

# The Castro County News

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## Youngsters to drive 330 animals before judges Friday

The quonset barns at the Expo Building are filled with steers, lambs and barrows this week as the Castro County Junior livestock show gets underway.

This year's show promises to be a good one, with 21 steers, 127 lambs and 182 barrows entered. Those numbers are down from previous years, however. Last year the show featured 23 steers, 140 lambs and 215 barrows.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers are once again coordinating this year's show, which will continue through Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. President of the Young Farmers is Tod Bradley and general superintendent for this year's show is Kennen Howell. He will be assisted by Chaun Gunstream.

Animals were weighed and classified Wednesday. The county show will

begin Friday at 8 a.m. and will continue throughout the day.

The lamb show will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the steer show at 11. The barrow show is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Judges for this year's show will be Larry Grey, steers; Dale Schattner, barrows; Rex Stoltz, lambs; and Danny Ivey, showmanship. Gray is ag-teacher at Springlake-Earth, Schattner is ag teacher at New Home and Stoltz is a retired County Extension Agent from Concho County.

Those animals qualifying for Saturday's premium sale will be paraded through the sale ring Saturday afternoon beginning at 1. The number of ani-

mals that will be sold through the auction will be 125 barrows, 125 lambs, 40 steers or 75% of the total number of animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number.

Auctioneers Jack Howell, Johnny Davis, Greg Odom Leslie Davis and Kenneth Gregg will sell the grand champion steer, barrow and lamb first on Saturday, then will auction off the reserve champions. Breed champions will be paraded through the sale ring next, followed by reserve breeds. Then the auctioneers will sell one-third of the steers, one-third of the barrows and one-third of the lambs, and will repeat that order until all animals are sold.



**JUNIOR COFFEY** (second from left), Dimmitt High School's most famous athlete, poses with former DHS teammates and coaches before being inducted Sunday into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in Amarillo. With Coffey in photo, from left, are former

teammates John Nino of Dimmitt and Kent Hance of Austin, former football coach J. D. Covington of Bigfork, Mont., and former basketball coach Johnny Ethridge of Hobbs, N.M. Coffey was an all-stater in two sports and an all-American fullback in football here.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Coffey joins Hall of Fame ranks

By JOHN BROOKS

A humble but proud Junior Coffey accepted his induction plaque Sunday into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame before a packed house at Ordway Auditorium on the campus of Amarillo College.

Coffey was the 108<sup>th</sup> inductee into the hall and becomes the fifth person from Dimmitt in the hall. The others are former Dimmitt Bobbies Pat Tate Truelove and Lometa Odom, and former coaches John Blaine and Kenneth Cleveland.

Coffey received a prolonged standing ovation from the crowd at the ceremonies, recognizing his efforts on the playing field and court, and his paving the way for other African-American athletes in the Texas Panhandle. Coffey, along with teammate Jimmy Chavers, were often the first blacks to play UIL

football on many area fields, and Coffey was often the first black to play UIL basketball on courts throughout Texas.

The Bobcats went to the state finals in 1960 and 1961, losing to powerhouses Buna and Linden-Kildare. Buna was led by coaching legend Cotton Robinson, while John Beasley and George Hargett (brother of Texas A&M quarterback Edd Hargett) were the big guns for Linden-Kildare.

No gun on any team was bigger than Coffey, who set records in both sports. Coffey turned down a chance to be the first African-American to play at Oklahoma, and became the second-leading rusher in the history of the University of Washington.

After accepting the accolades of the crowd and his plaque from master of ceremonies Steve Oakley, Coffey talked about his instant acceptance in Dimmitt. That acceptance came before he had played a down or dribbled a ball for the Bobcats.

"We had seen racism in other towns we lived, Lockhart and Tioga and others," Coffey said. "We moved to Olton to work in the fields but only stayed there two weeks. I thank God that it was His destiny that we were led to Dimmitt."

He told of attending the eighth grade in one of the old barracks between the former Dimmitt High School and North Elementary School. He wanted desperately to advance to high school, an opportunity that wasn't already there.

"I had to take an achievement test to see if I was on a level as high as the others who would be in high school," Coffey said. "If I didn't pass the test I would have had to work in the fields or go in the Army when I turned 16. I sure wanted to go to high school."

He went to the office of former principal S.T. Newman and took the test. He passed, and went on to high school.

Coffey had no intention of playing sports, and was talked into it by Kent Hance, who would go on to fame in the Texas Senate, US House of Representatives and the chairmanship of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Before he made his first trip to the fieldhouse, though, it was time to go to the school house. He went reluctantly.

"I looked everywhere for some sign of racism," Coffey said. "I had

### Oops!

The story in last week's issue about Junior Coffey's induction into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame listed him as the fourth inductee from Dimmitt.

Actually, he was the fifth. The story omitted one.

Pat Tate Truelove of Amarillo was inducted in 1974 as the 34th member of the PSHOF.

Truelove, daughter of Curtis and Marie Tate, formerly of Dimmitt, was an all-state forward on DHS's 1950 state championship girls' basketball team. She went on to earn all-America honors at Wayland College; was one of 10 players selected to the US National Women's Team in 1951 to tour South America and promote women's basketball for the Olympic card; and played semi-pro basketball with the Atlanta Peaches.

As chairman of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Women's Sports Division in the 1960s, Truelove helped organize the National Women's Invitational Tournament and served as the team selection chairman.

seen it everywhere else. There was none in Dimmitt, and this was when I was just a student, not a star or anything.

"That is a credit to the people of Dimmitt, and to the way the people of Dimmitt raised their kids," Coffey told the crowd. "I thank God that I got the chance to live in Dimmitt, Texas."

Coffey specifically thanked three of his old schoolmates: Hance, Keitha Davis and Hal Ratcliff. Davis kept a scrapbook of Coffey's numerous clippings throughout his high school days and gave him the thick

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## SPS to close Dimmitt office

Southwestern Public Service Co. announced last week that it will be closing its Dimmitt business office at the end of April, but local service personnel will remain in place.

Calvin Marsh, manager of the local SPS office, said two service technicians will be retained in Dimmitt, but the customer-accounting position will be eliminated.

However, customers will be able to pay their electric bills at SPS Payment Centers, which will be established in cooperating local businesses, such as supermarkets. This will extend the hours in which customers can pay their bills, and may even include weekend hours. Also, customers will have the option of paying by mail. SPS is expected to announce the details of the new pay-

ment centers and their locations this week.

Similar changes have been announced for SPS offices throughout the company's service area, with 17 business offices planned for closure and 26 scheduled for a changeover similar to the one in Dimmitt, with elimination of routine customer traffic. The changes are a part of the company's "refocusing" in connection with its merger with Public Service Co. of Colorado to form "New Century Energies."

SPS has contracted with Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of First Data Corporation, to set up the new payment centers. First Data, which owns Western Union, is the nation's leading provider of such

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## Hospital district is cutting losses

The bad news is that the local hospital district had a \$51,000 operating loss in December.

The good news is that this was only one-third the average monthly operating loss that the district had been experiencing, and that tax income and Disproportionate Share Funds will more than make up for it.

"Last year we lost \$1.8 million on operations — an average of \$150,000 per month," District CEO Joe Sloan said. "It looks like we'll cut that loss in half this year, and even more next year."

(Property taxes provide \$1.2 million per year to help offset operating losses.)

These were among the statistics reported to the hospital board at its January meeting last Thursday night.

The main reason the hospital and its various divisions are gaining ground, Sloan said, is an increase in activity in several key departments,

many of which are relatively new. "They're going crazy in Physical Therapy," Sloan said. "They had 22 visits in one afternoon. The Home Health Agency has almost tripled" in its number of patient visits.

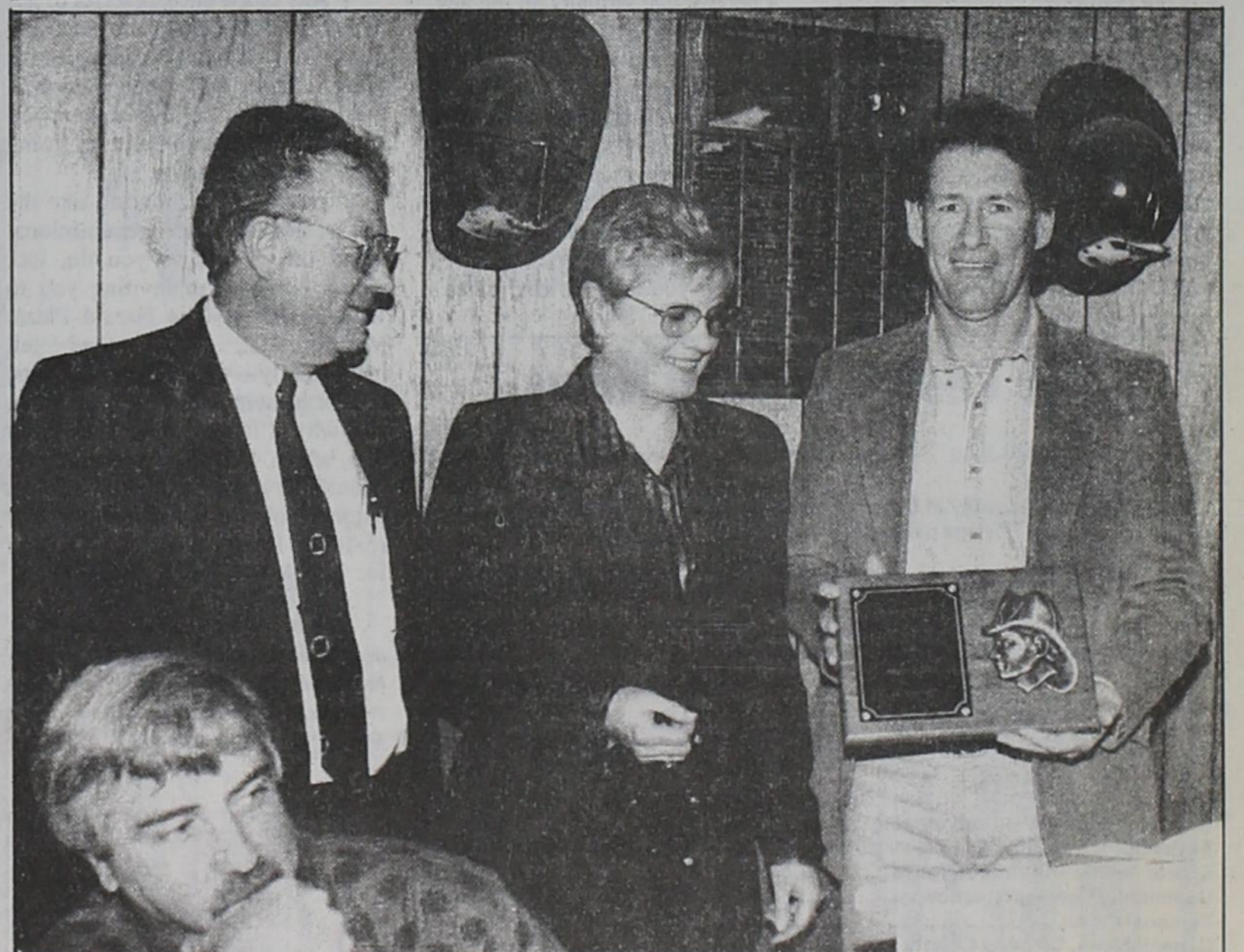
Also, Sloan reported, the Medical Center of Dimmitt continues to serve more and more patients. The clinic had 1,094 visits in December — an average of 45.6 per day.

Physical therapy treatments increased from 896 during the last eight months of 1995 to 1,046

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**Don't miss our special section on the 43rd annual County Junior Livestock Show**

In This Issue



**FIREMAN OF THE YEAR**—Stanley Maurer (right) was named the 1996 Fireman of the Year by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department at the group's annual banquet last Thursday night at the fire station. Maurer joined the department in December of 1990. Selection is based on participation in

department activities, showing up on fire calls, years of membership, and level of training. Presenting the plaque to Maurer are (from left) Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Castro County Judge Irene Miller. Dimmitt Fire Marshall Randy Griffitt (seated, left) served as master of ceremonies.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

*Grandparents, it's time to BRAG!*

It's time once again for all grandparents to brag on their favorite Valentines—grandchildren. Grandparents who want to show off their Valentines to friends and neighbors can have their grandchildren's picture printed in the Feb. 13 issue of the News. The picture will be printed in a decorative frame, identified by the child's and grandparents' names for a \$10 fee. Grandparents who would like to show the rest of us their favorite Valentines should bring their picture to the News office at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt by 12 noon on Feb. 7. A wallet-sized picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is.

**Weather**

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	53	20	
Friday	61	24	
Saturday	73	36	
Sunday	73	27	
Monday	62	30	
Tuesday	65	21	
Wednesday	47	19	
January Moisture	0.42		
February Moisture	0.00		
1997 Moisture	0.42		

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







# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Jim and Ina Cleavinger had a fun time when they went to Baytown to visit their son, Jimmy, and his wife Terrie Lynn and children, David, Audrey, Rachel and Nathan. Ina had done china painting on little tea sets, so of course they had lots of tea parties. She made David a knight's cape and Nathan got a new baby blanket.

The Castro County Museum Association held its monthly board meeting last Thursday evening, with Dale Winders, Clara Vick, Robert Duke, Madge Robb, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix attending. Two guests, Marilyn Neal, Extension agent, and Becky Stovall, secretary at the Chamber of Commerce, were there to offer help to the museum when needed. Usually, the 4-H members and students from school volunteer to do various jobs at the museum. Sliced apples and caramel apple dip, cheese spread and crackers, and soft drinks were served.

One day Charles Richard brought a Key Lime pie to the museum and Jewell Connell brought a date-nut cake. (That is one reason I can't lose weight.)

Out of town visitors at the museum were Nat Jones of Eagleville, Penn., who came with his brother-in-law Elmer Berryhill, and Nat wrote "Thanks for maintaining history for

others" on the guest book; also Joe Richard Hastings of Midland and Carl Hanna and Lynn Moore of Plainview and Glenn and Kimberly Wrightson. Glenn is an electrical engineer from Atlanta, Ga., and Kimberly is attending Texas Tech University, working on her doctorate.

Alma Kenmore and Bernice Hill were hostesses for the Thursday Bridge Club. They served ham, corn, potato salad, and bread sticks, and Bernice made a delicious pistachio ambrosia. Susie Reeves won high score and Elizabeth Huckabay won second. Others playing were Retta Cluck, Ben Hill, Bill Thornton, Dude McLauren, Virginia Crider, Louise Mears, Helen Braafladt, Ina Rae Cates, Loranel Hamilton, Opha Burks, Edith Graef and Emily Clingingsmith.

The 1997 Llanos Altos Association Evangelism Conference was held at the First Baptist Church of Littlefield on Sunday evening, with a large crowd attending. A delicious supper of spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, French bread and cheese cake was served. Special music was presented by the group "Spirit," whose members are attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The prayer and welcome were given by Bobby Broyles of

Earth First Baptist Church. Robert Brown of Trinity Baptist Church gave his testimony, and Steve Buckland of Littlefield First Baptist Church read scripture and led in prayer.

A message in music was given by Lindsey Bloodworth of Littlefield FBC, and the evening message was by Dr. Charles Lowery of Hoffmanton Church in Albuquerque, N.M. (He was a dynamic speaker, including lots of humor.) The benediction was given by Richard Laverty of the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

The crowd was too large to see everyone, but we did see Stacy Conners, pastor at Muleshoe and husband of Debbie Dobbs and son-in-law of Roger and Geneva Malone, the Sanders of Earth (the sister of Butch Strickland), and the Sinclairs, who were on the FBC staff in Dimmitt several years ago. About 20 from Dimmitt attended.

I met my daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo, in Tulia and we drove to Lubbock on Saturday. She takes flower arrangements to churches in Tulia, Plainview and Lubbock and changes them for new ones each month. Since this was her birthday, I went along to help her celebrate. We ate at a Mexican restaurant and then did some window shopping. It was 80 degrees in Lubbock and this was Feb. 1. We came back to Tulia and visited my brother-in-law, Troy Cloer, who is in the Tulia Care Center.

It was good to see Kyle Touchstone of Lubbock, who was visiting in Dimmitt on Friday. He was with his dad, Truman, eating lunch at the Pancake House.

The Big 90 was celebrated by Cleo Forson and a flock of friends. Nineteen ladies and a couple of gents dined at K-Bob's on Wednesday at noon and shared cake, cards, a banner and a poem specially composed by Bill Sava who then taught the group the Macarena.

Cleo said she planned to be around next year and would like another party.

Connie Dickerson added another year Thursday. She received balloons at school and her second period class sang Happy Birthday to her.

Bill and Deanne Clark just returned from Denton where they witnessed the civil ceremony of marriage of their son, Greg, and C. Ann Nale. C. Ann's parents, the Ven

Irvin, and C. Ann's son, Ben, also attended. Bill and Deanne then went to Duncanville to see their son, Jim Harris and his family.

A small group from the Wesleyan Center at South Plains College visited the Methodist Sunday and gave testimonies about the center and their call to a mission in Bolivia this coming summer.

Area residents are encouraged to join with other Christians in Lubbock in prayer Tuesday evening at 6 to counter the concert given by Satanists, Marilyn Mansen and group.

Peggy Webb is undergoing therapy in Lubbock Methodist for a shoulder problem.

B.M. Nelson not only reached 91 years on Monday, but had to undergo eye surgery as well. He came through his surgery with extra success.

Bill Birdwell entered Lubbock Methodist Hospital for shock treatment.

Frances Goodwin is back in Dimmitt after surgery as is Sherry

Kenworthy. Bill Roberson is in Amarillo undergoing treatment.

Jack and Doris Flynt have just returned from Austin where they attended an American Legion meeting.

The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them. —Kin Hubbard

## SPECIAL LIVE SHOW!

Saturday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. at the **CARLILE THEATRE**, Dimmitt  
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## Nazareth with Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Cecil and Norita Hoelting attended the baptism of their granddaughter, Brianna Dawn, at Prince of Peace Church in Plano. Brianna is the daughter of Dale and Susan Hoelting of Flower Mound. Sponsors were Kevin Hoelting and Cathy Ramirez.

Joan Durbin accompanied the Hoeltings to the Dallas area and enjoyed visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Jill Durbin of Waxahachie.

They also visited the Mark Hoelting family in Lone Oak and enjoyed watching their granddaughter, Marcey, play basketball.

