

County to hold 'big bash' this weekend

If you like to enter the county fair, watch a parade, reminisce with old classmates, listen to fiddle music or dance the night away, then you're in luck. The 1997 Castro County Harvest Days celebration will reach its peak Friday and Saturday in Dimmitt.

The annual celebration kicked off Tuesday with an appreciation reception for the residents and staff at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home.

A carnival, operated by Tri-State Carnival Attractions, opened on Wednesday and will remain open through Saturday. Thursday is family night as a \$5 ticket can be used to ride all the rides.

On Friday, fair and quilt entries are due at the Expo Building by 6 p.m., and the VFW will hold a goat roping competition beginning at 4 p.m. They'll also conclude Friday's activities with a dance featuring Bobby Wyne and his Western Swing Band beginning at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 per couple and \$6 per person.

Saturday is the big day for the celebration. At 9 a.m., the arts and

crafts booths will open, and the Castro County Fair and Quilt Show will begin. These events will conclude at 5 p.m.

The Early Settlers Reunion will be held at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, and the Class of 1987 will be having a class reunion.

The annual parade will get underway at 10 a.m. After that, a variety of games and entertainment has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon at the Expo Building.

Registration for the kids tractor pull will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will begin at 1 p.m. north of the Expo.

A horseshoe and washer pitching contest will begin at noon southwest of the Expo. The Castro County Museum will also have an open house starting at noon. The museum is at 404 W. Halsell.

Starting at 1 p.m. will be the cow patty bingo and 4-H fashion show. The cow patty bingo will be east of the Expo Building, while the fashion show will be on the Expo stage.

A popular event during Harvest Days is the fiddlers' contest. It will

run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the Expo Stage Area.

Following that on the stage area will be a tae kwon do and gymnastics exhibition.

The annual pet show has been scheduled for 4 p.m. at the gazebo on the courthouse square, and children of all ages with all types of pets are invited to compete.

A barbecue supper, catered by Dyers Barbecue, will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the courthouse square. During the meal, live music will be provided by "The Holy Warriors."

A team rodeo will take place at 7 p.m. at the rodeo arena. The Castro County 4-H Horse Judging team is sponsoring this event to raise money for their trip to a national horse show in Columbus, Ohio.

Rounding out the day's activities will be a street dance featuring the band, Buyin' Time. The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the street east of the courthouse. Admission to the dance is free.

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Perez sentenced to 50 years for sexual assault

Enrique "Henry" Perez, 33, of Tulia, has been sentenced to 50 years confinement in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child. The verdict was given in 64th District Court in Dimmitt Thursday with Judge Jack Miller presiding.

Testimony in the case revealed that Perez had abused his 12-year-old step-daughter repeatedly over a period of time, with the indictment centered on an incident on Nov. 15, 1995.

The jury deliberated about 20 minutes on the guilt phase of the trial and a couple of hours on the punishment phase, according to District/County Attorney Jerry Matthews.

Three children in the family have been taken into the custody of Child Protective Services, Matthews said.

Punishment could have ranged from 5 to 99 years, or life.

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By Don Nelson

If you have a Harvest Days job, get a good night's sleep tonight.

Friday is the day to get your fair entries in, get those signs finished, help build that parade float, collect the horseshoes, pick up the buns or whatever it is you're doing.

If you don't have a Harvest Days job, call Bill Sava or Becky Stovall at the Chamber of Commerce office. The number is 647-2524. I think they'd love to hear from you.

Since Bill came on board as the new CofC executive director two weeks ago, he's been so busy with Harvest Days details that I doubt if he's had time to find out where the men's room is.

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DISD, HISD are 'acceptable' NISD rated 'exemplary'

Nazareth ISD received an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) according to the 1997 Accountability Ratings, while Dimmitt ISD and Hart ISD both earned ratings of acceptable.

To earn the exemplary rating, districts and schools had to have no fewer than 90% of all students and each student group passing each section of the TAAS (reading, math and writing), a dropout rate for all students and each student group of no higher than 1%, and an attendance rate for all students of at least 94%.

Nazareth had 93% of all students in grades 3-8 and 10 pass reading, while 94.6% passed math and 94.6% passed the writing section.

Only the percentage of students passing the reading dropped from the Spring 1996 results. The percentage passing math rose the most giving the district the exemplary rating they narrowly missed last year.

Their dropout rate was 0%, and their attendance rate was 98.3%.



4-H STARS—Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Melanie Book, Susan Book and Rusty McDaniel were presented the 4-H Silver Star and Gold Star Awards Monday night during the 1997 4-H Achievement Banquet. Melanie Book earned the Silver Star

Award, which is presented to a top junior 4-H'er. Susana Book and McDaniel were presented the Gold Star Awards, which is the top honor a 4-H'er can receive at the county level. Monday's banquet was held in the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

Photo by Anne Acker

Book and McDaniel earn top 4-H awards Monday

Susan Book and Rusty McDaniel were named Castro County's 4-H Gold Star winners Monday night during the 1997 4-H Achievement Banquet.

4-H'ers were recognized for their accomplishments during the past year and many were presented with project pins and other awards.

Special recognition was given to the 4-H Horse Judging Team, which captured the state championship and finished fourth in the 1997 American Quarter Horse Youth Association's World Championship Show and

Convention in Fort Worth. The team will also be competing in the Quarterhorse Congress national competition in Columbus, Ohio, in October.

Other top winners Monday included Melanie Book, who received the Silver Star Award; and Wesley Mays, winner of the I Dare You Award.

Outstanding Adult Leader for the year was Nacola Furr and Lucy Pohlmeier was recognized with the South Plains Distinguished Leader Award.

This year's "Friend of 4-H" award was presented to Extension Secretary Carolyn Watts.

Presenting the 1997 Gold Star winners was the county's 1947 Gold Star recipient, Emma Jean King.

In addition to their honor as Gold Star winners, Susan Book and McDaniel were awarded scholarships from K-Bob's Steak House in

Dimmitt.

Susan Book, daughter of Chris and Becky Book, has been an active member of the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club for eight years. The Nazareth High School student has been active in numerous 4-H projects including Family Life, Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking and Health. She has participated in county, district and state roundups, the Leader Lab, Electric Camp and state clothing camp.

She has represented Castro County at the District Fashion Show and District Food Show.

She served as narrator at the county fashion show and at Fashion Follies during the South Plains Fair in Lubbock.

She designed the cover for the 1997 Achievement Banquet program.

Susan Book has served as her club

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Bennett resigns FSA state director's seat

Hart native Harold Bob Bennett has resigned his post as state executive director of the Farm Service Agency effective Sept. 1, citing differences with the current administration as one of the reasons for his resignation.

"I'm very concerned with the way this administration is headed," Bennett said "We've had some real heated discussions recently, I'm not going to back down. I'm sticking by my statements."

Bennett, an outspoken advocate for agriculture producers, has been state executive director for a little more than four years.

He said some of the comments he made at the Texas Corn Growers Association annual meeting in Dimmitt last January didn't rest well with members of the administration.

At that meeting, Bennett criticized the new farm bill, agriculture budget cuts and Sen. Dick Lugar and Rep. Dick Arme of Texas, calling the two "mortal enemies of production agriculture, because their stated goal is to totally do away with the Farm Service Agency."

Then in June at a policy retreat held by Ag Secretary Dan Glickman, he accused the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) of "turning its back" against farmers.

Bennett said his decision to resign from FSA was a "mutual decision" and came about in the past week.

"Some of my comments have offended some folks at USDA," Bennett said. "This is to be expected with any political position. In this time of shrinking government dollars it is important for production agriculture to have outspoken advocates. We have seen Congress repeatedly try to balance the budget on the back of production agriculture, when production agriculture only accounts for seven-tenths of one percent of the federal budget."

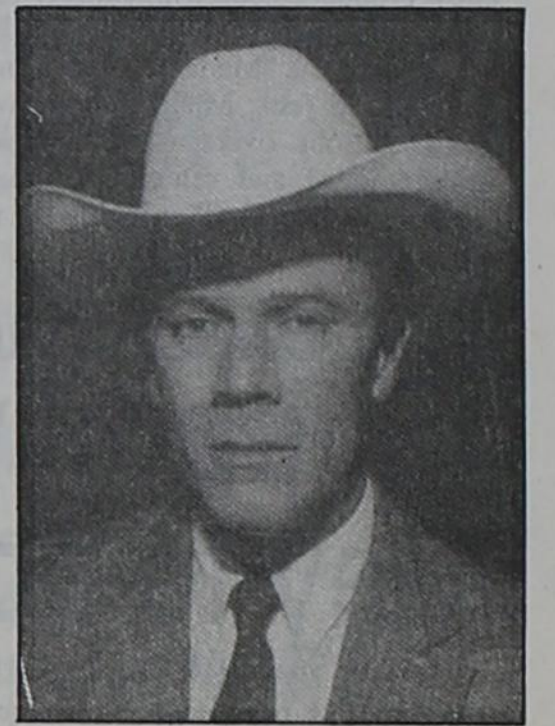
Bennett said he's enjoyed his year of service with FSA.

He said he's very proud of getting wheat declared a "dual-purpose" crop during his years with FSA, so it is now eligible for NAP (non-insured assistance program) benefits.

I'm extremely proud of the service we have provided to Texas producers despite the recent USDA downsizing efforts," Bennett said. "All of the credit for this belongs to the FSA employees."

"Our employees are good, hard-working people who have dedicated their careers to government service and helping producers," said Bennett.

"Texas led the nation in training and providing all field office employees with the background necessary to deliver all FSA programs,



Harold Bob Bennett

especially ag credit programs. It is a little disappointing that I will not be a part of FSA when all of our goals are reached, mainly the USDA Service Center project."

The US Dept. of Agriculture has gone through many changes during (Continued on Page 11)

Ray Joe Riley's term on FSA state committee expires

Ray Joe Riley of Hart, who has served as chairman of the state Farm Service Agency (FSA) committee for more than four years, has been replaced as head of the committee.

"I haven't received any notice, but it's my understanding that that's what has happened," said Riley.

The FSA state committee, which sets and oversees federal commodity and conservation program policies for Texas, is currently being reorganized. According to reports, Woody Anderson, a producer from Colorado City who chairs the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, has been named as the new committee chairman.

According to a spokesperson from Congressman Charles Stenholm's office, members of the committee are usually rotated every two years. Riley has served more than four.

"Ray Joe has done a super job for us and he's more than qualified for the job," said the spokesman. "He's very capable and well educated. But when we started reorganizing the committee, Congressman Stenholm elected to appoint a chairman from his district (17th)."

Riley said that his term expired on July 31.

"I'm glad to have had the opportunity to serve producers, I'm probably better off without this appointment. It takes a lot of time," Riley said.

Riley said he was glad to have the opportunity to work with Harold Bob Bennett of Hart, state executive director of FSA for the past four years. Bennett resigned his post this week.

"We served together four years, and I always felt like there was someone there that I had confidence in. Harold Bob did an excellent job for all farmers. He made my job a lot easier," said Riley.

"Over the past four years we tried to represent the farmers in a fair and non-political manner, and I think we succeeded in that. I believe we have been able to bring the country's attention too production in this area."

Going to Nationals

GOAL: \$10,000

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4-H Horse Judging Team

\$4,200

The Castro County 4-H Horse Judging team is raising money to cover the expenses of attending two national contests. One was Aug. 7 and one is in October. The goal is \$10,000. Donations are welcome. Call 647-4115.

Weather			
	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	82	64	.45
Friday	87	61	
Saturday	93	60	
Sunday	96	62	
Monday	83	62	
Tuesday	82	64	.08
Wednesday	89	60	
August Moisture	4.73		
1997 Moisture	18.31		

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

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NISD releases policy for free, reduced-price meals

Editorial

The truth about products 'Made in USA'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was submitted to the News by Carl King of Dimmitt, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association).

Take a look around your home or your farm and chances are you've purchased products "Made in the USA."

For 50 years the "Made in USA" label has assured American consumers of a product wholly made in the US, insured by the pride and dedication of those who work hard to produce it.

We are mega-consumers who look for the "Made in USA" label on tools, equipment and other products we buy as an indicator of high quality and as an expression of our patriotism.

We have grown to trust the "Made in USA" label and we believe the label means what it says—that a product bearing the label was all, or virtually all, made in America with American parts by American workers.

Currently, products must be wholly manufactured in the US to carry the "Made in USA" label. But under new standards being proposed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), products with 25% or more foreign labor and foreign materials could carry the "Made in USA" label.

Lowering the "Made in USA" standard would directly threaten US jobs. Manufacturers would rush to move domestic jobs overseas to take advantage of cheap foreign labor and relaxed environmental and safety regulations while still enjoying the marketing power of

the "Made in USA" label. Weakening the label would also defraud consumers who believe products bearing the label were "Made in the USA."

A product made with foreign parts and foreign labor is not "Made in USA." And while supporters of this ludicrous, misleading proposal will tell you that modifying the standards are necessary in a global economy, the truth is this debate is not about the reality of the global economy, it's about the reality of telling the truth.

The current guidelines provide sufficient flexibility to allow manufacturers to make truthful claims about their product. If they want to say their product is "Made in USA for foreign and domestic parts" they can. If they want to say "Assembled in the USA" they can.

It's all about being honest to consumers. That is why the FTC proposal is opposed by more than 135 members of Congress who are supporting House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 80. This bipartisan resolution calls on the FTC to maintain the current "Made in USA" standards, arguing that weakening the guidelines would mislead consumers.

Currently, only three members of Texas' congressional delegation, Representative Gene Green (D-29th), Representative Martin Frost (D-24th) and Representative Nick Lampson (D-9th), are serving as cosponsors of HCR80. Every member of our congressional delegation should support HCR 80. This is not a partisan issue. This is not a complex issue. This is a simple issue about telling the truth, protecting consumers and preserving US jobs.

Millions of Americans rely on the integrity of the "Made in USA" label. Texas' congressional delegation should help protect American jobs and consumers by cosponsoring HCR 80.

And the FTC should stick to the truth so that the words "Made in USA" mean what they say.

Nazareth Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch and breakfast programs.

Each school campus and the administrative office has a copy of the policy on file, and the policy may be viewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for children. Applications also are available at the principal's office at each school.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the

application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or AFDC only have to list their child's name, food stamp or AFDC case number, and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application.

If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, that household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None." The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, NISD Food Services Director Don Wood will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision should contact N. Dean Johnson, NISD superintendent, 101 S. First Street, PO Box 189, Nazareth TX 79063; or call him at (806) 945-2231.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must notify the school if a change in benefits occurs. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown below.

National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program 1997-98 Income Eligibility Guideline

Table with columns: Family Size, Annually (Free, Reduced), Monthly (Free, Reduced), Weekly (Free, Reduced). Rows for family sizes 1 through 12, and Ea. Add'l Family Member.

Your Emotional Health

Supportive parents are the key to academic performance

By STEVE BARCHENGER

Summer is over and a fresh new school year has begun. With all the talk about the reforms that are needed to "fix" what is broken in our schools, one thing is as true now as it was many years ago when I was a student—supportive parents are the single most crucial component in their children's education.

So, what can parents do to help their children become successful adults? Here are some ideas culled from my own experiences and the experiences of others:

- Supportive parents make their children feel important.
They establish rules and expect their children to obey them.
They do not abuse their children's bodies or minds.
They know their children's teachers and are as involved in school activities as time permits.

They read to their children and monitor the amount of time their children spend in front of the television and what programs they watch.

- They respect their children's privacy.
They keep track of where their children are and who they are with.
They act like adults and set a good example.
They accept their children for who they are and, as a result, enable them to love themselves.

You do not have to be a perfect parent, the teacher does not have to be a perfect educator, nor does your child have to be a perfect student. But if all of us do our jobs, we will produce students who are prepared to face whatever awaits them in their lives.

Steve Barchenger is program director for the Welch Home Place unit of Plains Memorial Hospital.

Editorial

'RUS/REA has never been grant program'

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of the Castro County News, Mrs. Teeny Bowden sent a letter to the editor entitled, "12 outrageous government giveaways need to be cut."

I don't know about the other 11, but number 6, regarding Rural Utility Service (REA) should not have been included in this group.

RUS/REA has never been a grant program. It acts as a bank that loans money, at a reduced rate, to electric and telephone cooperatives. These loans are repaid to a revolving fund from which new loans are given to

cooperatives who need the money for expansion of electric service.

Yes, even today there are people who do not have access to electric and telephone services that the rest of us take for granted. These people are those for whom RUS exists.

By the way, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative repaid its REA loan in December of 1986 and currently finances through CFC, an independent cooperative financial institution.

Please remember that there are those electric cooperatives nationwide who are not as fortunate

as Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. They still require RUS low-interest loans to stay in business.

Before including one of the most successful government programs (RUS/REA) with those of questionable value, we ask that you please check the facts.

TOMMIE WEEMES, Member Services Manager, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative

Letter

PCS deserves credit

Dear Editor: Panhandle Community Services of Dimmitt is a big credit to our community. It is an organization that is helping people who want to help themselves.

A couple of years ago, due to health reasons, I came in contact with PCS. I thought they were another government agency to give me the run around. Boy, was I wrong.

We went to them to apply for help with our rent and utilities on our house. We met with Stella Devers and her staff to fill out the correct forms. They went out of their way to get us the help we greatly needed at that time.

This organization not only helps people with their housing problems; they also have many different programs to offer our community. For instance, they offer transportation, food supplements, home repairs, counseling and training to help families get back on their feet. We need to be thankful that we have such a wonderful organization in this community. The week of Aug. 4-8 was declared Community Action Week. We feel that all year should be dedicated to Community Action. May we say, "Thank You."

THE VIRGIL BROCKMAN FAMILY

Coordinator needed for teen court

Persons interested in starting a teen court program for Dimmitt and possibly the rest of the county are looking for someone to be the paid coordinator of the program.

Tammy Hawkins of Odessa visited in Dimmitt last week and spoke to the Dimmitt school board and several civic organizations about the teen court program in Odessa. She is the coordinator for that program.

She said that teens who get into trouble with the law can be given a second chance through the teen court program, and if they complete the program then the offense will not go on their record.

Teens who have committed a misdemeanor offense or traffic violation can take the option of having the case go through teen court, where it will be heard by the teen's peers.

Hawkins said that teens seem to be more responsive to a decision given by other teens. She said the program also gives teens a better understanding of our judicial system.

Sentences handed out by the Odessa teen court range from two to six times of serving on a teen court jury and from 10 to 60 hours of

community service.

"These are basically good kids who have made a poor choice that got them in trouble," Hawkins said.

The community service projects that are done by the teens in Odessa include working at area parks, churches and schools, mowing lawns for the elderly, and working at various volunteer agencies.

Dimmitt City Attorney Jack Edwards arranged for Hawkins to come to Dimmitt. He is one of the organizers of the effort to set up a program here. Anyone who is interested in the coordinator's position may call him at 647-3519. Also, anyone wanting more

information or to volunteer to help with various aspects of the program may contact him.

Smithson resigns as Expo supervisor

Castro County is looking for a new Expo Building superintendent after the County Commissioners unanimously accepted the resignation of Howard Smithson during a called meeting Monday afternoon.

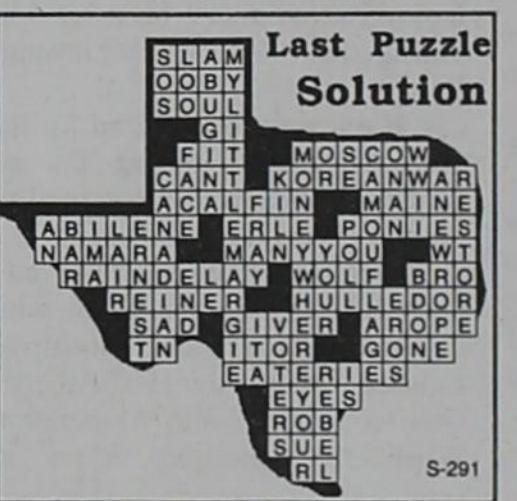
Judge Irene Miller said that Smithson turned in his resignation Aug. 13.

The commissioners shared the opinion that Smithson had done a good job supervising the Expo Building.

The search will begin immediately for a new superintendent. Interested parties have two weeks, until Sept. 5, to submit applications.

The commissioners will then look over the applications and resumes at their next meeting, Sept. 8. They also plan to begin interviews that day.

Commissioner Larry Gonzalez has volunteered to maintain the upkeep of the Expo until a new superintendent has been hired.



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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Gwen Bryant's parents, Ben and Merle Arthur, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in the dining room of the Plains Memorial Hospital last Wednesday afternoon. A beautiful bouquet of red roses and another bouquet of white lilies decorated the table. A delicious pumpkin roll and coffee was served to the honored guests, Gwen and friends—B.M. Nelson, Mr. Wilhelm, Ed and Betty Freeman, Bro. Howard Rhodes, Ethel Fry, Mattie Seale, Irene Blanton, Deanne Clark, Sherry Shaeffer, Percy and Margaret Parsons, Sandy Baker and Schuler and Mary Edna Hendrix—as well as some of the nurses who came by to wish the couple a happy anniversary.

Mr. Wilhelm had celebrated his 87th birthday earlier in the week at the hospital. The priest from the Holy Family Catholic Church conducted Mass and then a birthday cake was served to family and friends and nurses.

Edith Graef and Opha Burks were hostesses to the Thursday Bridge Club, and they served a delicious chicken enchilada dinner. Dude McLauren won high score and Susie Reeves won second high score. Others playing were Ina Rae Cates, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Loranel Hamilton, Elizabeth Huckabay, Louise Mears, Helen Braafladt and Emily Clingingsmith.

