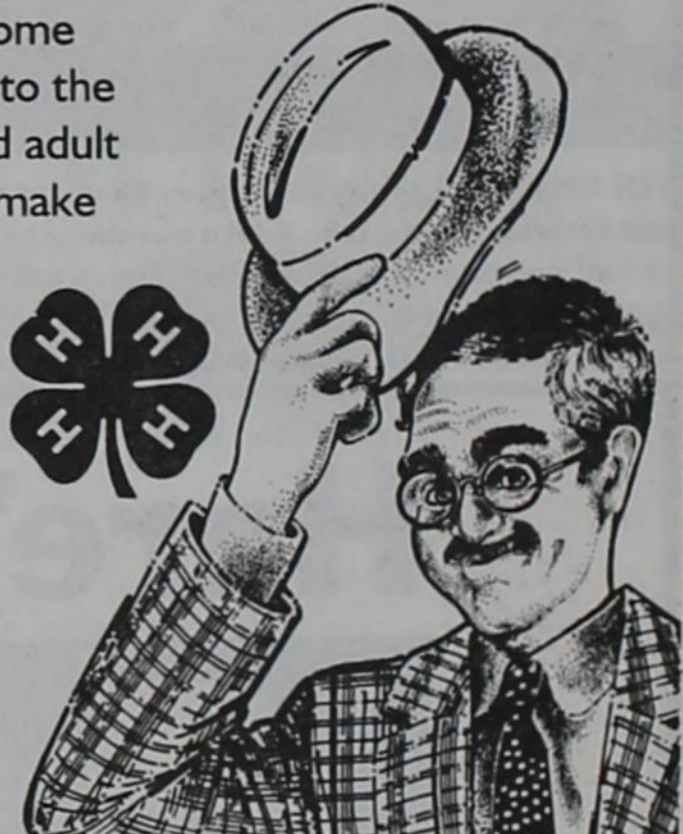
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As we extend congratulations to 4-H Club members, we look to the future . . . for the 4-H'ers of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Since today they do so much toward building a better community and country, we can be sure that tomorrow, our future is in good hands. Let's "Expand 4-H" . . . and may 4-H activities and ideals ever flourish.

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What's cooking with 4-H?

All those good things at the county food show are just the beginning of the fun and learning our Castro County 4-H'ers participate in. We hope this great program keeps right on growing!



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Brockman improves leadership skills through 4-H

By THOMAS BROCKMAN

Hi! My name is Thomas Brockman and I am a junior at Dimmitt High School. I live in a family with three kids, me being the middle one.

My younger sister, Anna, is 11, and a sixth grader at Dimmitt Middle School. She also is in 4-H and doing a record book. Our older brother, Cody, is 19, and a sophomore in college. He participated in 4-H during his high school years as well.

My two wonderful parents are Virgil and Shirley Brockman. They, too, are active in 4-H. They are parent leaders and have served as club managers.

Learning about hard work

For the past three summers one of my friends and I have mowed lawns to make a little extra cash. Recently I have been hauling hay as well as mowing lawns to make even more money. Most people think that these jobs are hard work and would hate to do them for a whole summer, but I don't think the work is all that bad. I find these jobs easy because of all the hard work I do through 4-H. The work in 4-H can get real difficult, especially in my main project, Consumer Education.

Consumer decision making

In our wonderful Castro County, I am proud to say we have our own Consumer Decision Making club. When I first joined the club, we did many activities. We did one particular activity that was quite unique. This unusual activity was a chip and dip taste test.

We conducted this test at our annual county fair held in August. I had never participated in anything quite like it before, and the outcome was astounding. It turned out that the most popular chip was the cheapest brand, while the most popular dip was the expensive brand.

Besides doing taste tests, our club also participates in testing family games and taking tours of businesses. The recent game testing we did was

two family games teaching about handling money. Personally, I thought the games were boring, but we played them anyway so we could see which game succeeded in teaching kids about handling money.

One of the interesting tours we took was to the H&R Manufacturing in a neighboring county. We learned how the company made shirts and how they embroidered names of people, companies and logos on them. They told us they made some shirts for one of the camps I attended a few years ago.

Camps are helpful

The camp was Entrepreneurship Camp and I gained a majority of my knowledge about being a good consumer while at this camp. A variety of speakers came to talk to us about how they had to make key decisions in buying things for their growing businesses. Some of the campers even had their own businesses and were willing to share their stories.

Club business

When our club is not having a taste test or going on a tour, we meet in order to tend to business. This past year I served as the president of our Consumer Decision Making Club. We conducted meetings about once a month until January, and then we started having them every week in order to be well-prepared for the district contest in April.

During these meetings we did many different practices over our judging material, as well as our reasons. Our reasons practices lasted twice as long as the others because our county is not the best reasons givers. Also at meetings we conducted mock contests. These mock contests helped me get prepared for the actual contests, so that I wasn't nervous when the real thing came along. By then, it was like routine to go to the room, judge the categories, and then go give reasons.

State Roundup

This year we got a disappointing third at district, which means we didn't earn the right to go to State Roundup. This was especially disappointing for our team, because last year we qualified for state and got seventh place. However, we inevitably got to go because we did a Share of the Fun skit and qualified at district. Our skit was in the category of drama, but it was more comic than it was drama. Needless to say, we did not win state, but we had a good experience anyway.

Showing lambs

I've experienced many things through 4-H this year in showing lambs. My uncle helps my sister and I with purchasing the lambs, working with them, and knowing the right amount of feed and all that.

This year my sister had two lambs and I had two lambs. We did okay at our county show with one of my sister's lambs (that I showed) getting breed champion and one of mine getting second.

Houston Livestock Show

I took two down to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with the

breed champion being one and the other one of mine. The Houston show was a real different experience for me. I had never participated before, nor ever been there just to watch. I had to learn how things went down there, where to go, and all that.

During the time I have the lamb, I'll probably say I won't do it again the following year, but when that check comes in from the sale and this year from Houston, my mind will be made up that I am doing it again.