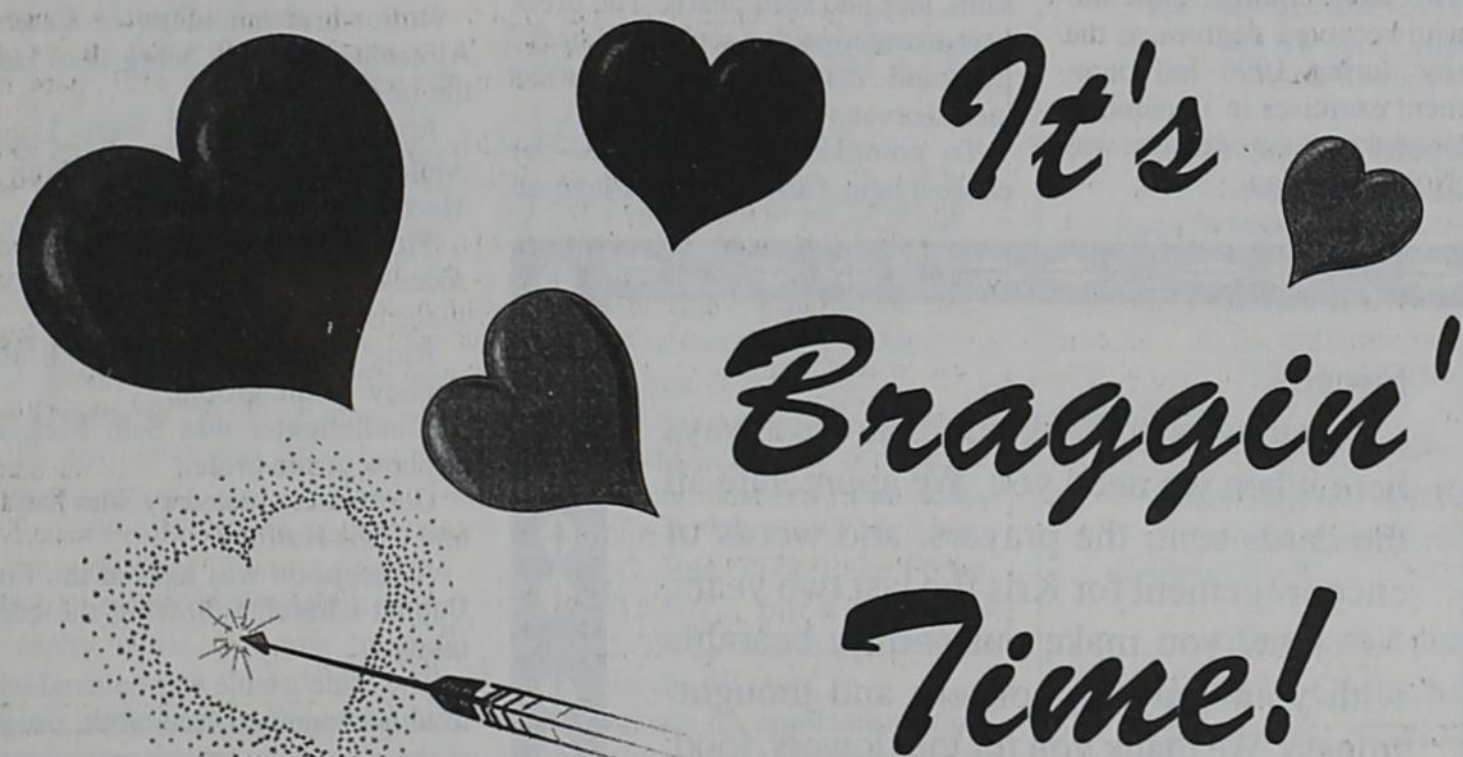
We enjoyed watching our seventh and eighth grade boys and girls play basketball in the "Shorthorn Shoot-out" tournament in Lockney this weekend. The seventh grade boys and girls and the eighth grade girls all won first places in their classes.

Evelyn Hill of Lubbock hosted a family get-together Wednesday evening at the home of her son, Terry Hill in Dimmitt. Evelyn was enjoying a few days with her grandsons, Beau and B.J., while Terry and Belinda were on vacation.

Vi and Virgil Pohlmeier of Tulia, Dorothy and LeRoy Pohlmeier, Denny and Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber, all of Nazareth, enjoyed a great evening of visiting with her.

Several relatives and Backus family members went to Dumas Friday to attend the funeral of Ladell Bonds of Dumas.

Prayers are asked for Rita (Hochstein) Edwards of Houston; Father Jerry Stein, who has had surgery; for Max Ellison, who has undergone knee surgery; and for Ed Ramaekers, who was injured in a tractor accident.



### GRANDPARENTS: Here's your chance to brag on **YOUR GRANDCHILD!**

Send or bring us a photo of your grandchild (we promise to return it unharmed), and we'll place it in a special display frame like the one at left, with your grandchild's name and yours, and on

**Thursday, Feb. 13**

your little Valentine will appear in the paper!

The cost is only \$10 per picture.

Hurry! DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEB. 7th.

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## PRINCESS CRUISES PRINCESS TOURS

It's more than a cruise, it's the Love Boat

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# People



John Anthony Roberts and Melissa Lee Kenny

## Couple to wed Feb. 15

Jerrie A. East-Kenny of Baltimore, Md., announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Melissa Lee Kenny, to John Anthony Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Roberts of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Abingdon High School in Abingdon, Va. She is employed by DeBruce Grain in Dimmitt.

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Tennessee High School in Bristol, Tenn. He works at WB Equipment in Dimmitt.

After the wedding the couple will reside in Dimmitt.

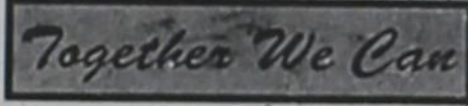
### Book Club

#### Howell to review 'Owl in the Shower'

Marie Howell will review the book, *There's an Owl in the Shower*, by Jean Craighead George at the next meeting of the Dimmitt Book Club.

The public is invited to hear the review at 4:15 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The review will be preceded by a short business meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Book Club member Carole Dyer invited Howell to present the review. All interested persons are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Book Club.



## Rozz Well and Aliens slated for Showcase

Rozz Well and the Aliens will be the featured act at the Carlile Country Showcase Saturday in Dimmitt at the Carlile Theatre, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$5 per person, and may be purchased in advance through any member of the Dimmitt High School FHA/HERO Chapter as a fund raising project for that group. Also, tickets may be purchased in advance at the theater. Call 647-2091 for more information.

"The whole family can enjoy this

night of unusual music, weird lights, strange sounds and even stranger people," said Susan Sandvik, owner of the Carlile. According to information from the band, lead guitarist Zerk is the only lead player around who plays a John Deere guitar and lists John Deere tractor motors and big block Oldsmobile irrigation engines among his early musical influences. Other group members include Hypo, on drums and vocals; Lasso, lead vocals and rhythm guitar; and Rozz, bass and vocals.

## Students listed on Tech honor rolls

Dimmitt and Nazareth students have exhibited academic excellence at Texas Tech University during the fall 1996 semester, and several were recognized for making the President's List and Dean's List.

Those making the President's Honor Roll with perfect 4.0 grade point averages were Jill Pohlmeier of Nazareth, a senior majoring in exercise and sports medicine; Robin Schulte, a freshman multidisciplinary studies major; and Amy Brooke Byers of Dimmitt, a senior studying early childhood education.

Several students qualified for the Deans List by maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA. Dimmitt students include Amy Jan Fuller, a freshman interior design major; Stacy Brae McDaniel, a junior studying cell and molecular biology; David Brady Nelson, a sophomore agronomy major; Amanda Joyce Odum, a junior biology major; and Brian Kris Simpson, a junior agronomy major.

Those from Nazareth making the dean's list are Jon Mac Annen, a senior agronomy major; Lynnette Marie Kleman, a junior studying food technology; Nicole Jean Kleman, a senior in multidisciplinary studies; and Jaret Roy Schulte, a sophomore studying agribusiness.

The group bills itself as "a very eclectic bunch of musicians, dedicated to playing music THEY like." Their performance may include selections ranging from Hank Williams to Frank Sinatra to Elvis Presley to ZZ Top, along with a large amount of original material.

"You'll hear songs like *Purple People Eater*, *Long Tall Texan*, *Blue Suede Shoes*, *Crazy Arms* and *Walking After Midnight*," Sandvik said. "Also, they have songs never before played in public, like *The Roswell Incident*, *The Alien Macarena*, and *I'm Just Road Kill on the Information Super Highway*."

You can contact the group on the Internet at <http://www/angelfire.com/nm/rozzwell.html>



MRS. JERRY LEON SMITH JR.  
... Jill D'Shawn McLain

## Newlyweds make home in Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leon Smith Jr., are home in Amarillo after exchanging wedding vows on October 26.

The bride is the former Jill D'Shawn McLain, daughter of Cleve and Shirley McLain of Hart. Parents of the groom are Jerry Sr. and Ivalene Smith of Erick, Okla.

The couple were married in a formal ceremony at First Baptist Church in Hart with Rev. Gerald Aalbers officiating.

The altar area featured two heart-shaped candelabras trimmed in ivy and accented with champagne bows.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and she wore a straight, formal gown of candlelight with a detachable train of bridal satin, lace and seed pearls. The dress was accented with a sculptured neckline and off-the-shoulder tapered lace sleeves with satin bows.

To complete the ensemble, she chose a long, flowing veil of layered

silks illusion attached to a beaded headband. She carried a bouquet of fern and candlelight and pink roses accented with ribbons.

For the traditional "something old" she wore her mother's pearl necklace and she "borrowed" pearl earrings from her mother. "Something blue" was her garter. She also wore in her shoes pennies minted in the year's of her and the groom's birth. "Something new" was her wedding dress.

Matron of honor was Angie Walters of Welch. Bridesmaids were Laura Hommel of Clarendon and Melanie Lindley of Amarillo.

Best man was Dallas Smith of Amarillo. Groomsmen were Chris Everett and Jimmy Perry, both of Amarillo.

Junior bridesmaids were Kembra Albracht and Kelcy Albracht of Hart, the bride's nieces.

Junior groomsmen were Logan McLain and Orrin McLain, both of Hart, nephews of the bride.

Flower girls were Jacy Black, niece of the bride; and Jordan Smith, niece of the groom.

Ring bearer was Sage Black, nephew of the groom.

Candlelighter was Seth McLain, nephew of the bride.

Guests were seated by Shay Taylor and Chris Halford.

A reception was held at the First Baptist Church following the ceremony.

The bride's table was covered with a white linen and lace cloth, caught at the corners by hunter green bows. Serving as the centerpiece was the bride's bouquet flanked by Precious Moments figures. Crystal and silver appointments were used to serve the three-tiered heart-shaped wedding cake and punch.

Presiding at the bride's table were Julie McLain, the bride's sister-in-law, and Cindy Smith, sister-in-law of the groom.

The groom's table was covered with a white linen cloth and it held a cake decorated with a golf scene. It also held the bride's throw-away bouquet.

Serving guests from the groom's table were Debbie Ortega, sister of the groom.

The bride graduated from Clarendon Junior College and is currently attending West Texas A&M University.

The groom attended Amarillo College and he works at Periodical Service in Amarillo.



### OUT-OF-TOWN

Rusty and Soncia Watkins of Chickasha, Okla., are the parents of a baby girl, Tristin Nocle, born Jan. 21 at 2:59 p.m. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 12 oz., and was 19 inches long. She has a big brother, Tanner Wade. Grandparents are Billy and Sandra Watkins and Pat Harmon of Chickasha, Okla., and Delton and Sue Tischler of Dimmitt.

## Two earn degrees from Texas Tech

Two county students have graduated from Texas Tech University with bachelor of science degrees.

Jon Mac Annen of Nazareth was awarded a bachelor's degree in agronomy while Casey Ross Summers of Dimmitt was awarded a degree in animal production.

The two were among 1,600 students who received degrees at the university during 1996 fall commencement exercises in December. Keynote speaker at the exercises was Queen Noor of Jordan.

## A Song for Jim Baker's 50th birthday (sung to the tune of "The Beverly Hillbillies")



Jimmy always did love surprises!

Come and listen to my story 'bout little Jimmy B,  
The first-born child of the Baker family.  
He was followed by Scottie and little sister Babs  
And the three of them together, they made their parents glad.

When Jimmy finished school, he headed for the sea.  
He hopped a big boat and joined the Na-vy.  
After that he went on down to Birmingham,  
Then decided he'd rather be a western man...

Dallas, that is, football country, J.R. Ewing

Well, next thing you know, he's met a lady fair  
(That's Sandra of the Bruegels with sandy blonde hair).  
They settled down in Dallas to start a family,  
And along comes a little baby girl named Ja-mie.

Then three years later, little Jamie had a sis,  
Tori was her name and she gave her parents bliss.  
The family grew and thrived, then Jamie found a man.  
She gave her love to Frank; Jim gave away her hand.

Jimbo always was pretty good with his hands.  
He built the state's best cat house where "Dragon" proudly stands.  
His handiwork continues, especially Christmas time  
When relatives are treated to gifts like Texas chimes!

Happy halfway-to-a-hundred, Jimbo

From the Birmingham Baker half-dozen



Jim's "cat house" won the Golden Hammer award in high school shop class.



One of the Navy's brightest.



Jim, Scott and Babs

Friends,

Again we say thank you. You are always here when we need you. We appreciate all the cards sent, the prayers, and words of encouragement for Kris the last two years.

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Charles and Wilma Doss

## Mr. and Mrs. Doss to celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Charles and Wilma Doss will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday afternoon.

The reception will be hosted by the couple's children, and will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend, and the couple

asks that no gifts be given.

Charles Doss married the former Wilma Rae Bell on Feb. 9, 1947, in her parents' home. The couple has two children, Charla Kay Mansell and Kenny Doss; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss are members of the Lee Street Baptist Church.

## City of Hart to receive donation from Cargill

Cargill will present a check to the City of Hart for emergency radio and pager equipment that will be used to enhance the city's 9-1-1 system.

The contribution is jointly funded by the Cargill Grain Division elevator in Hart and the Cargill Partnership Fund, a corporate program that provides matching funds for public projects in Cargill communities.

"The city doesn't have all the public resources that other communities may have," said Jarrel Sewell, manager of Cargill Grain Division at Hart. "They have to rely on private donations for large projects. We're glad to help make our community a safe place to live and work."

Cargill plans to stay involved with city officials and volunteers to en-

sure that the system is set up and running efficiently. The company currently has one employee who is a volunteer with the fire department.

This donation brings Cargill's total contributions to the community to \$22,000 since June 1994. The last contribution was to help the city purchase a new fire truck.

## Blood drive set in Nazareth

Nazareth High School is hosting a blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

The drive will benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Blood donors are eligible to give every 56 days.

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## Scholarship deadline announced

High school students who are US citizens and have a grade point average of "B" or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship.

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Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 11. A total of \$175,000 will be awarded to 175 winners, who will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and some consideration for financial need.

## Financial aid hotline open this weekend

The Texas Association of Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA), with assistance from Texas Commerce Bank, will conduct the 11th annual Financial Aid Information Line Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During those hours, a special toll-free number will be offered to callers with questions about financial aid. The number for Texas callers is 1-800-323-3961.

As a special incentive for callers, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to individuals who will be attending an institution of higher education in 1997-98. At the conclusion of the information line, the two scholarship winners will be drawn from among the callers.

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## Nicole Kenley to perform in Dallas' Meyerson Center

Nicole Kenley of Dimmitt, a member of the Hardin-Simmons University Concert Band of Abilene, will be a part of the School of Music's presentation of a program at the renowned Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas on Feb. 24.

The HSU School of Music and its students and faculty will be presenting the special program beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person.



Rhodora Howell

## Howell to speak to Flame group

Rhodora (Rod) Howell, a licensed and ordained minister, will be the featured speaker during the February meeting of Flame Fellowship Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Howell is currently the Texas-Oklahoma state overseer of Flame Fellowship International. She is a member of the ministry team of the Dallas Catch the Fire conference and Women in Leadership. She is listed in Who's Who In Women's Ministry.

Howell is described as a "wonderful and entertaining speaker," and those who hear her have "laughed and cried as she shares how God has blessed and confirmed his work in her life. She reaches people where they are hurting."

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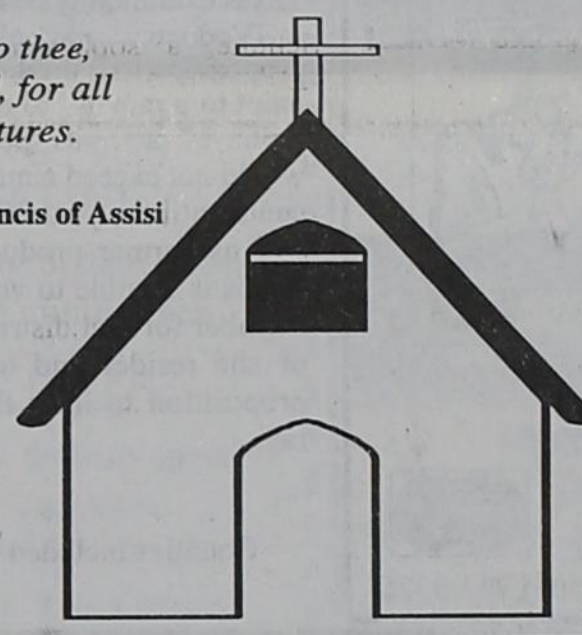
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Photo by Linda Maxwell

## WTRT nominating committee to meet

The nominating committee of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will meet Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Hereford Country Club to nominate candidates for three seats on the board of directors.

Terms of office of incumbent directors Charles Myers of the Hub exchange and Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange, both in Parmer County; and Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange in Deaf Smith County, are expiring this spring. All three are eligible for new terms.

Elections to fill the three board seats will be held during the annual meeting of the membership on

March 18 at the Hereford Bull Barn. West Texas Rural Telephone members also may nominate board candidates from the floor during the business session at the annual membership meeting.

Among the members of the nominating committee are Pat Smith of Dawn; Willis Duggan of Milo Center; Dee Taylor of Frio; Jim McGowan of Westway and Charles Ray of Summerfield. Other members include Lawrence Widner of Tharp, Bill Nichols of Hub, Danny Allen of Parmer and Jerry Davis of Oklahoma Lane.

## Wheat board sets election

The Texas Wheat Producers Board will hold its 13th biennial mail election between Feb. 18 and March 4, according to Bob Beakley, farmer-elected chairman of the organization.

Of the 15 board members serving six-year terms, five are facing expiring terms, including: for District I, Scott McGarraugh of Perryton; District II, David Cleavinger of Wildorado; District III, Ralph Sides of Childress; and District IV, Beakley of Ennis and Ben Scholz of Wylie. All board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

Beakley said any person qualifying to vote in the election may be placed in nomination for a six-year membership on the board.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 15 days prior to the election, Beakley said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 15 days before the election date, may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

Producers may also vote on a proposition to limit the wheat assessment to a rate not to exceed a maximum of 2 cents per bushel, but would not exceed a maximum of 1.5 cents until the year 2000.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for that district in which he or she resides and to vote on the proposition to limit the assessment rate.

Counties included are:

District I: Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.

District II: Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale and Floyd.

District III: Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young, and Clay.

District IV: All other counties in Texas.

## FSA program to begin soon in Muleshoe

A production training program approved by the Farm Service Agency will begin Feb. 14 in Muleshoe.

The program, "Top Quality Producer," will be presented by the Texas Farmers Training Coop, and the first session of the program will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

The five-part program does not require financial training as a prerequisite. Each part will last six hours.

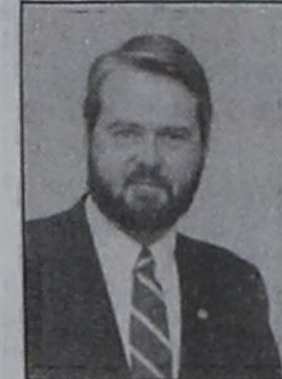
Producers who have already taken the Bottom Line Farming financial training course can take this production program course to complete all FSA training requirements.

For more information and registration, call Bob Detlefsen at (817) 772-2013 or Karen Harlan (806) 546-3200. Registration deadline for this session is Feb. 13.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

**Two Books—One's a winner, the other a doorstop**



As an author, I'm often amazed at the books in the business arena that make it to the top of the best-seller lists. Or, more frequently, I'm surprised at the valuable books that don't make it.

I don't believe a book's success is all in the marketing, the subject or the author's fame. I'm also certain that book publishers don't have the formula entirely figured out either. I do know that some of the best helps for operating a successful business never make the "New York Times" bestseller list.

Such is the case with two books I read recently. One's a dud, but made all the best-seller lists. The other is a winner waiting for discovery.

### First, the winner

*Streetfighter Marketing* by Jeff Slutsky is a winner. If you're in a retail or service business that depends on local customers, READ THIS BOOK.

Slutsky's focus is on how to out-market your competitors without outspending them. You'll find the marketing approach in this book unique and fresh.

*Streetfighter Marketing* begins by introducing you to the "Ten Rules of Streetfighting Success." The rest of the book is filled with details that will help you put together an effective neighborhood marketing program.

What I found especially beneficial about *Streetfighter Marketing* is the common sense approach to winning customers. The concept is one of community networking and local trade-area involvement. *Streetfighter Marketing* gives you several tools to use, many solid examples and dozens of actual success stories.

Slutsky is quick to point out that quality products and services are essential prerequisites to marketing success. "Without a first-rate service or product to offer the customer, creative neighborhood marketing will bring in more customers to see just how bad your product or service is, thereby driving you out of business all the faster," Slutsky said. In other words, good marketing and bad business practice could actually accelerate your failure.

What you won't find in this book are any "all-you-gotta-do-is," "pie-in-the-sky" marketing approaches. Slutsky is a down-to-earth business owner who has personally helped hundreds of clients achieve marketing success. He is a streetfighter who is building his own business one customer at a time.

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with Slutsky and I was impressed with his marketing philosophy. I think you'll find this book an easy read and a good tool to use in building your business.