Together We Can

A beautiful wedding for a lovely couple, Holly Wise and Chad Davis, was held in the First Baptist Church on Saturday evening with Kyle Wise performing the ceremony. Holly is the daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise and Chad is the son of John and Doricell Davis. The Ellsworth String Quartet furnished the wedding music and soloists were Susan Coleman, Debra Ball and Tami Griffith. The reception was held in the home of the bride's grandparents, Buster and Maxine Tidwell. The bride's cake, a beautiful, three tiered white cake surrounded by roses was on the dining table. The groom's cake, chocolate basket shaped, decorated with strawberries, was on a table in the enclosed patio. The backyard was decorated with balloons on all the tables where a large crowd enjoyed all the pick-up food including croissants, sliced ham and turkey, shrimp and a table of fruit that was displayed in a beautiful arrangement and several kinds of breads. The String Quartet played while the guests enjoyed eating and visiting. A perfect evening for a reception including a full moon!

Ben and Merle didn't have a big church wedding; in fact they have a really different wedding story. They decided to be married, and Ben wanted to ask Merle's parents for permission to marry their daughter, but Merle insisted that her mother would never consent to the marriage. Merle convinced Ben that they should be married without telling her

parents. They were married at the Baptist parsonage at Canyon on Aug. 14, 1937. At the time they were both college students at West Texas College. Ben was at the college on a basketball scholarship and he played for the "World's Tallest Team" at that time. He also helped to build the "Buff Courts" as part of his scholarship. Merle was studying to become a teacher.

They returned to Happy and with the help of her brother-in-law and sister, they got her clothes out and things out of the house while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Knapp were gone to church. Upon returning from church, the newlyweds announced that they had gotten married. Mrs. Knapp promptly informed them that "This marriage will never last and they surely would never get Merle's clothes." Merle's brother-in-law loved to laugh and relate this story about how they fooled Mrs. Knapp and Ben even became one of her favorite sons-in-laws.

Elois McMasters had visitors from Lubbock for the weekend including her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Jerry McDonald and son, Cody; and her daughter Donna Cade. They just wanted to come and visit for a while.

Marilyn Taylor-Loveless is the new postmaster in Dimmitt. She was born in Tulia and was raised in Kress and Happy until we moved to Tulia to start school. She graduated from Tulia High School in 1965.

She attended Western Republic business school in Amarillo in 1965-66, studying computers. She has one daughter, Holly, and two grandchildren, Alyssa, 6, starting the first grade this year in Tulia, and Trey, 5, starting kindergarten. Her husband is Butch Loveless, who works for Paul Rousseau farming and ranching in Tulia.

This is her 12th year to work for the U.S. Postal Service. She started as a carrier in Tulia and transferred inside to clerking in 1993. She was officer-in-charge in Tulia last year and was detailed to Plainview in March of this year to serve as a supervisor before these two positions were filled and she was asked to come to Dimmitt on this assignment.

She was president of the local Women's Bowling Association in Tulia for the past 10 years, bowling on the Tuesday night league and Monday night league earlier since 1975, when the local bowling alley was reopened. She is a member of the local Ladies Division of the VFW since 1988, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Tulia and she is interested in horses, riding with the Bar None ladies drill team in Plainview and raising registered Quarter Horses.

She said that everyone has been most helpful and kind to her since her arrival and she thoroughly enjoys the employees at the office. She also said that Dimmitt should be very proud of the people they have in the post office as they are very dedicated to their jobs and giving the local customers the best service possible.

In the "Small World Department," Marilyn was a classmate of my nephew, Kelley Cloer, at Tulia High School. He lives in Ottawa, Canada now and teaches in a college there.

Dan and Oma Dee Heard attended the wedding of Chris Thompson and Abby Wells at the First United Methodist Church at Tahoka, Saturday night. Chris is Dan's great-nephew, son of Roy and Peggy Thompson of Littlefield. Abby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells. The Heards visited with John and Lisa Thomas—Lisa is Abby's aunt. They were getting ready for their move from Ralls and Wolfforth.

Doris Flynt had birthday pizza Wednesday with friends bringing cards and well-wishes. Polly Simpson, Gwen Bryant, Merl Bryant, Carolyn Sides, Deanne Clark and Kathryn Birdwell attended. Doris and Jack left Thursday for Jeff Lindsey and Susan Bungert's wedding in Dallas.

The Freemans and Deanne Clark attended the 40th Wedding Anniversary celebration and mass of Laverne and Ronnie Wilhelm in Nazareth Saturday evening. Steak and the trimmings were served to the large crowd of family and friends.

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Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Sunday morning service last Sunday, but they visited with Irvin and Martha Ott in Earth, and Juanelle and Milburn Haydon, and Harry and Evelyn Mitchel in Farwell before they left for their home at Avery, Texas.

Hershel and Retha Wilson hosted a fellowship cook-out and games including water fights for the young people of the First Baptist Church of Springlake Wednesday evening. On Thursday they took Mrs. Ruby Wilson home after a week's visit with them.

Last Monday Hershel and Retha visited in Wolfforth, with Zela May Epperson, and her sister, Wanda, and her husband, James Collins. They also visited with Debbie Elder after she got off from work. Hershel and Retha Wilson went to Midland Saturday to visit with Sonya and Johnny Britton and their baby daughter, Katie. Katie is Hershel and Retha's first great grandchild.

Flossie Jones of Olton, a former resident of both Sunnyside and Dimmitt gave me this letter to share with all of you. It is from her granddaughter, Samantha Wilson, just after she got home from a mission trip to Africa.

Dear grandmother Floss, I am back from Africa. Nairobi is a very live, poverty-stricken city and the country is very beautiful. The people are amazing. The Missionaries asked me how I liked doing "real" Mission work, but I didn't know how to answer because I could not imagine "real" mission work being so easy. The people there are so thirsty for the word that they found us and asked us to study the Bible with them.

For six weeks we lived in an apartment building next to the EastLeigh Church of Christ and Christian Computer Institute. EastLeigh is just one of the many slum areas in Nairobi. It is a bit unique because most of the population is made up of Somalian refugees, Muslims. The seven boys had one apartment. We girls, eight in all, had another apartment. We were told that we would be sleeping outside the street school on the church grounds. We were very surprised and very thankful for the housing. One day, a guard for the apartment build-

One-half inches of rain was received Wednesday night, and a trace was received Monday morning. Water was standing around but the gauge showed a trace.

Robert and Frances attended a

Nazareth Museum sets grand opening

The Nazareth Museum has planned its grand opening and dedication for Sunday, Aug. 31, at 1:15 p.m. The Museum Committee has renovated a former school building which now houses the museum, and it will officially be opened with the dedication ceremony on Aug. 31.

ROW Social event in the home of Lymen and Carol Schroeder in Dimmitt Thursday. The Dukes also attended an Amaus prayer group meeting in Dimmitt Wednesday morning. They were in Lubbock on business Thursday.

Kelley Green's platelets were too low last week for treatments. He started chemo Wednesday, and he will take it once a week when he can. He left for Mannford, Okla. Thursday morning for a few days of fishing with is only brother and friends of theirs.

Brandi Green started school at Springlake-Earth Tuesday the 12th, in the eighth grade.

Ezell and Verba Sadler got home from the Henslee reunion Monday night. They took a cousin, J.B. Henslee to his home in Hereford after they got home. He is the last one in that family to carry the Henslee name since he never married. There were 43 present at the reunion.

Mrs. Sue Dinwiddie of Denver, a former resident of Hart, died last Sunday in Denver. She was 96 years old. Ray Joe Riley took care of her business around Hart for many years. He made many trips to Denver to keep her updated as to the business. He couldn't attend her graveside services Friday afternoon because he had a medical appointment for tests but he and Jo Eddy visited with the family at the funeral home in Tulia when they arrived. The Dinwiddie family and the Riley family were friends for 80 years or more. Kevin and Jodie Riley did attend the funeral service.

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright spent Friday and Saturday visiting in Loop with her brothers.

Bob and Dottie Ott left after the ing, Milton, was one of the first of thirty something people who were baptized while we were in Nairobi.

In the mornings, we were separated into groups after a devotion and assigned to different slum areas. We

were driven—or walked after we had been there a few times—to these areas and held bible studies. I went to Mathari. It is the second largest slum in Nairobi and the third largest in all of Africa. At first we held separate Bible studies in a few of the small, dark shacks owned by older "Mamas" (Kenyan term for Madam or M'am). These Bible studies were short, becoming crowded and wearing us out. So we began having open air Bible studies that lasted two or three hours. We sang, studied, prayed and witnessed the work of God, not only the Africans, but in us.

For lunch we ate with the street kids in the Street School. It was usually a cabbage stew with potatoes served over rice called Ugali. It was very greasy, but pretty tasty. Most of the other Aggies had Bible studies around campus after lunch. I had Bible study with the basketball teams then I went to practice with them. At first I helped coach, but since I technically worked for the school I was allowed to play with them. God is very mysterious sometimes. I was very thankful for this opportunity because I was able to bond in a very special way with the girls.

On Saturdays, the Street School opened its doors to all the street kids. We sang with them, played with them and tried our best to show them that someone cares for them. On Sundays, we went to the English worship together then split up and went to church around Nairobi, including the newly formed Mathari Church and Street Kid Church. Some of us stayed in EastLeigh and went to Bible classes or the Kiswahili worship. I wish I could describe how wonderful the Kenyans are. I wish I could make you feel the way I did when we walked down the street and every little kid playing the waste on the street ran up to you yelling "How are you?" and grabbing your hand like it was gold. I hope you never have to see burns on the dead body of a Street named Thomas who was accused of stealing in Mathari that would have lived had been taken to an American Hospital. Because of your help and prayers, I was able to see good and bad, make friends and

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Mr. and Mrs. Heath Schulte establish home in Nazareth

Mr. and Mrs. Heath Schulte are home in Nazareth following their Aug. 9 wedding.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in an afternoon ceremony on Aug. 9 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Msgr. Harold Waldow, former pastor, officiating.

The bride is the former Nicole Kleman, daughter of Georgiann Kleman of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Kenny and Cince Schulte, also of Nazareth.

The pews in church were marked by fresh greenery and flowers with candle globes. Large fresh floral arrangements in iron urns resting on five-foot pedestals flanked the altar. The design and floral pieces were by Carol Drerup Gary of Dayspring Design in Lubbock.

A string quartet, Opus IV of Lubbock, played prelude music including *Ave Maria* and *Cannon in D Major*. Pianists Marcia Hoelting and Courtney Hoelting accompanied choir members Noreen and Alan Carson, Laura and Jose Moya, Dwayne Kleman and Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld.

I Will Always Love You was performed during the offertory and *Holy Ground* was performed during Communion by the bride's sisters, Noreen Carson of Sweetwater and Laura Moya of McAllen.

After the couple lit the unity candle, the bride sang *Standing Right Next to Me*.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Kelvin Kleman, wore an elegant white gown of satin and Alencon lace, designed by Eden. The gown featured a tank sleeve and an A-line waist adorned with beaded lace appliques. The full ball gown skirt was highlighted with a detachable satin train.

To complete her attire, the bride wore a Venice lace headband highlighted with silk illusion veiling and satin opera length gloves.

She carried a mixed bouquet of candia roses, lilies, freesia and delphinium. Entwined in the bouquet was the bride's maternal grandmother's rosary and a crocheted handkerchief which belonged to her paternal grandmother.

Maid of honor was Jill Pohlmeier of Lubbock, the bride's niece.

Bridesmaids were Gwen Schmucker of Amarillo, cousin of the groom; Nikki Wethington of Nazareth, sister of the groom; Cindy Huseman of Nazareth, cousin of the bride; and D.J. Elsasser of Littlefield and Natalie Schmucker of Nazareth, friends of the bride. Junior



MRS. HEATH SCHULTE
... nee Nicole Kleman

bridesmaid was Keli Schulte of Nazareth, goddaughter of the groom.

Bridal attendants wore ivory gowns of Italian satin designed with a lowered Sabrina neckline and princess skirt. The veed back plunged to the waist and was accented with a small satin bow. They wore opera-length gloves matching their gowns and carried a small mixed bouquet of candia roses, lilies, freesia and delphinium.

Best man was Darrin Heiman of Canyon, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Brian Schmucker of Tulia, friend of the groom; Clint Hoelting of Nazareth, cousin of the groom; Kenneth Kleman of Littlefield, brother of the bride; Chris Schmucker of Lubbock and Gregg Gerber of Hart, friends of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Brock Kleman and Bryant Kleman of Littlefield, nephews of the bride.

Flower girl was Briann

Wethington of Nazareth, niece of the groom. Ring bearer was Mark Gagnon of Billings, Mont., nephew of the bride. He carried a satin pillow trimmed with lace from the bride's maternal grandmother's wedding dress. The pillow was designed and made by Lucille Drerup.

Candle lighters were Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth and Amanda Moya of McAllen, nieces of the bride.

Ushers were Marvin Schmucker of Amarillo and Travis Schulte, Craig Huseman and Marty Gerber, all of Nazareth.

Guests were registered by Alicia Syverson of Odessa, Jenny DoRego of Lubbock and Sonya Schulte of Reston.

After the wedding, a reception was held in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Lattice-work accented with lemon leaves provided the backdrop for the bride's table, which held the wedding cake. The cake rested on eight different graduated pedestals and was topped with fresh flowers and greenery.

The floral design used in the church was repeated in the reception hall. Brass candelabra and a brass punch bowl completed the decor.

The bride is a graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in education. She is employed as a third-grade teacher at Aikman Elementary School in Hereford.

The groom is also a NHS graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1992 and is employed as assistant manager at Bartlett Cattle Co. in Tulia.

Craig's work is featured at local library

Work by local artist Joan A. Craig is on display at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt through Saturday, and the artist will be honored with a reception today (Thursday).

The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the library and the public is invited to attend.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

Republicans honor county's early activists

Castro County Republicans honored founders of the local party and Jill Davis and Heidi Wheeler, this year's representatives to Texas Bluebonnet Girls State last Thursday during a special gathering at the home of Lyman and Carol Schroeder.

Thirty-eight Republicans attended the party.

After a covered dish meal, the group heard a report from Davis and Wheeler.

Stories and tributes were paid to Fred and Juanita Bruegel, Freda and Willis Hawkins, Jimmy and Tina Rawlings, Peggy Webb, Florence Albracht, Mary Flynt, Ann Ethington, Alice Killingsworth, P.O. Robb and the Runnels from Hart. Birdie Neill was later mentioned.

Family members and spouses present also added to the memorial. Scrapbooks with photos and articles were on display.

After a business meeting and financial report, Deanne Clark gave a current report from Congressman Larry Combest's recent Congressional Club Luncheon. A bakeless cake sale fundraiser also was held.

PMH plans childbirth class

Plains Memorial Hospital will conduct childbirth classes beginning Tuesday.

Pregnant women who are between 24 and 34 weeks along who are interested in attending should call 647-2191 or 647-4581 to enroll.

The six-week class will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the classroom at Medical Center of Dimmitt.

First aid classes to take place at Plains Memorial

Plains Memorial Hospital and Amarillo College will hold First Responder/Industrial classes Aug. 28-29 and then again Sept. 4-5 at the Solarium at Plains Memorial.

Classes will run from 5 to 9 p.m. both nights each time.

For more information contact Mitzie Brockman at 945-2246 or Plains Memorial Hospital at 647-2191.



MRS. JEFFREY GLEN LINDSEY
... nee Susan Jean Bungert

Bungert, Lindsey exchange vows

Susan Jean Bungert and Jeffrey Glenn Lindsey exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony Saturday at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas with Rev. Mark Craig officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bungert of Newnan, Ga. The groom is the son of Mrs. Doris Flynt of Dimmitt and the late Robert Lindsey.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore her mother's 40-year-old floor-length wedding gown of imported organdy appliqued with roses and fashioned with a Sabrina neckline and three-quarter-length sleeves. The dress had an elongated waistline and bouffant skirt terminating in a sweep train. An organdy headpiece outlined with seed pearls anchored her veil of French illusion. She carried a presentation-style bouquet of porcelain spray roses, Queen Anne's lace and freesia.

She was attended by her best friend, Pam Schwartz of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., as matron of honor. She wore a navy blue floor-length dress and carried a smaller version of the bride's bouquet.

Best man was Jim Bradford of Dimmitt, best friend of the groom. Austin Bungert, nephew of the bride,

served as ring bearer.

Ushers were Robert Lindsey and Kent Lindsey, both brothers of the groom, and David Bungert, brother of the bride. Junior ushers were Tyler Wolf and Parker Wolf, both friends of the bride.

The organist played *Trumpet Voluntary (Prince of Denmark)* as the processional, the *Bridal March from Lohengrin*, and *Wedding March from Midsummer Night's Dream* for the recessional.

The church was decorated with two urns filled with Queen Anne's lace, porcelain spray roses, larkspur, Gerbera daisies, and freesia.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Tower Club in Dallas. The bride's cake was made in four tiers, and the groom's cake was made in the shape of a golf bag. Decorations included cocktail table flowers.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will be at home in Dallas.

The bride is a graduate of The Bolles School High School in Jacksonville, Fla., and of the University of Alabama.

The groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and Texas Tech University.



Jean and C.B. Lunsford

Lunsfords to celebrate 40th wedding anniversary

C.B. and Jean Lunsford of Danville, Ark., former Dimmitt residents, will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30 with a special reception in their home.

The couple lived here for many years before moving to Arkansas. He worked for Dimmitt Motor Co. for

almost 20 years. They attended the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and were active with youth sports programs.

The Lunsfords have two children, Randy of Amarillo and Steve of Danville. They have three grandchildren.

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Selections at Tots and Teens.

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Wise, Davis wed Saturday in double-ring ceremony

Holly Suzanne Wise and Chad William Davis were married Saturday in a formal, double-ring ceremony at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are John and Doricell Davis, also of Dimmitt.

Wedding prelude music was provided by the Ellsworth String Quartet. Selections included *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3* by Bach; an excerpt from *Spring* by Vivaldi; *Anosa* and *Jesu, Joy of Man's Dressing* by Bach; *Air from Water Music* by Handel; and *All I Ask of You* by Lloyd Weber. Susan Coleman, the bride's aunt, sang *Beautiful in My Eyes* and *The Color of My Love*. An acapella trio composed of Coleman, Debra Ball and Tami Griffitt sang *The Lord's Prayer*.

The altar area of the church was decorated with five brass, arched candelabra holding bouquets of purple hydrangea, purple iris, cream roses, peach roses, peach day lilies and statice. Tulle bows accented each candelabra. The bouquets were designed and made by the bride's mother.

Pew bows were fashioned of cream tulle and lilac satin bows accented by purple hydrangea and cream roses.

Garlands of lighted greenery draped with tulle adorned the organ and piano lofts. Soft light from the purple, red and blue stained glass windows of the church cast a glow on the wedding party.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of candlelight Italian satin designed by Mon Cheri. It featured an off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline accented with a tuck of cafe Italian satin and complemented by a short sleeve. The bodice and sleeves were covered with Alencon lace. The flower pattern of the lace was enhanced with sequins and pearls. The Basque waistline allowed the full ballgown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a semi-cathedral-length train. The back was accented by a deep vee trimmed in cafe satin. The train was finished with triple sash back overskirts and a bow with rosettes, trimmed in cafe and Alencon lace appliques.

To complete her ensemble she wore candlelight matinee gloves and a tiara of beaded Alencon lace and porcelain satin rosettes finished with fingertip veiling.

For "something old," the bride wore her maternal grandmother's wedding ring and carried a handkerchief belonging to her paternal great-grandmother. "Something new" was her wedding attire. For "something borrowed" she wore pearls belonging to her mother, which had been given to her mother as a wedding gift from her father. "Something blue" was a blue bow stitched to her garter.

She carried a modern rounded bouquet of fresh Laguna roses, cream roses and purple freesia surrounded by galyx leaves.

Heather Wise, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Hayli Wise and Hanna Wise, sisters of the bride; Carla Petty, lifelong friend of the bride; and Jill Davis and Jeanne Davis, sisters of the groom.

Bridal attendants wore formal, fitted gowns of lilac satin with lilac organza overskirts. Each sleeveless gown was accented in the back with a scoop neckline trimmed with a large satin bow. The gowns were made by the bride's grandmother. Each wore a pearl necklace and earrings, gifts from the bride.

Each bridesmaid carried a smaller version of the bridal bouquet.

Best man was John Davis, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Jad Gabel, brother-in-law of the groom;



MRS. CHAD WILLIAM DAVIS
... nee Holly Suzanne Wise

Justin Nelson and Clay Lytal, friends of the groom; and Dillion Welch and Duncan Welch, cousins of the bride.

Lighting candles were Kevin Petty and Mat Bradley, cousins of the bride.

Guests were registered by Rala Byrnes and Mandy Gfeller.

Ushers were Garland Coleman III and Ben Coleman, cousins of the bride; Kevin Petty, Kevin Bruton and Mat Bradley, friends of the groom; and Ty Annen, friend of the couple.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the couple was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Tidwell.

The bride's table was covered with a white cutwork cloth that had covered the reception table at the bride's parents' wedding.

The four-tiered bride's cake was covered in rolled fondant and was decorated with handmade fondant flowers. Each tier was decorated with a different delicate summer flower in colors of pale blue, pale pink, lavender and cream.

The groom's chocolate cake resembled a picnic basket filled with fruit. Coffee and punch were also

served from the couple's tables.