Through 4-H, I am learning how to be a good leader, that a little hard work really isn't that bad, and how to take care of the responsibility I am given. I've also learned that taking the time to help out someone else never takes up too much time in anybody's schedule.

As far as my role as a 4-H'er is concerned, it is beginning to be a bumpy ride, but I plan on just hanging on, because eventually there will be smooth sailing.

My goal in 4-H is to still be on the State Council, and right now it is looking better and better.

4-H health programs help prepare teens for life issues

It's difficult growing up today.

The health issues youngsters face go well beyond geographic and social boundaries. Drug and alcohol use and abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, poor nutrition and teen pregnancy are among the major health issues. Young people also are struggling with problems involving stress, gangs, violence and managing money.

4-H health programs take a proactive approach to these issues and focus on prevention education rather than treatment and intervention.

Cooperative programs teach teens how to make healthy choices about eating and exercising, and offer "real life" simulation, one-on-one coaching, large and small group meetings with guest speakers and health fairs that focus on teen wellness.

In addition to these programs, 4-H provides teens with opportunities to become effective peer leaders, mentors and positive role models. In 4-H, being healthy means feeling good both inside and out, and being in harmony with friends, family, school and community.



RESERVE BREED CHAMPION—Castro County 4-H'er Raynee Bradley (right) shows off her Finewool lamb that was selected as the reserve breed champion Sunday at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Pictured with Bradley are her aunt, Mary Bradley (left); and her brother, Beau Bradley (center).

4-H Prayer

Help me, O Lord to live
so that the world may be a little
better because Thou didst make me.



There's a future in 4-H for everybody!

A bright one. A right one. A future upon which America can depend. For hope for a peaceful world. A pledge of Heads, Hearts, Hands and Health working to make it all happen. Concerned young citizens dedicated to a round-the-clock goal, service and better community living. Aware. Determined. Energetic. Keep it up, 4-H'ers!

PAY & SAVE FOODS

Hart



Everyone's a Winner!

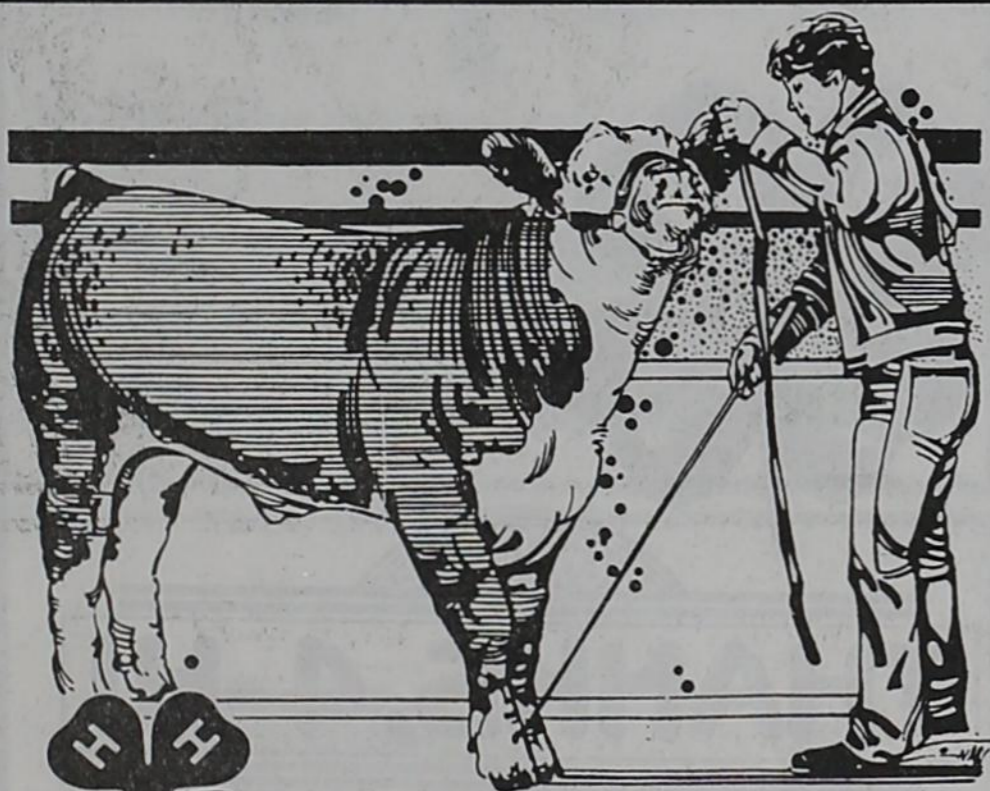
And the Castro County 4-H program
has produced another good crop of winners
we can be proud of!

B&W Aerial Spray

4-H Kids Are Winners!

They prize their experiences with our livestock and agriculture programs. 4-H has won our admiration for their dedication to the youth of America!

Pro-Ag, Inc.



You're Great!


It's great to see our 4-H'ers at work. They learn through doing many important things in their community. From raising livestock and canning preserves on the farm ... to cleaning up parks and planting trees in the city. Through their 4-H Club experience, these boys and girls, young men and women learn to take pride in their work, and in themselves. They become skilled farmers and homemakers, self-assured individuals, compassionate friends and responsible citizens ... in short ... better people. With pride and respect, we salute these 4-H members for the valuable job they do.

Dimmitt Feed Yards



When we invest in our 4-H programs, we're insuring the future of our community and our nation.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy™ Partner 
The power of human connections



As They Learn, They Serve . . .
And The Future Is Brighter,
Thanks to 4-H'ers!

With pride, we salute our local 4-H Club members, for their efforts and achievements. Through their Head . . . Heart . . . Hands . . . Health program, they are learning better ways of farming and homemaking, better ways of working together, better citizenship for a brighter tomorrow.

Bar G Feedyards

Study reveals impact, outcome of 4-H programs across Texas

During the spring of 1999, 52 Texas counties participated in the Texas 4-H Impact Assessment.

Counties were randomly selected to include urban and rural representatives from each of the 12 Extension districts with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service/Texas A&M University System.

The study focused on how the Texas 4-H program impacted its youth participants.