### The doorstop

*The Dilbert Principle* by Scott Adams is a negative, cynical, supposedly humorous look at management in corporate America. This multi-week, best seller doesn't cut it as a management guide. The back flap promises to reveal the "secrets of management" in 26 provocative, illustrated chapters. It never happens.

The basic premise of the *Dilbert Principle* is that all managers are idiots. Adams proposes that the most ineffective workers are systematically moved to the place where they can do the least damage.—MANAGEMENT.

Here are some "management gems" from the book.

♦ To the manager, the following equation holds true: Employee input equals more work equals bad.

♦ Female success factors: 1. Who you know; 2. Swearing; 3. Education; and 4. What you do.

♦ ... The marketing professionals motto: We're not screwing the customers. All we're doing is holding them down while the salespeople screw them." There are worse examples of Adams' negative, slanted philosophy in the book. You'll also find nearly 400 anti-management cartoons in the book.

My advice: Don't buy the book, don't read the book and forget the cartoons. The *Dilbert Principle* won't help you become successful in business and it won't give you any real management secrets.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Colorado City 4-H'er wins national award

A 4-H Club member from Colorado City has won third place in the junior age division of the National

Make-It-With-Wool Contest in Nashville, Tenn.

Hayley Smith, 16, daughter of Donald and Peggy Smith, represented Texas as one of 33 national finalists in the contest division for ages 13-16. The competition was held in conjunction with the National Sheep and Wool Growers Conference. She received a computer-automated knitting machine, wool yarn and wool fabric.

Smith modeled a 100% wool two-piece outfit, a skirt and jacket, which she had made. The garment had earned her first place in the South Plains District 4-H fashion show in Lubbock last April and first place in the Texas 4-H fashion show at Texas A&M University in June.

An active 4-H member, Hayley is treasurer of the South Plains District 4-H Council.

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# Waste control system offers alternative

An innovative waste management system that may revolutionize the way producers deal with animal waste is located near New Deal.

With over 200 feedlots in the High Plains producing over 5.5 million head of cattle annually as well as other operations that can produce up to 100,000 head of swine at a single location, animal waste management is a major challenge facing the feedlot industry.

In fact, the challenge led two Texas Tech professors, Dr. Nick Parker and Dr. Clifford Fedler, to design, construct and demonstrate a natural, non-mechanical, gravity-flow purification system that can treat animal waste and protect the quality of ground and surface water.

"Currently, there is enough cattle waste produced daily in the Texas High Plains to fill Jones Stadium two times a day," said Parker. "We want to take this economic liability and turn it into an economic asset by demonstrating to producers how effectively constructed wetlands and an aquaculture production system are in removing nutrients from feedlot discharges while producing useable and valuable by-products."

"In demonstrating how the system works, we also want to show producers how they can produce valuable by-products as a means of recovering the cost of nonpoint source pollution control measures," said Parker. "These valuable by-products are produced in various stages of the

conversion process of the livestock-generated biomass (waste)."

The valuable by-products Parker is referring to are micro-organisms, such as the purple sulfur bacteria, aquatic plants, microalgae and fish.

These by-products will be marketed as dietary ingredients in feed for fish, livestock and poultry. Methane gas is the other valuable by-product that will be produced in the system. It will be collected and utilized as an on-site energy source for heating,

drying and producing electricity.

The waste management system that Dr. Parker and Dr. Fedler have designed is a three-stage process comprising a 20-foot deep anaerobic pit surrounded by a facultative lagoon, an aquatic plant pond, and a fish pond.

The system diverts raw feedlot waste into the 20-foot deep anaerobic pit where the animal waste starts breaking down and water purification begins. This breakdown of organic material (waste) creates methane gas, which is captured beneath a

plastic membrane covering the pit.

"The methane gas will be used to heat water and produce electricity on-site," said Dr. Parker. "Exhaust gases and heat from the combustion of the methane gas will be recycled back into the pit to increase the temperature of the water, thus increasing the rate at which the organic material is broken down."

Dr. Parker said that as the waste breaks down, solid materials settle to the bottom of the pit and decompose while the nutrient rich water flows into the surrounding facultative lagoon. In the lagoon, microalgae and purple sulfur bacteria further purify the water by removing some of the nutrients as the water flows through the lagoon.

The purification process continues as the water moves through the first pond where aquatic plants remove nutrients from the water. From here, the water runs into a second pond where fish feed on the growing microalgae, aquatic plants and any organic material that has flowed in from the previous pond. From the last pond, the purified water can be released into the playas to be used for irrigation and to recharge groundwater.

The demonstration project is funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. Funds for the project are administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, which is the lead agency for the state's agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source management program. Funding is provided to implement activities that demonstrate ways to control and prevent nonpoint source pollution associated with agricultural and silvicultural runoff.

Future plans for the project include field days and workshops to demonstrate its benefits and how its animal waste management system operates.

## Breakthrough may leave growers in 'high cotton'

A breakthrough in the way plants are genetically engineered may leave area farmers in high cotton.

Researchers at Texas A&M University have found that gene transfer can actually be accomplished by using the shoot tip, something that used to be considered impossible. Dr. Roberta Smith, a professor in the Soils and Crop Sciences Dept. at Texas A&M University, presented the findings at a recent entomology conference at the university in College Station.

Smith and her graduate students "tweaked" some existing technology to make it adaptable to cotton and basically any other crop. This enables biologists to transfer genes for insect, herbicide resistance or other desirable agronomic traits.

Texas A&M was able to patent the idea because "it was novel enough and the consensus was that it couldn't be done," said Smith.

In the 1980s, scientists found that a common soil bacteria called Agrobacterium could be used in gene transfer. When a plant is wounded, the Agrobacterium will invade its cells and leave a piece of DNA which encourages cell division in the plant. The result is what's commonly known as a crown gall, a callus or wound tissue.

Molecular biologists take out the tumor-producing genes from the Agrobacterium—basically disarming the bacterium—and replace these with the genes that produce the characteristics they want.

In the lab, this was accomplished with cell cultures, so this technology was limited because it was hard to form a plant from only cells of many important crop species.

"In cotton, there are only a couple of cultivars that will reform plants from cell cultures and these are not commercially important cultivars," said Smith.

By crossbreeding these cultivars with commercially important lines of cotton, biologists would eventually get the genes into the cotton cultivar they wanted. But that may take five or six years, Smith said.

By growing the plant from the shoot tip, the new genetically-engineered plant can be produced in about one-fifth of the time.

The horticultural industry had known since the 1950s that plants could be propagated using plant tissue culture. This is used in mass propagation of nursery-type plants, but not in crops such as cotton.

During her graduate work at the University of California-Riverside, Smith found that the shoot tip—the actively growing part that produces the leaves, stems and flowers—could be isolated and grown in "cultures" in a lab into a whole plant.

During the 1980s research on putting foreign genes into plants was successful, however, researchers were running into the problem of

getting the cells to grow back into plants.

"People were very skeptical of (shoot tip) methodology," Smith said. "They took plants and artificially inoculated them with Agrobacterium. But nobody had ever been successful in inoculating and getting a crown gall at the shoot tip. There was a notion that there was some type of defense mechanism that the shoot tip had that protected it from invasion by the Agrobacterium."

"Well, I knew I could get a shoot tip back into a plant. That was my area of expertise as a graduate student."

Smith took the shoot tip and introduced the bacteria to it. The shoot then grows directly into a rooted plant.

They then demonstrated that they were able to apply this gene transfer technique to commercial cultivars of cotton.

"We took that plant to seed and we were able to show in progeny that not only had the gene gotten in, but it was passed on to the next generation and expressed," Smith said.

## Shot clinic is set today

A clinic offering immunizations against several childhood diseases will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. at Dimmitt Middle School.

The clinic will offer vaccines against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps and Hib.

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

## 4-H Foundation scholarship forms are due March 3

County seniors who plan to apply for scholarships through the Texas 4-H Foundation must turn in application forms to the county office by March 3.

Other scholarship deadlines are nearing, too, according to Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent, and some are due by Feb. 15.

Scholarship forms are available at the Extension office, and when picking up an application, students should check to see when the applications are due.

## SEC will send two area students to Washington D.C.

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. will be awarded to two area youths by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 31 years, Swisher Electric has sponsored students on the Government in Action youth tour to Washington, D.C.

Winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 3 at Swisher Electric's offices in Tulia.

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Swisher Electric will have a representative visiting area high schools between Feb. 17 and 28 to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest.

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# Sports



**HELP!** A Sanford-Fritch ballhandler desperately seeks a teammate, but can't find anyone to help her after she's trapped by Dimmitt's Kimberly Newland (left) and Carol Summers (12) Friday night in a District 1-AAA game. The Bobbies clinched a playoff berth with a win over the Lady Eagles Friday, 71-31. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

## Bobbies clinch a playoff berth

Dimmitt's girls clinched a spot in the playoffs last Friday with an easy 71-31 win at Sanford-Fritch.

The win, coupled with a River Road loss to Friona, pushed the Bobbies into a first-place tie with the Lady Wildcats going into Tuesday's games. If the teams are tied at the end of the season, River Road would claim the No. 1 seed because of its two wins over Dimmitt. The No. 2 seed will face the tough Slaton girls in the bi-district game, while the opponent for the No. 1 seed could be Cooper or Brownfield.

The only doubt about the outcome was whether the team would make it to the gym on time. The activity bus which carries varsity teams to games began running very sluggishly just north of Amarillo and made most of the hills in the Canadian River breaks at 15 mph.

The Bobbies did show, and they did play. Anyone grouching about playing time couldn't say anything Friday night, because all nine players on the squad got plenty of action.

The outmanned Fritch girls, who have won just one game all season, saw Dimmitt jump into the lead for good with four minutes gone in the contest. Amber Matthews, who led all scorers with 15 points, put Dimmitt ahead 6-4.

The Bobbies went on to outscore the Lady Eagles 13-0 over the next 2:10, pushing their lead to 17-4 with 1:50 left on Matthews' third basket of the opening quarter. After eight minutes, Dimmitt led by 14, 22-8.

Dimmitt forced 13 turnovers in the first quarter. Fritch ended up with 38 giveaways for the game, thanks to

the tough in-your-face Dimmitt defense.

The offense didn't miss a lick for the first three quarters either. The Bobbies outscored S-F 21-8 in the second quarter to post a 43-16 half-time lead, then outpointed the Lady Eagles 20-7 in the third period for a 63-23 lead.

Everyone on the team got a chance to play a lot, and all had scored by the end of the third period. Dimmitt posted its biggest lead of the night, 68-23, with five minutes left on a basket by Amy Matthews.

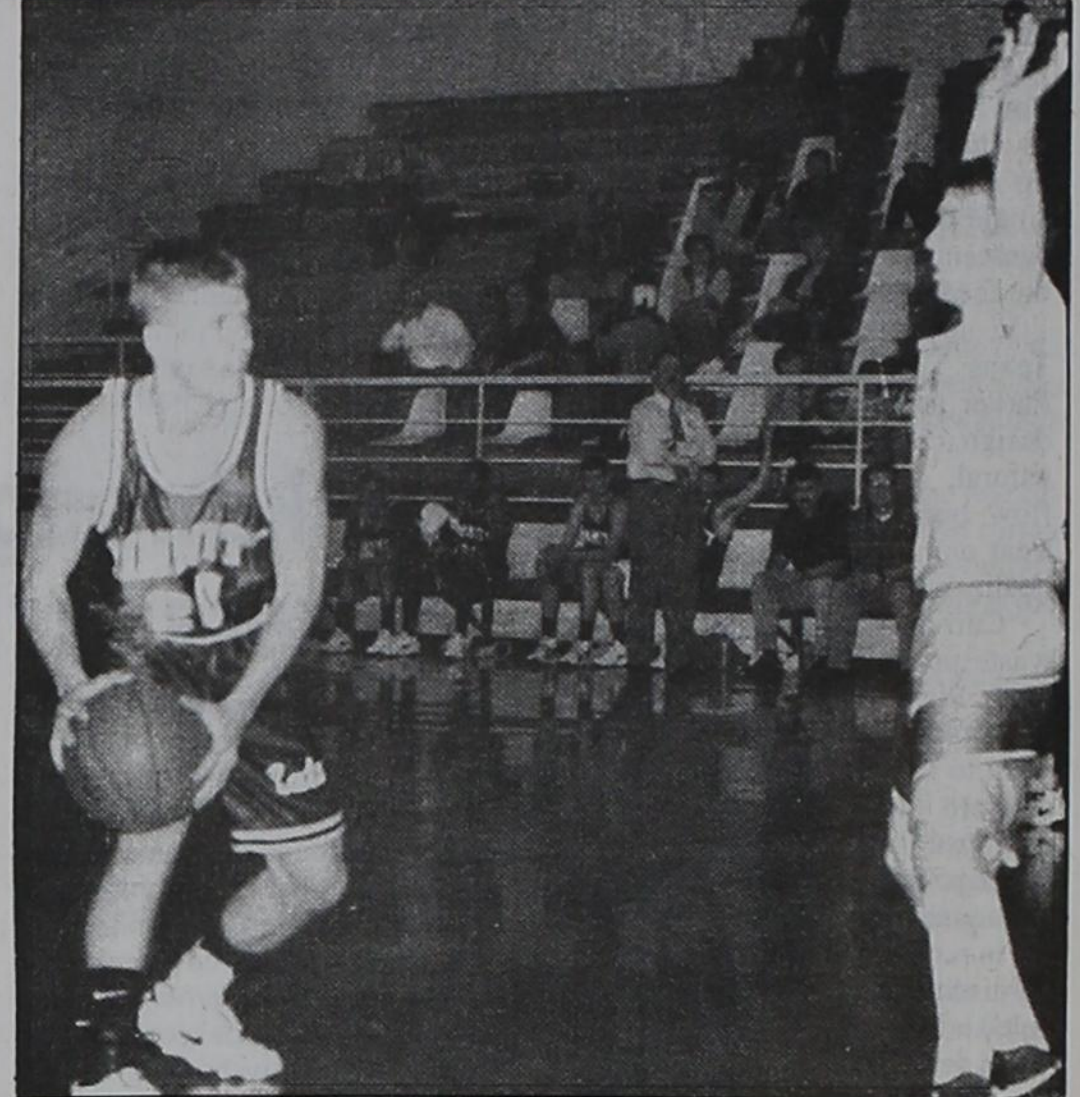
## RES sets book fair

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School will hold an Accelerated Reader Book Fair next week, Feb. 10-14, to encourage students to buy books of their own.

The Book Fair will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Richardson library. Each day of the fair will kick off with special entertainment and prize drawings in the cafeteria.

Next Thursday, Feb. 13, will be Parents' Night for the fair, with parents invited to view the books offered for sale from 6 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale will go to help purchase Accelerated Reader books for the library.



**STUART SUTTON OF DIMMITT (20)** looks underneath the basket for an open teammate Friday against Sanford-Fritch. The Bobcats struggled against the Eagles, but managed to prevail, 57-44. Dimmitt maintained its lead on second place in district with the win. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

## Injury-plagued Cats edge Sanford-Fritch

Dimmitt got another injury score last Friday, but the Bobcats prevailed in a 57-44 win at Sanford-Fritch.

Star wing Brandon Smith left the game three minutes into the first quarter with an ankle injury, tried to return in the second quarter, but left for good after only about a minute on the court.

The injury was offset in part by the return of Charlie Sanders, Jerry Thomas and Casey Smith. Sanders was back after missing four games with an ankle injury, while Thomas and Casey Smith sat out a month after violating the state's no-pass, no-play rules.

Sanders, struggling to get back into playing condition, and Casey Smith each scored four points, while Thomas had six.

Kalem Thomas was the high man early for Dimmitt as the Bobcats jumped to a 9-2 lead in the first quarter. The senior guard got three gift layups after the Bobcats got three straight steals off their full-court press. Fritch got back within three before the Bobcats got a five point cushion, 13-8, at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period, the Bobcats led by as many as eight points on two occasions. Sanders hit two free throws with 4:34 left in the half to put Dimmitt up 19-11, and Jerry Thomas made one of two free throws two minutes later to push the Bobcats to a 21-13 lead.

Dimmitt enjoyed a 26-19 halftime lead, but Fritch came charging back to make things tight in the second half. The Eagles got within two points three times, but twice Jason Nino hit baskets to make it a four-point game, and Brad Beck scored another to put the Bobcats two buckets ahead. Dimmitt led by just four after three periods, 38-34.

The Bobcats asserted themselves in the fourth quarter to take the double-digit win. Derek Buckley had seven points in the fourth period to

help fuel the Dimmitt run. The Bobcats made five baskets in the fourth period, which may have been six if Buckley's last-second shot would have been allowed. Dimmitt also added eight free throws in the period, with Buckley going four-of-four from the line.

## Schmucker nabs basketball honor

Former Nazareth star Melinda Schmucker was honored as the Basketball Player of the Year at the annual ceremonies of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday at Amarillo College.

Schmucker, now a freshman starter for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, led the Swiftettes to their 13<sup>th</sup> state championship last season, her fourth as a starter.

Schmucker's honor was just the latest for last year. She was named the Most Valuable Player on the Class A all-state tournament team, and was the Class A Player of the Year named by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, along with other honors.

Schmucker was the go-to girl for the Swiftettes all season long. She didn't single-handedly win the game, but took over in overtime against Meadow in the finals of the Class A Regional Tournament in Levelland. She became a wrecking crew for Naz to lead them to the Region I-A title, and the Swiftettes went on to claim two easy wins in Austin.

"I want to thank Coach (Johnny) Hampton, and my family and friends," Schmucker said after receiving her award. "I think of all my friends out there as my family."

"I also want to thank God for putting me in a position to win an award like this."

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**PANHANDLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**  
 ... Junior Coffey (right) accepts plaque during Sunday ceremony  
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## More about Junior Coffey . . .

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 book when he graduated high school. The scrapbook was the center of attention at a dinner and reunion Saturday night in Amarillo.  
 "God bless everyone from Dimmitt," Coffey told the crowd. "They taught me to realize that you judge everyone by their individual character."  
 "They also taught me there is a race: the human race."

At the post-induction reception, Coffey recounted his days with the Green Bay Packers. He was with the Packers in 1965 when they won the NFL Championship.

He recalled a night out with some of the other players, including renowned party animal Max McGee. They came in well after curfew. Coach Vince Lombardi fined the others \$25, but fined Coffey \$100.

Coffey said some of his teammates complained on his behalf about the differences in the fines.

"That fine will teach him a lesson that he'll remember, because he is smart and he'll learn a lesson from this," Coffey recalled Lombardi saying. "It doesn't make any difference how much I fine those other guys because they'll just go out and do it again."

"I never missed curfew a single time after that," Coffey said. "They didn't even have to do bed check on me because they knew I was in there."

Coffey also fondly remembered how Lombardi would call a player into his office to review plays on film.

"You hated to hear him say, 'Coffey, come in here,' or, '(Jerry) Kramer, get in here,' because you knew

you were fixing to get chewed on. He'd sit in there and run the films and really get on you. But, he would never, ever embarrass you in front of the team like some other coaches did."

Coffey said the players knew they had the best coach in football, but Lombardi never held that over anyone's head, including his team or game officials.

Coffey recalled one play where Green Bay picked up a fumble behind the line of scrimmage. In the rules of the day, that ball couldn't be advanced by the defense, but that didn't prevent Pro Football Hall of Fame teammate Willie Wood from picking up the pigskin and trotting into the end zone.

The touchdown was nullified, and the Packers got the ball where Wood had recovered it.  
 Lombardi was upset.

"That call is going to cost me my job," Coffey recalled Lombardi yelling at the official. The team broke out in laughter at Lombardi's statement.

Green Bay was ahead of its time when it came to amenities for the team. It is still renowned for trucking "soul food" in for black players to wintry Wisconsin each week.

"We had carpet all through the locker room and had a stereo system with speakers all over the place long before anyone else did," Coffey said. "We used to put The Temptations on the stereo, and Lombardi would come out yelling for us to put Tchaikovsky or someone else on."

"Our facilities were really, really good."