Guests were directed to the backyard where round tables covered in floral cloths and Battenburg lace toppers awaited them. Centerpieces of cream candles surrounded by silk rose rings completed the decor.

A buffet table holding hor d'oeuvres and croissant sandwiches was complemented by a companion table of cheeses, breads and fruit.

A punch table under the canopy of large crabapple tree finished the decor.

Music during the reception was furnished by the Ellsworth String Quartet.

After enjoying a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will be home in Lubbock today (Thursday). Both attend Texas Tech University.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is a senior communications major at Texas Tech University.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is a senior business management major at Texas Tech. He is a licensed commodities broker and is a self-employed rancher.

Larry Lee Love Fund established

A benefit fund for Larry Lee of Hart has been established at Hale County State Bank in Hart.

Those who wish to donate should contact the bank or do so through their local church, which in turn will deposit the proceeds to that fund.

Suddenly plunged into a world of darkness in June, Larry Lee, a 52-year-old lifelong resident of Hart, has been in and out of the hospital in Amarillo, undergoing extensive testing and treatment as doctors try to determine what has caused the problems his body is fighting to combat.

Lee remains optimistic that his sight will return, but that has not happened, yet.

Friends have started a Love Fund hoping to make it possible not only for Larry and Cindy to seek a second opinion, but also to tide them over this period of transition when sight and livelihood has been taken.

Lee is an accountant. To be deprived of eyesight has thrown their lives into a turmoil. Over time, other avenues of pursuing his profession may be opened, but for now, the pressing need is to deal with day-to-day living with all the medical problems that have been thrust upon them.

Lee has given unselfishly of his time and ability through the years by serving on various boards and civic organizations in the community and county.

Send your gift to Hart Church of Christ, % Mrs. L.C. McLain, Box 174, Hart, TX 79043, designating it as going to the Larry Lee Fund, and it will be taken care of.



Mr. and Mrs. N.C. White Jr.

Whites to celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. N.C. White Jr. of Dimmitt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

Their children and grandchildren will host the event. The couple, N.C. and the former

Bette Jeanne Alverson, were wed Aug. 21, 1947, in Portales, N.M.

Children of the pair are Jim and Charlene White of Pflugerville, Darrell and Judy Walker of Shallowater, David and Janie White of Sapulpa, Okla., and Tim and Shelly Crabtree of McKinney. They have nine grandchildren.

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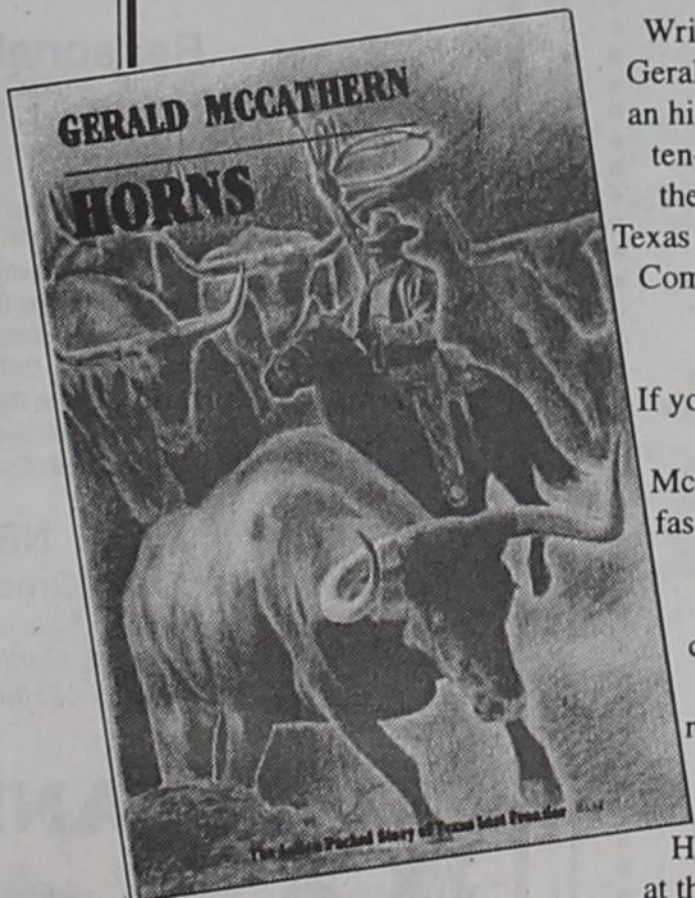
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Shuttle to run during fiddler's contest Saturday

The Senior Citizens Center will run a shuttle service from the Senior Citizens Center to the fairgrounds for the fiddler's contest Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration.

The contest starts at 1:30 p.m. on the Expo Stage at the Expo Building. The shuttle will start transporting people to the Expo between 12:45 and 1 p.m.

Yearbooks are now available

The 1996-97 yearbooks for Dimmitt High School are now available to be picked up in Room 27 at the High School.

Extra yearbooks can be purchased for \$25.

ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



Atchley accepted into ranch and feedlot operations program

Mikel Atchley of Dimmitt is one of 26 young men who have been accepted into the 1997-98 Clarendon College Ranch & Feedlot Operations program, according to Jerry C. Gage, RFO Director.

"I'm very satisfied with the young men we have selected," Gage said. "We feel our program is well-received in the agricultural industry, and strive to formulate our courses to fit the business.

Atchley is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School and the son of Charles and Sue Atchley.

Established in 1974, the CC Ranch & Feedlot Operations program allows students who are interested in ranch or feedyard-related careers to gain new knowledge and technical skills to meet the needs of coping with today's complex agricultural programs.

An exclusive program, RFO students must complete academic coursework, as well as extensive fieldwork conducted on more than 8,000 miles across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico by visiting top ranches, feedyards and agricultural centers.



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT Agent Greta Schuster of Dimmitt (second from left), instructs demonstration technicians Justin Bingham of Nazareth (left), Jessica Kern of Nazareth (second from right), and Emilio Nino of Dimmitt (right) on tech-

niques for scouting corn for insects and other problems. The IPM program is one of many supported by the statewide corn check-off program administered by the Texas Corn Producers Board. Courtesy Photo

In Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone

Cotton growers reject creation of boll weevil suppression program

Cotton producers in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted against establishing a suppression program in the 19-county zone by 52% to 48% margin.

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture reported that 6,636 valid ballots representing more than 1.9 million cotton acres in the zone were tabulated. Vote tabulations were conducted and overseen by the Texas Secretary of State's office. Some 13,373 ballots were mailed to cotton producers in the zone.

Propositions on the ballot

included:

➤ **Proposition 1:** To establish a boll weevil suppression program in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone to begin in the fall of 1998.

For: 3,184 or 48.4%
Against: 3,394 or 51.6%
Percentage of all zone acreage voting for Proposition 1 was 34.5%

➤ **Proposition 2:** To set cost-sharing assessment for boll weevil suppression.

For: 1,882 or 29%.
Against: 4,598 or 71%.
Percentage of all zone acreage voting for Proposition 2 was 16.7%.

➤ **Proposition 3:** To allow the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to contract with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., to carry out suppression activities.

For: 3,009 or 46.2%
Against: 3,498 or 53.8%.

Counties in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone are Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

New TAM 110 wheat seed is available for producers

The newest hard red winter wheat variety, TAM 110, is now on the market and is available to farmers this year, according to Dale Williams, director of Texas Foundation Seed Service at Vernon.

"This new seed has some big pluses for future production," said Dr. Mark Lazar, one of the variety's developers and a wheat geneticist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of Amarillo.

"TAM 110 has a resistance to all field biotypes of greenbug, the common wheat pest, and yet another highly desired characteristic—winter hardiness," he said.

"Producers can purchase the seed for this season's planting from most certified seed dealers in the High Plains area," said Williams, who directed placement of the seed into the "registered class" that allows certified companies to market seed directly to producers.

"Last season, only a 'foundation

class' seed was available and only to seedsmen who have since reproduced it in larger quantities needed for subsequent sales to growers this year," he added.

"By now, most dealers should have some seed," said Williams.

According to Lazar, this new addition to the growing list of TAM varieties should adapt well in the entire High Plains winter wheat region from Texas, north to western Nebraska or South Dakota.

"Now, producers should have some added insurance against the risk of greenbug attack," Lazar said.

In years when no aphid infestations occur, TAM 110 will yield as well as the popular TAM 107. Both varieties are well adapted for dryland or limited-irrigation production systems employed on the High Plains.

"The resistance in TAM 110 may be especially important when greenbugs are threatening and

Russian wheat aphids are not, or as in recent years when the Russian wheat aphids don't become significant until later in the season," he said.

Spraying becomes necessary only when the Russian wheat aphid becomes economically threatening to the crop. By growing the new variety, the option to use insecticide may be delayed or avoided entirely.

The research group includes David Worrall of Vernon; David Marshall of Dallas; Lloyd Rooney, M.E. McDaniel and Neal Tuleen, all of College Station; and Amarillo scientists Gary Peterson, Kenneth Porter and Lazar. The work leading to development of this variety was supported in part by the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

TAM 110 is available through most certified seed dealers. Additional information may be obtained through Texas Foundation Seed Service by calling Dale Williams at (940) 552-6226.

Lewis McDaniel named area SPS community development specialist

Lewis McDaniel has been named Southwestern Public Service Co.'s community development specialist for the southwest Texas Panhandle area including Dimmitt.

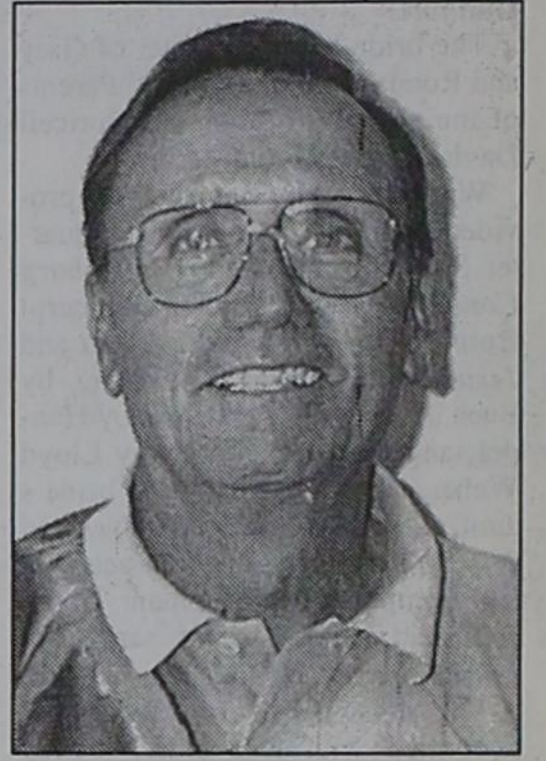
McDaniel previously served as district manager for the SPS Hereford District from 1988 until May of this year.

In his new position McDaniel will be working to attract new jobs, retain local businesses and assist civic causes in Hereford, Canyon, Dimmitt, Friona, Happy and Bovina. He is one of 10 community development specialists named across the SPS service territory.

These positions were created in advance of a merger between SPS and Public Service Company of Colorado. Both companies are now part of New Century Energies, but SPS will continue to produce and distribute electric power under the SPS name.

"SPS is committed to our communities, and the creation of these new positions puts more company resources into community development than ever before," said Jake Webb, SPS manager of community and economic development. "Lewis McDaniel is committed to the growth of the southwestern Texas Panhandle area and he is highly qualified to lead our community development efforts in this region."

McDaniel graduated from Amherst High School and attended the University of North Texas. He completed the four-year lineman apprentice program, the Texas A&M University Basic Industrial Development course and the Dale



Lewis McDaniel Carnegie Course.

McDaniel joined SPS in 1957 and worked as a meter reader in Littlefield until 1960. After working as a lineman apprentice in Plainview and a serviceman in Dimmitt, McDaniel became local manager at Bovina in 1968. Between 1974 and 1980 he was local manager at Crosbyton, and in 1980 he became area manager at Floydada. McDaniel was named district manager at Hereford in 1988.

He has served as a president of the Chambers of Commerce in Bovina, Crosbyton and Hereford. He is a member of Kiwanis and serves on the board of the Hereford Day Care Center. He was named Man of the Year in Bovina in 1974.

McDaniel and his wife, Gene, have three children, Mace, Cass and Amanda.

TDA allows use of Furadan

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has issued a Section 24(c) which allows Texas cotton producers immediate use of flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F) on cotton to control aphids.

The decision comes after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency denied a request from the Texas Department of Agriculture to grant an emergency Section 18 exemption.

Section 24(c) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act allows states to register an additional use of federally registered product.

In this case, a 24(c) allows Texas cotton producers to use Furadan as a foliar application in addition to an "at planting" application, as labeled.

"Texas cotton producers need help now," Perry said. "The hardworking men and women in our cotton industry can no longer afford to wait for Washington to decide what's best for Texas."

"True to form, EPA is more concerned with bureaucratic process than cotton production."

The Texas Department of Agriculture has been working with EPA since May stressing the importance of efficient aphid control. TDA estimates that without the use of Furadan to control aphids, Texas cotton producers face potential losses of \$40 million.

"TDA and the Texas cotton industry have addressed every concern EPA has had regarding the use of Furadan," Perry said. "EPA still fails to recognize that by denying its use, Texas cotton producers would be forced to use more applications of

less effective pesticides for aphid control."

To meet concerns expressed by EPA in its original Section 18 denial, TDA and the Texas cotton industry have taken additional steps to ensure the safe use of Furadan. These steps include:

- ♦ separating cotton gin trash at the gin;
- ♦ prohibiting the feeding of gin trash from Furadan-treated fields to livestock;
- ♦ allowing the use of carbofuran only in areas where the EPA threshold of 100 or more aphids per leaf occurs; and
- ♦ requesting the manufacturer of Furadan to include on its label requirement that address mixing, training and field re-entry intervals.

Walker promoted

Marine Lance Cpl. Charles K. Walker, husband of the former Poppy Cline of Dimmitt, was recently meritoriously promoted to his present rank and reported for duty with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1989 graduate of El Toro High School of Lake Forest, Calif., joined the Marine Corps in January 1997.

Poppy is the daughter of Milas and Sharon Cline of Dimmitt.

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THANKS, NACOLA—Nacola Furr (right) was named the Castro County 4-H Outstanding Adult Leader Monday night during the 4-H Achievement Banquet in Nazareth. Furr has been a 4-H Adult Leader with the for more than nine years. Presenting Furr with her plaque is Nazareth 4-H'er Mitchell Brockman. *Photo by Anne Acker*

More about NISD rated . . .

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 passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate for all students and each student group of no higher than 6%, and an attendance rate for all students of at least 94%. The TAAS standard for the acceptable ratings was raised from 30% in 1996.

Both Dimmitt and Hart received academically acceptable ratings. Dimmitt ISD reported that 72.1% of all students who took the test in Grades 3-8 and 10 passed the reading section. On the mathematics section, 75.4% passed, and 73.1% of all students passed the writing section.

Both the percentages of passing for reading and writing dropped slightly from last year's scores, but the per-

Scouting sign-up set for Tuesday

Local boys will have the opportunity to enroll in the 85 year old tradition of Scouting as a Haynes District Boy Scout sign-up will take place Tuesday at the Scout Hut, SW Third and Lee.

Scouting helps develop habits of good character, sportsmanship and the ideas of family values while boys have fun interacting with others their age. The year-round structured program, which is geared towards rank advancement, includes games, arts, crafts, field trips and camping.

Cost is \$8 per year which includes accident and sickness insurance for boys and adults.

For more information contact Gary Hunter at 647-3695 or Pete Buchholz at 1-800-658-9319.

Chamber cancels Country Showcase

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce announced on Monday that the Carile Country Showcase, to take place Sunday as part of Harvest Days, has been cancelled.

The Chamber regrets any inconvenience that this cancellation may have caused.

Early Panhandle history is focus of novel, *Horns*

Gerald McCathern, a Hereford native, will have a booth at the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration to introduce local readers to his new book, *Horns*.

"I really enjoyed writing this book," he said. "I've been working on it for about 10 years and did a lot of research. It covers from the time there weren't any white people here until the Indians were driven out of the Plains."

The book is an historical novel about the 10-year war for control of the huge grasslands of the Texas Panhandle between the Comanche

Indians, buffalo hunters, the U.S. Army and Texas cattlemen.

The four main characters of *Horns* are fictional, but many of the other characters are actual historical figures, involved in the events that took place in the Panhandle in the years 1865 to 1875.

Jim Cole, a one-armed ex-confederate colonel, and his young sidekick, Ned Armstrong, battle the weather, Indians, buffalo hunters and the army to carve out a cattle empire in the high grass of the Llano Estacado.

Along the way, Cole and

Armstrong befriend the great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker, and trail 5,000 head of cattle from Central Texas to the headwaters of the Red River and establish Ceebara (C-Bar-A) Ranch.

This is not McCathern's first delve into the book writing world. His first book, *From the White House to the Hoosgow*, studied the American agriculture movement in the late 1970s and his own experiences during the 1979 "Tractorcade" to Washington to protest low commodity prices and the 1970 Farm Bill.


The tractor he rode to Washington,

an International 1486—the lead tractor, brand-new—is now in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

McCathern also wrote "Gentle Rebels," a follow-up of the American agriculture movement in the early 1980s.

He also compiled more than 100 opinion articles on agricultural policy in the U.S. in 1981, forming the book, *To Kill the Goose*. He put it together while he worked a year with the USDA in Washington as a special assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture.

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More about

Book and McDaniel . . .

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president and second vice president and is a county council delegate.

McDaniel, son of Donnie and Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt, is a nine-year member of the Flagg 4-H Club. He is a junior at Dimmitt High School.

McDaniel's 4-H projects have included Horse, Sheep, Veterinary Medicine, Range Management, Beef, Agricultural Achievement, Food and Nutrition and Public Speaking.

He is a member of the horse judging team and has been active in the club. It advanced to state two years, and won state this year.

McDaniel submitted a record book in Horse this year and that won at district and placed second at state.

In the recent Fort Worth competition, McDaniel was seventh overall while the team placed fourth.

He serves as president of the 4-H Horse Club, Flagg 4-H Club and 4-H County Council.

McDaniel has served on the telephone, refreshment and fundraiser committees for 4-H.

This year's William H. Danforth I Dare You Award winner was recognized Monday by the 1947 winner of the award, Mattie Seale.

Wesley Mays was presented a copy of Danforth's book, *I Dare You*.

During his 4-H career Mays has demonstrated leadership in a variety of ways. He was involved in Sheep, Steer and Swine projects as well as Trap and Skeet Club.

Mays won numerous awards at the district and state levels.

He is the son of Anthony and Mary Mays of Dimmitt and he has been a member of the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club for 10 years.

Melanie Book, daughter of Chris and Becky Book, was named the Silver Star Award winner for 1997 and she was introduced by Pct. 4

Commissioner Dan Schmucker.

The Silver Star Award was introduced as a county award in 1993 to recognize 4-H'ers under the age of 15 for top achievements in project area, leadership and community service.

Melanie Book has been involved in the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club for seven years. Her projects include Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Dog, Family Life Education, Consumer Education and Leadership. For the past two years she has been involved in Consumer Decision Making.

Melanie Book has done Method Demonstrations for several years and attended state Clothing Camp for two years. She attended Entrepreneurship Camp this year.

This year's Outstanding Leader Award was presented to Nacola Furr, a nine-year adult leader who has been "dedicated to serving the Castro County 4-H youth in a number of rolls.

"Time, money and lots of care and concern are the trademark of this individual," said Susan Book, who presented the award.

Furr's history of service includes club manager, chairman of many committees, Parent-Leader Council offices including treasurer, vice president and president.

4-H'ers who compiled top record books also were recognized Monday night.

The Best Rookie Record Book Awards were presented to Ross Hunter in Junior I, Thomas Brockman in Junior II and Jeffrey Stovall in Senior.

The Best Record Book Awards were presented to Adrienne Hart, Junior I; Corey Lane, Junior II; and McDaniel, Senior. McDaniel also earned a special award for finishing second at state with his record book.

Obituaries

Roy Belk

Services for Roy Wayne Belk, 77, of Plainview were Monday in Wood-Dunning Funeral Home Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Don Robertson, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Plainview Memorial Park.

Belk died Friday, Aug. 15, in Prairie House Living Center.

He was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Vernon. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a member of College Heights Baptist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He married Edith Newby in 1978. She died in 1996.

He was a carpenter and painter. Survivors include three sister, Jewel Chowning of Wahpeton, N.D., Faye Powers of Dimmitt and Frankie Prayer of Lubbock; and a brother, Loyd Belk of Plainview.

Paula Silva

Paula Silva, 82, of Dimmitt died Monday in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Services were Wednesday in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Burial was in Nuevo Laredo Cemetery.

Mrs. Silva was born Jan. 25, 1915 in San Marcos. She married Francisco Silva on Jan. 20, 1930 in Nuevo Laredo. They lived there until moving to Dimmitt in 1980. Her husband died in 1975.

She was a catholic and a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons, Jacinto Silva, Gerado Silva, Sylvestre Silva and Jose Silva, all of Nuevo Laredo; four daughters, Juana Guajardo of Dimmitt, Isabel Valdez of Greensboro, N.C., and Lenore Silva and Emma Solis, both of Nuevo Laredo; 37 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

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Police Calls

A Plainview woman told police that a suspect assaulted her at 3:33 p.m. last Thursday. The misdemeanor assault was classified as domestic violence. The woman had been jailed at 2 p.m. last Thursday on a Castro County warrant on charges of assault with bodily injury and was released at 3:16 p.m.