Four program delivery modes were evaluated including Community Club, 4-H After School, Curriculum Enrichment and Special Interest.

Based on the Texas 4-H member population, there was an inadequate sample size to successfully evaluate the impact of 4-H After School, Curriculum Enrichment and Special

Interest.

Based on Krejcie and Morgan's *Determining Sample Size for Research Activities*, there was adequate sample size to assess the impact of the Community Club program.

For the Texas 4-H Community Club program, a sample size of 285 members would be needed.

The Texas 4-H Impact Assessment included 1,313 respondents, and of those, 545 were community club members and 40% were from a non-rural background.

The following listing indicates highlighted results from the study. The majority of 4-H members felt that 4-H provided opportunities to learn life skills including decision making, leadership and improved self image.

Results indicated that 4-H provided a safe and caring environment for members where they felt included and developed an appreciation for diversity.

Members also felt that 4-H has instilled the importance of community service and helping others. They also perceived adults who work with them as helpful and caring about their welfare.

As with any program, there are areas for improvement. Thirty-three percent of the community club members indicated they felt that adults in 4-H do not see problems from a youth's point of view and 24% indicated that they do not feel included by adults in big decisions affecting the program. Thirty-five percent indicated they do not teach others in

the program.

Further studies should be conducted to determine the impact of 4-H After School, Curriculum Enrichment and Special Interest.

The Community Club Assessment under-represented the Hispanic population with 7% of responding members. An adequate representation, based on Texas demographics, would be closer to 30%.

The following are some of the highlights of the study:

- ◆ 88% of the members indicated that 4-H teaches them to work out differences peacefully.
- ◆ 86% of members indicated that 4-H has taught them problem solving skills.
- ◆ 89% of members indicated that 4-H has taught them decision making

skills.

◆ 91% felt 4-H has helped teach them how to develop a plan to reach their goals.

◆ 94% of members felt that 4-H has helped them to accept differences in others.

◆ 91% felt that 4-H helped teach them skills to be a leader.

◆ 94% of program participants indicate they feel safe when involved in 4-H activities.

◆ 90% feel that in 4-H they belong to a group that cares about them.

◆ 94% of program participants indicated they feel it is safe to try new things.

◆ 95% of 4-H members indicate they feel the adults who work with them really care about them.

◆ 96% of 4-H members felt that the adults who work with them help instill the importance of respecting others and their property.

◆ 90% of 4-H members indicate that 4-H has taught them to be involved in community concerns.

◆ 66% of members indicate they have completed a 4-H project hoping to make life better for others.

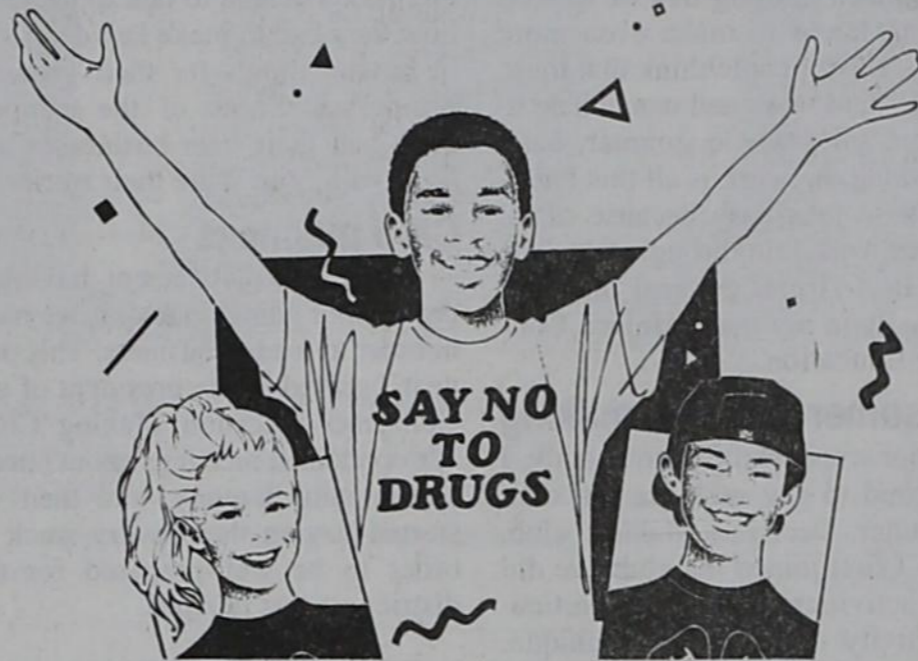
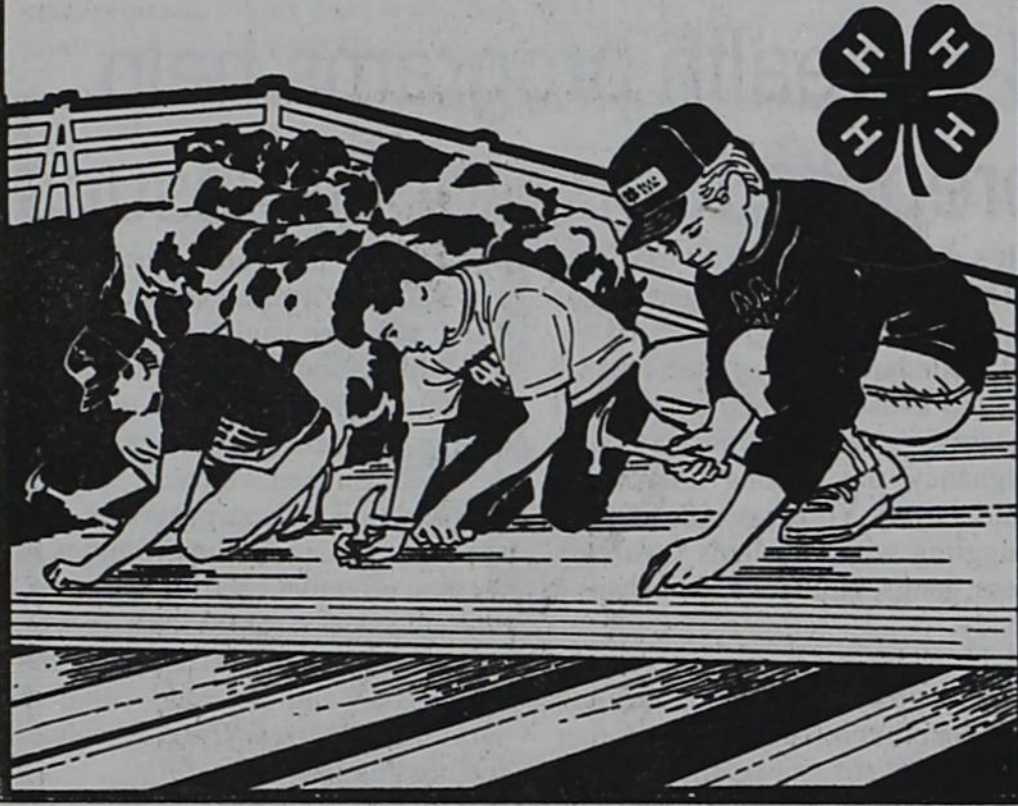
◆ 93% of community club members indicate that 4-H has taught them the importance of helping others.