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## Schedule and Scores

Feb. 7—\*Dalhart, There  
 Feb. 11—\*Tulia (Boys), There  
 Feb. 14—\*Perryton (Boys), There

Bobbies	Bobcats
41, Randall 50	85, Randall 78
43, Levelland 64	84, Levelland 62
56, Borger 46	69, Borger 62
71, Lockney 34	64, Palo Duro 76
45, Hereford 50	57, Abernathy 54
<b>Franship Tournament</b>	67, Hereford 57
53, Lubbock High 56	<b>Plainview Tournament</b>
56, Shallowater 60	73, Lubbock Estacado 65
52, Muleshoe 48	69, Sweetwater 62
41, Hereford 59	66, Plainview 60
<b>Levelland Tournament</b>	<i>Champions</i>
19, Slaton 29	63, Caprock 61
89, El Paso Ysleta 47	<b>Seminole Tournament</b>
42, Levelland "Red" 33	66, Denver City 59
<i>Consolation Champs</i>	64, Clint 61
77, *Perryton 65	45, Andrews 47
58, *Tulia 48	50, Seminole 57
54, *River Road 70	<i>Second Place</i>
<b>Caprock Tournament</b>	75, *River Road 53
52, Panhandle 32	<b>Caprock Tournament</b>
55, Claude 58	43, Slaton 38
60, Caprock 53	70, Panhandle 47
50, Friona 46	58, Seminole 60
52, Shallowater 57	49, Canyon 58
51, Cooper 58	77, Cooper 49
74, *Dalhart 50	63, *Dalhart 40
63, *Muleshoe 51	77, *Muleshoe 58
78, *Sanford-Fritch 34	78, *Sanford-Fritch 54
62, *Friona 42	82, *Friona 42
61, *Perryton 55	75, *Perryton 46
63, *Tulia 51	44, *Tulia 45
56, *River Road 60	63, *River Road 45
43, *Muleshoe 41	82, *Muleshoe 60
71, *Sanford-Fritch 31	57, *Sanford-Fritch 44
50, *Friona 41	64, *Friona 48
<b>District Record: 11-2</b>	<b>District Record: 10-1</b>
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<b>FRIDAY</b> Swiftettes 78, Farwell 66 Nazareth 18 17 16 27-78 Farwell 18 9 16 23-66 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 23, Jill Ramaekers 16, Misti Ball 11 and Cassie Birkenfeld 10. Swifts 76, Farwell 69 Nazareth 13 22 17 24-76 Farwell 8 25 14 22-69 SCORING: NAZ—Marcus Brockman 25, Nathan Hoelting 22. Bobcats 57, Sanford-Fritch 44 Dimmitt 13 13 12 19-57 Sanford-Fritch 8 11 15 10-44 SCORING: DIMMITT—Kalem Thomas 12, Cameron Lust 9. Bobbies 71, Sanford-Fritch 31 Dimmitt 22 21 20 8-71 Sanford-Fritch 8 8 7 8-31 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 17, Jacy Buckley 12. Lady Horns 49, Bovina 28 Hart 16 13 12 8-49 Bovina 7 7 7 7-28 SCORING: HART—Ysa Rodriguez 15, Charbra Lee 12. Longhorns 48, Bovina 51 Hart 9 17 13 9-48 Bovina 15 12 13 11-51 SCORING: HART—Michael Pantoja 14, Moses Reyna 13. JV Longhorns 42, Bovina 47 JV Lady Horns 37, Bovina 32 JV Swifts 46, Farwell 53	JV Bobcats 72, Sanford-Fritch 62 JV Bobbies 56, Sanford-Fritch 54 <b>MONDAY</b> 7th Bobbies 38, Friona 21 8th Bobbies 29, Friona 28 7th Bobcats 60, Friona 24 8th Bobcats 35, Friona 21 7th-B Bobbies 40, Friona 8 8th-B Bobbies 30, Friona 19 7th-B Bobcats 30, Friona 25 8th-B Bobcats 26, Friona 11 <b>TUESDAY</b> Longhorns 36, Highland Park 54 Hart 14 12 0 10-36 Highland Park 6 23 6 19-54 SCORING: HART—Moses Reyna 11, Ricky Urbino 10. Lady Horns 49, Highland Park 26 Hart 14 8 13 14-49 Highland Park 3 4 9 10-26 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 15, Ysa Rodriguez 9. Bobcats 64, Friona 48 Dimmitt 18 15 13 18-64 Friona 9 16 16 7-48 SCORING: DIMMITT—Brad Beck 16, Charley Sanders 11. Bobbies 50, Friona 41 Dimmitt 8 7 8 27-50 Friona 7 15 9 10-41 SCORING: DIMMITT—Shawna Kenworthy 17, Heidi Weaver 9. JV Bobcats 71, Friona 52 JV Longhorns 29, Highland Park 46 JV Lady Horns 17, Highland Park 46
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# Swifts snag district crown, beating Farwell from the line

The Nazareth Swifts clinched the district championship Friday night, edging Farwell in a thriller decided in the final two minutes.

Farwell held a lead for almost a minute in the fourth quarter before Nazareth pulled ahead with 1:43 left, then shielded a lead by sinking free throws down the stretch for a 76-69 victory.

The game was a battle of free throws, especially in the second half. Nazareth made 34-of-44 attempts from the line during the game while the Steers hit just 18-of-31 tries.

Neither team shot well from the field. The Swifts finished with 19-of-48 shooting from the field and made four treys while the Steers were 25-of-62 with one three.

The game was a close one from the beginning, and momentum changed sides regularly.

The Swifts had that momentum first, jumping out to a 7-0 lead in the first minute before Farwell scored. Nazareth opened with a free throw by Marcus Brockman, then added consecutive three-pointers by Nathan Hoelting and Bryan Braddock to take the 7-0 lead.

Farwell scored its first points with 6:38 left on a shot by Josh Littlejohn and the Steers were up and running.

An offensive rebound netted Jerred Franse two points, and a tip-in by Brock Anderson pulled the Steers within a point with 3:59 left.

After its first seven-point run,

Nazareth was shut out for more than three and a half minutes.

Farwell took the lead when Anderson scored on an offensive carom with 3:16 left, but that was the last point the Steers would see in the stanza.

Nazareth woke up from its slumber when Billy Don Cannon hit a pair of free throws to give the Swifts a 9-8 lead. Then he scored on an offensive rebound to give the Swifts an 11-8 edge.

Hoelting made it 13-8 with 1:25 when he scored on a fast break, and that's how the first quarter ended.

Nazareth had problems on the boards throughout the game, giving up several offensive rebounds that were converted into Farwell points.

Farwell used two of those plays to cut Nazareth's lead early in the second quarter, then Littlejohn stole the ball and scored to pull his team within two. Franse tied the game at 16 with a pair of free throws at the 6:15 mark.

Brockman kept the Swifts in the game in the second quarter when everyone else went cold. The senior hit four field goals and added a free throw to pace his team. Hoelting managed just six points while Braddock and Bingham had three each.

The score was tied at 18, 19 and 21, 28 and 30 in the second quarter. After that Farwell held a one-point advantage twice in the last minute, but it was the Swifts who managed

the first-half lead, thanks to a three-pointer by Braddock with 50 seconds left for a 35-33 Swift lead.

After Anderson tied the game to start the third, Brockman found nothing but net on a three-pointer. Anderson answered to cut the lead to a point.

Then the second free throw marathon of the evening started.

Hoelting and Brockman each picked up a pair of charity tosses to give the Swifts a 42-37 lead.

A Franse basket cut the lead to two with 2:25 left, but Brockman scored to make it four again.

The Steers kept it close for the rest of the stanza, but Nazareth managed to maintain a slim lead, and was on top 52-47 at the end of the period after Darren Huckert sank two free throws.

Nazareth made just three of its eight field goal attempts in the fourth quarter, but the Swifts made up for the lack of field goals with a big performance from the line, hitting 18-of-24 attempts in the stanza.

Farwell came within a point when Logan Nichols picked up a basket with 6:25 left in the game. The Swifts got four free throws by Braddock in 25 seconds to take a 59-54 lead, but then Farwell went to work.

Farwell guard David Everett sparked a Steer comeback that almost held. He scored with five minutes left, then added a three-pointer with 4:46 remaining to tie the game at 59.

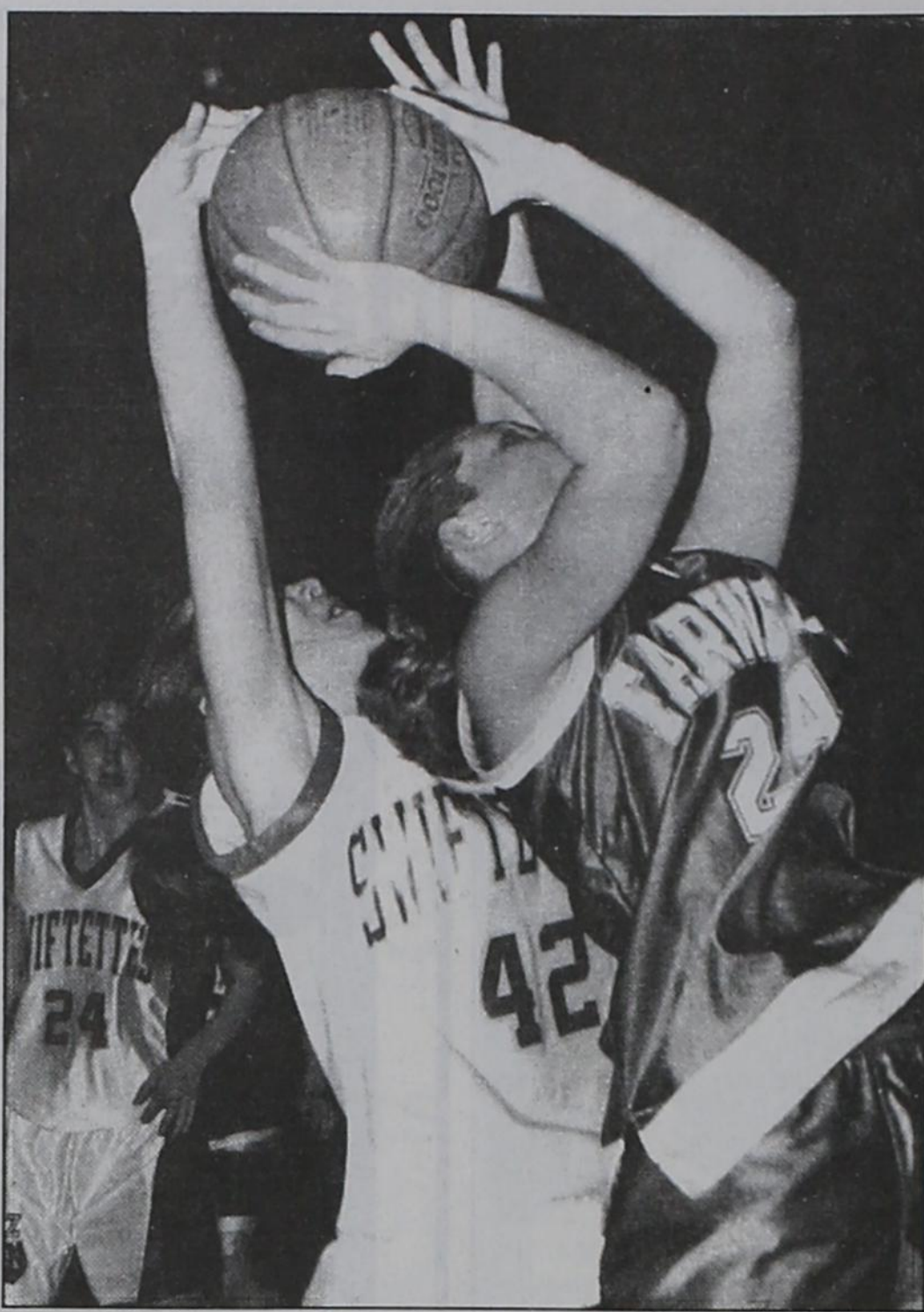
Brockman gave the Swifts a two-point edge seconds later, and that lasted for 10 seconds before Nichols tied it at 61. Everett put the Steers on top 62-61 with a free throw at the 3:35 mark.

Two charity tosses by Hoelting gave Nazareth another one-point edge, then Everett added another free throw to knot it at 63. With 2:47 left Everett gave Farwell its biggest lead, 65-63, then added another point to that with a free throw to make it 66-63.

Nazareth regained the lead with free throws by Hoelting and Brockman, and coasted from there.

Over the final 2:31 Nazareth hit 11 of 14 free throws and added an offensive put-back by Hoelting after one of the missed free throws to secure the win.

Brockman led the Swifts with 25 points, Hoelting added 22 and Braddock finished with 16.



**YOU'RE NOT GETTING THIS SHOT!** Nazareth's Jayme Schmucker (42) goes for the block as Farwell's Candace Travis (24) looks to score Friday in a District 3-A battle at Nazareth. The Swiftettes desperately needed a win to stay alive in the playoff chase and they got it Friday, beating Farwell 78-66.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Lady Horns sew up playoff berth with win

Hart's Lady Horns are headed to the Class AA playoffs.

The Hart girls ensured themselves of a playoff berth Friday night with a big 49-28 victory over Bovina.

The victory moved the Hart girls to 8-0 in district and 18-10 overall, good enough for first place in district with two games remaining (including Tuesday night's games with Highland Park). The Lady Horns can afford to give up one loss out of those two games and will still finish as district champions.

Hart never trailed in the game, and its defense allowed just seven points in each quarter Friday.

Hart was in control after the first quarter, 16-7. By halftime the Lady Horns had opened a commanding 29-14 lead and it was a cake walk after that. Over the final 16 minutes Hart outscored Bovina 30-17 for the big win.

Ysa Rodriguez was the scoring sparkplug for the Swiftettes, finishing with a team-high 15 points. Charbra Lee tossed in 12.

## SHOOT FOR THE STARS!



# Swiftettes stay alive in playoff chase with victory over Farwell

Nazareth's girls took the first step toward winning a chance for a playoff to decide a playoff berth Friday night by downing Farwell, 78-66 in a free throw fest before a standing-room only crowd of around 500 at home.

The Swiftettes sank 17 free throws in the fourth quarter, including eight straight in the last 53 seconds to pull away from the tenacious Lady Blues, who currently are in second place in District 3-A. Happy leads the district race and Nazareth is in third.

The Swiftettes needed the win to have a shot at the playoffs. Now Nazareth must beat Lazbuddie Friday, and hope Happy beats Farwell. That would force the Lady Blues and Swiftettes into a tie for second, and a playoff would be held to see who advances to the bi-district round.

Nazareth's K'Lynn Gerber came out hot Friday, lifting her team to a

10-2 lead with 5:32 left in the period by nailing four free throws and a field goal. She finished with 23 points.

But Farwell's Candace Travis also had something to prove Friday. She scored 33 of her team's 66 points. Of her 33, 20 came from the charity stripe.

Travis scored her team's first eight points, and cut the Swiftette's 10-2 lead to 10-8 with 3:40 left.

Jill Ramaekers sank a three-pointer with 3:21 left to put the Swiftettes up by five, but Farwell answered with a field goal by Veronica Mace.

Ramaekers, who finished with 16 points, hit her second three a minute after the first rattled the nets to put the Swiftettes up 16-10.

Over the rest of the period Farwell outscored Nazareth 8-2, capping the run with a three-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game at 18.

Farwell took a one-point lead seconds into the second when Mace hit a free throw, but Nazareth regained control for good on a shot by Ramaekers with 6:28 left.

Nazareth took a seven-point lead, 29-22 with 3:04 left in the half on a pair of back-to-back shots by Misti Ball, and stayed in control over the rest of the stanza. The Swiftettes finished the quarter by outscoring Farwell 17-9, and a shot by Ramaekers with two seconds left put Nazareth up 35-27 at intermission.

Both teams shot 10 free throws in the first half and made seven of those attempts, but the second half was a marathon from the line.

Nazareth finished the game by

hitting 30-of-38 free throw attempts while Farwell hit 30-of-40.

Travis and Mace went to work early in the second half, scoring four points apiece in the first three minutes to cut Nazareth's lead to three. Then another shot by Mace with 4:47 left made it a one-point Nazareth lead, 39-38.

But the Swiftettes started their treks to the free throw line. Farwell kept it close for the first half of the third quarter.

Ball gave the Swiftettes a 42-39 lead with 3:58 left, then Amy Pohlmeier scored with 2:42 left.

After a shot by Gerber with 1:23 put Nazareth up 46-41, freshman Sara Schulte extended the Swiftettes' lead when she converted a three-point play with 53 seconds left. A shot by Tanya Wethington at the buzzer put Nazareth up 51-43 at the end of the stanza.

The Swiftettes took their biggest lead of the game to start the fourth when Ball scored.

Travis trimmed Nazareth's lead to four with 5:09 left when she hit a three-pointer, then the Lady Steers pulled within two with 3:28 left, 63-61.

Nazareth allowed Farwell to draw no closer. Shots by Ball and Gerber put Nazareth back on top by five with 2:31 left, then the Swiftettes went to work on the line.

Over the final 1:30, Nazareth hit 11-of-12 free throw attempts to pull out the victory.

In addition to Gerber and Ramaekers, two other Swifts scored in double figures. Ball finished with 11 and Cassie Birkenfeld tallied 10.

# Bovina edges Hart in final 10 seconds

The Hart Longhorns gave it everything they had on Friday night, only to watch Bovina claim the victory in the final 10 seconds, 51-48.

Hart started off slow, falling behind 15-9.

But the Longhorns picked up the tempo in the second stanza, paced by Sergio Martinez, who scored all of his five points in the stanza, helping pull Hart within a point at halftime, 27-26.

Hart's defensive effort was better in the second quarter, as well.

Michael Pantoja and Ricky Urbina provided good defense under the basket, limiting Bovina to 12 points in the quarter. Hart's defense also did the job at the guards.

The second half was almost dead even. Both teams scored 13 third-quarter points, and Pantoja came alive in the second half, scoring nine of his team-high 14 points.

Hart had its chances to win in the fourth quarter. With the score tied at 48 with 12 seconds left. Then Bovina's Tony Beauchamp tipped in the ball and was fouled. He made the charity toss to give Bovina the victory.

Moses Reyna's three-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim, and Bovina prevailed.

Hart was led by Pantoja's 14-point performance and Moses Reyna, who chipped in 13 points in the game.

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**NAZARETH'S NATHAN HOELTING** battles two Farwell players for a rebound during action Friday night in Nazareth. The Swifts captured the district championship with a hard-fought victory over the Steers, 76-69. Nazareth trailed by three late in the game, but was able to connect on several free throws down the stretch to take the win. Hoelting finished with 22 points for the Swifts.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



# Hart girls snare 3-AA district title

The Hart Lady Horns captured the District 3-AA championship Tuesday night with a 49-26 victory over Highland Park.

Hart girls are undefeated in district play with just one game left on the regular season schedule—at Hale Center Friday.

But the Lady Horns aren't satisfied yet. They want to go undefeated in district play, and that means beating Hale Center Friday. The first meeting between the two was a nip-and-tuck battle with Hart holding a two-point edge at the buzzer.

Hart is currently 9-0 in district play and 19-10 overall.

Hart didn't play its best game of the year Tuesday night, but they played good enough to totally dominate Highland Park.

The Lady Horns smothered Highland Park's ladies in the first quarter, giving up just three points. By the end of the stanza the Hart girls were in complete control with a 14-3 lead. Highland Park didn't fare much

better in the second quarter, either, scoring a meager four points for seven at the break. The Lady Horns managed eight of their own in the stanza for a 22-7 lead.

"We played good defense, but I think they just couldn't hit anything in that first half," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox. "They shot a lot better in the second half."

Hart's big first-half lead carried the Lady Horns through the second half. After three quarters they were up 36-16, and outscored Highland Park 14-10 in the fourth for the win.

Charbra Lee was Hart's top point-getter with 15 while Ysa Rodriguez finished with 9.

The Lady Horns will take on the runner-up in District 4-AA in the bi-district round next week, but Wilcox said she's not sure who it will be, yet.

"That district's in a mess right now. It could be Abernathy, New Deal or Idalou," Wilcox said.