A Dimmitt man, 24, was jailed for DWI, second offense, on Friday. He was stopped in the vicinity of Southeast Seventh and East Jones for running a stop sign. He had been driving a 1992 Chevy pickup.

Public intoxication charges were listed against a 57-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed late Monday night.

Leticia Renteria of El Paso told deputies that a Dimmitt man had offered to sell her father two combines for \$24,000. She said she delivered \$4,500 cash and a check for \$10,000, with another \$10,000 check sent following. She said the equipment was not delivered and she contacted a local implement dealer. An owner of the company told her that the man who offered to sell the equipment did not work for him and did not own the equipment. Renteria said she had difficulty getting hold of the man, but finally got one \$10,000 check returned and a payment of \$6,000 with a promise that another \$9,500 would be returned soon. However, she told deputies that no payment has been made on the remainder. She said the at-

tempted sale happened in May and she had given the suspect enough time to pay it back.

Jerry Torres of Dimmitt told police that a suspect had collected a payment of \$150 on property he did not sell.

Last Thursday, Jose Sanchez's daughter reported to deputies that someone had taken five head of goats from some pens on "Old Dumpground Road." She valued the animals at \$60 each, for a total loss of \$300. There were two adult males and one adult female, along with two baby goats of undetermined gender.

Rhonda Powers of Dimmitt told police that someone struck two evergreen trees at the Senior Citizen Apartments on Northwest Fifth late Friday night. She estimated the damage at \$300.

Charles Summers of Dimmitt told police Friday that someone broke out a glass door with a cement block in the burglary of a building in the 500 block o Southeast Third.

A woman called deputies the night of Aug. 11 to report that someone had kicked the back door in at the residence she was at. Deputies responded to the scene but found no one. Investigation is continuing. Damages were estimated at \$125.

Chad William Davis of Dimmitt told deputies that someone broke out the windshield of his pickup and took \$4 cash and his driver's license. He estimated the damage and value of missing items at \$450.

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Oh, My Stars!

The 'Paramount Star' started as a raffle quilt, made by the Friendship Quilters' Guild for last year's Castro County Fair.

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Now it has its own month (January) in The 1998 American Quilt Calendar.

Which makes 10-year-old Shawndee Nichols of Lazbuddie a happy camper. She owns it.

Read the story of the local quilt's rise to fame on Page 2B.



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Local quilt gains national fame

Friendship Quilters selling calendars with 'Paramount Star'

The 30 members of the Friendship Quilters' Guild haven't let their fame go to their heads. They're still turning out quilts for fund-raising raffles and other projects.

The club's 1996 large club project, "Paramount Star," is featured for the month of January on "The 1998 American Quilt Calendar."

Calendars may be purchased from any guild member for \$14, and during Harvest Days in the area of the Quilt Show at the Expo Building. Proceeds will benefit the projects of the Guild.

The quilt was selected for inclusion in the calendar after it was shown at the International Quilt Association Show in Houston in November.

The quilt was raffled off at last year's Harvest Days, and Shawndee Nichols, age 10, of Lazbuddie won it. The Guild stipulated that the winner must allow the quilt to be displayed at the Houston show.

Not every quilt that applied to the Houston show was accepted for display. It was a juried show, meaning that all entries had to go through a judging process before they could even be displayed for further judging. "Paramount Star" also was selected for inclusion in the calendar. The central star pattern of the quilt is featured somewhere on each month of the calendar.

"Just being selected for display at the show is a really big honor," a Guild spokesperson said.

A group of guild members got together and decided on a pattern for the quilt and another group selected the fabrics that would be used. The white

background sets off the stars and blocks made from a fabric with small pink, purple, burgundy, and white flowers on a black background and another with slightly larger pink, blue and yellow flowers on black. The inner vine applique has tiny blue flowers on a dark blue background. The same fabric was used for the inner "saw-tooth" border, and the outer "saw-tooth" borders are made from the larger-flowered fabric.

It took more than 20 Guild members about two months working off and on, cutting freezer paper patterns, pressing applique pieces, sewing blocks and appliqueing vines to piece the queen-size quilt together. Guild member Tara Wales of Dimmitt quilted it by hand in about six weeks, again working off and on at the project.

"When we had completely finished piecing the quilt, we found one teeny piece still on the floor!" said Guild member Darlene Collins. "We're not sure if it was a duplicate or if there is actually a missing piece. We couldn't spot any place where another piece would have fit, so we didn't worry about it."

"There are a lot of pieces in that quilt. We thought we cut exactly enough, but—who knows?"

Guild member Joyce Davis said "Paramount Star" was appraised last year at a value of \$950.

"We know the fact of it being shown at Houston and featured on the calendar will add to its value, in addition to the amount it increases in value with age," Davis said.

"I feel like some of our guild members are not as sassy about their skills—they don't feel they are as good as I know they are—and they hesitated about wanting to send it to Houston," Collins said. "But I knew it was good. Sometimes our small town people feel they can't compete with the 'big towns,' but that is not the case here. We have a uniqueness that we sometimes fail to recognize."

The Guild is raffling off another quilt this year.

The "Nine Patch/Hourglass" two-block quilt is named after the two types of quilt patterns used to construct it. A queen-size creation, the quilt uses all different colors, edged by a beige background.

Guild members took about three weeks to piece this one and it was quilted in two weeks.

"It is not as complex and there are not as many pieces," Collins said, "but it is another beautiful piece of art."

Some of the projects the Guild has done during the past year included framed wall quilts for rooms at Plains Memorial Hospital, lap robes for residents at Canterbury Villa, and quilts for county children in foster care.

Other quilts featured in the calendar include:

February's "Manhattan Marathon" by Nancy Graves of Manhattan, Kan.; March, "A Suite for Flowers and Stars" by Noriko Masui of Japan; April, "Texel, My Mother's Story" by Ann Anderberg of Marietta, Ga.; May, "Pine Tree" by Gerry Sweem of Reseda, Calif.; June, "Don't Bug Me" by Suzanne Marshall of Clayton, Mo.; July, "Southern Wildflowers" by Paula Platter of Mead, Okla.; August, (also featured on the cover) "There Are No Snakes in My Garden" by Barbara Newman of Brandon, Miss.; September, "Feathered Friend II" by Susan Danielson of Golden, Colo., (with a part of its pattern also featured on each page); October, "Trick or Treat" by Susan Garman of Houston; November, "Mountain Splendor" by Carolyn Miller of McKinney; and December, "Timepiece" by Candy Goff of Lolo, Mont.



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Registration _____ 10 a.m.
Covered Dish Lunch _____ 12 noon
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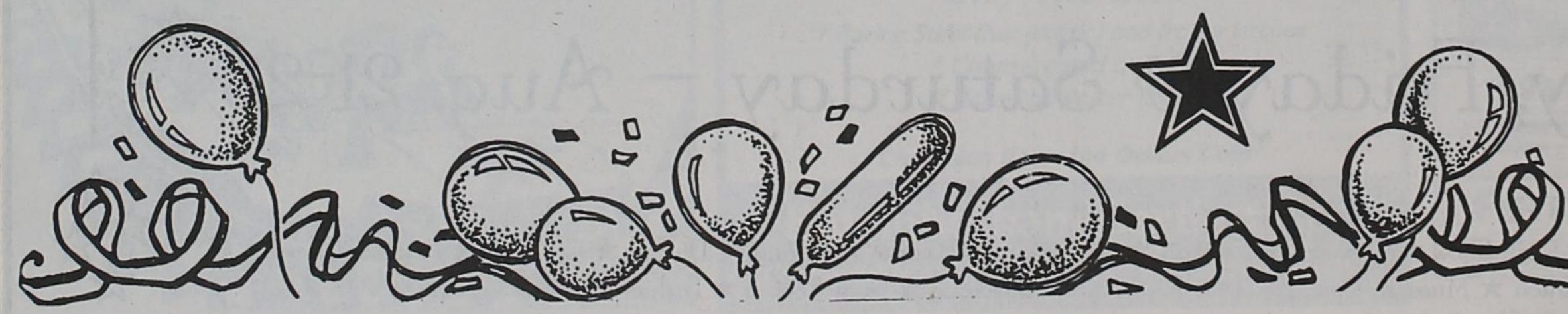
Be sure to see the **QUILT SHOW**

9-5 Saturday, Expo Building
Coordinated by the Friendship Quilters' Guild

Coleman Pharmacy
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Here's Everything that's Happenin'!

Date & Time	Event	Location	Sponsored By	Contact
Monday, August 18, 6:00 pm (Thru Saturday, August 23)	Tri-State Carnival Attractions	Lot North West of Expo	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Becky or Bill, 647-2524
Tuesday, August 19, 2:30-3:30pm	Canterbury Villa Appreciation Reception	Canterbury Villa	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Jerrye Lilley, 647-5171
Wednesday August 20, 12:05-12:55pm	Brown Bag Lunch - Gospel Music Church Night	Gazebo	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Becky or Bill, 647-2524
Thursday, August 21, 6:00pm	Football Scrimmage	Bobcat Stadium	Dimmitt High School	Support the Cats
Friday, August 22 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fair & Quilt Entries Due	Castro Co. Expo Bldg	Castro Co. Fair Assoc./Quilters Guild	D. Collins 647-5585 or M. Neal
4:00-6:30 PM	Goat Roping Registration & Event (Prizes - Spurs)	Castro County VFW Post	VFW	Ted Stubblefield, 647-5786
6:30 PM	Class of 1987 Reunion Supper, Dutch treat Social at Country Club of Dimmitt following dinner	K-Bob's Restaurant	Class of 1987	Whitney W. Kirby, 647-3683
8:00 PM	Dance \$5/couple or \$3/person	Castro County VFW Post	VFW	VFW, 647-2207
Saturday, August 23 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Arts & Crafts Booths Open, Castro Co Fair, Quilt Show	Castro Co. Expo Bldg.	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Castro County Fair Assn.	Becky or Bill, 647-2524 Marilyn Neal, 647-4115
9:00 AM	Parade line up - Judging at 9:15 am	See C.C. News for line-up locations	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Becky or Bill, 647-2524
10:00 AM	Harvest Days PARADE: "Stars Over Castro County" Early Settlers Registration Registration for Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull	West on Bedford, East on Jones Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones North of Expo, Closed Street	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Texas Equipment/ Kiwanis Club	Becky or Bill, 647-2524 Boyce & Ruth Carter, 647-3335 Mike Huseman, 647-5169
11:30 - 12:30 12:00 Noon	School Choirs Chow Time - Food at the Fair: Hamburgers, Fajitas, Hot Dogs, Barbecue, Lemonade, Ice Cream, Stuffed Potatoes & much more Early Settlers Reunion Lunch Horseshoe & Washer Pitching Contest	Expo Stage Area Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones Southwest of Expo.	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Rotary Club	Becky or Bill, 647-2524 Boyce & Ruth Carter, 647-3335 Danny Newton, 647-2536
12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM 1:00 PM to Bingo	Castro County Museum Open House Cow Patty Bingo	404 W. Halsell East of Expo Bldg.	Castro Co. Museum Association Castro Co. Fair Assoc.	Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-2611 Marilyn Neal, 647-4115
1:00 - 1:30 PM	4-H Fashion Show	Expo Stage Area	Castro Co. Extension Service	Marilyn Neal, 647-4115
1:00 - ?	Kids Pedal Tractor Pull	North of Expo, Closed Street	Texas Equipment/ Kiwanis Club	Mike Huseman, 647-5169
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Fiddlers Contest	Expo Stage Area	Castro Co. Fair Association	Herb Mayfield 647-5526
3:00 PM	Tae Kwon Do Exhibition & Gymnastics	Expo Stage Area	Crox Tae Kwon Do School	Loopy Crox-Master Instructor Or Rita Ramos, 647-4545
4:00 PM	Annual Pet Show for Kids of All Ages	Gazebo	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Cherlye Pybus 647-4226
5:00 PM	Booths close & Fair Entries are to be picked up	All willing volunteers needed to clear Expo, no giant task, just put up some tables & chairs.		
5:30 - 8:00 PM	Barbecue Supper catered by Dyers Barbecue	East Courthouse Parking Lot	Masonic Lodge #879	Bill Henderson, 647-4342
5:30 - 8:00 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Live Music provided by "The Holy Warriors" Team Rodeo	East of Courthouse Rodeo Arena	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team	Max Ellison, 647-4312 Scott Bagley, 647-4780 Or Janet McDaniel
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM and then.....	Street Dance featuring "BUYIN' TIME"	Street East of Courthouse	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Max Ellison, 647-4312
Sunday, August 24, 2:00 PM	Carlile Country Showcase (Advance Tickets: \$3)	Carlile Theatre	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Becky or Bill, 647-2524



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YOUNGEST FIDDLER AT LAST YEAR'S FIDDLING CONTEST
... Justin Williams, 8, won the age 8-13 division.

'Stars' will shine brightly during Harvest Days '97

A plethora of activities have been slated for the 1997 version of Castro County Harvest Days celebration, and the week-long activities began Tuesday.

On Tuesday, an appreciation reception for the county's elderly residents and staff at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home was held.

Wednesday afternoon saw a brown bag lunch and gospel music take center stage at the Gazebo.

The VFW is the host for most of Friday's activities. From 4:30 to 6 p.m., a goat roping event will be held, and that will be followed by a dance starting at 9 p.m. Bobby Wynn and his Western Swing Band will provide the music. Tickets are \$10 a couple and \$6 a person.

The main part of the annual celebration will take place on Saturday with the county fair, an arts and crafts show, parade, games, street dance and more.

The county fair and arts and crafts show will open at the Expo Building in Dimmitt at 9 a.m. This year's parade, using the theme "Stars Over Castro County," will start at 10 a.m. In the afternoon, a variety of games including horseshoe and washer pitching, cow patty bingo, a dunking board and more will be held at the Expo Building.

A street dance will be held on the east side of the courthouse in Dimmitt that night starting at 9. Music will be provided by Buyin' Time.

The celebration will conclude with the Carlile Country Showcase at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Carlile Theatre. Tickets are \$3.

For more information about the Harvest Days celebration, contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.

Ethanol serves as market for 600 million bushels of corn

Ethanol production uses nearly 600 million bushels of corn every year, or about 6.2% of the nation's production.

By the turn of the century, 700 million bushels of corn will be used by ethanol plants, experts say.

The federal ethanol program promotes this usage, says Michael K. Evans, professor of economics at Northwestern University. The uses boosts farm income and creates jobs while saving the federal government some \$3.5 billion, he adds.

According to Evans, the ethanol program increases net farm income by over \$4.5 billion, boosts total employment by 192,000 jobs and improves the balance of trade by over \$2 billion.

The use of ethanol as a 10% blend in unleaded gasoline, as well as in E-85, high-percentage ethanol-fueled cars (such as the Texas Corn Producers Board's Ford Taurus) is approved under the warranties of all domestic and foreign automobile manufacturers for vehicles sold in

the United States.

Chrysler, Ford and General Motors recommend the use of oxygenated fuels such as ethanol because of clean air benefits.

Through its mission to promote markets for corn, Texas Corn Producers Board joins many other farm organizations in supporting continuation of the ethanol program.

"Ethanol is an important market for corn produced in the Midwest and other areas," said Jerry Don Glover, TCPB executive director. "By keeping those markets intact, there is a greater market for Texas corn in our region."



Get your fair entries ready!

Welcome to Castro County's annual Harvest Days Celebration
Thursday thru Sunday

Come out and enjoy the many events planned during our annual celebration!

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Fair Association organizes Harvest Days celebration

The Castro County Harvest Days celebration takes place each year in large part because of the effort the Castro County Fair Association puts into organizing the majority of the events.

Many members on the committee have served for many years. The 1997 Fair Association officers are Bill Henderson, chairman; Emma Jean King, vice chairman; Cathy Hill, secretary; and Polly Simpson, treasurer.

Other members of the Fair Association are Brenda Bruton, Darlene

Collins, Joyce Davis, Betty Freeman, Ann Henderson, Oneida Hutto, Doris Lust, Herb Mayfield, Faye Mohon, Marilyn Neal, Shelly Nutt, Clara Patton, Barbara Sava, Mattie Seale, Becky Stovall and Connie Wilhelm.

Those responsible for the different fair activities include Mohon, baking section; Ann Henderson, canning section; Hutto, clothing section; Hill, craft section; Chamber of Commerce, exhibit section; King, farm and garden section; Seale, horticulture section; Bruton, photography section; and Davis, quilt section.



FOLLOWING THE LEADER IN THE 1996 HARVEST DAYS PARADE
... Bike riders and skaters follow along behind Lions Club member Don Nelson.

★ Come on Out and Join the Fun at the

Dimmitt Rotary Club's Horseshoe & Washer Pitching Contests

Saturday, Southwest of Expo

Pre-registration at 12 noon • \$15 per team
Contests start at 1 p.m.
Cash prizes to top three teams in each event

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Will carry live updates during the Harvest Days Celebration
Friday and Saturday

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Tune in to 1470 on your radio dial and listen in on the fun!



CARNIVAL RIDES ADD EXCITEMENT TO HARVEST DAYS
... Youngsters enjoy one of the rides at last year's carnival.

Carnival attractions to be open

Tri-State Carnival Attractions is operating a carnival in Dimmitt during the Harvest Days celebration, and youngsters may play numerous games and rides through Saturday.

The carnival is operating on the lot northwest of the Expo Building.

Tonight (Thursday) will be "Family Night" at the carnival, and those purchasing a special ticket can ride all of the rides for \$5 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Barbecue, music to delight crowd Saturday evening

A catered barbecue dinner and entertainment by The Holy Warriors have been scheduled Saturday night at the east Courthouse parking lot.

The barbecue dinner will be catered by Dyers Barbeque of Amarillo and the event is being sponsored by the Masonic Lodge #879.

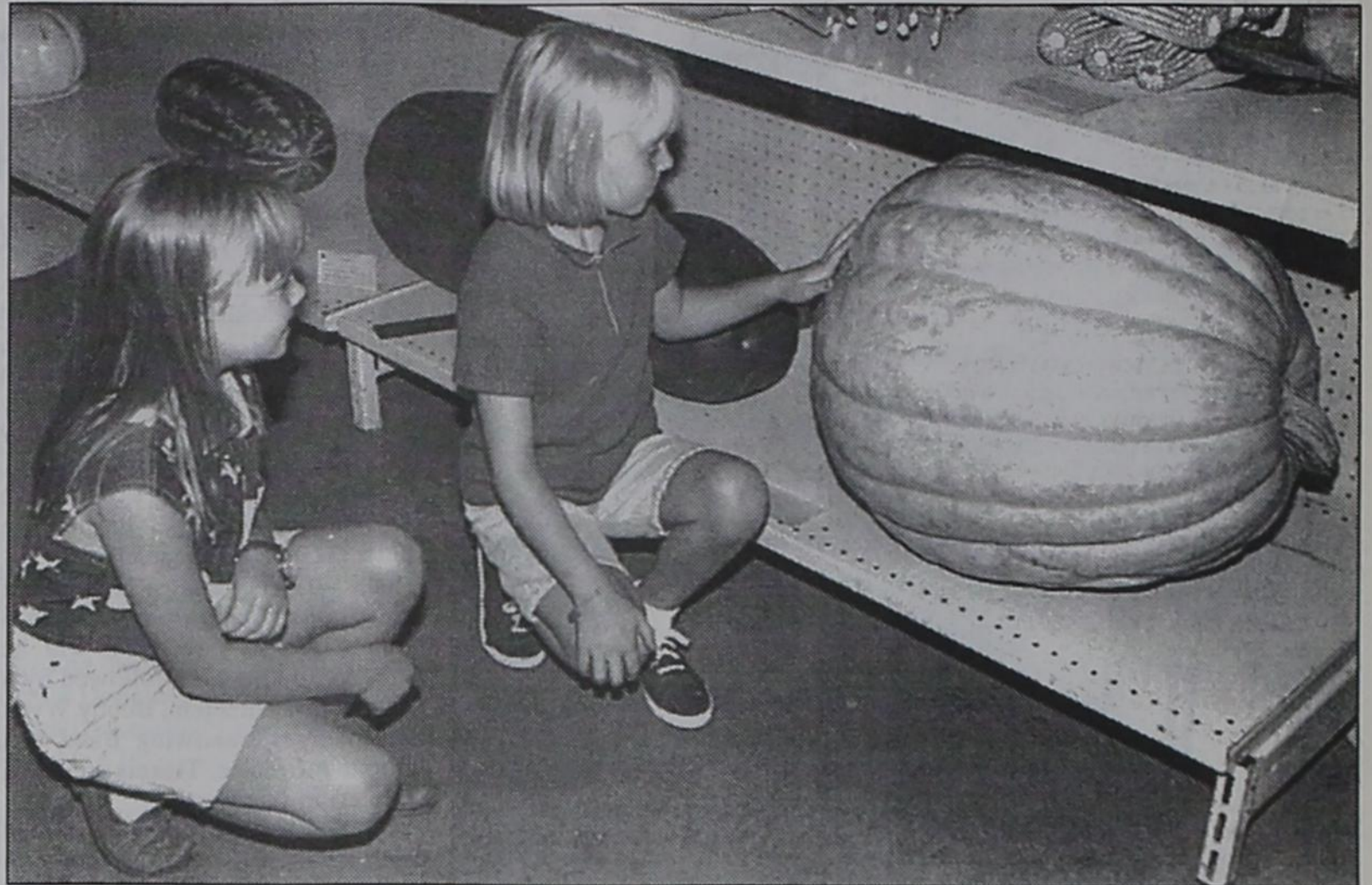
The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in advance for \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 12 and under. Meal tickets purchased at the dinner will cost \$7 for adults. Children's tickets are the same price.