◆ 90% of program participants indicate 4-H helps them feel better about themselves.

◆ 95% of members felt boys and girls have an equal chance to do everything in 4-H.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. and Jones-Blair Paint

salute the builders of our future—our 4-H youth. Our great 4-H programs help turn dreams into reality!



4-H: Embracing Healthy Ideals

Leadership comes from learning to stand on one's own two feet without buckling to peer pressure. We are proud of our 4-H clubs and leaders and the fine work they do.

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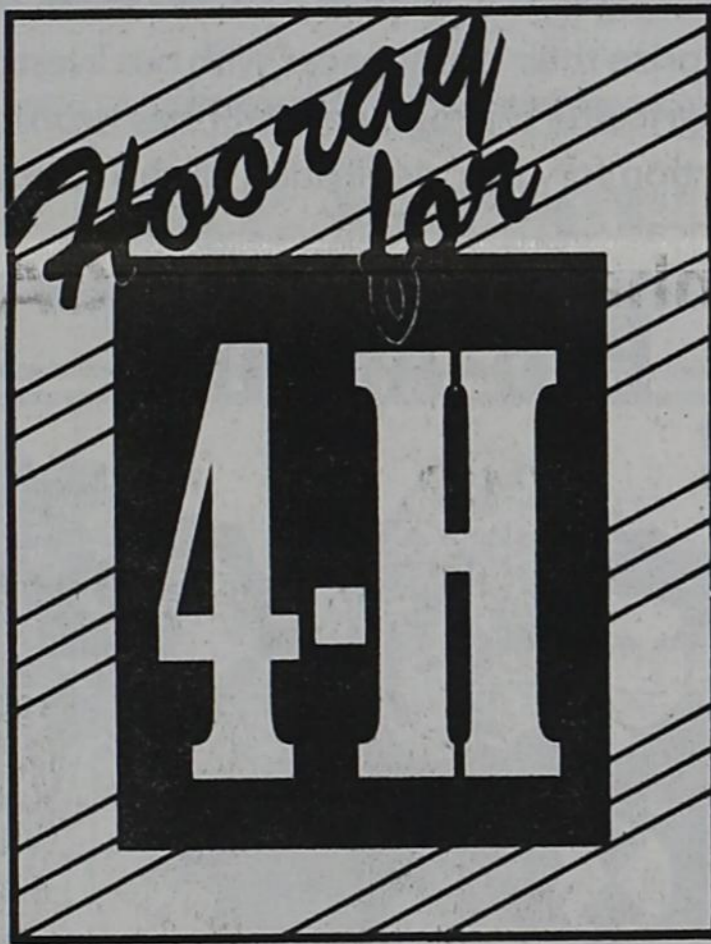
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Leads The Way To Achievement

We stand behind our 4-H program.

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4-H For Youth ... For America

4-H puts our youth to work in constructive and responsible ways ... contributing to a growing community today ... helping to shape strong, dedicated leaders for tomorrow. We're proud to support these innovative young people and this outstanding organization.

Dimmitt Ready Mix



Castro County 4-H'ers CAN!

In food projects, they learn food preservation, and from dedicated leaders, they learn to show a "can do" attitude, even under pressure!

We stand behind our 4-H program.