HART'S MICHAEL PANTOJA (10) gets off a shot before Bovina defenders can stop him Friday in a District 3-AA game. Pantoja led Hart with a stellar second-half performance, but it wasn't enough as Bovina pulled out the win, 51-48, in the final seconds. Pantoja finished with 14 points to lead the Longhorns. Photo by David Knox

# Bobcat rally sinks Bovina on Tuesday

A game Friona boys' team came back from a 13-point deficit to take a brief lead in the third quarter, but Dimmitt went on to outscore the Chieftains 27-8 the rest of the way to claim a 64-48 win Tuesday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The win was the 45<sup>th</sup> in a row by the Bobcats over Friona. Friona last won in a District 3-AA game in 1975. For a while Tuesday, it looked like the streak was in jeopardy, but Dimmitt's second five took over the game in the fourth quarter to wear down Friona.

Dimmitt's first five of Jason Nino, Kalem Thomas, Brad Beck, Charley Sanders and Cameron Lust blitzed Friona early, establishing a big early lead at 14-2 after a Lust basket with 2:20 to play in the opening period. Friona came back to cut the gap to nine, 18-9, at the end of the period.

Beck gave Dimmitt its biggest lead of the game (until late in the fourth quarter) when his trey put Dimmitt ahead 25-12 with three minutes gone in the second quarter. Friona then got hot, outscoring the Bobcats 13-8 the rest of the half to make it 33-25 at halftime.

The Chieftains kept chipping away at the lead throughout the third quarter. Quint Ellis tied the score at 33 on a free throw with 4:43 to play in the

quarter, and Shane Blackburn put the Tribe on top, 41-40, on a basket with 50 seconds left in the third.

As the Bobcats worked the ball on the other end, Beck was fouled as he launched a trey. He calmly sank all three free throws to put Dimmitt on top to stay, 43-41. Sanders hit a trey with two seconds left to push the Bobcats ahead by five, 46-41, after 24 minutes.

Those six points started a huge Dimmitt run. The Bobcats outscored the Chieftains 24-7 over the last 8:31 of the game to take the win.

The second five of Casey Smith, Jerry Thomas, Stuart Sutton, Derek Buckley and Albert Ewing was hot from the get-go in the fourth quarter. Smith (his older brother, Brandon, saw limited time Tuesday after injuring his ankle last Friday) had six points in the period.

Albert Ewing and Jerry Thomas also added buckets to push Dimmitt to a 55-44 lead with 4:30 to play.

The first five closed out the game for the Bobcats, who clinched a play-off spot with the win.

Beck led Dimmitt with 16 points, while Sanders had 11 and Casey Smith scored 10.

The game was the last home outing for seniors Nino, Beck, Lust, Derek Thomas, Brandon Smith and Ewing.

# Revived Bobbies bounce back in second half to win

Given up for dead early in the game, the Dimmitt Bobbies came to life in the second half to take a 50-41 win over Friona on Tuesday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The victory allowed the Bobbies to maintain a share of first place going into the regular season finale Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Dalhart. If the Bobbies and River Road both win Friday, the Bobbies will have the No. 2 seed in the district and will face Slaton in bi-district next week.

If River Road loses its last game, Friday at Muleshoe, and Dimmitt wins, the Bobbies would be the top seed and play either Brownfield or Lubbock Cooper.

Turnovers were the difference in the game. Dimmitt had 20 miscues in the first three quarters. The Bobbies had just one turnover in the fourth period, coming with 1:17 left in the game and the Bobbies ahead 48-41.

Friona dominated the first 24 minutes of the game. Friona jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 5:45 to play in the first quarter, but didn't score again for 8:13. Meanwhile, Dimmitt surged back to take the lead at the end of the first quarter, 8-7, on a basket by Kimberly Newland with 1:12 to play in the period.

After a sluggish run by both teams for the first five minutes of the second period, the Squaws asserted themselves late in the half. After Jacy Buckley got the Bobbies within one, 16-15, with 1:32 to play in the second quarter, Friona scored six straight points to retire at halftime with a 22-15 lead.

In the third quarter, Friona jumped out to an 11-point lead, 26-15, on an Amber Martin basket with 5:55 to go. Friona still led by nine, 30-21, after a Sandra Gonzales free throw with 1:13 to play in the third. Heidi Weaver scored late in the period to make it 30-23 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was all Bobbies, and almost all Shawna Kenworthy. The sophomore guard had 15 of her 17 points in the fourth period, including seven free throws.

Weaver tied the score at 35 with 6:05 to play. After Friona came back to take the lead, Kenworthy tied it back up with two free throws with 3:50 to go. Ten seconds later, Kenworthy stole the ball and drove coast-to-coast to give the Bobbies a 39-37 advantage.

The basket was just the seventh and eighth points Kenworthy scored in the period. She scored seven more, making seven of eight free throws in the final quarter.

Amber Matthews, scoreless the first three periods, knocked down two shots in the last eight minutes, and Buckley, Stephanie Hinojosa and Amy Matthews also scored clutch points down the stretch to give Dimmitt the crucial win.

Carrie Bradley, the lone senior for the Bobbies this year, was introduced before the game and received a standing ovation. Bradley is facing knee surgery, perhaps today (Thursday), after tearing both ligaments in her left knee two weeks ago.

## Police Calls

Deputies received a report of an assault at Roadside park Saturday night. Investigation is continuing.

Rafael Rios of Dimmitt told police Friday morning that someone broke a window out of his car at the Azteca Complex. The damage was estimated at \$100.

A 56-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for public intoxication early Monday.

Two people were picked up on warrants. A 35-year-old Hereford woman was jailed Jan. 28 on a Potter County warrant, and a 53-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Monday afternoon on a Hale County warrant.

Two accidents were reported this week.

Friday, a Randall County Sheriff's Dept. vehicle was damaged when it struck a pressurized gas cylinder that fell off a truck on FM 168 north of Nazareth. Damage was rated light and no injuries were reported. Driver of the truck carrying the cylinder was Donald Brogdon of Amarillo. He was ticketed for an unsecured load. Brogdon had been traveling north and the deputy was driving south.

## LIVE SPORTSCASTS

### Friday:

6:00 p.m.....Bobbies vs. Dalhart  
7:30 p.m.....Bobcats vs. Dalhart

### Tuesday:

7:30 p.m.....Bobcats vs. Tulia

### Daily, M-F:

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## Growing and Going

Our Emergency Medical Services department is still growing. We now have 24 paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians on the team to provide round-the-clock emergency service throughout the county.

And soon we'll have three more. Julie Johnson and Harvey Perez, both of Hart, are attending paramedic school in Hereford and plan to join the Plains Memorial EMS staff as soon as they're certified—probably this summer. Also, Jason Jackson of Dimmitt is attending paramedic school at Amarillo College.

Our newest resident EMT is Shawn Ewing, a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School, who has been with us a month. He also is taking paramedic training in Hereford.

(Most of our EMS team members are part-timers who also have other jobs. They rotate their on-call time, and are compensated for their service calls.)

When you need an ambulance or emergency medical care at home or at the scene of an accident, these are the

people who provide it.

Under the supervision of Shane Lindsey, our EMS team makes 50 to 70 ambulance calls per month inside Castro County. All patients are brought to Plains Memorial Hospital first, then most are transferred to metro hospitals in Amarillo or Lubbock for specialized care.

Our hospital uses three ambulances—one equipped for basic life support and the other two for advanced life support. In addition, we have access to air-ambulance helicopters from both Amarillo and Lubbock.

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# What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 6-14.

**DIMMITT**  
**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
 THURSDAY: No school.  
 FRIDAY: No school.  
 MONDAY: Italian Spaghetti with ground beef, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, French bread and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Pizza supreme, mixed vegetables, cantaloupe and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, watermelon and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Corn dogs, pork and beans, fruit fantasy and milk.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
 THURSDAY: No school.  
 FRIDAY: No school.  
 MONDAY: Choice of Italian Spaghetti with meat, ravioli with meat sauce or beef tacos; savory green beans, potato wedges or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; French bread, hot rolls, Spanish rolls or corn tortillas; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, grilled cheese with a bowl of soup or beef and bean burrito with chili; potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or watermelon; hamburger salad, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; crackers, muffins, cornbread, tortilla chips or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza supreme, lasagna with ground beef or green enchilada casserole; mixed vegetables, Mexipinto beans or cantaloupe; tossed salad with dressing, raw spinach salad, applesauce or taco condiment salad; French bread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, refried beans or mashed potatoes with gravy; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrot-raisin salad; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of baked cajun fish, corn dogs or enchiladas; potato wedges, pork and beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or coleslaw; cornbread, cheese rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**HART**

**Elementary School**  
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; quick-baked potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Hamburger basket, pizza, hot dog on a bun with chili; potato chips, gelatin dessert, peaches, Rice Krispie bar, dill pickles and milk.  
 MONDAY-FRIDAY: Not available.

**Junior High and High School**  
 THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; quick-baked potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or hot dog on a bun with chili, potato chips, gelatin dessert, peaches, Rice Krispie bar, dill pickles and milk, punch or tea.  
 MONDAY: Choice of beef stew with cornbread or toasted cheese sandwich, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, gelatin dessert, quick baked potatoes, salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, sliced cheese, banana pudding and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Bean and cheese burrito, corn, gelatin dessert, pineapple, whole wheat sugar cookie, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, gelatin dessert, rolls, salad, Cherry cobbler and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of barbecued ribs on a bun or bean burrito, dill pickles, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, Longhorn cookie, fresh fruit, potato chips and milk.

**NAZARETH**

THURSDAY: \*Chicken fried steak with roll or corn dogs, salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit salad, pineapple and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school!

MONDAY: \*Chili dogs or baked potatoes, salad, broccoli, peaches, pears and milk.  
 TUESDAY: \*Tater tot casserole or pizza, salad, corn, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk.

WEDNESDAY: \*Spaghetti with roll or corn dogs, salad, beans, pineapple, apples and milk.  
 THURSDAY: \*Baked chicken with bread or hamburgers and French fries, salad, rice, pears, apples and milk.

FRIDAY: \*Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, peaches, dessert and milk.

(\*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)



**THE RAGTIME MAN**  
 ... Max Morath will perform Feb. 24 in Hereford

## 'Ragtime Man' to perform in Hereford on Feb. 24

The Hereford Community Concert Association will feature Max Morath, *The Ragtime Man*, in concert on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorium.

This is the second presentation of the 1996-97 concert season. Admission is by season membership. Student tickets are available for those interested.

Morath, a pianist, singer and humorist, presents a musical glance at an earlier America, blending music, humor and satire in a bright and affectionate look at another era. He takes his audiences on a rollicking musical tour from the "Naughty Nineties" to the "Roaring Twenties."

The Community Concert Association will sponsor the Amarillo Little Theater production of "Always, Patsy Cline" on Friday night, April 11 at the Hereford High School Auditorium. The final concert of the membership series will feature the "Dodge City Cow-Boy Band" on April 14.

Students interested in attending the concerts may call (806) 364-5345 or (806) 364-3486.

# Chamber Banquet slated for Feb. 15

Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia, world-famous artist and professional speaker, will be the featured speaker at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet, scheduled for Feb. 15 in Dimmitt.

The 48th annual banquet will begin at 7 p.m. at the Castro County Expo Building. Theme for this year's banquet is *Hitch Your Wagon to a Star*. During the banquet, the chamber will recognize its *Citizen of the Year*, *Citizen Through the Years* and *Teacher of the Year*.

In addition to Wyatt's talk, a special performance by the Ramblin

Rascals will entertain guests. The banquet will feature a steak dinner with all the trimmings, catered by the Methodist Men.

Tables will be decorated by Chamber member businesses, and special recognition will be given to the funniest (Rodeo Clown Award), most original or unique (Maverick) and People's Choice (Cattle Baron Award).

Banquet tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 at the Chamber office in Dimmitt, or for \$16 at the door.

For more information contact Shelly Nutt at 647-2524.

## Cotton Talks

Year-end comparisons between Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing Offices indicates the 1996 crop was very high in quality in addition to being a pleasant surprise in regard to total production.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, figures from area cotton classing offices indicate the 1996 crop totaled 3,085,370 running bales compared to 1995's total of 2,576,979 running bales classed through Feb. 8.

This marks an increase of about 19.7% in area-wide production despite the fact that as many as 800,000 acres of cotton were unable to be planted or were lost during the season.

When converted to statistical (480-pound) bales the 1996 crop jumps to 3,193,358 bales, up from 1995's eventual total of 2,629,300 480-pound bales. Final county production figures will be released by USDA at a later date.

Readings for color and strength

appear to be lower on average than those seen in the 1995 crop. Measurements for Micronaire appear to have dropped slightly at Lamesa but increased slightly at Lubbock.

Length appears to be slightly higher in 1996 at both locations. Base quality for the 1996 Upland Cotton Loan is Color 41 and Leaf 4.

Color grades appear to be about the same for grades 21 and 31 and grades 22 and 32 at both the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices. Leaf grades show a decrease with more bales receiving grades 2 or 3.

"The 1996 crop proved to be just as unpredictable as the weather in West Texas," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Early season expectations were much below our actual level of production due to the favorable weather patterns that developed across the area while the crop was fruiting."

Production dropped greatly in the Lamesa region with that office classing 451,291 bales in 1996. This is down from 1995's total of 619,279 bales.

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services through a network of 40,000 locations across the country.

All processing of mailed-in bills for both of the merged companies will be handled by Amarillo National Bank. It is expected to amount to more than 1 million bills per month.

Also, a new central call center will begin operation later this year, with trained service representatives available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to answer questions about electric service, including billing, appliance repair, conservation and other subjects, as well as handling requests for new service. After the call center is opened, a toll-free "800" phone number will be publicized.

"This change will mean customers will have access to information about their accounts at more convenient hours," said David M. Wilks, president and chief operating officer of SPS.

"The changes in local offices relate only to customer-accounting operations, not service operations," Wilks said. "Of course, there will be no change in our availability 24 hours a day every day to handle outage calls and other emergencies."

Wilks said the changes are critical to keeping SPS a competitive, low-cost energy provider for homes and businesses. He added that the billing changes alone will save more than \$1 million in the first five years, compared with the current method of processing bills.

"Even without the merger, we would have needed to do this to remain competitive in today's business climate," Marsh said. He pointed out that other local utilities have already made similar adjustments, citing the phone company and cable television provider.

"We have the cheapest rates in the state of Texas," Marsh said. "It is all for the good of our customers and keeping our rates down."

The planned workforce reduction for SPS includes elimination of 418 jobs throughout its service area. Of that number, 169 have already been achieved through merger-related hiring freezes and attrition.

"We regret having to reduce our work forces; we greatly value all of our employees," said Bill D. Helton, SPS chairman and chief executive officer, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies. "But we find that we must make these changes to continue to prepare for the future."

"We have worked the past year and a half to prepare to operate as a low-cost, competitive, combined company. We chose not only to look at savings and efficiencies directly related to the merger, but also at customer convenience, new business practices and, especially, savings for our customers," Helton said.

**Drought takes toll on Texas cattle inventory**

The Texas cattle inventory dropped 6% from last year to 14.1 million head as drought conditions across the state forced many producers to liquidate their herds.

"These numbers reflect the seriousness of the drought to our livestock industry which was hit by a triple whammy during the spring and early summer," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. "Poor pastures, short hay supplies and high feed costs forced many producers to begin selling parts of their herds."

Figures from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service show that the drought added \$589 million to producers' feed bills last year.

Heavy herd liquidations also drove cattle prices down during the spring and summer at Texas auction markets.

"Texas had an education in Economics 101 last year, and unfortunately, agriculture was the teacher," Perry said.

Both the Texas and US cattle inventories had been in a building phase during the past seven years. The Jan. 1, 1997, Texas inventory is the lowest cattle inventory since 1993. The US inventory totaled 101.2 million head, down 2% from last year.

The Texas calf crop during 1996 totaled almost 5.3 million head, down 5% from 1995, and was the smallest calf crop since 1992.



**SOJOURNER TRUTH**—Hope Shiver presents a program Monday afternoon at Dimmitt High School about the life of the famed abolitionist and women's rights crusader. She also gave two performances at Dimmitt Middle School, in which she portrayed Harriet Tubman, the conductress of the Underground Railroad. She was assisted in her storytelling and singing by her husband and daughter, David and Abby Keetman.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

**Hospital board okays tax abatement plan for four industries**

The hospital board granted five-year tax abatements of 25% to 50% last Thursday night to four businesses that have invested more than \$2.6 million within the local Enterprise Zone.

The Castro County Hospital District is the fourth local taxing entity to grant abatements to Westway Trading Corp., Cerestar USA, North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc., and Gomax Foods. The Dimmitt Independent School District, the City of Dimmitt and Castro County already had okayed abatements under a formula proposed by the Economic Development Committee.

Purpose of the tax abatement program is to encourage and reward job-creating business expansions and start-ups within a zone where residents are largely low-income or underemployed.

Cerestar, Gomax and North Gin will receive 25% abatements on their hospital district property taxes for five years. Westway, with the largest investment amount (\$1.3 million), will have its property taxes abated by 50% for five years and by 25% for five more years.

Wayne Collins, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said the hospital district will give up \$3,416 per year in property-tax income from the four businesses while gaining \$5,698 per year in new tax income from the added values. During the second five years, the district will abate \$1,137.50 per year (all Westway's) while its per-year added income from the four businesses climbs to \$7,976.50.

After 10 years, the district will receive full income of \$9,114 per year from the gained valuation, Collins said.

All projections were based on the hospital district's present tax

rate of 35 cents per \$100 valuation.

Fred Bruegel of Westway, Richard Stahl of Cerestar, Glenn Odum of Gomax and Jim Bradford of North Gin explained their operations and expansions to the board and estimated the number of new jobs their investments would create. Collins urged the board to approve the tax abatements.

"There's not a one of these businesses that couldn't get these benefits in other communities," Collins said. "If we will take care of business here in Dimmitt and treat these businesses right, some of them are in position for major expansions in the future."

He added, "We feel that Cerestar's \$12 million expansion in 1989-90 was a direct result of our tax abatement plan. Texas is one of the highest property-tax states in the nation, and they could have invested elsewhere."

"It's absolutely crucial to our community to create a favorable business climate for these companies," Collins said.

**Chamber offers chances on print**

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is selling chances on a print of a Kenneth Wyatt painting that will be given away at the annual Chamber Banquet, set for Feb. 15. Wyatt is slated to be the speaker for the event, and will autograph the print.

Chances may be purchased for \$2 each or three for \$5 from any chamber board member or at the chamber office.

Also, a Kenneth Wyatt designer necklace will be given away as a door prize at the banquet.

**County residents should ask for new vehicle purchases to be registered here**

When you buy a new or used vehicle in another county, be sure to have the dealer send the vehicle registration fee, sales tax and title application to the Castro County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

Otherwise the dealer may register your vehicle in his own county and Castro County will miss out on a significant source of revenue.

Tax Assessor-Collector Billy Hackleman explained that a vehicle can be registered in the home county of the owner, the dealership or the lienholder.

Since Castro County has no new-car dealers anymore, Hackleman would like to see the county at least benefit from the fees and sales tax on new cars and trucks purchased by the people here.

Effective Jan. 1, 1996, motor vehicle dealers are required to complete and file all documents necessary to transfer title to the motor vehicle and/or register the motor vehicle in the name of the purchaser. In addition, a licensed dealer is required to collect and remit any applicable sales tax to the appropriate county tax collector.

Applications for title and registration may continue to be filed by licensed dealers through the county in which the purchaser resides, or the county in which the vehicle is sold or encumbered.

"It used to be that when you bought a car you could bring the papers back to our county to register it," said Hackleman. "Under the new

provisions of the law, dealers are required to file the necessary papers with the appropriate county tax collector."

Hackleman said dealers don't understand that they can send the paper to the tax assessor-collector's office in Castro County by certified mail.

"They don't have to file them in their own county," said Hackleman. "The dealer has to collect the sales tax, but he can send the sales tax, the title papers, title application and registration fee to the customer's home county and we can register it here. Otherwise, Castro County loses out on the sales tax, title fees and registration fees and that amounts to a lot of money during a year."

**City to enhance large-item pickup**

The city trash disposal crews will continue to pick up large items left in city alleyways, but the city council voted Monday night to authorize City Works Dept. Supervisor Ralph Salinas to come up with an economical way of installing a winch or other type of lift for use by the crew that runs the flat bed truck used for picking up large items.