The meal will include barbecued sausage and beef, apricots, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread and more.

Tables and chairs will be set up at the site.

During the meal, the Holy Warriors, a Christian musical group including Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld and Richard Herring of Nazareth, will provide entertainment from the gazebo.



DO YOU THINK CINDERELLA'S PUMPKIN WAS THIS BIG?
... Youngsters admire locally grown produce at last year's County Fair.



The Fair
The Perfect Family Outing!

Don't miss the displays of all County Fair exhibits Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Building. Good luck to all fair entrants!

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Quilters' talents showcased Saturday in annual quilt show

Quilters have a unique talent that enables them to take bits and pieces of different fabrics and stitch it together to form beautiful creations.

Castro County sports some of the most talented quilters around, and those individuals will be displaying their best work at the 11th annual Castro County Quilt Show this weekend during the Harvest Days celebration.

The quilt show will be open to the public for viewing on Saturday at the Expo Building.

The show originated in 1987 under direction of the local Friendship

Quilters Guild.

A knowledgeable quilter from the Panhandle-South Plains area will judge the event.

All Castro County residents are eligible to enter the show and competition.

The Friendship Quilters Guild and its representatives will make every effort to ensure the safety of all quilts. Security will be provided at all times. The Friendship Quilters Guild is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of any quilt.

Quilts entered in the Division I judged competition must have been

finished after Jan. 1, 1992.

Categories in this division include:

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

Division I quilts will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality.

First-, second- and third-place ribbons will be awarded to the winners in each category. Also, ribbons will be given for "Judge's Award," "Best of Show" and "People's Choice."

Quilts that have won an award in a previous quilt show can be entered for display only.

Only one quilt may be entered per entrant, per category.

If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to others involved. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.

The quilt show superintendent reserves the right to limit, reclassify or disqualify entries.

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

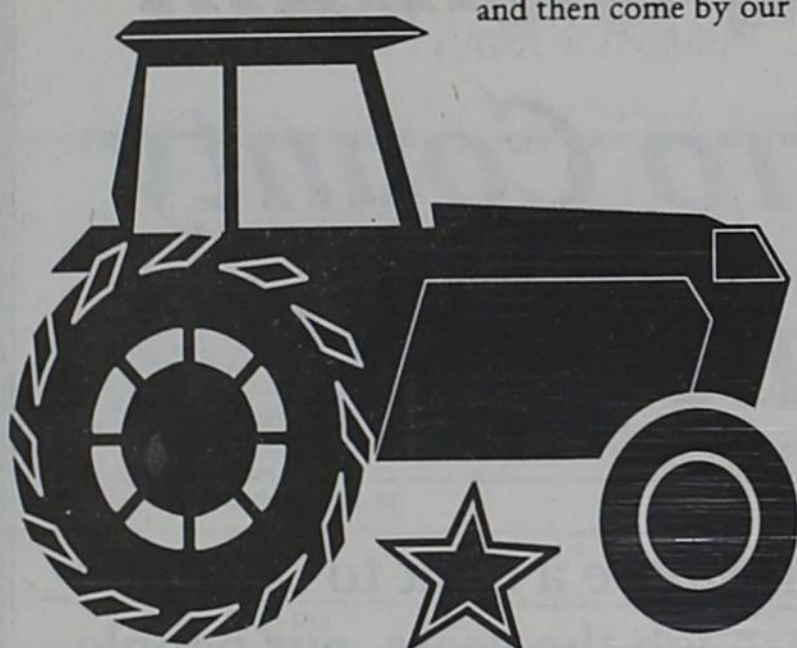
A form must be filled out for each quilt entered.

The Test of Time

At the Castro County Historical Museum's Open House Saturday from 12 noon to 5 p.m., you'll enjoy refreshments and see the "essentials" from our county's pioneer days, lovingly restored and preserved by volunteers who are conscious of our heritage.

The museum's artifacts... our people... and our way of life... all have withstood the test of time.

We urge you to look over the classic farm machinery on the museum grounds... and then come by our place and see what's new!



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Let's Celebrate!

We hope you enjoy all the activities of Harvest Days, and we congratulate all those who volunteer their time and efforts to make our annual celebration such an enjoyable one.

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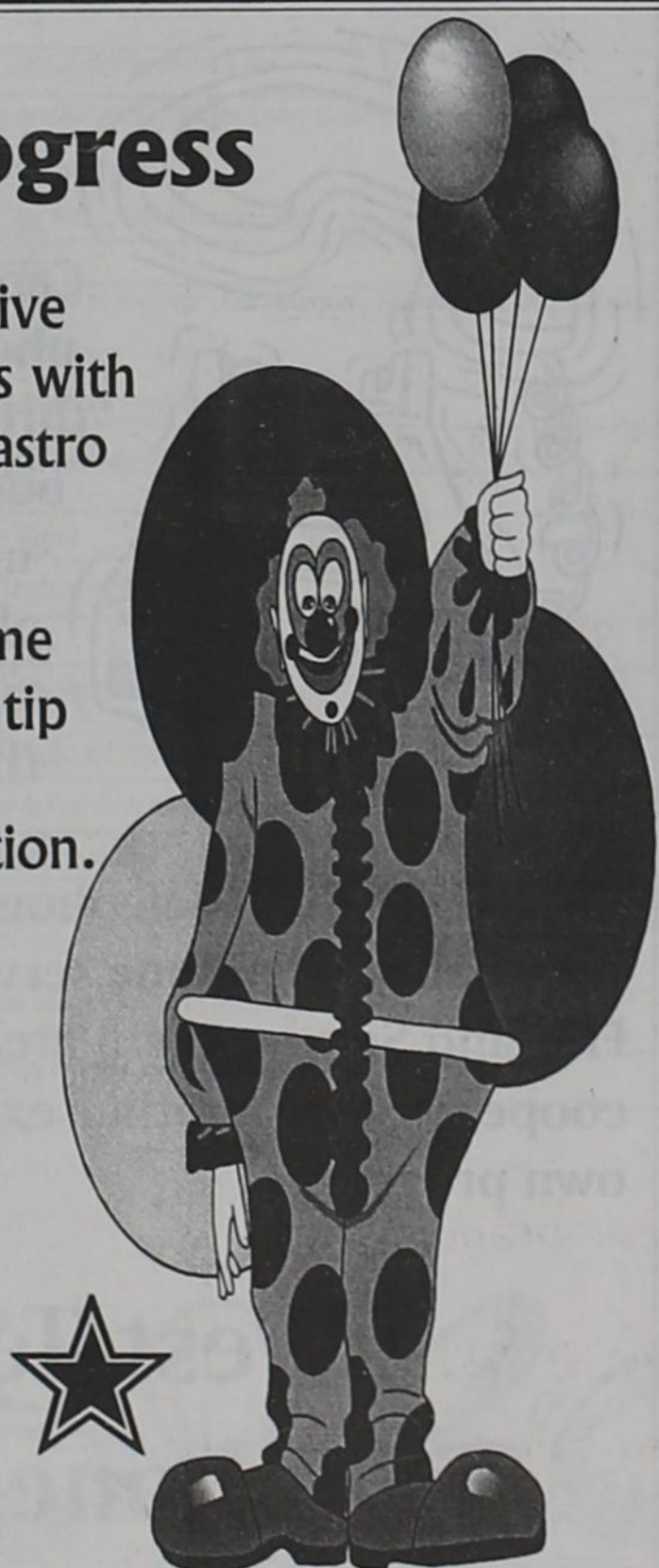
Partners in Progress

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has been a partner in progress with the farms and industries of Castro County for 59 years.

We hope you have a great time during Harvest Days, and we tip our hat to those whose work makes it such a great celebration.

Please take time to make this year's harvest safe and productive for everyone. When burning stubble fields, please watch the weed lines and fences to prevent damage to electric poles.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative



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Team Rodeo set for Saturday at 6 p.m.

A Team Rodeo is scheduled as a part of the Harvest Days activities. Events will begin Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena, and everyone is invited to come out and cheer for their favorite teams.

Sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team, the rodeo will include these team events: remuda race, branding, trailer backing, pony express race, hide race, and bunk house/rescue race.

Four-person teams will participate in the events. Entry fee is \$100. The

entry deadline was to have been Wednesday, with a 60% payback in prizes.

Another team event slated for sometime during the evening is the Ladies' Greased Pig Contest, with two-person teams competing. Entry fee is \$20.

Also, children age 8 and under are invited to participate in the stick horse race. The entry fee is \$1 and participants must supply their own "horse." The jackpot goes to the winner. Advance entry is not required for this event.

Advance sale tickets for the rodeo will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 8 to 18. At the gate, prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Under 8 will be admitted free.

For more information, contact any team member or call Cody Annen, 945-2558; Kristin Hales, 945-2202; Rusty McDaniel, 647-3764; Rusty Wooten, 647-2224; Scott and Suanne Bagley, 647-4780; or the Extension office at 647-4115.

Also, during the day Saturday, the Horse Judging Team will have a booth with a roping dummy and rope sales. In addition, they will conduct a silent auction of donated items.

The team members have planned

several activities to raise money for a trip to the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, later this year, and also to cover expenses from the trip they recently made to Fort Worth.

Horseshoe, washer pitching contest set Saturday afternoon

A horseshoe and washer pitching tournament will be held Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

Registration for the events will take place at noon, while the tournament will begin at 1 p.m., southwest of the Expo Building.

The Dimmitt Rotary Club is sponsoring the event, and Danny Newton is the chariman.

Entry fee is \$15 per person, per event, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each event.

Anyone interested in entering a two-man team in the tournaments should contact Newton at 647-2536 or the Chamber of Commerce office at 647-2524.



1996 OPEN HOUSE AT THE CASTRO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ... Clara Vick (left) shows a group of visitors the dug-out house.

Tae kwon do, gymnastics scheduled

Castro County youngsters involved in tae kwon do and gymnastics competitions will perform Saturday afternoon as part of the county's Harvest Days celebration.

The performances will begin at 3 p.m. on the Expo Building stage and the public is invited to view the youngsters in action. There is no admission fee.

The youngsters are instructed by Loopy Crox and assistant, Rita Ramos.

Forecasts high for corn borers across High Plains

The potential for both European and Southwestern corn borers appears to be high across the Panhandle-South Plains area, according to Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo.

Greta Schuster, integrated pest management agent for Castro and Lamb Counties says there is an especially high potential for European corn borer emergence.

Patrick says both European and

Southwestern corn borer moths are also active in corn fields across the Oklahoma Panhandle and production areas of eastern New Mexico, southeast Colorado and southwest Kansas.

Second generation borers could be a big problem if not treated early enough.

"Heavy infestations of these borers can severely damage the crop," said Patrick. He added that control measures should be in place to

combat the pests.

The cycle for potential damage actually begins when borers of either type overwinter as larvae in old corn stalks and stubble. The adult moths emerge in late May and early June to lay their eggs in corn.

"The tallest corn will attract European corn borer females where they deposit their eggs, usually an average of 15 eggs on the underside of the leaves near the mid rib," said Patrick.

Eggs hatch within three to seven days.

Any size corn plant is a haven for Southwestern corn borer eggs. An average of two to five eggs may be laid on any size corn plant, mostly on the upper surface of the leaves. Their offspring emerge in about five days.

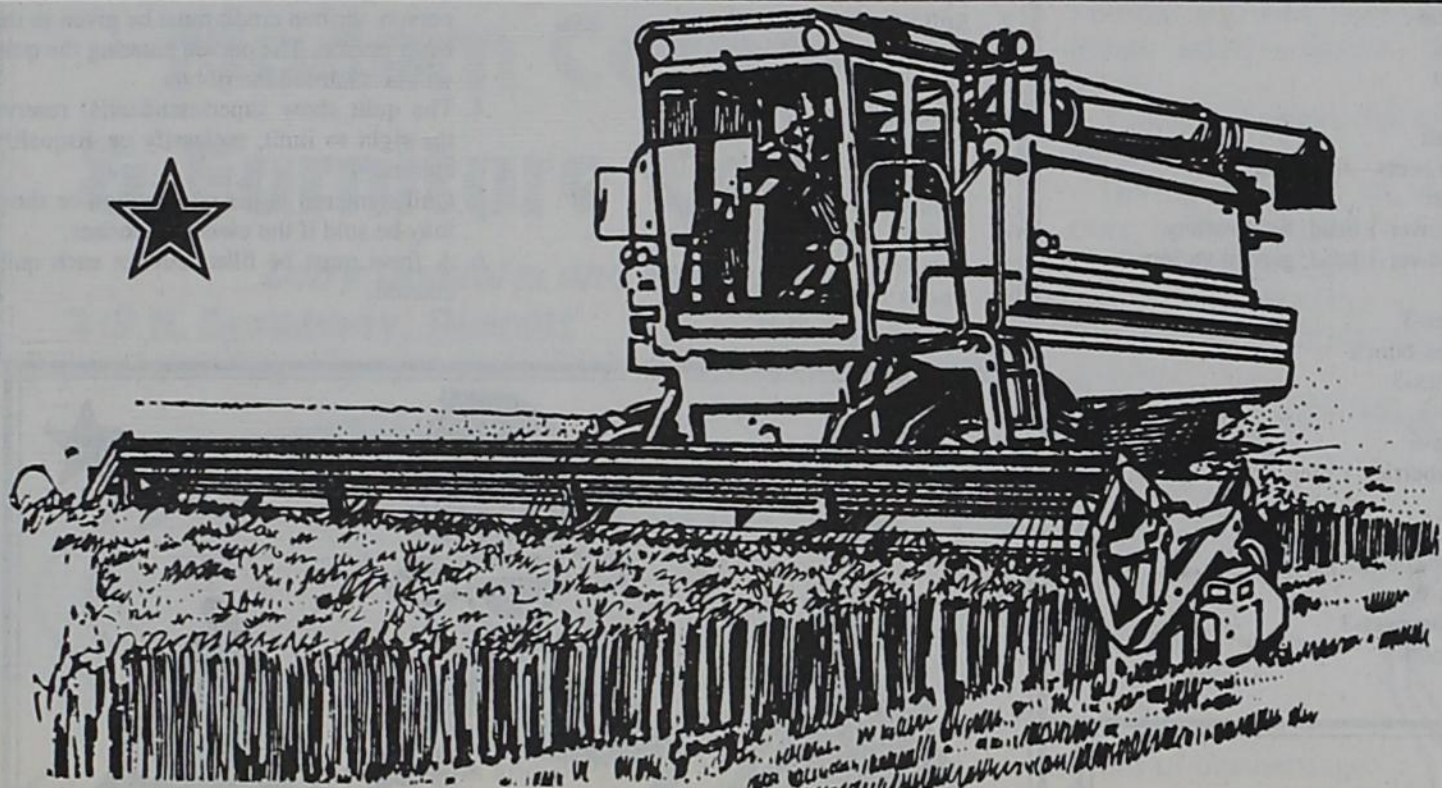
The newly hatched larvae of both species move to the whorl, or center part of the plant where its leaves unfurl, to feed. A symptom called "dead heart" may occur if Southwestern corn borers feed on the growing point of small corn plants.

Patrick notes that infestations of southwestern corn borers on whorl-stage corn seldom reach economic levels, usually running less than 3%. However, economic infestations may develop in corn planted next to unplowed stubble, he added.

An insecticide application to control European corn borers on whorl stage corn is justified if 50% of the plants are found infested with an average of at least one larva per plant.

Schuster says the high infestation of European corn borers is likely the result of more minimum tillage farming.

"Producers should scout their fields closely for European and Southwestern corn borers," Schuster said. "They can certainly expect to spray for second generation European corn borers."

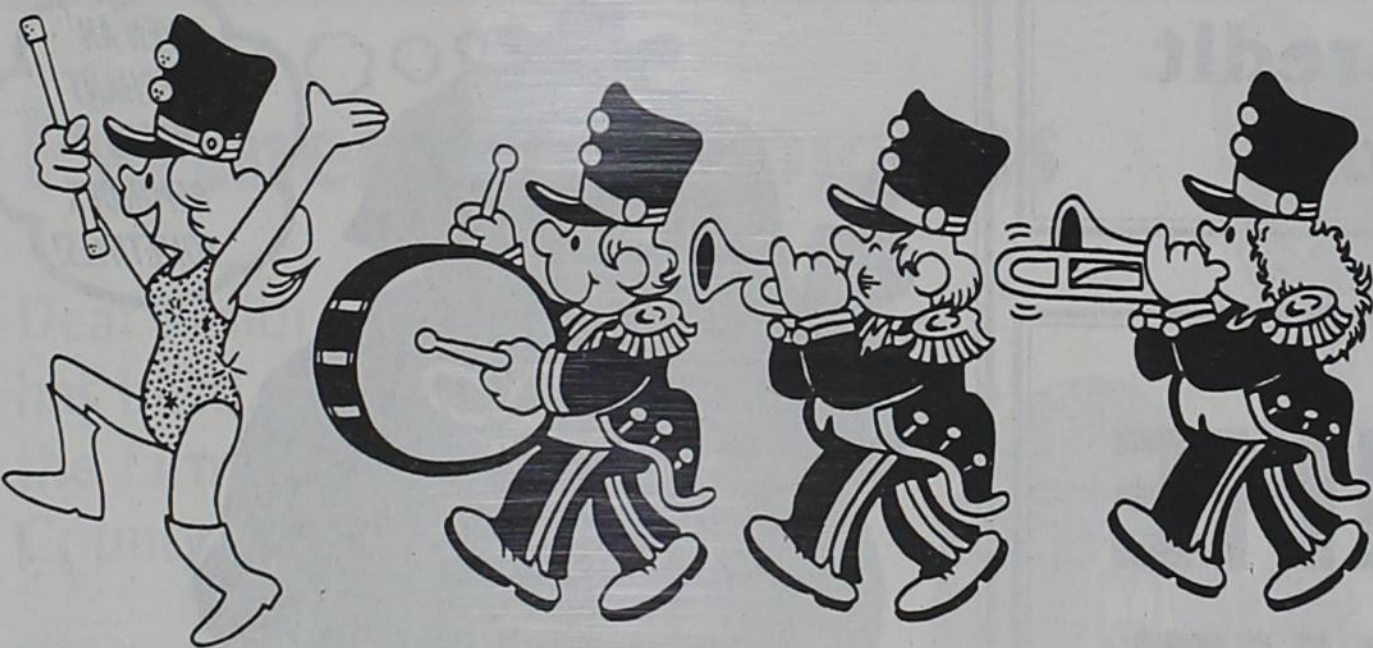


Harvest Days, 1997

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Through the newest innovations of agricultural science and satellite technology, our cooperative is working to make the harvests here bigger and better, too, to benefit our member-owners and our county.

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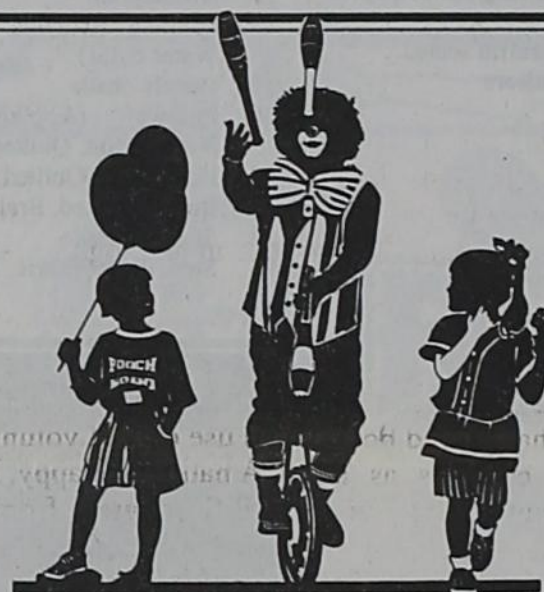


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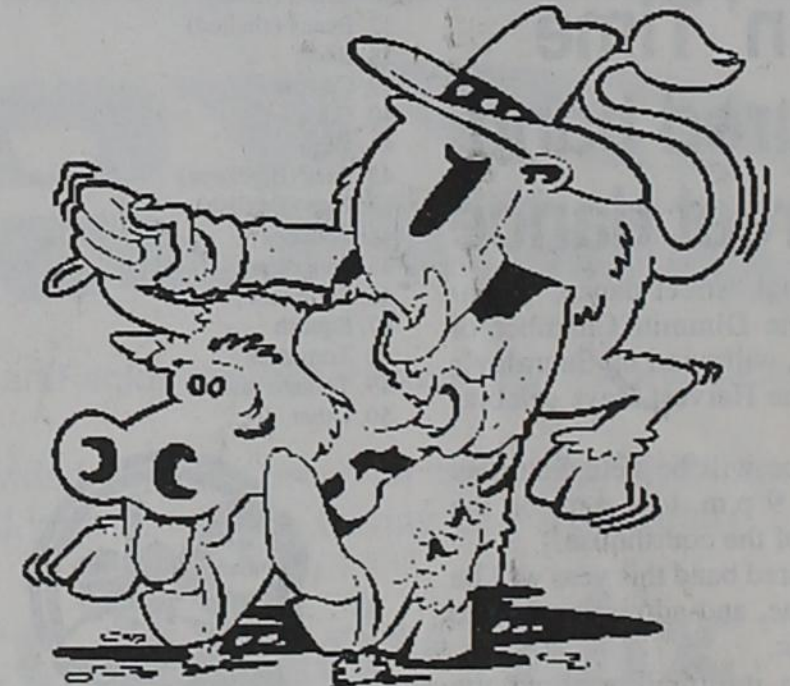


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Saturday at 6 p.m.