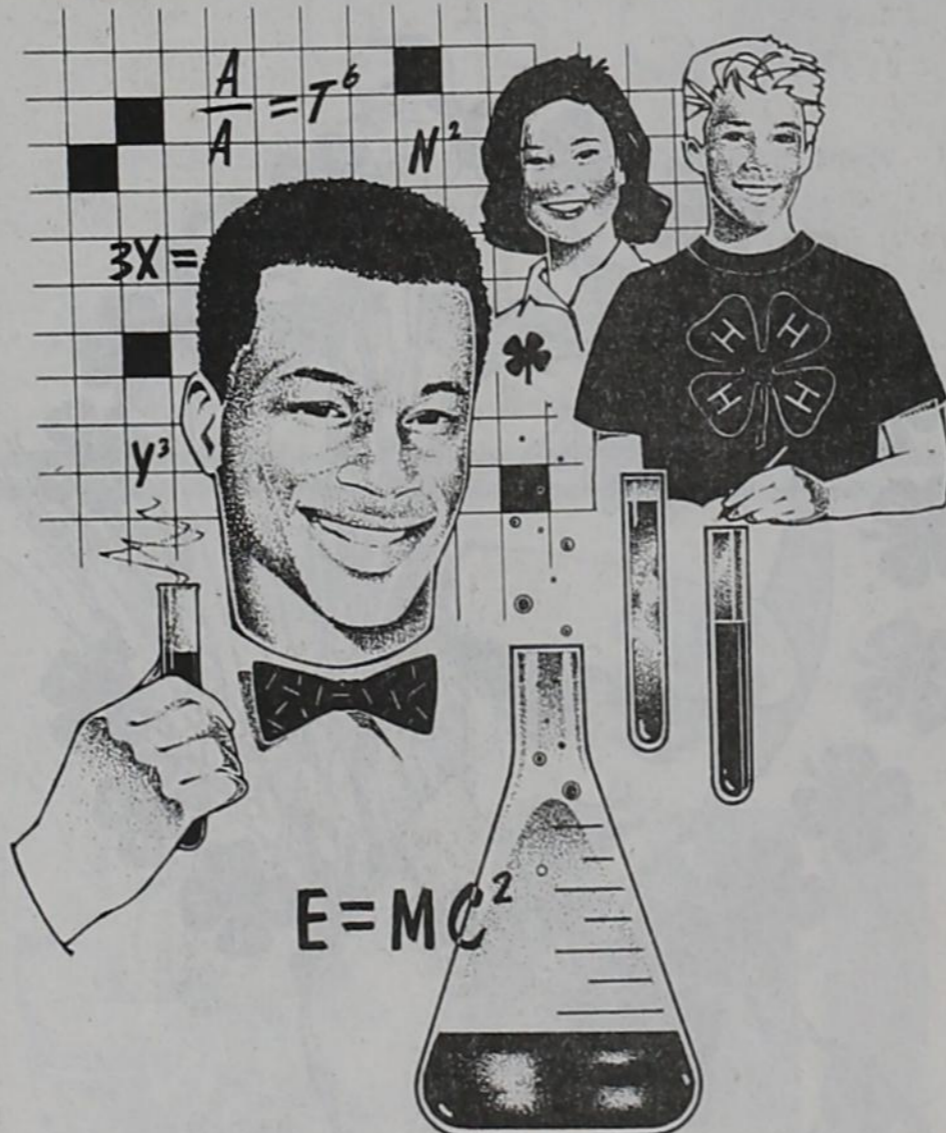
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4-H'ers, You're The Best!

We can't thank you enough for all the contributions you make to our community. Keep up the good work and enjoy your time in the spotlight—you've earned it!

Dimmitt Market



4-H: The Formula for Success

4-H provides just the right mix of knowledge, skills, teamwork and fun to make for a better future. We salute our 4-H clubs and leaders for the fine work they do.

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt & Bradley



THANKS, 4-H!

Through the years, our Castro County 4-H'ers have won top awards at the district, state and national levels. In doing so, they have expanded their horizons toward greater accomplishments in the future.

We are proud to help our 4-H clubs and leaders throughout the year, and we salute you on your special week.

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4-H Horse Club wins medals for judging and competitions

Castro County's 4-H Horse program has a very successful history and this year's group of youngsters have continued that tradition of winning.

Horse Club members are Timothy Sandoval, Kean Lilley, Brett Braddock, Randi Shaw, Chris Reynolds, Eric Odom, Chase Hatla, Jake Ebeling, Lindsey Shaw, Rye Patton, Ross Schulte, Adam Schulte and Reece Hales.

Three county 4-H'ers qualified for the state horse show this year—Odom, Randi Shaw and Reynolds. They performed well at the top level, with Reynolds placing third in the 3-year-old stock horse futurity.

The three earned the trips to state this summer when they out-performed their competition at the District II Horse Show.

At that district show, Odom was the high-point novice competitor while Reynolds was reserve high-point among senior competitors.

District II Horse Show

Held June 26 in Lubbock
Showmanship: 3. Reynolds, 7. Odom, 1. Odom, 3. Randi Shaw.
Halter: Odom exhibited the grand champion mare; Reynolds showed the reserve champion gelding.
Western Pleasure: 3. Reynolds, 6. Odom.
Novice Western Pleasure: 2. Odom, 4. Randi Shaw.
Western Horsemanship: 2. Reynolds, 5. Odom.
Novice Western Horsemanship: 1. Odom, 5. Randi Shaw.
Western Riding: 3. Randi Shaw, 1. Odom.
Reining: 3. Odom.
Stakes: 10. Randi Shaw.
Barrels: 10. Randi Shaw.

Llano Estacado Horse Show

In Parmer County
 The Horse Club claimed several honors at the Llano Estacado Horse Show in Parmer County this summer, and Reynolds led the list with a reserve high-point individual finish in the Senior Division and a first-place Registered Gelding Under 5.
 Lindsey Kates Shaw was the high-point all-around winner in the Pee-Wee Division and Jake Ebeling was reserve high-point all-around. Lindsey Shaw also won high-point Speed honors while Ebeling finished as runner-up.
 Odom exhibited the champion and reserve champion mares and had a first-place winner in Registered Mares, 5 and Over.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS
Registered Mares, 5 and Over: 1. Odom.
Grade Mare: 1. Randi Shaw.
Champion Mare: Odom.
Reserve Champion Mare: Odom.
Registered Geldings Under 5: 1. Reynolds.
Grade Geldings: 2. Lilley.
Peewee Halter, Mares: 1. Ebeling.
Peewee Halter, Gelding: 4. Hatla, 8. Braddock, 11. Lindsey Shaw.
Junior Showmanship: 3. Odom, 8. Lilley, 10. Randi Shaw.
Senior Showmanship: 2. Reynolds.
Peewee Showmanship: 4. Hatla, 5. Ebeling, 6. Lindsey Shaw.
Western Pleasure, Junior: 2. Odom, 7. Randi Shaw, 8. Lilley.
Western Pleasure, Senior: 1. Reynolds.
Western Pleasure, Peewee: 5. Ebeling, 6. Hatla, 13. Lindsey Shaw.
Western Horsemanship, Junior: 1. Odom, 6. Randi Shaw, 8. Lilley.
Western Horsemanship, Senior: 2. Reynolds.
Western Horsemanship, Peewee: 3. Hatla, 5. Ebeling, 6. Lindsey Shaw.
Reining, Senior: 1. Reynolds.