City manager Don Sheffy told the council that a new winch-type lift could cost as much as \$8,000 to \$10,000. He expressed confidence that Salinas could come up with a cheaper device.

Cindy Pottorff, librarian of Rhoads Memorial Library, asked the council for an increase in city fund-

ing for the library for the remainder of the fiscal year. She said the Green Thumb program, which had been paying the salary of a part-time worker at the library, has decided to eliminate the funding for that worker. Pottorff asked the city to supply half of the cost of hiring an individual to work an average of 17 hours per week.

Pottorff said the employee who is being released from the Green Thumb program became ineligible due to the sale of some property, which put her over the income guidelines. Pottorff suggested hiring that employee back again, only not under the Green Thumb program, which declined to fund a different employee for the position, saying

they need to cut back on expenses.

The council voted to approve filling the part-time position, provided that the county would pay the other half of the cost. Additional funding for the next fiscal year would be included in budget plans.

The city council voted unanimously to continue the business retention program started last year as an encouragement for local businesses.

Chamber Executive Director Shelly Nutt told the council that the retention program has not cost as much as was projected for the year.

She told the council the purpose of the retention program was to recognize existing businesses in Dimmitt, develop public awareness of existing businesses and industry in Dimmitt, and to provide assistance to existing businesses.

Nutt said that one business is featured each month, with those selected being chosen by a random drawing from among paid-up chamber members.

In other business, the council: —Asked City Attorney Jack Edwards to look into whether the city has the authority to ban the sale of beverages in glass, throw-away bottles.

—Asked that the baseball field lights be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**Harvest Days set Aug. 17-23**

The Castro County Fair Committee tentatively selected the week of Aug. 17-23 for this year's celebration of Harvest Days, with the traditional parade slated for Aug. 23.

The Fair Committee met Monday night to name officers and discuss activities for the annual celebration, which will have the theme of "Stars Over Castro County."

Bill Henderson was named president of the committee, with Emma Jean King as vice president, Reta Welch as secretary and Polly

Simpson as treasurer.

Activities discussed included the parade, the county fair, the children's tractor pull, jar games, a 4-H fashion show, the pet show, fiddlers' contest, taekwon do and gymnastics exhibition, performance by local choir students, cow patty bingo, and the possible addition of a children's construction booth.

The next meeting of the committee was tentatively set for April 28 at 7 p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room.

**Good Luck!**

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22—Notices

**Sunnyside** with Teeny Bowden

Clara Vick and Teeny Bowden made the annual report of the Castro County Historical Commission to the commissioner's court Monday morning.

R.V. Bills was in the hospital in Dimmitt from Tuesday until Thursday while they were getting his heart regulated. The Home Health nurses visit him every day at home. Rev. Bennie Wright visited him in the hospital on Tuesday.

Glenda Mae Bratcher of Roswell, Joyce Wright's aunt, died last Sunday from injuries she suffered in an earlier auto accident. Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright attended the funeral services in Hobbs, N.M., on Wednesday.

Larry Odom of San Angelo came to Dimmitt Monday to visit his parents, the M.B. Odoms and help them get his brother, Bruce settled in with them. He also brought Leslie Loudder home for a visit until Thursday when Leslie went back to San Angelo. Alton Loudder visited with Leslie Wednesday. He is real weak, but is up and around. Larry helped him repair his backhoe, which Leslie thought he had broken. It wasn't broken.

Sandra Duke of Canyon came after church Sunday and spent the day with her parents, Robert and Frances Duke.

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright attended the Evangelist Rally for the Llano Altos Association in the First Baptist Church of Littlefield Sunday evening.

Teeny Bowden attended the January meeting of the Castro County Historical Commission Meeting in Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt Thursday afternoon. Others present were Becky Stovall, a new member; Madge Robb, Martha Jo Hyman, Clara Vick, Norman Nelson, Lynn West and Joan Durbin.

Hershel and Retha Wilson had as their dinner guests Sunday Debbi and her friend, Leslie Mills, Lonnie and Renee, Jessica, Andra and Flossie Jones of Olton.

Hershel and Retha Wilson went to

Northwest Texas hospital Thursday to be with David Hutson while Karen Hutson underwent surgery. They visited with her a few minutes when she got out of recovery. She did well and came home Friday.

Teeny Bowden visited Saturday evening by phone with Naomi Brown. She is doing okay. She had been to Amarillo to see Lynn Wednesday. He and all other dialysis patients now dialyze at High Plains Baptist Hospital since the merger with St. Anthony's Hospital. Lynn is still on crutches, but he is now on the list for a kidney transplant and maybe a pancreas transplant. The foot that had the big hole in it is now well.

LaWanda Wilson had a letter recently from Marvaline Durham, daughter and only child of Rev. and Mrs. Durham, a former pastor here. Her husband, John Rossi, was diagnosed with a low-grade lymphoma in June 1995. He has been on chemotherapy ever since.

The disease is manageable and under control so he is able to work and maintain a full schedule. They have two daughters, Melinda, the older one, is married and has two sons. She works as a supervisor of support personnel for the San Jose office of the FBI. She has worked for the FBI many years. Heather, the younger one, is finishing her second year at West Valley College. She will then transfer to San Jose University to major in communicative disorders and will go into the field of speech therapy/pathology.

Marvaline still teaches fourth grade at Los Gatos Christian School. She is in the middle of her 31st year of teaching.

Brother Durham died of leukemia in Dallas on Dec. 28, 1975. Mrs. Durham died of bone cancer on Feb. 22, 1976, in Lubbock. They are buried in Dallas.

Have you seen the "Hale-Bob" Comet yet? It is in the northeastern sky and is moving west. It will look like a star now and you might not be able to see it with the naked eye, but it will get brighter and will be as large as the moon later on. They say 4 a.m. is the best time to look for it now, I believe.



**STATE-BOUND QUARTET**—This flute quartet from Dimmitt High School, including (from left) Kristen Doss, Lindsey Welch, Crystal Stevens and Miranda Turner will compete in the state UIL Solo

and Ensemble contest later this year. They qualified for state after capturing a Division I rating on a Class I flute quartet piece Saturday at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest in Canyon. Photo by Anne Acker

**Flute quartet qualifies for state**

A quartet of flutists from Dimmitt High School performed beautiful music Saturday during the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition, and their efforts earned them a trip to state.

II rating for his snare drum solo and Michelle Leinen received a Division II rating for her B Flat Clarinet solo. In the junior high competition,

Dimmitt's Rachal Harman and Dana Gonzales earned Division I ratings. Gonzales performed a flute solo while Harman played a clarinet solo.

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25—Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS TO CONTRACTORS**

Castro County Hospital District is accepting sealed bids to renovate the northeast wing of Plains Memorial Hospital to comply with city, county, state and federal regulations in creating a Geriatric Psychiatric Unit.

Plans, specifications, documents, site surveys and other data may be obtained by contacting Mark McDonald at Plains Memorial Hospital at 310 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Sealed bids will be required to be delivered by Feb. 24, 1997, by 9 a.m. to Mr. Joe Sloan in the C.E.O.'s office at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Sealed bid opening will be in the C.E.O.'s office at 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 24, 1997.

In reviewing bids, Castro County Hospital District will consider the bidders' safety records. The Hospital District reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids.

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**LEGAL NOTICE NO. 2251**

THE ESTATE OF F.P. SCHACHER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF F.P. SCHACHER, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of F.P. Schacher were issued on Feb. 3, 1997, in Cause No. 2251 pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to EDWIN SCHACHER and EUGENE SCHACHER, whose addresses are as follows: EDWIN SCHACHER, HCR 2, Box 11, Nazareth, Texas 79063; and EUGENE SCHACHER, HCR 1, Box 89A, Friona, Texas 79035.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to EDWIN SCHACHER and EUGENE SCHACHER at the above addresses.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 1997.  
 EDWIN SCHACHER and EUGENE SCHACHER  
 Joint Independent Executors of the Estate of F.P. SCHACHER, Deceased  
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**LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2249**

THE ESTATE OF LEONARD SCHULTE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEONARD SCHULTE, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of LEONARD SCHULTE, Deceased, were issued to JEANNETTE SCHULTE on the 28th day of January 1997, in the proceedings indicated below, which are still pending and that she now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to her, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following address: JEANNETTE SCHULTE, HCR 2, Box 32, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

25-44-11c

**Springlake raising funds for community building**

Springlake citizens are holding a Chili and Western Music evening Feb. 21 to raise money for restoration of the old Springlake Church of Christ building for use as a community center.

The Country Blue Grass Performing Ensemble from South Plains College will provide music, along with a surprise group of entertainers comprised of local residents.

A meal of chili will be served. Donations will be accepted with all funds going toward the restoration project.

Serving starts at 6 p.m., with the music slated to start around 7.

"This building, built in 1935, was donated to the town of Springlake. It is the oldest building remaining in the town and has a lot of history," said Mary Washington.



MELINDA SCHMUCKER (right) of Nazareth accepts a plaque honoring her as Panhandle Sports Basketball Player of the Year. Schmucker was honored along with other players of the year Sunday afternoon during the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies at Ordway Hall in Amarillo. Also during the ceremony, former Dimmitt football standout and pro football player Junior Coffey was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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# Obituaries

## Bobby Dean Bossett

Bobby Dean Bossett, 41, of El Paso, son of B.C. Bossett of Dimmitt, and the late Lewie Bossett, died Jan. 28.

Graveside services were held in El Paso.

Mr. Bossett was born May 4, 1955. He attended school in Dimmitt and served in the US Army. He was preceded in death by his father and a son, Zachery.

Survivors include his mother; a son, Tracy Bossett; four daughters, Tania Scott, Cantrell Lawry, Tammy Lawry and Valerie Bossett; three sisters, Gwen Lewis, Roberta Bossett and Mary Compton; four brothers, Bernard Bossett, Athel Bossett, Floyd Bossett and Larry Bossett; and a host of nieces and nephews.



## Ferne Dickey

Ferne Dickey, 75, longtime Dimmitt resident, died at 11:45 p.m. Sunday after a brief illness.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Dickey was born July 2, 1921, in Elmer, Okla. She moved to Dimmitt in 1955 from Albuquerque, N.M. She married Floyd Dickey on Feb. 3, 1936, in Hollis, Okla. He died March 21, 1981.

She owned and operated Dickey's Cafe in Dimmitt from 1956 to 1962, and worked with her husband in Dickey's Dozer Service from 1962 to 1975. She was a member of Castro County Senior Citizens.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Suzanne Axe of Lubbock and Marilyn Beam of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Brent Beam, Chris Sierp, David Arterburn, William Bulkley, Jeff Newman, Daniel Bulkley and Steve Hunter.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt 79027.

## Katherine June Rice

Services for Katherine June Rice, 63, of Amarillo, former Dimmitt resident, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with Ben Mereness of Southwest Church of Christ officiating. Private burial will follow in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Rice was born in Hot Springs, N.M. and grew up in Dimmitt. She married Royce Rice in 1949 at Clovis, N.M. They moved to Amarillo in 1956. She was a bookkeeper for Don Reed's interior design for 15 years. She also kept books for the family business, Amarillo Battery Co. She was a member of Southwest Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jill Howe, in 1991.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Pamela Lynn Lummus of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

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# More about Hospital Board . . .

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during the same period in 1996, Sloan reported. In December, the hospital provided 52 PT treatments, vs. 48 in December '95.

Patient visits by the growing Home Health Agency increased from 4,520 during the last eight months of 1995 to 11,420 during the same period of '96. The HHA made 1,866 home patient visits in December '96, compared with 698 in December '95.

During the May 1-Dec. 31 time period, ambulance runs were up from 292 in 1995 to 421 in '96.

The number of lab tests was down, from 9,241 during the last eight months of 1995 to 8,685 from May 1 to Dec. 31, '96. The hospital lab performed 1,038 tests in December '96, vs. 1,133 in December '95.

Respiratory therapy treatments during the comparison period were down by 27% from the previous year, although the RT Dept. provided more treatments in December '96 (184) than in December '95 (108).

Average daily patient census in Plains Memorial Hospital increased from 4.96 in 1995 to 6.34 in 1996. The hospital had an average of 8.23 patients per day in December '96, compared with 5.06 in December '95.

Total patient days increased from 157 in December '95 to 255 in December '96. For the year, the totals were up by 22%.

◆ The hospital board also:

—Approved tax abatements for four local industries that have made significant expansions within the local Enterprise Zone. (See separate story.)

—Learned that during a site survey by the state in preparation for the establishment of a new geriatric/psychiatric service, the hospital was found to be "totally out of compliance with the electrical code" and that it will cost \$100,000 to \$150,000 eventually to get the electrical facilities up to state specifications.

—Approved \$8,000 in expenditures to purchase two new pentium-processor computers and upgrade six other hospital computers to pentium technology.

—Discussed new services being planned for the Medical Center of Dimmitt, and how the space requirements for these new services

might affect the leases of the building's other occupants.

—Heard a presentation on a group health insurance plan for hospital district employees, and appointed a three-person committee to get more information and approve a plan before the next meeting.

—Heard updates on a proposed nuclear medicine service, a community health plan, accounting consultant contracts, office moves and remodeling in the hospital,

physician recruitment, and a proposed contract to provide CT-scan service here.

## Fireman of Year named

Stanley Maurer was named Fireman of the Year for 1996 by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department at the department's annual awards banquet last Thursday night.

Also at the banquet, officers were named and service awards were presented.

Officers for the coming year include Randy Griffith as fire chief, Tommy Cleavinger as first assistant chief, Francis Acker as second assistant chief, Dickie West and David Allison as captains, Ricky Hargrove as training officer, John Kovacs as department secretary, and Bill Conyers as public relations officer.

Service awards went to Lee Schilling for 10 years, Dickie West for 15 years and Jerry McGuire and Tommy Cleavinger for 20 years.

Edgar Dennis presented the entertainment for the evening, with cowboy poetry and humorous stories.

New department members Mat Bradley and John Roberts were recognized.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Castro County Judge Irene Miller made the presentation of the plaque for the Fireman of the Year.

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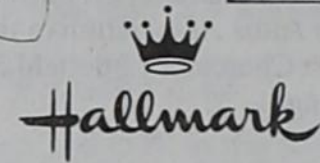
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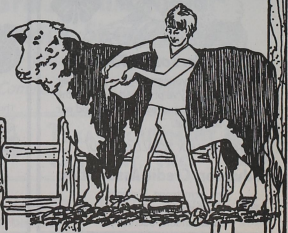
# The Best in Texas!

That's what we think of our Castro County Junior Livestock Show, the Dimmitt Young Farmers who conduct it, our 4-H and FFA youngsters who work so hard to raise and exhibit great project animals, and the buyers who provide premium prices with their generous bids.

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# Grand and reserve champs of 1996 win banners, earn sale premiums

The grand champion and reserve grand champion animals from the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale earned a total of \$13,853.75 for their young exhibitors.

Jay McCormick's grand champion steer, a 1,310-lb. heavyweight

Cross, was purchased for \$4 a pound by Rafter 3 Feedyard, earning the Dimmitt FFA member a total of \$5,240.

McCormick also exhibited the grand champion barrow, a 260-lb. heavyweight Yorkshire. He received \$10 per pound for the animal from a group of local businessmen, includ-

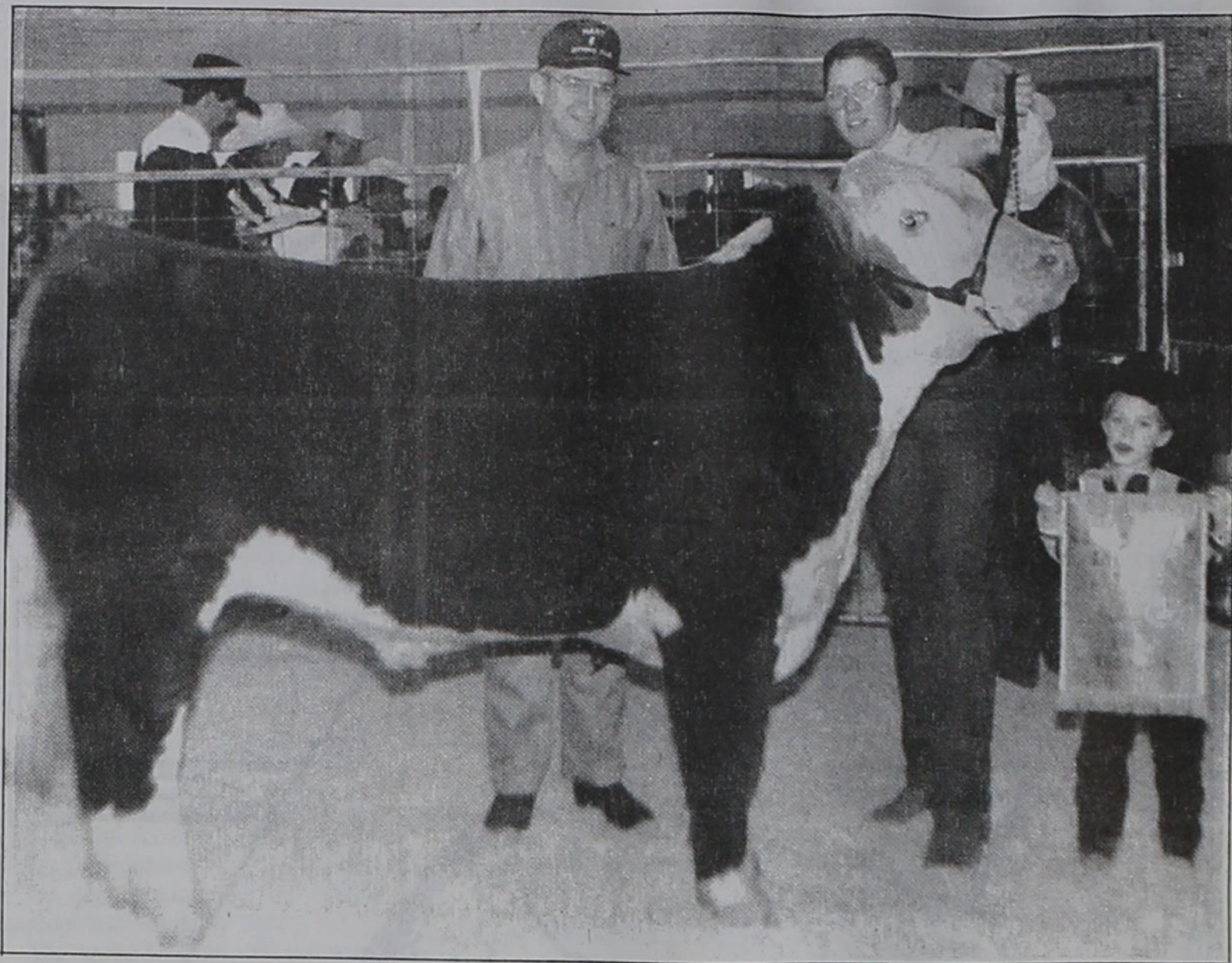
ing Dr. W.J. Hill, Gene Bradley, Donnie Nelson, Vic Nelson, Ronnie Gfeller, Andy Rogers, Leslie Davis and James Simpson, for a total of \$2,600.

The grand champion lamb, a 130-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool shown by Dagon Newton, was purchased for \$10.50 per pound by local cooperatives Dimmitt Agri Industries, Castro Co-op Gin and Dimmitt Consumers, earning Newton a total of \$1,365.

McCormick's reserve grand lamb, a 128-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool, was purchased for \$7.25 per pound by First United Bank, giving the youngster another \$928 for his work. McCormick donated half of his earnings from the reserve grand lamb to the 4-H Project Center and the other half to the Dimmitt FFA Road Fund.

The reserve grand barrow was shown by Tucker Schumacher, and the 257-lb. heavyweight Cross earned a \$4.75 per pound bid from WW Cattle Co., for a total of \$1,220.75.

Dimmitt Agri Industries purchased the reserve grand steer for a total of \$2,500 based on a bid of \$2 a pound. The 1,250-lb. heavyweight English breed steer was driven by Coby Summers.