Remuda Race • Trailer Backing • Bunk House/Rescue Race
● Branding • Pony Express Race • Hide Race • Stick Horse Race (for the youngsters) • Ladies' Greased Pig Contest

Dimmitt Feed Yards



LINE DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF SHOW 'NUFF
... A popular activity at last year's street dance.

Robinson to handle Panhandle District full time

After 12 years as Texas Agricultural Extension Service district director for agricultural programs in the 20-county South Plains District, Dr. Robert G. "Bob" Robinson is moving to Amarillo as district director for the Panhandle District.

For the past two years, following the retirement of longtime Panhandle District extension director Paul Gross, Robinson has done double duty as interim director of the 21-county area around Amarillo.

He will continue to serve both districts until a replacement is selected for the South Plains District.

Castro County is included in the South Plains District.

"Dr. Robinson has done an outstanding job as district director for the South Plains," said Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Extension Service headquartered in College Station.

"He also has effectively served the Panhandle District the past two years following the retirement of Paul Gross. He and co-workers Dr. Kathy Volanty and Dr. Martha Couch have been an outstanding team in providing overall leadership for Extension educational programs in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, community development and 4-H and youth development."

"I am pleased that Dr. Robinson will continue to give leadership to Extension education in the Panhandle District, working with Donna Brauchi, newly appointed district director for family and consumer sciences," Carpenter said.

"His energy and enthusiasm have served the people in both districts well. County agents under his supervision have been effective in focusing on the concerns and needs of farmers and ranchers, communities and youth, and his leadership should continue to serve the Panhandle District well."

Area leaders echoed Carpenter's views.

"Dr. Robinson has been a tremendous asset to the region," said Pete Laney, speaker of the Texas House

of Representatives and a Hale County farmer. "He has a talent for pulling together all the resources to give our agriculture industry the best possible service and information. I think he will continue to do the same good work as he moves his expertise to the Amarillo area."

Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford said, "Dr. Robinson and I interacted often during my tenure in the Texas Senate. He has had a significant positive impact on the development of our agricultural resources on the South Plains. The Panhandle District is fortunate to have his leadership and vision."

Donald Johnson, who retired last month after 37 years as executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers here, said Robinson "went above and beyond what was expected to assist growers and all elements of the area's cotton industry. Under his leadership, the level of (educational) activity on the part of county extension agents and specialists has been great. We had to see him leave our area, but know he will do an outstanding job for producers in the Panhandle."

D.G. "Bill" Nelson, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Board at Amarillo, agreed.

"Inasmuch as Bob has served both Potter and Randall counties as a county extension agent for agriculture, as well as his recent responsibilities as interim district director, we are pleased to know he will now have full time responsibility for the Panhandle District," Nelson said.

He noted that the board and the Texas Wheat Producers Association "have considerable interchange" with county agents and district directors through cooperative research, education and marketing programs for producers.

A veteran of 27 years with the Extension Service, Robinson is recognized as an innovator and leader who brings together the talents and resources of varied agencies, institutions and organizations to address needs identified by the citizens of the area.

However, he quickly gives credit for these accomplishments to "the outstanding group of county agents and specialists of the South Plains."

Under his leadership, the South Plains provides a model for the nation in the use of integrated pest management (IPM) to effectively protect crops and natural resources while combating insect, weed and disease pests. The district boasts more IPM agents working with producers than are found in any state outside Texas.

He was instrumental in organizing the Agri-Partners program, a coalition of Texas A&M, the Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, private industry, Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University, commodity groups, producers and other agencies.

It effectively leverages fragmented resources to address regional issues in production, marketing and all aspects of agribusiness vital to the region's economy.

The 22,000 4-H Club members of the South Plains consistently lead the state in judging teams, record books, method demonstrations, scholarships and leadership activities.

Robinson has been very effective in enhancing the recruiting, training and use of 4-H volunteer leaders.

A native of Happy, Robinson holds a B.S. degree from West Texas A&M (WTSU), an M.S. from A&M, and a Ph.D. from Texas Tech, all in animal science.

He joined the Extension Service in 1970 as an agent in Potter County. He transferred to Randall County as agent in 1976 and served there until named district director in 1985. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Texas Tech.

Among his awards, he has received two A&M Vice Chancellor's Awards in Excellence, three Superior Service Awards from the Extension Service; the Clean Texas 2000 Governor's Award for environmental excellence, and two U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Awards of Excellence. He is a graduate of the National Extension Leadership Development Program.

Various items available for arts and crafts show

Arts, crafts and food will be available during the Harvest Days arts and crafts show Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Expo Building and adjacent quonset barn.

Approximately 55 booths will be displaying various items including t-shirts and clothing, sterling silver, purses, crochet items and sand art.

Among the featured booths will be a roasted peanut machine brought by Gail Cotter, Flo Mulanex's booth of handmade women's clothing and a musical ceramics booth by Laveda Anderson.

Some local organizations will be having some booths which will be fun for all.

The state champion 4-H Horse Judging Team will have a silent auction at their booth. They will also have roping dummy set up outside.

The Dimmitt High School Student Council will be having a basketball shoot set up for people to try. The Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) members will be having a jail lockup in their booth. People can pay to have someone locked away, and the inmates will stay that way until they pay to get themselves out.

A number of other booths will be occupied by organizations selling special snacks and other foods or drinks.

The Booster Club will be selling hamburgers, and Marshall Young will fire up his grill again and serve

smoked beef sandwiches and sausage on a stick. Fajitas will be featured at one booth. La Asamblea Christiana will serve mexican barbecue.

Another special booth this year will be the South Plains Express booth. They will have a small version of a train set up for kids to ride.

Fashion show slated Saturday at Expo stage

A 4-H fashion show will take center stage on the Expo stage area starting at 1 p.m. Saturday as part of the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

Local 4-H kids who have entered the clothing competition at district will show their tailoring skills as they don the clothes they made.

Also, some high school home-economics students will display the clothes they fashioned.

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



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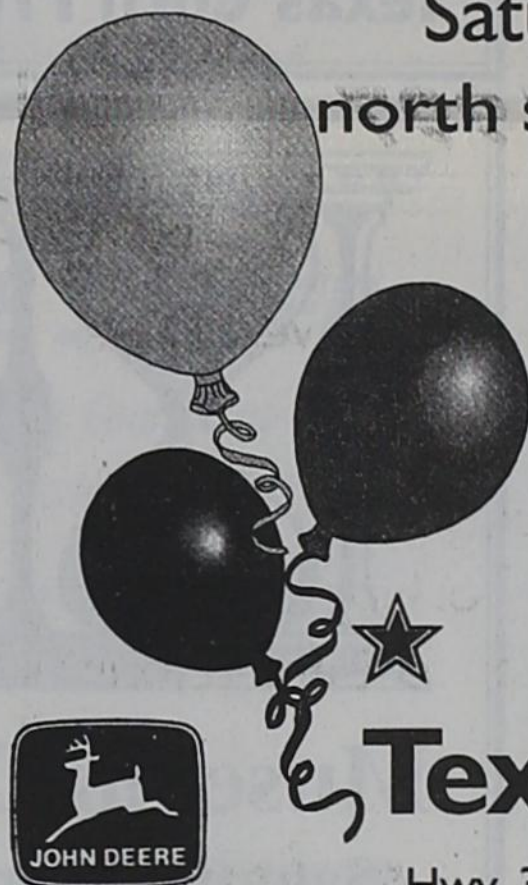
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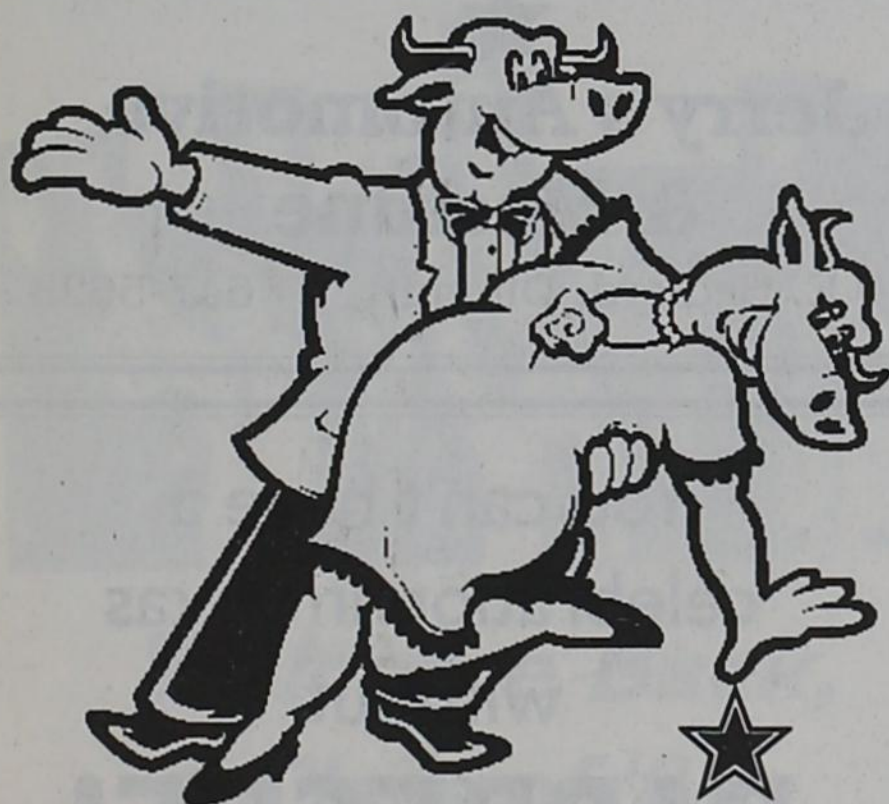
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VFW to hold goat roping, dance Friday

Castro County VFW will sponsor a goat roping competition and a dance Friday during the Harvest Days celebration.

The goat roping event will begin with registration at 4 p.m. and will run until about 6:30. Spurs will be given to the winners. Anyone is invited to register for the event. For more information call 647-2207.

The VFW will then sponsor a dance at the VFW Post Home starting at 9 p.m., not 8 p.m. as stated in the Harvest Days brochure.

Tickets will cost \$6 a person and \$10 a couple, not \$3 a person and \$5 a couple as listed in the brochure.

Bobby Wynne and his Western Swing Band will be the performers Friday night. Wynne is a 1995 inductee into the Western Swing Hall of Fame.



MOST ORIGINAL COSTUME AT THE PET SHOW IN 1996
... Jazzalyn Sepeda shows off her cat, John Black.



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Texas Corn Producers' Board

It'll rain cats, dogs at gazebo Saturday

Cats, dogs and birds, but probably not lions, tigers and bears will be on display during the annual Harvest Days Pet Show, which will be held Saturday afternoon at the gazebo in Dimmitt.

Kids of all ages are urged to bathe, dress and bring their favorite pets to show off in the show, which is being organized by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and coordinated by Cheryle Pybus. The show is slated to begin at 4

p.m. All animals entered in the show will be paraded around the gazebo and will be judged by local veterinarians. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants and special awards will be given, including Best of Show, Best Dressed Pet, Most Unusual Pet, Best Pet-Owner Look-Alike, etc.

There is no cost to enter a pet in the show and admission is free. For more information about the show, contact Cheryle Pybus at 647-4226.



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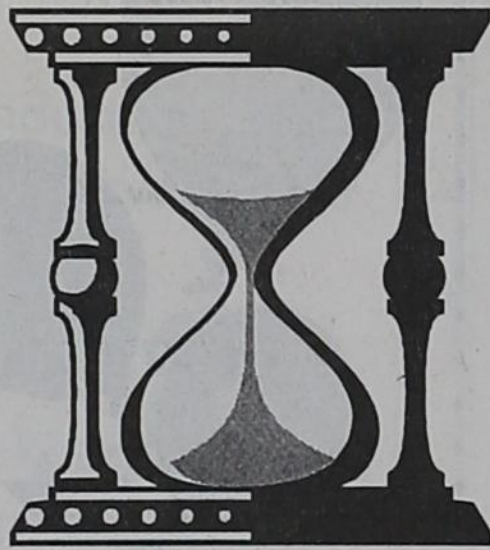
Chances are \$10 each and are being sold by members of the Fair Association. Only 100 chances will be sold.

The "Bingo Field" will be 100 numbered squares east of the Expo Building. The cow will be turned loose at 1 p.m. Saturday. The game will end when the cow "bingos" on somebody's square, AND THE WINNER WILL GET \$500!

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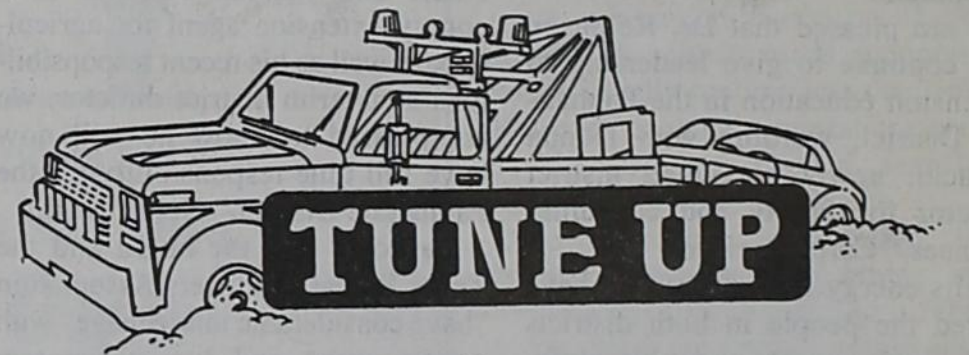
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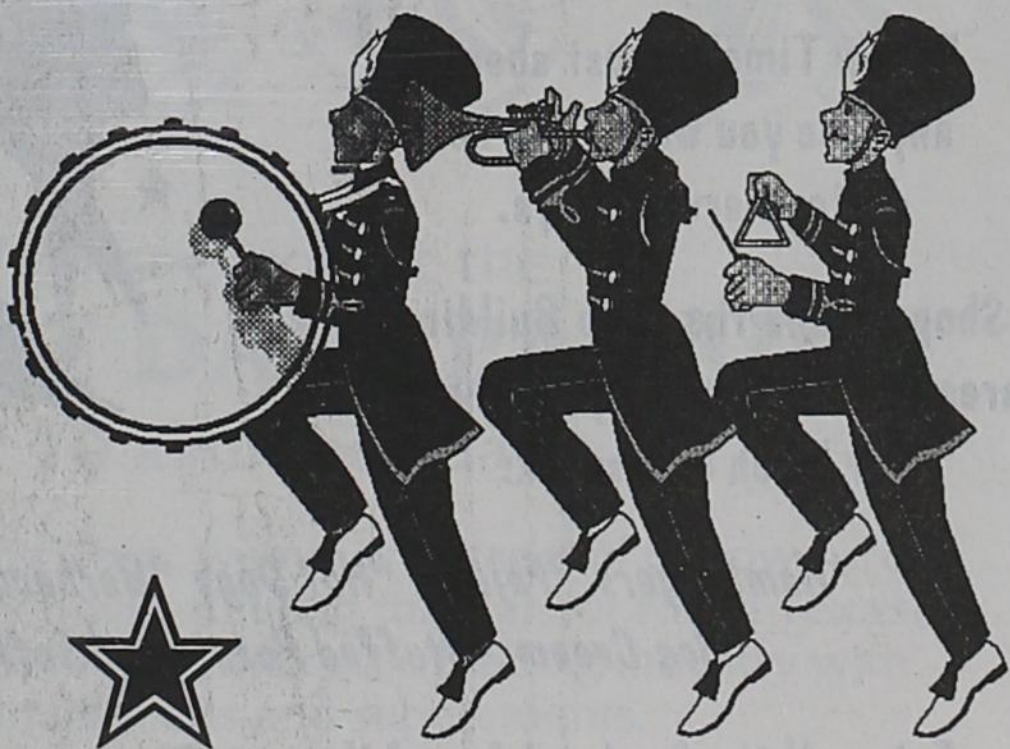
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Here's the line-up for Saturday's parade

The following list should help you if you plan on entering Saturday's Harvest Days parade.

Entries should be lining up at 9 a.m., and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. All entries should be in place by 9:30 a.m. so they may be judged. The parade is sponsored by the Dimmitt Lions Club.

The parade will travel north from the post office along Southeast Second to Bedford, then will head west down Bedford to Front St. It will turn east along Jones, and end up at Southeast Third.

Parade Traditionals, like the city police, color guard, parade marshals, county judge, the mayors and city officials of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth, the sheriff and the firemen's

truck will be lined up from the Post Office at 205 SE Second southward down Southeast Second.

Those on **bicycles** in the parade are asked to meet in the fenced area by C&S Battery.

The **Bobcat Band** is asked to line up on Belsher St. south of the Post Office.

Those with **club and organizational floats** should meet at Dimmitt Equipment Company, 411 Southeast Second. **Riding individuals and clubs** should line up on Stinson, south of C&S Battery.

Three wheelers and motorcycles will line up on Stinson and will follow the riding clubs in the parade.

Commercial floats need to line up along Southeast Third St. between Belsher and Stinson behind C&S Battery.

If you are entering an **antique car or tractor** then you need to line up in front of Gary's Engine and Machine, 207 Southeast Second.

Horses and riders will be lined up on Belsher, just south of Gary's Engine and Machine.

Other tractors and farm equipment are asked to meet on Southeast Fourth, west of the Expo Building.

Miscellaneous and unique entries such as Khiva clowns, victory bell, etc. will meet in the parking lot of High Plains Oil.

Tykes prove pedal pull power during celebration

Children get to show their tractor driving skills and muscle during the kids' pedal tractor pull north of the Expo during the Harvest Days celebration Saturday.

In only its third year as part of the festivities, the tractor pull is a favorite among the younger generation.

Registration for the competition will begin at 10 a.m., and the contest will get underway at 1 p.m.

Roy Ray of Lockney, chairman of the Texas Pedal Pullers Association, will be directing the event.

Local sponsors are Texas Equipment and the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club.



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Our residents and staff are grateful for the Appreciation Reception which was held for us Tuesday, as part of the Harvest Days celebration. It was a meaningful tribute to the county pioneers who live at Canterbury Villa.

Special thanks to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the reception, to executive director Bill Sava and chairman Jerrye Lilley, and to all others who helped.

We're proud to be part of this great county!

Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt

Welcome Back, Class of '87

We hope this great DHS class has a memorable reunion during Harvest Days.

The Class of 1987 will have dinner at K-Bob's Steak House Friday at 7 p.m., followed by visiting and reminiscing.

On Saturday afternoon, the class will meet at Country Club of Dimmitt for swimming and a round of golf. The reunion will conclude with supper at the Country Club Saturday night and the street dance on the courthouse square.

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DOUBLE DANCE PARTNERS ... At the street dance last year.

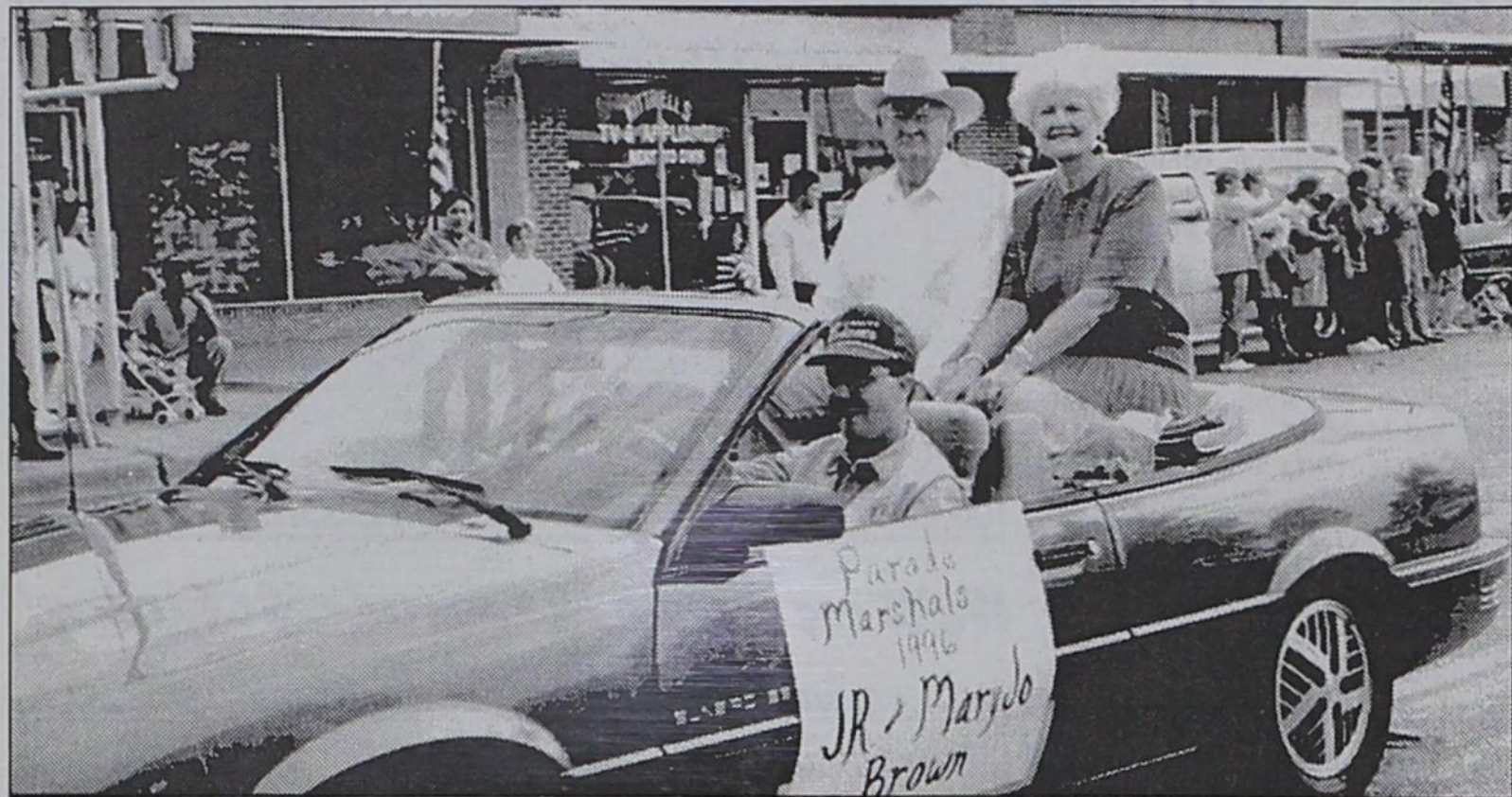
Class of '87 to hold reunion

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1987 will hold a reunion Friday and Saturday during the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

The reunion will get started Friday night at 7 with supper at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Dimmitt.