SPEED EVENTS
Pole Bending, Peewee: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 2. Ebeling, 3. Hatla.
Pole Bending, Junior: 5. Lilley.
Pole Bending, Senior: 7. Reynolds.
Stake Race, Peewee: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 3. Ebeling, 4. Hatla.
Stake Race, Junior: 2. Randi Shaw, 5. Odom.
Barrel Race, Peewee: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 3. Ebeling, 4. Hatla.
Barrel Race, Junior: 2. Randi Shaw, 5. Odom.
Barrel Race, Senior: 6. Reynolds.
Flag Race, Peewee: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 3. Ebeling, 9. Hatla.
Flag Race, Junior: 1. Randi Shaw, 5. Odom.
Flag Race, Senior: 5. Reynolds.
High-Point All-Around, Peewee: Lindsey Shaw.
Reserve High-Point All-Around, Peewee: Ebeling.
High-Point Speed: Lindsey Shaw.
Reserve High-Point All-Around Performance, Senior: Reynolds.

In Castro County
 Ebeling earned Best All-Around honors in the Castro County Llano Estacado Horse Show. Other top county finishers were Hatla, who finished with Reserve All-Around honors; and Lindsey Shaw, who was the High-Point Individual in the Speed contest.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS
Registered Mares, 5 and Over: 2. Odom.
Grade Mares, All Over: 1. Randi Shaw.
Registered Geldings Under 5: 1. Reynolds.
Grade Geldings, All Ages: 2. Lilley, 6. Sandoval.
Reserve Champion Geldings: Reynolds.
Peewee Halter Mare: 1. Ebeling.

Peewee Halter Gelding: 8. Hatla, 9. Lindsey Shaw, 10. Braddock.
Peewee Showmanship: 7. Ebeling, 8. Hatla, 11. Lindsey Shaw, 12. Braddock.
Junior Showmanship: 1. Odom, 12. Sandoval.
Senior Showmanship: 2. Reynolds.
Peewee Western Pleasure: 4. Hatla, 10. Lindsey Shaw, 12. Braddock, 13. Ebeling.
Junior Western Pleasure: 6. Odom, 8. Lilley.
Senior Western Pleasure: 1. Reynolds.
Peewee Horsemanship: 1. Hatla, 5. Ebeling, 10. Lindsey Shaw, 11. Braddock.
Junior Horsemanship: 3. Odom, 9. Randi Shaw.
Senior Horsemanship: 3. Reynolds.
Junior Reining: 4. Shaw, 5. Odom.
Junior Western Riding: 8. Randi Shaw, 9. Odom.

SPEED EVENTS
Peewee Pole Bending: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 2. Ebeling, 5. Hatla.
Junior Pole Bending: 4. Randi Shaw, 8. Odom, 11. Lilley.
Senior Pole Bending: 5. Reynolds.
Peewee Stakes: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 3. Ebeling, 5. Hatla.
Junior Stakes: 5. Randi Shaw, 9. Odom, 10. Lilley.
Peewee Barrel Racing: 1. Lindsey Shaw, 3. Ebeling, 4. Hatla.
Junior Barrel Racing: 3. Randi Shaw, 8. Lilley, 11. Odom.
Senior Barrel Racing: 5. Reynolds.
Peewee Straight-away Barrels: 2. Ebeling, 3. Lindsey Shaw, 5. Hatla.
Junior Straight-away Barrels: 4. Randi Shaw, 5. Lilley, 11. Odom.
Senior Straight-away Barrels: Reynolds.



WORKING WITH HORSES IS PART OF THE FUN—Castro County 4-H Horse Club members Jake Ebeling (front) and Chase Hatla (back) ride their horses as they work on their skills for various competitions.

Peewee Flag Race: 1. Ebeling, 2. Lindsey Shaw, 3. Hatla.
Junior Flag Race: 1. Randi Shaw, 7. Odom, 8. Lilley.
Senior Flag Race: 6. Reynolds.

District Horse Judging Contest

Held April 15 at WTAMU
 Odom was the best all-around individual in the junior division at the district horse judging contest, scoring at the top of the pack in the halter and performance portions of the contest, and his finish helped boost his team to the overall team championship.

Patton and Ebeling joined Odom on the team. Patton was the fourth-high individual in Performance. Castro County's senior team, including the Schultes and Hales, finished third overall. Ross Schulte was third-high individual overall, second-high in Reasons and Performance, and fifth-high in Halter. Hales finished fifth in Reasons.

The senior team finished first in Reasons and third in Halter and Performance.

Livestock Judging

Sept. 16 at Tri-State Fair
 Underwood and Odom finished as the first- and second-place individu-

als, respectively, in the beef judging portion of the 4-H livestock judging contest at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. The team finished sixth overall. Odom was the seventh-high individual while Underwood finished ninth.

The county team finished fourth in the beef contest, fourth in sheep judging and eighth in swine judging. Chauncey Gilbreath was the team's top point-getter in the sheep contest, placing ninth among individuals.



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H HORSE CLUB members include (front, from left) Chase Hatla, Jake Ebeling, and Lindsey Shaw; and (back, from left) Chris Reynolds, Eric Odom, and Randi Shaw. Not shown are Kean Lilley and Brett Braddock.

Our future depends on these young people.

We salute our 4-H boys and girls and wish them the best of success.

Panhandle-Plains PCA

We're proud of our young people and the fine work they do.

Zockhart Pharmacy
 107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-3392

We're proud of our 4-H'ers!

We appreciate the parents and adult leaders who work with these young people to make 4-H one of the finest programs in the country for young people.

Red X Travel Center
 320 S. Broadway, Dimmitt

Two...FOUR...Six...Eight,
 Who Do We Appreciate?

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4-H: Food For Thought
Learning about good nutrition helps to promote healthy bodies and minds. We salute our 4-H members and their leaders.

PANCAKE HOUSE

We salute our 4-H Club members and leaders and wish them the best of success.

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Blue Ribbon Participation

4-H allows young folks to get involved in a variety of activities, that they'll carry with them over a lifetime. Our thanks to 4-H for giving them a head start!

WESTERN FORD LINCOLN MERCURY

550 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford
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is the copyrighted mascot of the 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association of Texas. This mascot was created in 1979 and was named by the 4-H'ers of Texas

Who is involved in 4-H?