COBY SUMMERS (center) drove this 1,250-lb. heavyweight English steer to the breed championship, then claimed reserve grand honors with the animal in the 1996 Castro County Junior

Livestock Show. Summers' animal brought a bid of \$2 per pound from Dimmitt Agri Industries, represented by Don Graham (left). Holding Summers' banner is Chance Schilling.

Photo by Anne Ackler

## Have a Great Show!

The Junior Livestock Show is one of Castro County's finest traditions. Good luck to our 4-H and FFA youngsters with your animals, and thanks to the Dimmitt Young Farmers for all your time and work.

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## FFA outlines dress code

Female members of FFA are to wear a black skirt, white blouse with official FFA blue scarf, black shoes and official jacket zipped to the top. Black slacks may be worn for traveling and outdoor activities such as judging contests and camping.

Male members are to wear black slacks, white shirt, official FFA tie, black shoes, black socks and official jacket zipped to the top.

### Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

The FFA jacket is the most recognizable symbol of the organization. As a member, one of your responsibilities is to ensure its proper use. Specific guidelines are outlined below.

- ◆The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- ◆The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- ◆The jacket should have only a large emblem on the back and a small emblem on the front. It should

carry the name of the State Association and the name of the local chapter, district or area on the back and the name of the individual and one office or honor on the front.

◆The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.

◆The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented. It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.

◆The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.

◆School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.

◆When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or

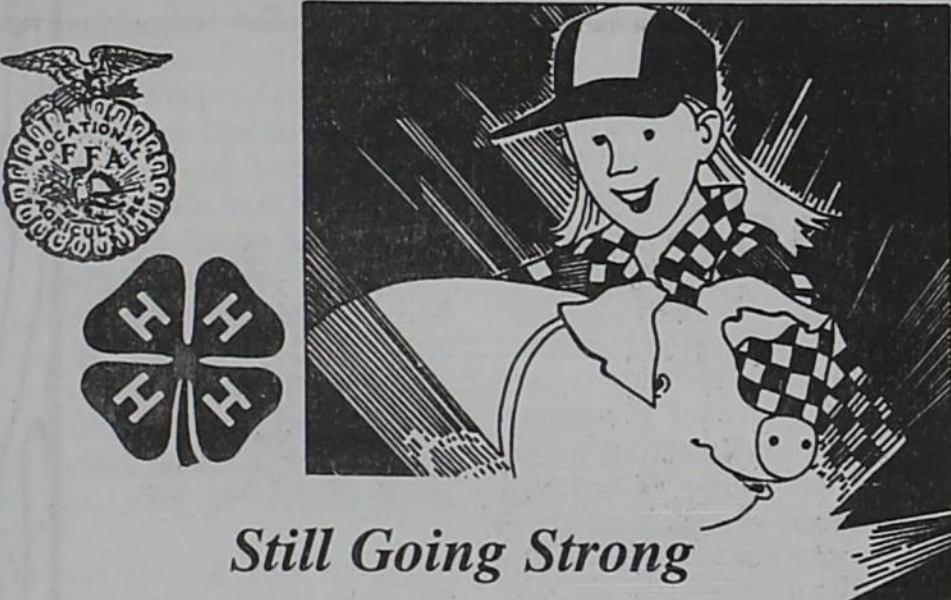
the emblems and lettering removed.

◆The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.

◆A member always acts like a lady or gentleman when wearing the jacket.

◆Members should refrain from use of tobacco and alcohol while wearing the FFA jacket or officially representing the organization.

◆All chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception that a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key should be worn above the name or attached to a standard key chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held and the highest award earned by the member.

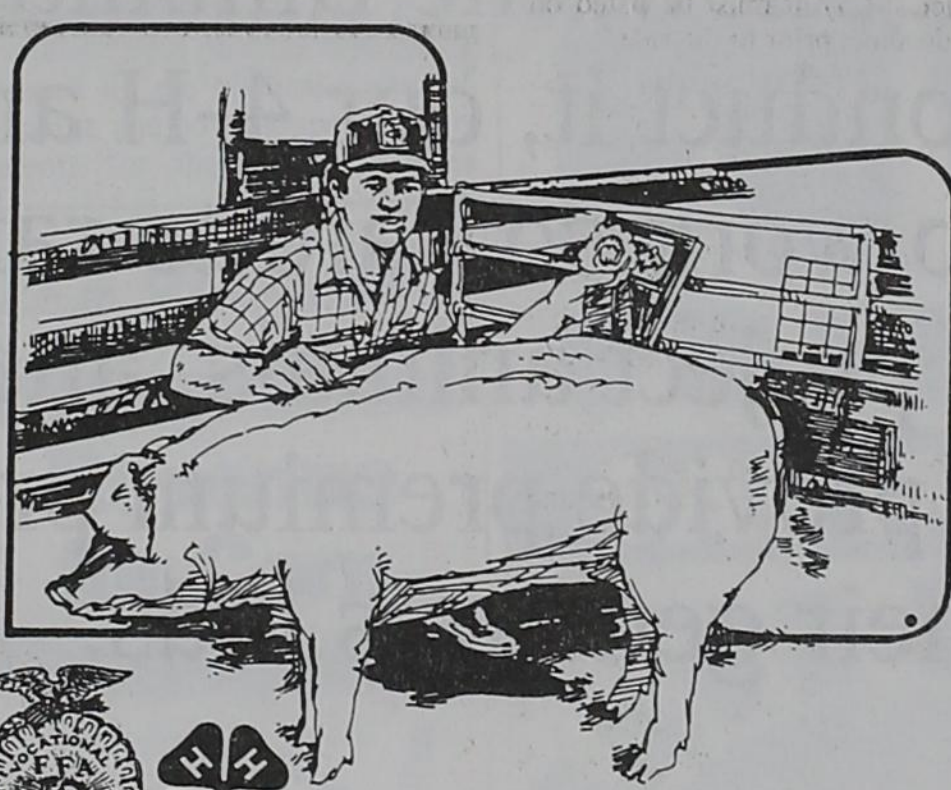


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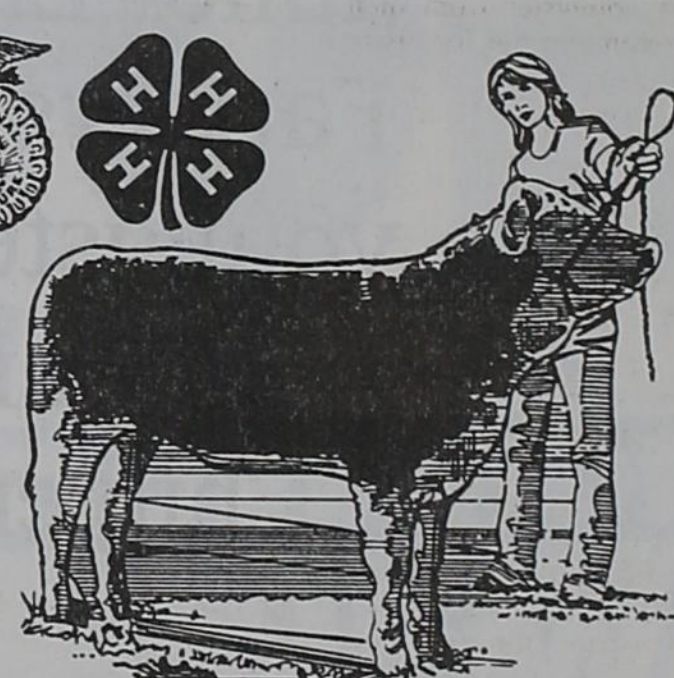


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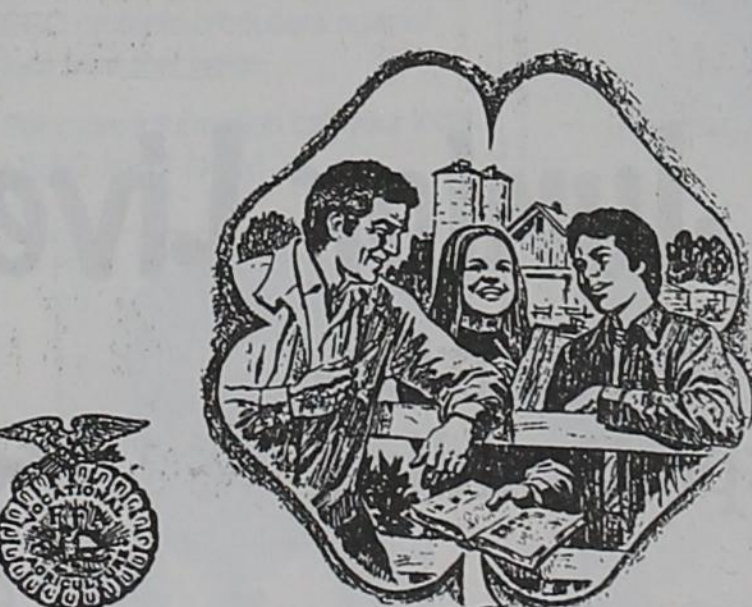
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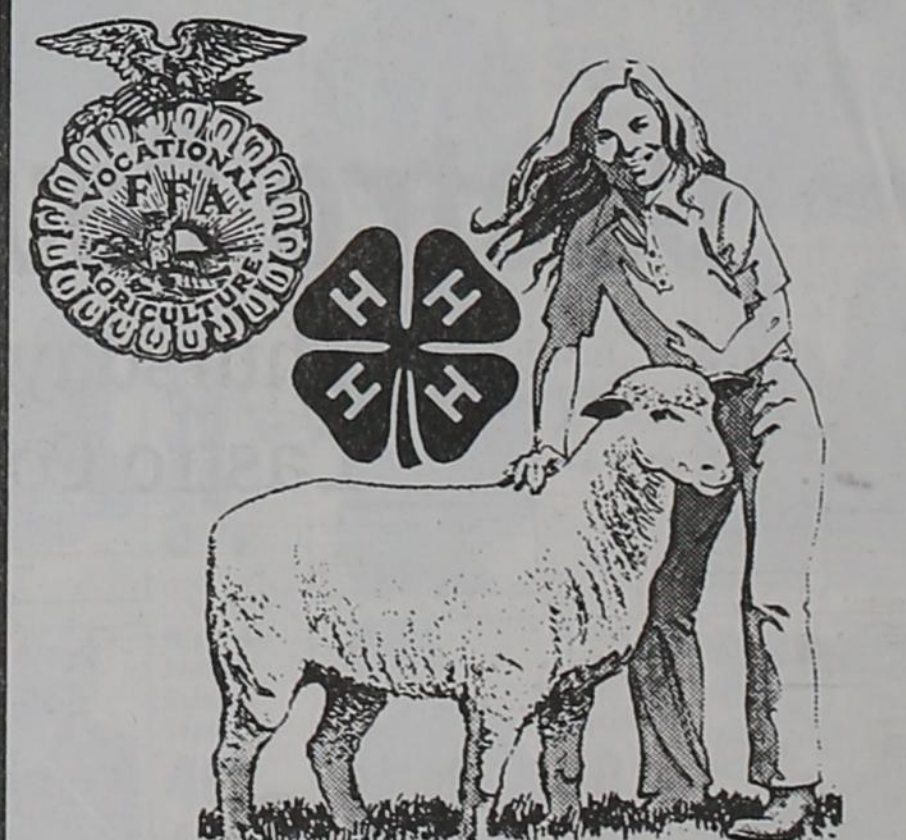
## Learning by Doing

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THIS 1,310-LB. HEAVYWEIGHT Cross steer graded the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The steer was shown by Jay McCormick (second from left) and it was purchased for \$4 per

pound by Rafter 3 Feedyard, represented by (from left) Gene Bradley and Andy Rogers. Mary Bradley (right) shows off McCormick's banner.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Here's how the premium livestock sale is conducted

Castro County residents and businesses are among the best around when it comes to supporting the efforts of youngsters, and one prime example is their donations to the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The donations aren't just monetary, either. Members of the Dimmitt Young Farmers spend countless hours working on show rules, organizing entries, readying the show barns and show ring for the annual event, then conducting the premium sale on Saturday.

After the sale, the Young Farmers tally totals, then issue checks.

Other volunteers form the buyers' clubs in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. These people collect donations from businesses and individuals in the area, then step in on sale day and make sure a youngster from their town gets a premium bid for his or her animal if its not bringing a good bid from the buyers in the crowd.

Here's how the premium sale works.

Commercial bidders set the floor prices, which are usually based on the day's market price. Last year's floor prices were \$79 per hundred on barrows; \$44 per hundred on barrows; and \$65 per hundred on steers.

If a youngster makes the sale with his animal, he will be going for a "premium" bid above floor prices. These premium bids help pay expenses of raising show animals, including feed, medicines and other supplies. If a youngster's animal doesn't seem to be drawing a top bid, the buyers' clubs step in and try to insure each youngster gets a good price and can make enough to pay

expenses and make a little profit.

The buyers' clubs rely on donations and the more money they receive, the more they can bid on youngsters' animals. Members of each buyers' club will be collecting donations this week and they will have tables set up in the Expo Building on Saturday.

Premium bids can run all the way up and down the scale; however, the auctioneers and buyers' clubs try to set minimum standards to insure that every youngster gets a decent price for his animal.

If the floor price on lambs is 70¢ a pound, the auctioneer may call for an opening bid of \$2 per pound. If you want to buy a particular lamb that weighs 100 pounds and you want to

bid \$4 for it, get a friend or a buyers' club bidder to help you bid it up to that price. If you win the bid at \$4, then you pay the difference between the floor price and your bid. The floor price on the 100-pound lamb would be \$70, so your total cost would be \$330. The youngster would receive the full \$400.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers operate the county's auction sale on a guaranteed premium basis, which means a youngster who is planning to show his animal at another show, like the Houston Livestock Show, will receive the money bid on his animal here whether or not he makes the sale at another show.

If a youngster is going to place his animal in the sale but only wants it to be sold as a "take-home" (if he or she wishes to keep it or show it in another show), it must be listed on the sale sheet prior to the sale.

When things get going, if you want to bid on an animal, raise your hand so the auctioneer or spotter can see you. From then on they'll keep their eyes on you and you can bid with a nod of your head.

The Young Farmers provide floor-level chairs in front of the sale ring for bidders. If you plan to bid on one or more of the animals, it's best to move into the buyers' area to do your bidding. That makes it quicker and easier for the auctioneers and spotters, and helps make the sale go faster.

### FFA is...

#### Careers

Do you know what you want to do after you finish school? FFA can help you develop the skills you need to get there. Don't have a clue? FFA can help you figure out which of agriculture's 200 exciting career options match your interests and skills.

If you're like the 73 percent of FFA members who already plan to pursue a career in agriculture, you know that there are options for almost any interest, whether you want to work indoors or outside, at a desk or in the lab, in the city or on a farm, with other people or on your own. Even if you don't choose a career in agriculture, the skills and training you gain through FFA will lead to success in any industry.

## Here is the FFA code of ethics

FFA members will conduct themselves at all times in order to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school and community by:

- ◆ Dressing neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
- ◆ Showing respect for the rights of others and being courteous at all times.
- ◆ Being honest and not taking unfair advantage of others.
- ◆ Respecting the property of others.
- ◆ Refraining from loud, boisterous talk, swearing and other unbecoming conduct.
- ◆ Demonstrating sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests and meetings, and being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
- ◆ Attending meetings promptly and respecting the opinion of others in discussion.
- ◆ Taking pride in our organization, activities, supervised experience program, exhibits, and the occupation of agriculture.
- ◆ Sharing with others experiences and knowledge gained by attending national and state meetings.

## The FFA emblem

The cross section of the ear of corn provides the foundation of the FFA emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation.

The rising sun signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day glowing with opportunity.

The plow signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historic foundation of our country's strength.

The eagle is a national symbol which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture.

The owl, long recognized for its wisdom, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture.

The words "Agricultural Education" and "FFA" are emblazoned in the center to signify the combination of learning and leadership necessary for progressive agriculture.

See you at the Livestock Show this Friday and Saturday!

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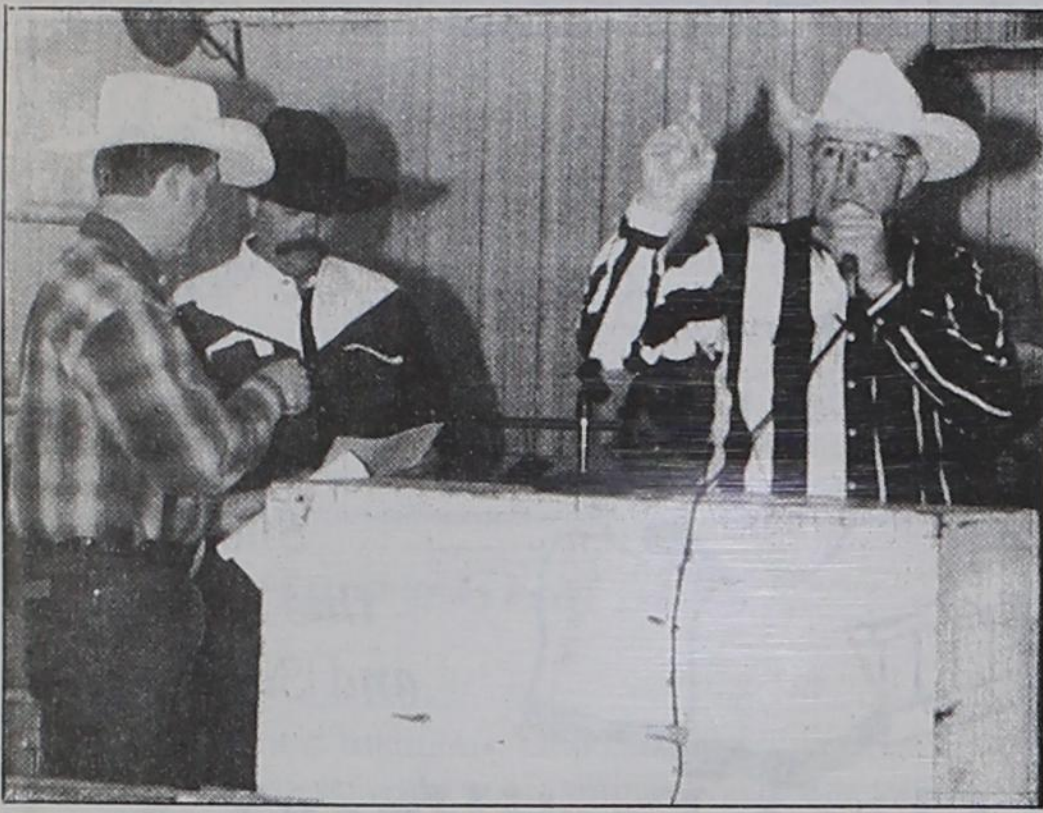
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**SOLD!** Auctioneer Jack Howell sells one of the breed champions during last year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Howell, along with (from left) Greg Odom, Leslie Davis and others devote their time each year to auction off the hundreds of animals which make the premium sale. Youngsters receive top bids from local businesses and individuals, and sometimes from a local buyers' club.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Buyers' clubs seeking donations for stock show

The Castro County Junior Livestock Show is just around the corner, and that means representatives from buyers' clubs in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth will be asking for donations.

The buyers' clubs help guarantee that a youngster from their community gets a premium bid for his or her animal when it makes the sale.

But these clubs operate on donations from the public, and one of the reasons the local sale is always successful is because individuals and businesses give generously to the clubs.

Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Buyers' Clubs provide many of the premium bids in the sale. Sometimes one of the buyers' clubs purchases a grand or reserve champion. Often during the auction a club will make the initial bid on an animal, especially if the auctioneers seem to have a hard time finding that first bidder.

But the buyers clubs can't fund without money and the money the clubs bid with comes from donations.

This weekend's Castro County Junior Livestock Show can continue its tradition of success with the community's help.

Donating to a buyers' club is ideal

for a person who wants to participate, but who doesn't want to buy an animal. Contributions to buyers' clubs may be made before, during or after the show. Each club has its own table set up at the Expo Building during the show and sale.

If you want to donate to one of the clubs but haven't been contact, you can either stop by the club's table at the Expo on Saturday or contact one of the following individuals:

**Dimmitt Buyers' Club:** Phillip York at First United Bank, Becky Stovall at the Chamber of Commerce, Chaun Gunstream at First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch or Greg Odom. Donations also may be mailed to the Dimmitt Buyers Club, P.O. Box 944, Dimmitt 79027.