On Saturday, the group will play golf and swim at Country Club of Dimmitt. The Country Club will also be the site for supper that night as a catered meal will be served.

After that the class will head over to the street dance to end the weekend.



PARADE MARSHALS FOR THE 1996 HARVEST DAYS PARADE ... J.R. and Mary Jo Brown of Dimmitt.

Overseas demand for Texas corn could increase in future

With bragging rights to the highest quality food corn produced in the United States, Texas producers can expect to see the demand for their production increase in the Far East, Mexico and other countries, according to the president and chief executive officer of the US Feed Grains Council.

Kenneth Hobbie, head of the council that is supported by 26 US feed grain checkoff boards including the Texas Corn Producers Board, says that "it could take up to 25% of our annual (US) production to meet domestic and foreign demand for high quality corn like that grown in Texas."

That should create a stronger market for corn in the *Texas Supreme* category, which includes corns that display the cooking and nutritional properties sought more and more by food manufacturers.

"The food industry in Mexico and other countries is focusing more on high quality for manufacturing of tortillas and similar foods," said Hobbie.

He adds that food processors in Japan are increasing their standards as well.

"We understand that Japanese corn processors are moving away from using No. 3 yellow corn and are switching to No. 2 for its higher qualities," said Hobbie.

"They are learning more about higher quality hybrids (produced in the US) and will likely seek to buy those types of hybrids."

It's estimated that for ever 100 million bushels of corn sold, an additional 5¢ is added to the price. The US Feed Grains Council has that in mind, but pays closer attention to the stocks-to-use ratio.

"If we harvest 9.8 billion bushels

of corn this fall, it will add only 400 million bushels to our carryover stocks," said Hobbie. "So we're not on the verge of having a burdensome supply of grain again."

The US Feed Grains Council promotes the use of US corn, milo and barley worldwide. It's staff of 100 conducts market development activities in more than 80 countries through 11 international offices.

Checkoff boards provide 70% of the US Feed Grains Council's funding. Grower associations and agribusinesses provide the remainder. Much support also comes from government funds.

"For every \$1 we receive from producer groups, we receive an extra \$5 from the US Dept. of Agriculture's foreign Agriculture service and other entities to help develop and maintain markets," said Hobbie.

Last year, Texas Corn Producers Board Executive Director Jerry Don Glover represented Texas on a US Feed Grains Council farmer trade mission to Vietnam and other Asian countries. It was one of the first missions of its kind, according to Hobbie.

Support from checkoff groups is essential when dealing with these foreign markets, he says.

There has been concern over the loss of grain markets with the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in parts of the Orient, namely Taiwan. However, Hobbie says this shouldn't have a major impact on US

grain prices.

"Out of a (swine) herd of about 10 million, they have slaughtered more than 3.8 million (as part of the quarantine program)," he said. "We export more than two billion bushels of corn annually. The market initially lost from the Taiwan market is about 2.8 million bushels."

Hobbie said that with the addition of more Taiwanese poultry production to offset the loss of pork, US grain sales will be used as feed. Also, the US hog industry is helping replace the lost Taiwanese sales.

"Japan took about 40% of its hog production market," he said. "The US should fill some of that, which will further reduce the loss of grain sales (through sales to US hog producers)."

With expansion of foreign livestock production, the need for more US grain will continue.

"When this production is established, they don't just shut it down if prices go up," Hobbie said.

He added that with the Freedom to Farm program, US Feed Grains Council talks closely with foreign buyers to make sure they will be reliable markets for corn from Texas and other states.

"We try to explain that with fewer US support programs, there is no guarantee that we will be large producers," he said. "We tell them that we require good customers to ensure that we do in fact grow substantial feed grain crops."

IPM program helps identify insect problems, solutions

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program across Texas is one of the best services available to corn producers.

Through the program, agents are able to identify specific insect problems for each corn production region.

In the High Plains, the program involves IPM demonstration aides in Hale, Swisher, Castro, Lamb, Parmer and Bailey counties. In the programs, IPM Extension agents evaluate Bt corn, monitor Southwestern corn borer and European corn borer flights, monitor corn earworm populations, evaluate rootworm insecticides and evaluate mite infestations and pesticides used in mite control.

Applied research and educational programs are headed by Greg Cronholm, IPM Extension Agent in Dimmitt and Mark Logan, IPM Extension Agent in Farwell.

Corn checkoff expenditures help fund aides to the IPM agents. Demonstration assistants help collect field data from applied result demonstrations conducted by IPM agents.

Each IPM agent monitors activities on 4,000 to 5,000 acres, many of which are planted in corn. Bt corn demonstration trials conducted by IPM agents last year provided

valuable information for producers.

"Bt corns really look good on corn earworm this year," said Schuster, whose territory is in Castro and Lamb Counties.

She adds that corn borers will likely require additional control measures this summer.

"European populations are especially high in many areas," she says. "Producers need to monitor the European corn borer egg stage closely."

With the summer's cooler, wet weather, IPM agents are seeing minimum mite infestations. However, extended hot, dry weather could cause mite problems and require additional treatments.

High Plains IPM agents hope to see extended corn hybrid research in the region to help identify better lines for that area. Findings from those and other IPM demonstrations are beneficial to producers statewide.

Overall, there are 26 IPM units in Texas. Nine are located in the High Plains region. The IPM program is operated in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Dept. of Agriculture and Texas Pest Management Association.

It is estimated that by using IPM tactics, producers can easily reduce pesticide usage by nearly one-third.

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Early Settlers Reunion scheduled Saturday

The Early Settlers Reunion is scheduled to take place Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration at the Castro County Senior Citizens Center.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m., and the parade will pass in front of the center.

A noon meal will be served, and those attending locally are asked to bring two covered dishes.

There is no prepared program for the reunion, but visiting and reminiscing are expected to be on the agenda. A brief business meeting will follow.

For more information contact Boyce or Ruth Carter at 647-3335.

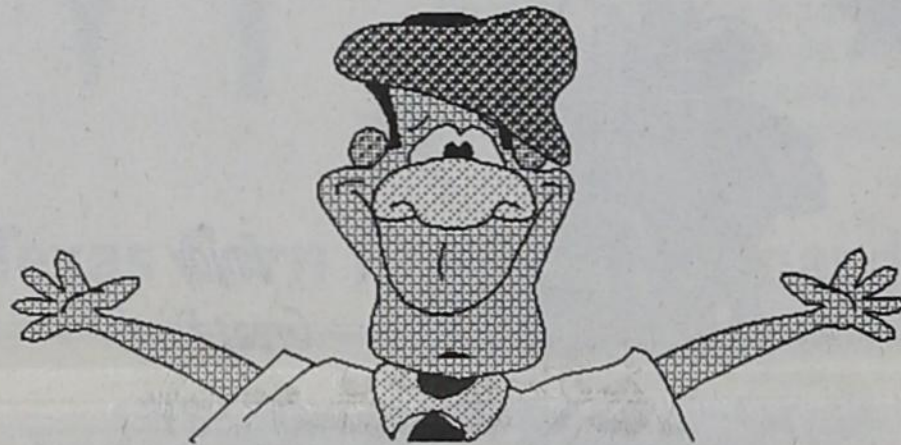
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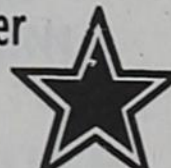
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PET field demonstration is scheduled Aug. 28

A Potential Evapotranspiration Network (PET) field demonstration day will be held Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eddie Verett farm, 2.4 miles north of Ralls on paved road 207. This field day is sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock.

Area producers are invited to stop by at their convenience to learn how use of PET data can help them schedule timely irrigations to meet crop water demands.

In January 1995, the High Plains Water District initiated a field demonstration program which combines high frequency deficit irrigation and PET information into a new method of scheduling crop irrigation.

Potential Evapotranspiration is the amount of water that potentially would be extracted by a crop and surrounding soil for existing climatic conditions if the soil is completely covered and there is unlimited water.

"Our PET program focuses on LEPA center pivot sprinkler systems because they have been proven to lose the least amount of water to evaporation when compared to any other surface irrigation system. By combining PET data with high-frequency deficit irrigation, a producer has the potential to produce the highest yield possible per inch of water applied," said High Plains Water District Assistant Manager Ken Carver.

With high-frequency irrigation and PER network data, irrigators can

apply just enough ground water to make sure the top foot of soil never dries out.

"It keeps the cotton plants from water-stressing and keeps the feeder roots alive. Just about the time the plants have used up the available moisture, the pivot makes another round. In addition, making light water passes with the pivot lessens the likelihood of leaching nitrogen and other nutrients deeper into the root zone," he said.

This water management technique offers area producers a way to maintain or increase their economic well-being while prolonging the life of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Displays at the field day site will discuss PET management, pump plant energy efficiency testing, and soil moisture monitoring. The TOPCON land surveying instrument will be demonstrated as well.

Representatives from the High Plains Water District and the Crosby County USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service office will be on hand to visit one on one with producers about the PET program and other water conservation techniques. Texas A&M Extension Service agents from Crosby County will be present to answer questions about insects and other crop production concerns.

For more information about the PET field demonstration day, contact the High Plains Water District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, 79405-1499, or call 806-762-0181.



ALL KINDS OF FARM EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY ... David Maxwell rides a spray rig in last year's parade.

Harvest Days parade to kick off events Saturday

"Stars over Castro County" will be the theme for county residents to mull over as they design a float for the 1997 Harvest Days parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Participants are asked to line up for the parade at 9 a.m. The Dimmitt Lions Club will be officiating the parade and will be organizing the line-up for the event.

Each float, car or other entry should sport a sign on both sides to help the crowd identify the entry. Bicycles and go-carts don't have to

pre-register for the parade, but other entries need to.

The parade begins a hectic day of activity as activities will be held throughout the day on Saturday as part of the county's Harvest Days celebration.

The parade will wind through the streets of downtown Dimmitt and will feature floats, antique vehicles, other vehicles, bicycles, clowns and more.

Those planning to enter the parade need to pre-register at the Chamber office by noon on Friday.

Cattle producers' conference slated for Sept. 11 in Hereford

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is going on the road again to take expert, area-specific management information to ranchers in Texas and Oklahoma.

"Last year's regional cattle producers' conferences—developed to help ranchers with the drought and depressed cattle market—were so well received, that we have decided to continue the in-person outreach

effort," says TSCRA President Coney Burgess.

This year's conferences are scheduled for Sept. 11 in Hereford; Sept. 23 in Athens; Oct. 1, Kingsville; Oct. 16, McAlester, Okla.; and Oct. 23, Fort Stockton.

To RSVP for any of the meetings please call Rochelle King at (817) 332-7064, ext. 106.



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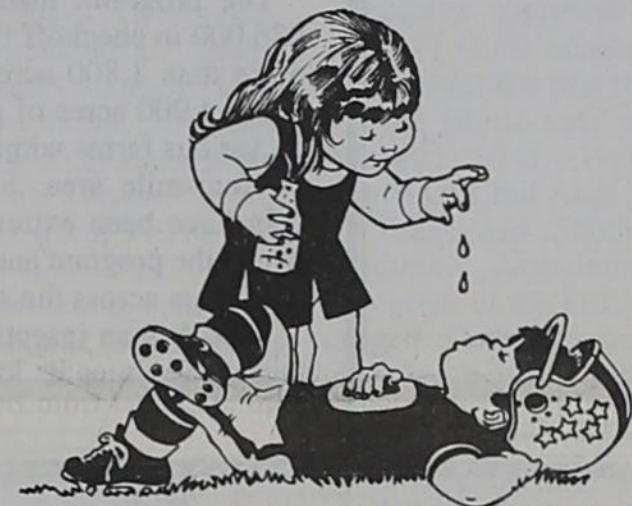
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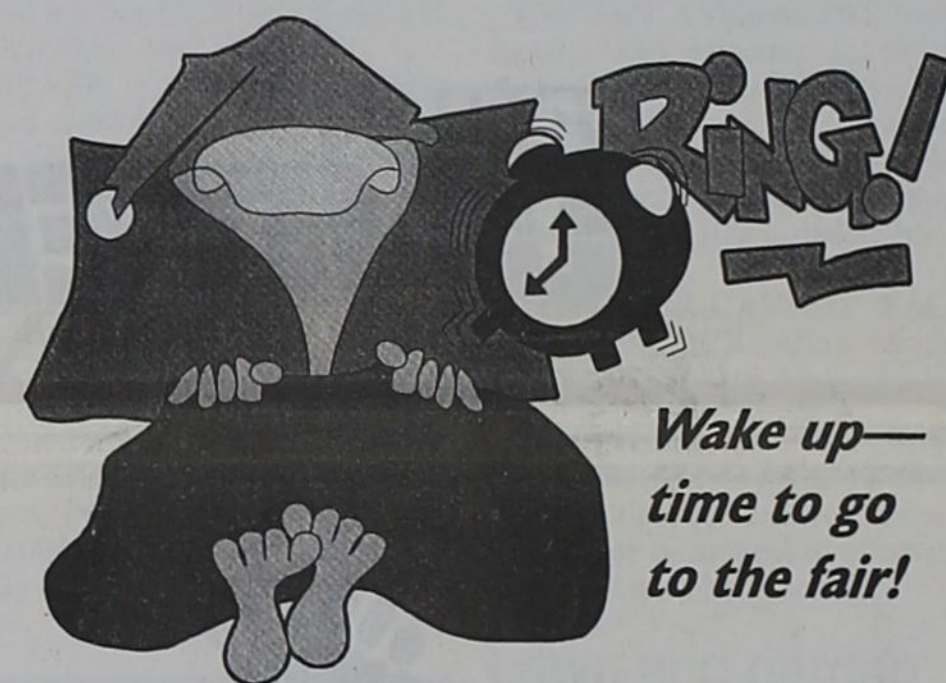
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We hope you enjoy all the activities of Harvest Days. Please take time to thank those whose hard work make it such a great celebration.

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

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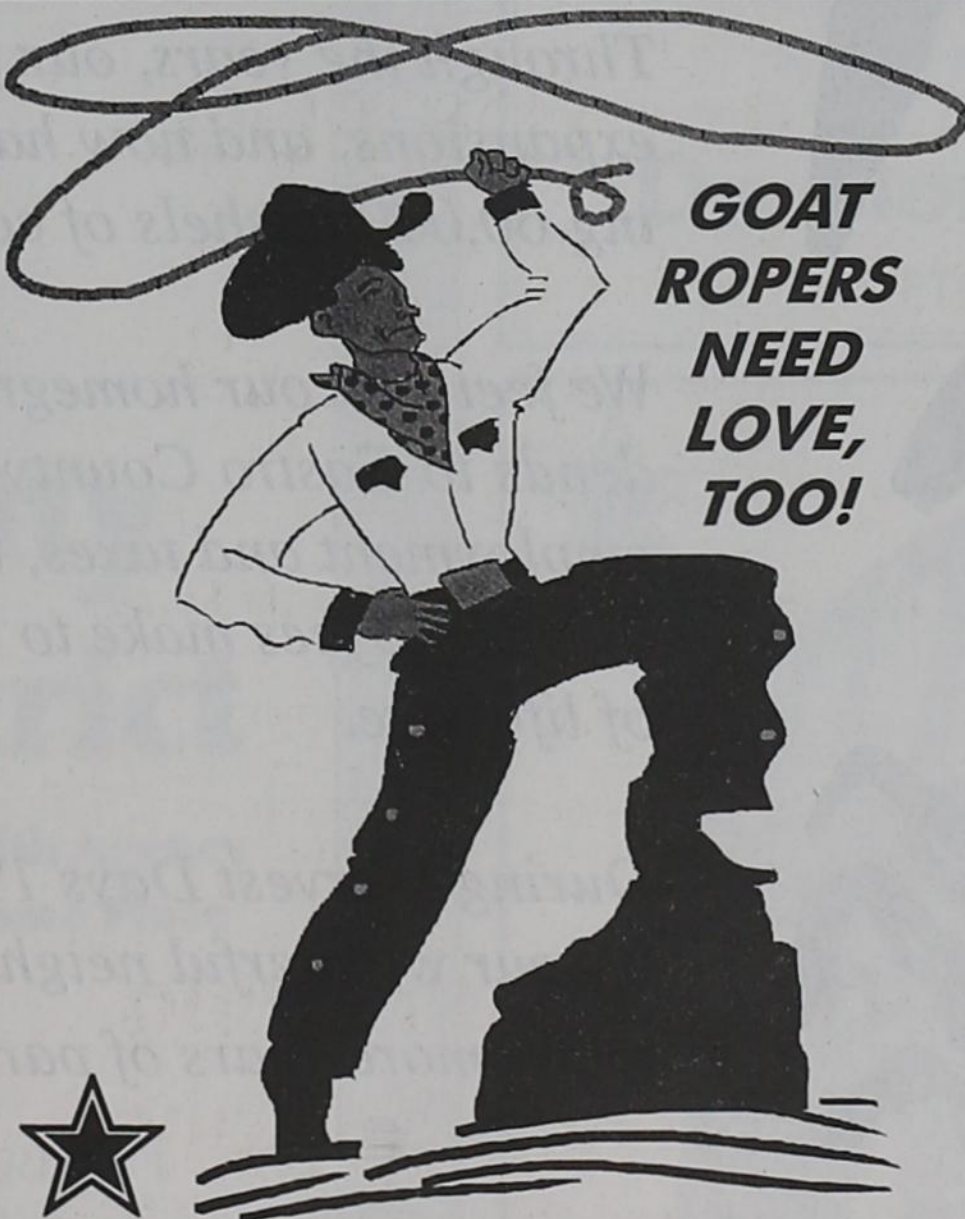


★ You don't have to be an old settler ...

... to enjoy the Early Settlers' Reunion at the Senior Citizens' Center Saturday. Whatever your age or length of residence here, just show up and bring a covered dish or two for the Basket Lunch at noon, and you'll be welcomed. You'll enjoy the fun, fellowship, and the feeling of friendship you'll find there.

From May to October, Panhandle Ag Service's planes work from dawn to dark, helping improve the quality and yields of our crops through the aerial application of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer. We tip our wings to one of the greatest agricultural counties in the nation as it celebrates Harvest Days!

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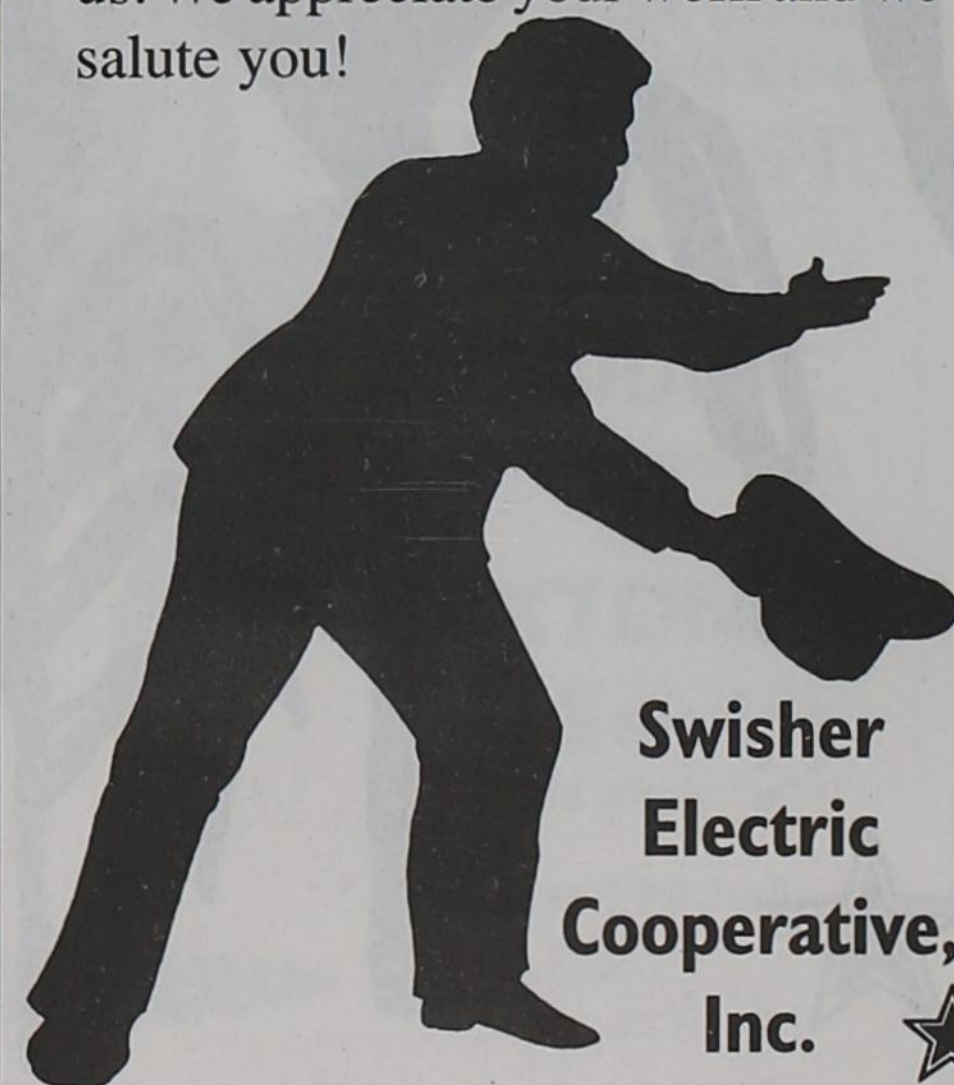
Head to the Castro Memorial VFW Post east of Dimmitt for the Goat Roping Friday from 4 to 6:30. You'll love our local goat ropers—and they need it.