4-H involves the family in fun and work. Members select and conduct their projects with the approval and support of their parents.

Parents provide encouragement and much of the resources needed by the 4-H'er for project work.

The understanding parent is often the force that helps 4-H members through their beginning years of 4-H and sets the stage for a fulfilling and enriching experience as a senior 4-H member.

For 4-H to be successful, it needs members, parents, volunteer 4-H leaders, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and friends.

4-H members: The 4-H program is organized for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19.

Parents: Parents provide help and inspiration, financial support and help keep their sons and daughters active.

Volunteer leaders: Both adult and junior leaders help 4-H members with 4-H projects and activities. They also advise members in running the affairs of a 4-H club.

TAES: Your county Extension staff are professionals who extend the knowledge and research findings of Texas A&M University for use by your local 4-H club in conducting 4-H projects and activities.

Friends: Many adults, businesses and organizations in your community support with donations, personal service and encouragement. These are indeed "Friends of 4-H."

Brockman, Hill place at 4-H Fashion Follies

Anna Brockman and Elizabeth Hill represented Castro County at the recent District 2 Junior 4-H Fashion Follies and both placed with their projects.

Hill finished second with her night gown in the Junior 1 Specialty Construction category.

Brockman was fourth with a jumper she constructed for the Casual Construction category.

Castro County 4-H'er Jeremy Bishop, who is a District 4-H Council officer, served as narrator for the event, which was held at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock.

4-H Trap Club lists members

The Castro County 4-H Trap and Skeet Club meets seasonally, from April through July.

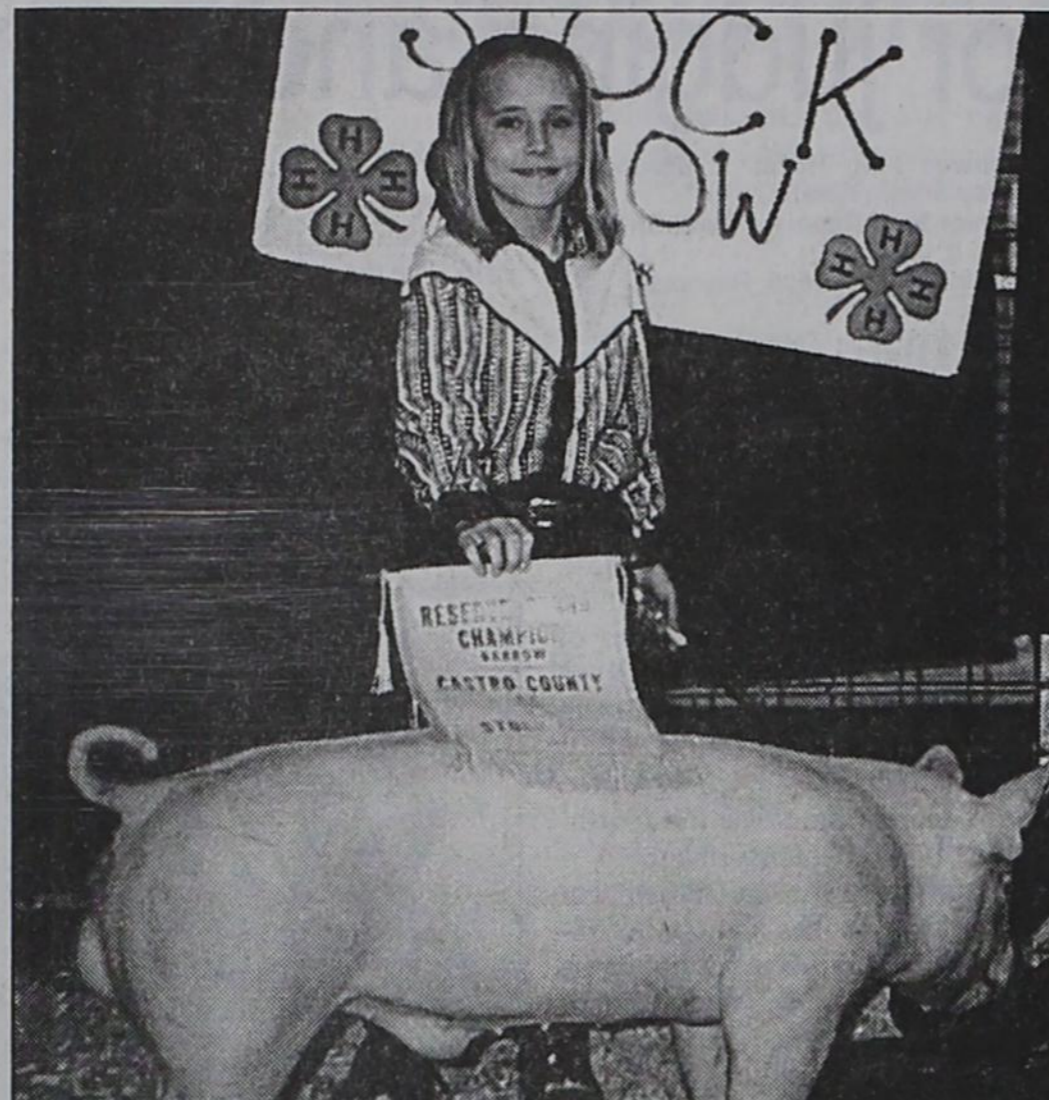
Jeremy Furr, Shane Furr, Jared Griffitt, Tanner Griffitt, Corey Lane and Tanner Self compete in various trap and skeet shoots around the area.

Things you can do in 4-H

4-H projects help you learn better ways of doing things in the sciences, agriculture, home economics and recreation. There are many things you can do in 4-H

There are over 70 projects from which to choose. Each is designed to help 4-H'ers develop skills they will need later in life.

- 4-H'ers can do the following:
- ◆ Discover new ideas and skills
 - ◆ Make things you can use.
 - ◆ Learn to keep records of your projects.
 - ◆ Take part in club meetings and activities with friends.
 - ◆ Learn to present educational demonstrations.
 - ◆ Have fun at 4-H parties, camps, fairs, picnics and tours.
 - ◆ Make new friends.