And don't miss the VFW Dance Friday night at 8 p.m.

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to those who work to make our County Fair, Parade, Early Settlers Reunion and all other Harvest Days events such a great time for all of us. We appreciate your work and we salute you!



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During this Harvest Days celebration, we salute Castro County and especially the corn growers who help make this a great place to live and grow.



Texas Corn Growers Association



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SATURDAY, AUG. 23—6 P.M.
Dimmitt Rodeo Arena

Four-person teams will be competing in:
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Stick Horse Race (for youngsters 8 and under)
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Rootworm control program puts the SLAM on damaging beetles

Farmers and researchers in Bell County are seeing a 95% reduction in Mexican corn rootworm infestations with the use of SLAM bait.

Dr. Jesse Cocke, former entomologist for Texas A&M University and now owner of AMPC, Inc., a private ag consulting firm, says that root ratings on corn fields treated with SLAM are in the 2.0 range, far better than non-treated fields that are seeing rootworm damage.

Cocke is conducting the research in cooperation with the Bell County Extension Office and Dr. James Coppedge, entomologist and laboratory director for Texas A&M University's area-wide Pest Management Research Unit in College Station.

The program, made possible by \$26,000 in checkoff funds, involves more than 1,800 acres of corn and another 900 acres of grain sorghum on various farms within a three-mile by four-mile area. Farmers in the area have been extremely cooperative in the program and it will benefit producers across the state.

SLAM is an insecticide bait containing Sevin as its killing agent. A natural extract from Buffalo gourd is

blended with the insecticide. It sends rootworms into a "feeding frenzy, killing female beetles before they lay their hatch" said Cocke.

Various traps were used in studies across the county.

"We're evaluating which traps are best suited for rootworm control," said Cocke.

In the test program, treatments were evaluated to determine threshold levels based on the timing of the applications made in the pilot study last year. Decision models will be developed for producers, based on trap catches, emergence plant inspections, root ratings and plant development and production compared with historical records.

Cocke points out that there is only a minute amount of insecticide applied in the SLAM program. It amounts to about 21 grams of insecticide in the overall application of six ounces per acre.

In the spraying program, SLAM is applied aerially. Approximately one droplet per square inch of leaf is applied. This type of program makes it safe for beneficial insects.

"SLAM applications have no impact on the numbers of beneficial insects in treated corn, nor is there an increase in mite populations," said Cocke.

Popular event is Cow Patty Bingo

One lucky person will emerge from this year's Harvest Days celebration \$500 richer if the mood strikes a cow to do its thing on his or her square.

The event is being sponsored by the Castro County Fair Association and a pen will be set up on the east side of the Expo Building.

One hundred squares will be marked off inside the fenced area. Each square will be numbered from 1 to 100, and squares will sell for \$10 each.

When all squares are sold, a cow will be released into the fenced area and will remain there until she leaves a "deposit" on one of the squares. The person who was lucky enough to purchase that particular square will win \$500.

A Salute to Castro County

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

Through the years, our plant has undergone three major expansions, and now has a rated grind capability averaging 60,000 bushels of corn per day.

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

During Harvest Days 1997, we salute Castro County and all our wonderful neighbors here. We look forward to many more years of partnership and progress.

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'HATS OFF TO CASTRO COUNTY'
WAS THE THEME FOR THE 1996 HARVEST DAYS PARADE
 ... This float reflected the theme with a decor of head wear.

The past can be revisited at museum open house Saturday

If you like to reminisce about the "good ol' days" by viewing some old farm equipment or by looking at an old schoolroom setting, then the Castro County Historical Museum's Open House during Harvest Days should be a prime spot.

The museum, located at 404 W. Halsell in Dimmitt, will hold an Open House Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. as part of the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

Most of the buildings will be open for tours, and old-fashioned lemonade will be served free to all visitors.

One of the favorite sites of the museum is the dug-out. It allows

visitors to see how some of the early settlers of the area lived, and the extensive collection of farm equipment shows the evolution of the tractor and combine, among other equipment.

The schoolroom holds old-fashioned desks and books, outdated maps and histories, and even some old photographs of local school children.

A special display of electrical appliances and how they have changed through the years was donated to the museum by Southwestern Public Service Co.

"There's something for everyone," said Mary Edna Hendrix, museum

employee. One of the newer displays at the museum is one of the paintings done by the late Goldie Thompson.

Hendrix said favorite displays mentioned by visitors to the museum include Texas Ranger Ira Aten's pistol that was used in "The Jones Street Shootout"; the old pump organ in the parlor, which is still played on occasion by proficient musicians; and the big stove in the kitchen.

"It's hard for children today to imagine what everyday aspects of life were like in the past," Hendrix said. "The museum really brings it all to life, and can be very educational and fun, too."

Fiddle contest to provide fun time for all Saturday

When the fiddlers take the stage at the Expo Building Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration, you can expect good ol' dance tunes, waltzes, hoedowns and enjoyment from the crowd.

The Castro County Fair Association is sponsoring a fiddle contest for the third straight year, as part of the Harvest Days celebration.

This year's contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on the stage in the Expo Building.

Any fiddler of any age is invited to

enter the contest. Entry fees range from \$5 for children 12 and under; to \$10 for those 13 and over.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in the contest. Those competing in the 12 and under age group will be paid \$25 for first place, \$20 for second and \$15 for third. Youngsters playing in the 13-18 year old group will win \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. For the adult competition, cash prizes will be \$150 for first, \$100 for second and \$75 for third.

Performers are asked to limit their show to six minutes and no amplified instruments will be allowed. No "show tunes," such as Orange Blossom Special, Black Mountain Rag or Listen to the Mockingbird will be accepted.

Competitors will be asked to play three songs including a waltz, hoedown or breakdown and a tune of the performer's choice.

Anyone interested in competing in the contest should contact Herb Mayfield at 647-5526.

Dimmitt choirs to sing Saturday

The Dimmitt High School and Junior High Choirs will perform on the Expo stage area from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration.

Those fairgoers who are enjoying their meals at any one of the various booths of food at the noon hour can enjoy the sounds of the choirs.

Choir Director Ken Strange will be leading the choirs.

Country Showcase Sunday at Carlile

The Carlile Country Showcase will make its debut as a featured attraction this year at the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

The event, planned by Johnny Vick and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce executive director Bill Sava will feature local talent and will take place at the Carlile Theatre.

Tickets for the event will be \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door.

For more information, contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Final tax bill a boon for ranchers

In an anomaly of bipartisanship, Congress approved landmark bills July 31 to cut taxes and balance the budget for the first time since 1969.

The House vote was 389-43; the Senate, 92-8. President Clinton signed the bill Aug. 5.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association monitored progress of the bills throughout and urged Congressional members to help with tax relief for grassroots economic enterprises like ranching.

"With the exception of indexing capital gains and death taxes for inflation, the issues that TSCRA identified as priorities passed," says TSCRA President Coney Burgess.

"We are pleased that most of the provisions that TSCRA supported to help ranchers were approved."

ESTATE TAXES: \$1 million unified credit for everyone phased in by 2006; \$1.3 million (extra \$300,000 by 2007) for farmers and family-owned businesses starting Jan. 1, 1998; no indexing for inflation.

CAPITAL GAINS TAXES: Reduce the individual rate to 20% for individuals, with holding period increased to 18 months; rate can be further reduced to 18% after 2000 for property held for five years or more, \$500,000 exemption from gains on a jointly owned home; no indexing for

inflation. **INCOME AVERAGING:** Allow farmers and ranchers to average income over the next three years.

HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBILITY: Health insurance costs for the self-employed phased up to 100% deductible by 2007.

WEATHER-CAUSED SALES OF LIVESTOCK: Allow weather-related forced sales to be considered involuntary conversions.

DEFERRED PAYMENT CONTRACTS: Producers selling commodities by deferred contract should not be subject to alternative minimum tax consequences.

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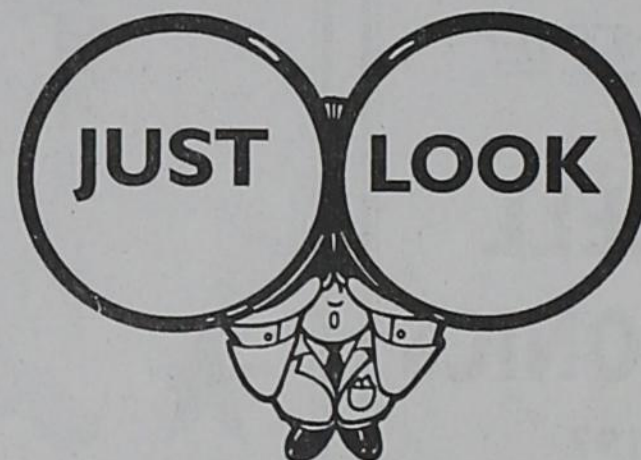
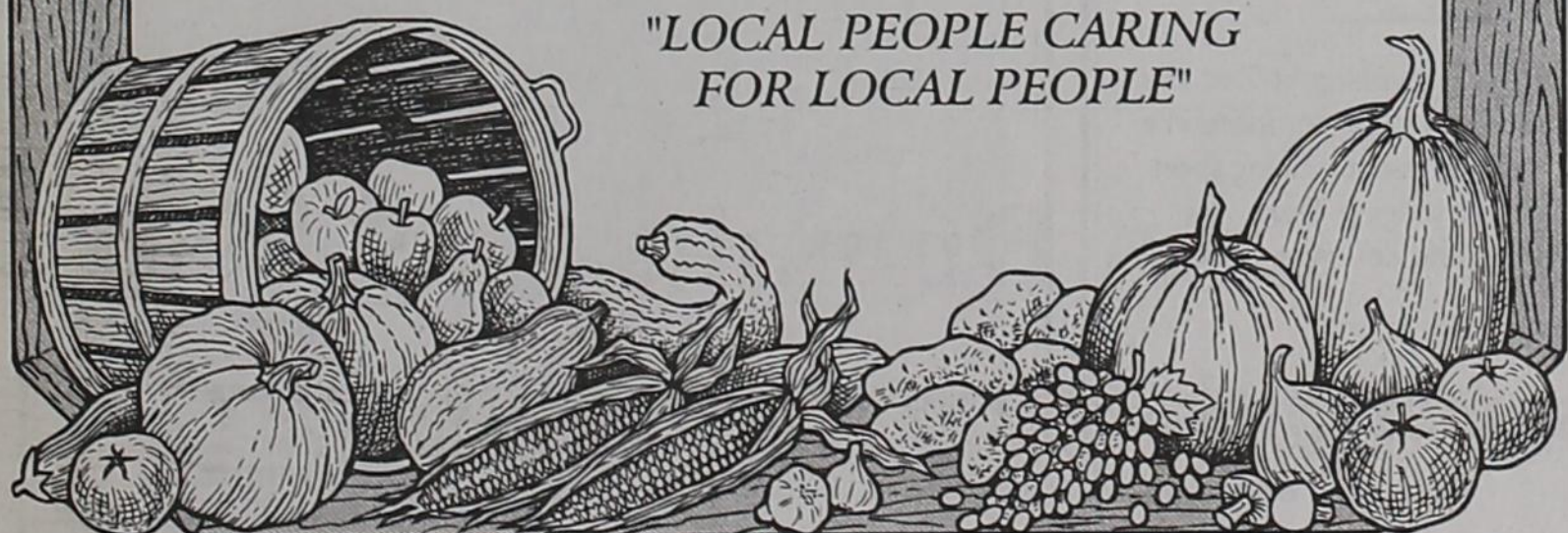
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Lawn and garden tour set for Saturday during Harvest Days

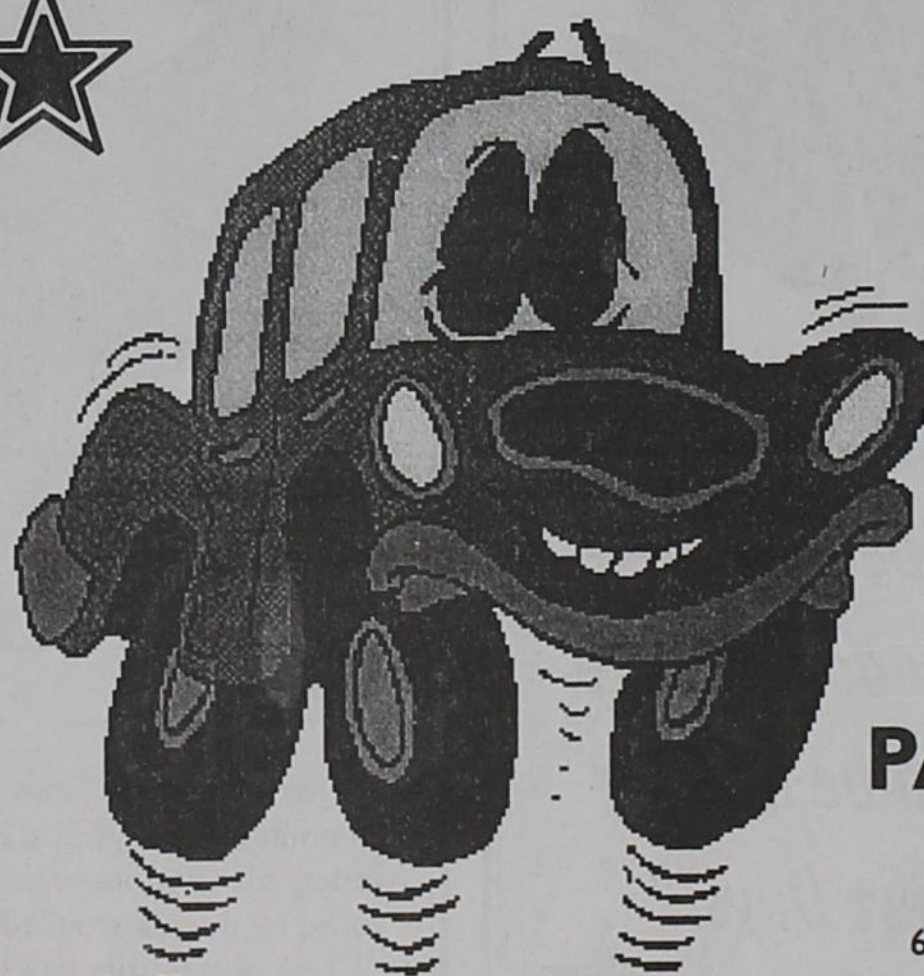
The Beta Zeta Upsilon sorority will have a lawn and garden tour from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration.

Houses on the tour will include the homes of Gene and Shari Bradley, Donny and Melissa Carpenter, Buster and Maxine Tidwell and Bud Hill.

Tickets for the tour will be sold at the Expo and at the homes on the tour for \$5. Proceeds will go towards the scholarship fund that the sorority gives to a senior each year.

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Insurance reps to offer Texas Tomorrow Fund

The Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's innovative prepaid college tuition plan, will soon be offered by insurance industry representatives as an integral part of middle-class families' overall financial planning.

"The cost of college is one of the biggest expenses Texas families will ever face," said State Comptroller John Sharp. "Who better than an insurance or financial planning expert to help them decide whether it makes sense to prepare for their children's future with a Texas Tomorrow Fund contract in hand?"

Sharp said that more than 8,200 agents who market life and health

insurance in Texas will begin selling prepaid college tuition contracts in mid-October, pending approval by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, which oversees the plan, at its regularly scheduled meeting next month.

"Insurance industry leaders have expressed a great deal of interest in adding the Texas Tomorrow Fund to the portfolio of services they offer ever since the plan went into effect," Sharp said. "And because I want to make this option available to as many Texas families as possible, I was happy to work with them to reach this agreement."

Sharp announced the expanded marketing program during a speech to the annual convention of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters in Galveston, the largest life insurance industry trade association in the state and one of the largest in the nation, representing 37 local groups across the state.

The Comptroller said that agents who sell Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts will be compensated by TALU from the prepaid tuition plan's marketing budget.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows families to lock in the costs of their children's future college tuition and required fees at about what they would pay today. More than 65,000 families joined the prepaid tuition plan during its first two enrollment periods.

The third enrollment period, also to be determined by the board at next month's meeting, will be the first in which TALU members and other insurance industry professionals are able to offer the prepaid contacts to their clients.

"This partnership with the members of TALU is just the beginning," Sharp said. "In the weeks ahead, I hope to sign up other groups, fraternal organizations, and even individual agents throughout the state so that this pay-now, learn-later program will be available to as many Texans as possible."

Four Texas Tomorrow Fund plans

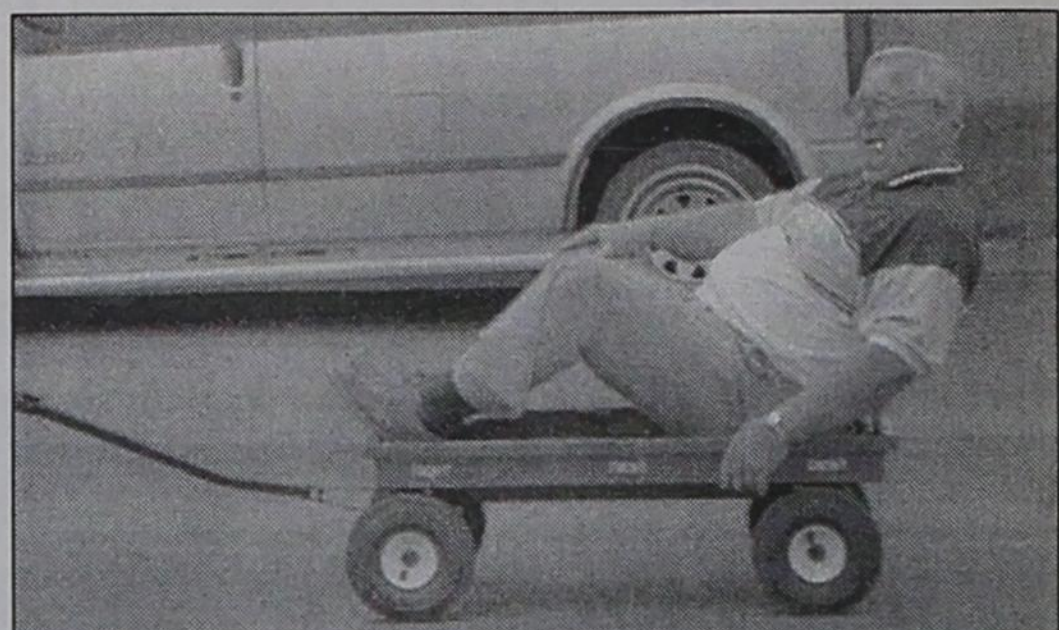
are currently available, including up to two years at any public junior college in the state; up to four years at any public senior college or university; a combination of up to two years each at any junior college and senior college; and up to four years at any private college or university in Texas.

A new plan, approved by state lawmakers during the recent legislative session, will be offered during the upcoming enrollment period for a fifth year at any public university in Texas, which can be used for additional undergraduate study or to cover a portion of graduate school expenses.

Sharp also discussed his Lone Star Scholars plan, which he intends to propose to the next session of the Texas Legislature. Lone Star Scholars would complement the Texas Tomorrow Fund by paying the costs of tuition, required fees, and books for high school graduates who work hard and maintain at least a 2.8 grade point average.

"Students who meet those standards and also hold Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts would be able to use the Lone Star Scholars plan to cover the costs of books, room and board and other college expenses," Sharp said. "Together, these two programs would offer Texans a full college education."

For more information on the Texas Tomorrow Fund, call Sharp, toll-free, at 1-800-445-GRAD.



SITTING BACK AND TAKING IT EASY AT THE PARADE ... Emmett Broderson rode in a wagon behind a tractor last year.



CARNIVAL THRILLS A PART OF HARVEST DAYS ... Riders enjoy the roller coaster in 1996.

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Join us for the Team Rodeo Saturday evening at 7 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena. Four-person teams will compete in a variety of rodeo and wild west events. The event is being sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team.

Our best wishes to all the cowboys and cowgirls who will be competing.

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