CHANDRA JORDAN WITH HER SWINE PROJECT
... Year-long 4-H project earns youngster money

4-H'ers learn lessons in life through service

Learning how to serve goes right to the heart of valuable life lessons.

Whether it's teaching younger children to care for the environment, creating a wildlife habitat for the community, restoring and beautifying a city park that has succumbed to neglect, caring for a prized animal or packing food baskets for a local food bank, 4-H'ers hands are involved in doing.

By pledging their hands to greater

service, 4-H members learn marketable skills, responsibility, commitment, teamwork and leadership. They experience the satisfaction of a job well done, the self-esteem that comes from knowing they made a difference, the flush of pride in reviewing a finished project and the warm feeling of camaraderie that comes from working as a team. These are positive experiences and lessons for life.

Past Gold Star recipients for Castro County are listed

The 4-H program has been one of the most popular youth programs in Castro County for decades and that can be proven by the list of Gold Star winners dating back to 1938.

The Gold Star award is the highest honor bestowed upon 4-H'ers at the county level. Winners advance to a District Gold Star banquet.

Here's a list of the Gold Star winners from Castro County since Dorothy Wren Simmons won the award in 1938.

- 1938—Dorothy Wren Simmons.
- 1939—Alice Book of Nazareth
- 1940—Lanelle Phillips of Hart.
- 1941—Byrlea Schwaller of Nazareth.
- 1942—Norma Jean Braddock of Nazareth.
- 1943—Rita Hochstein of Nazareth.
- 1944—Carlene Schwaller of Nazareth.
- 1945—Betty J. Brooks of Hart.
- 1946-47—Not available.
- 1948—Emma Jean Oler of Hart.
- 1949—Not available.
- 1950—Bob Anthony.
- 1951—Jack Acker.
- 1952—Peggy Davis of Hart.
- 1953—Royce Lynn Pyeatt of Hart.
- 1954—Regene Reynolds.
- 1955—Mary Ann Huseman and Richard Hunter.
- 1956—Mary Louise Taack.
- 1957—Verdena Curtis of Sunnyside.
- 1958—Mary Helen Maples and Aaron Hutto.
- 1959—Rita Witkowski of Happy and Don Curtis of Sunnyside.
- 1960—Mona Dell Hunter and Jim

- Aldridge.
- 1961—Lou Ann Witkowski of Happy.
- 1962—Dan Petty of Dimmitt and Virginia Huseman of Nazareth.
- 1963—Carol Robbins of Hereford and Dennis Cleaver.
- 1964—Jana Cole of Hereford and Rodney Hutto of Dimmitt.
- 1965—Ronnie Burks of Happy and Sandra Huseman of Nazareth.
- 1966—Mickey Simpson and Sharon Hochstein of Nazareth.
- 1967—Terry Huseman of Nazareth and Diana Adams.
- 1968—Eugene Warrick of Hereford and Debra Hochstein of Nazareth.
- 1969—Marilyn McLeroy of Dimmitt and Bob Duke of Springlake.
- 1970—Debbie Acker of Nazareth and Marvin Smith.
- 1971—Agnes Acker and Stephen Acker, both of Nazareth.
- 1972—Gary Hart of Hart and Patti Hochstein of Nazareth.
- 1973—Elaine Acker of Nazareth and Earl Behrends of Hereford.
- 1974—Norman Acker and Carol Hochstein, both of Nazareth.
- 1975—Cinde Sides and Matt Howell, both of Dimmitt.
- 1976—Kelly Bagley of Dimmitt and Bernard Acker of Nazareth.
- 1977—Kylene Behrends of Easter and Paul Huseman of Nazareth.
- 1978—Kim Sides of Bethel and David Huseman of Nazareth.
- 1979—Ka Ka Bruegel of Bethel and Randy Huseman of Nazareth.
- 1980—Laurie Sides and Kennen Howell, both of Bethel.
- 1981—Mary Jean Huseman of

- Nazareth and Scott Simpson of Easter.
- 1982—Bart Huseman of Nazareth and Kim Howell of Hereford.
- 1983—Sheryl Simpson of Easter and Robby Hottel of Dimmitt.
- 1984—Trampas Moke and Joel Nelson, both of Dimmitt.
- 1985—Denise Schulte of Easter.
- 1986—Kara Schulte of Easter and Kelly Howell of Bethel.
- 1987—Lorelea Acker of Nazareth and Danna Ralston of Easter.
- 1988—Coby Moke of Dimmitt and Royce Schulte of Easter.
- 1989—Kimberly Ann Spring of Dimmitt and Lee Kleman of Nazareth.
- 1990—Kalina Pohlmeier and Mac Annen, both of Nazareth.
- 1991—Cory Mays and Tisha Rice, both of Dimmitt/Bethel.
- 1992—Shad McDaniel of Dimmitt/Bethel and Kodie Bagley of Flag.
- 1993—Karmen Pohlmeier and Brandi Rice of Dimmitt/Bethel.
- 1994—Cody Annen and Terri Beth Teaschner, both of Dimmitt/Bethel.
- 1995—Tawnee Matthews and Coby Summers, both of Flag.
- 1996—Kaci Schulte of Dimmitt/Bethel and Coby McDaniel of Flag.
- 1997—Susan Book of Dimmitt/Bethel and Rusty McDaniel of Flag.
- 1998—Rachel Wall of Hart and Kristin Hales.
- 1999—Melanie Book of Dimmitt/Bethel and Aaron Hart of Hart.

tomorrow's leaders in agriculture

4-H reaches young people across the nation, offering them an opportunity to contribute to their community as they develop independence, awareness and responsibility. With subjects like livestock, plants and soil, energy, ecology and jobs and careers, boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19 partake in activities and projects aimed at promoting creativity and personal growth. Their 4-H experience provides a foundation of strong ideals to live by as they become our next generation of adults. It's an important organization . . . one that we heartily support and proudly salute.

Thanks, 4-H!

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