**Hart Buyers' Club:** Stanley Dyer at Hart Auto, Rhonda Aven at Hale County State Bank in Hart, Lester Aven, Rhonda Dyer, Brad Barnes, Ricky Rowland, B.J. Jones or Sandy Farris.

**Nazareth Buyers' Club:** Dwayne Acker at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt, Dale Brockman, Walt Pohlmeier, Virgil Huseman, Dennis Kern, Jerry Kern, J.C. Pohlmeier or Jerry Lange.

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## WTAMU to offer agricultural water management course

The Dryland Agriculture Institute and the Continuing Education Center at West Texas A&M University will offer a four-week course on water management beginning in February.

"Agricultural Water Management" will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 10-March 3 on the WTAMU campus. The course will focus on the basic principles of water conservation and water-use efficiency.

Cost of the course is \$48. For more information, or to register, call the Continuing Education Center at 656-2037. WTAMU is aiming the course at farmers, county agents, resource conservationists, crop consultants and other professionals interested in maximizing the use of precipitation and limited irrigation resources.

Specific subjects will include

rainfall probabilities and distribution; assessing risk associated with growing corn under dryland or limited irrigation; understanding the Potential Evapotranspiration Network (PET); crop residue management for water conservation; and crop-livestock systems as an alternative to grain production for more efficient use of rainfall.

"I think it is so critically important to use our water efficiently," said Dr. B.A. Stewart, director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute at WTAMU and instructor for the course. "As our water table declines, the irrigation portion of our agriculture is going to continue to decline. We've got to better manage what we've got left and utilize our rainfall. As irrigation declines, rainfall is going to be our dominant water resource."

## A G R I F A C T S

### SHEEP

Despite recent blows to the sheep industry, including drought, increased predation, loss of major processing industries and loss of the Wool Act, producers are upbeat at this time because of a healthy sheep market. Texas sheep numbers are estimated at 1.65 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago.

1995 Texas Sheep Production	
Rank in U.S. #1	
No. of sheep & lambs 1.65 million head	
Total value \$109 million	Total U.S. Production

Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

## State FFA officers meet with officials

Blue and gold converged at the steps of the state capitol in early January when the Texas FFA state officers visited with top state officials.

Gov. George Bush, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, Speaker of the House Pete Laney and numerous legislators and top agriculture industry leaders made time to visit with the officer team. As part of the annual event, FFA leaders come to Austin to spend a day learning about state government and the legislative process.

The 10 FFA officers attending were Tanessa Saathoff of Devine, president; Cody Nash of Tolar, first vice president; Cori Lowe of Gruver, Carrie Perkins of Colorado City, Jonathan Sandel of Houston, Andrea Peek of Bellevue, Bryan Cole of Arlington, Jennifer Daniels of Van, Brant Poe of Nacogdoches and John Wyatt of Tilden.

"It is important for young people to learn about their government and the legislative process," said Commissioner Perry. "They are our future leaders, and if we can impress upon them at a young age the importance of democracy, we can make a real difference."

Rep. Pete Patterson of Paris hosted a luncheon for the group in the Speaker's dining room at the capitol. Speaker Laney, along with Rep. Patterson, thanked the state officers for attending and encouraged them to become active in the government.

The group also participated in a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol Agriculture Museum.

State FFA Director Kirk Edney said the officers are very fortunate.

"To have the governor, commissioner of agriculture and legislators donate their time for us is tremendous," he said. "FFA is well represented in Texas. These officers do an outstanding job."

## FFA focuses on agriculture

FFA is a school-based part of agricultural education programs in public schools, and is federally chartered by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education.

Chapters are organized in schools with agricultural education programs. There are 7,372 FFA chapters across the country.

Members are junior high, high school and post-secondary students, ages 12-21. Ninety percent of the 452,628 members are in grades nine through 12.

Student officers work closely with their advisors to conduct business at the chapter, state and national levels.

Advisors are agricultural education teachers in public high schools. There are more than 11,000 FFA chapter advisors.

For more information, contact FFA at The National FFA Organization, 5632 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Box 15160, Alexandria, Va. 22309; phone: 703-360-3600; fax: 703-360-5524; or e-mail at [webmaster@ffa.org](mailto:webmaster@ffa.org), website: <http://www.ffa.org>

Please specify whether you want to join FFA, learn more about FFA or just support FFA members.

## FFA colors

As the blue field of our nation's flag and the golden fields of ripened corn unify our country, the FFA colors of national blue and corn gold give unity to the organization.

All FFA functions and paraphernalia should proudly display the colors.

You've come a long way!

The competition is so tough in our Junior Livestock Show that winning may seem as impossible as this nursery-rhyme scene. But just remember, nothing is impossible. When you step into the ring, you're already a winner in our eyes!

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Don't you dare miss seeing the Castro County Junior Livestock Show this weekend. It's one of the best of its kind anywhere, and we can all be proud of it.

Thank you, Young Farmers, for producing the show. And good luck, kids!

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The combined efforts of Castro County 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters have brought many honors to Castro County.

We congratulate you on the event of your Junior Livestock Show this Friday and Saturday!

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**GRAND CHAMPION LAMB** at the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 130-lb. Medium Wool shown by Dagon Newton. The three local cooperatives—Castro Co-op Gin, Dimmitt Agri Industries and Dimmitt Consumers, represented by Randy Small, Don Graham and Danny Rice, provided Newton with a bid of \$10.50 per pound for his lamb. Houston Sutton is holding the banner presented to the winner.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Animal selection is very important

The selection of an animal which will be exhibited in livestock shows can be one of the most important parts of a youngster's livestock project.

Selection of steers, lambs and barrows requires a studied eye, and several experts have offered tips on what to look for in the animals.

When picking out a steer, exhibitors should select a calf which has good weight for its age, growth potential, straight legs, width between the hind legs, ample bone, length and width of body trimness of dowlap, brisket and underline, muscling and symmetrical balance.

Maximum thickness of body should be through the round at a point midway between the tailhead and the twist as viewed from the rear, indicating muscularity.

Calves selected should be of US Dept. of Agriculture Prime or Choice feeder grade and should be selected from herds having performance records. You should ask for characteristics such as cutability, ribeye size, fat thickness, weight per day of age or daily gain during a 140-day feeding trial, feed conversion and carcass grade.

Barrow prospects should be selected when the animals are eight to 10 weeks of age and weigh between 30 and 80 pounds.

Your chances of finding a perfect

pig are slim, but you should search for one that comes nearest to ideal. Do not start with an inferior animal. Select a pig with good body volume, a wide, heavy skeleton, sound skeletal structure, thick muscle structure and frame size to grow a heavyweight.

As pigs get older and larger, a better selection can be made, but most pigs must be selected at an early age because of competition from other buyers.

Age, breed and price are among the main considerations of most youths selecting animals.

The rate of growth expected from the pig and weight limits at the show dictate the age of the pig a student should purchase. The growth rate will be determined by the pig's genetics and a student's nutrition, management and health programs. Most feeders prefer a slightly older pig over a young one because it is easier to hand-feed a pig and control his weight toward the end of the finishing period than to push a young pig to make the minimum weight.

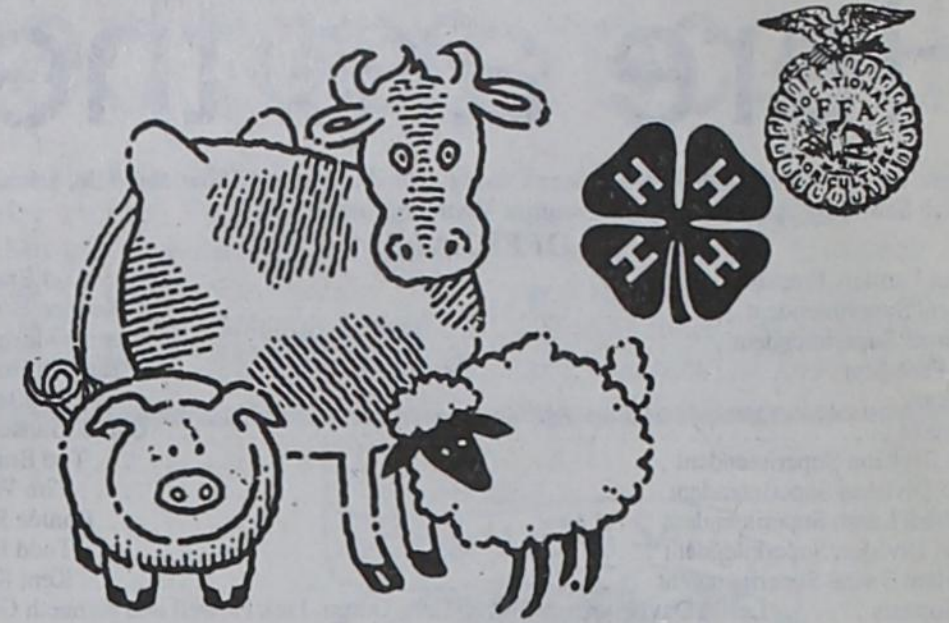
Lambs purchased for the county show were usually born after Feb. 1, 1996. Lambs selected should have good length of body, a long extended neck, a high neck setting, good length, levelness and squareness between hooks and pins and a good set of feet and legs.

A lamb must be tight-hided and thin-hided. The fact that a lamb has a few pin wrinkles over his whole body shouldn't be a major concern because it's probably due to stress and weather.

A prospective lamb has to be clean up front with a good shoulder wedge and no excess brisket. It should be slightly taller in the front than in the rear. It should be deeper in the rear flank than in the fore flank or heart area.

A young lamb should be narrow over the point of the shoulder and begin to widen progressively as you handle over the loin to the rump.

Information for this story was taken from Show Ring magazine, Selecting, Feeding, Fitting and Showing Barrows and Feeding Beef Calves for Show.



As the bright members of today's FFA and 4-H Clubs prepare for their careers in agri-business, the citizens of this community are assured of continued advancement for tomorrow! We salute you all and wish you the best as you begin your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

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## Safety check needed for propane tank use

With cold weather gripping the state, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer for a safety check of their propane tank and regulator.

Although it doesn't happen often, safety officials warn that if the regulator vent ices over or is clogged by insect nests or debris, high pressure gas can be released directly to home appliances. Homeowners should participate with their propane dealer in a regular safety inspection program each year.

Regulators on most home tanks are located under a protective metal dome on the top of the tank, shielding them from weather and insects. On some tanks, however, the circular

regulator is installed outside the dome cover. Owners of these tanks should make sure the regulator is properly installed and operating correctly by contacting the local dealer who fills and services their tanks.

Some Texans buy propane in portable tanks for use in barbecues or as a supplemental heat source. Colder weather may prompt such users to bring the portable cylinders indoors. But Railroad commission officials say all propane cylinders and containers must stay outside for safety, as required by the Commission's safety rules.

Propane is commonly used as a residential and commercial fuel throughout Texas.

## FFA offers diverse career opportunities

So you don't want to be a farmer? FFA is still a great way to get the most out of a high school education.

In addition to leadership training, an asset in any career, courses and activities in such areas as technology, marketing, communications, small animal care, floriculture and wildlife management join more traditional production farming opportunities to create a myriad of educational and career options.

In fact, although college graduates are told each year that they are entering a dimly over saturated marketplace, 20% of agriculture jobs go unfilled due to lack of qualified applicants.

Let's all support our 4-H & FFA youngsters in the **43rd Annual Junior Livestock Show and make this year's show and sale Another Record Breaker!**



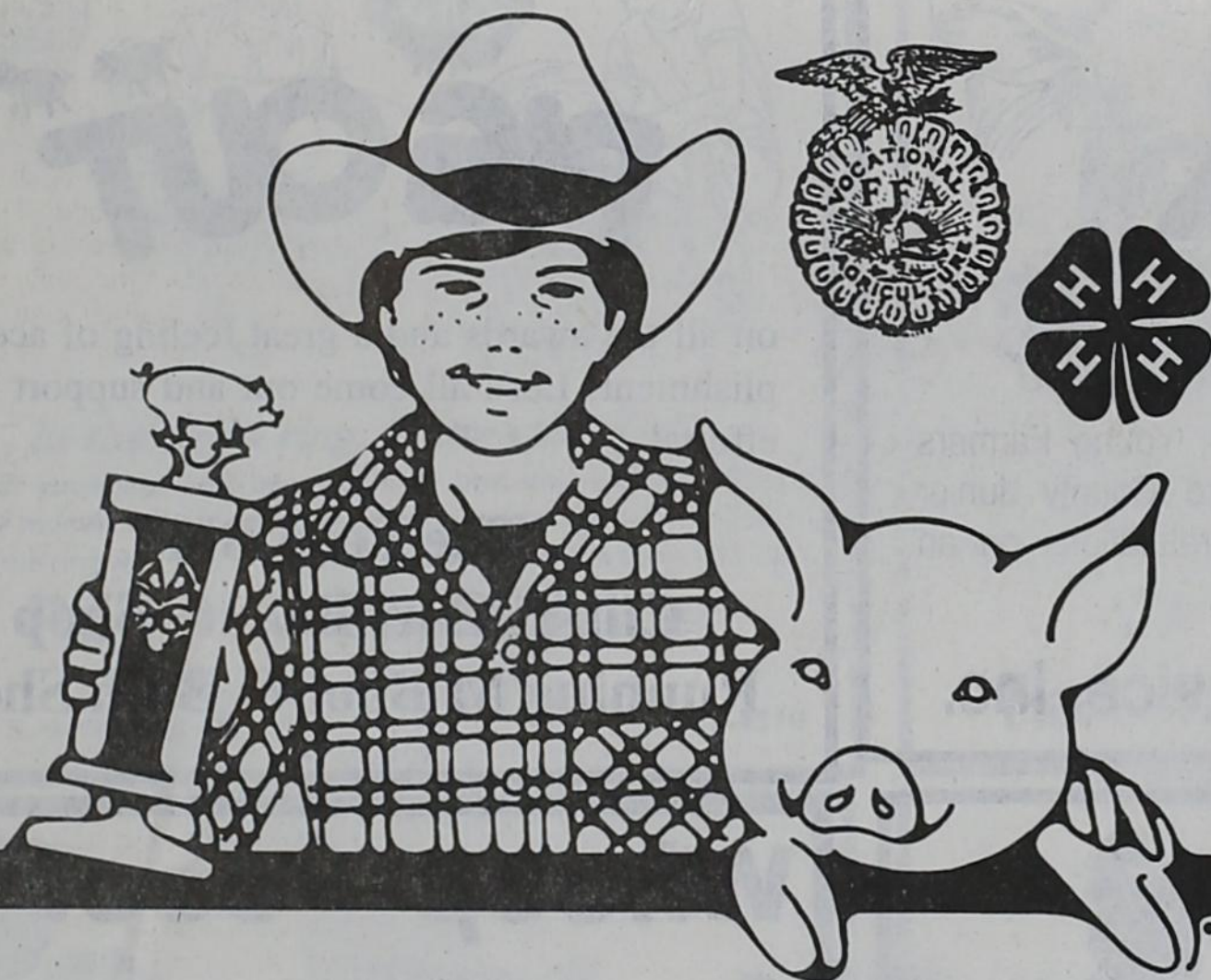
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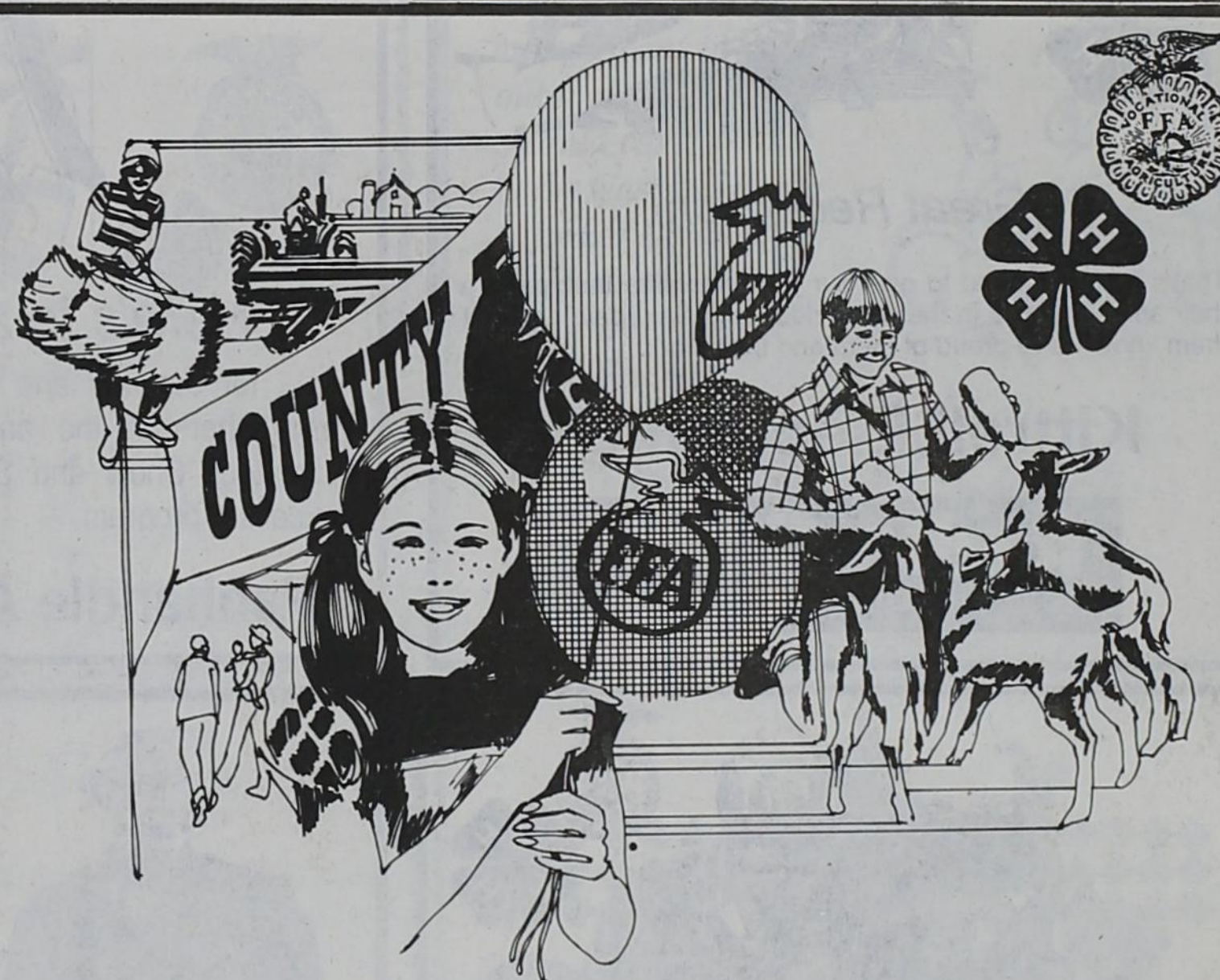
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Friday and Saturday

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**You're All Winners!**

The competition, the challenge, the dedication you've shown in raising and grooming your show animals—these all have their own rewards. If you win at the Junior Livestock Show or do well in the sale—these make your 4-H or FFA experience even better.

Congratulations for trying. And good luck this weekend!

**West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative**



# Here are the junior livestock show rules

Here are the rules for the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, scheduled through Saturday, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

## OFFICIALS

Young Farmers President	Tod Bradley
General Superintendent	Kennen Howell
Assistant Superintendent	Chaun Gunstream
Vice President	Kennen Howell
Secretary	Lee Kleman
Treasurer	Chaun Gunstream
Steer Division Superintendent	Tod Bradley
Lamb Division Superintendent	Tim Wales
Assistant Lamb Superintendent	Lonnie Robb
Swine Division Superintendent	Todd Hatla
Assistant Swine Superintendent	Kent Kirby
Auctioneers	Leslie Davis, Johnny Davis, Greg Odom, Jack Howell and Kenneth Gregg
Building Superintendent	Danny Underwood
Assistant Building Superintendent	Kurt Wales
Clerks	Dimmitt Young Farmers
Public Relations Liaison	Lee Kleman
Floor Buyers Committee	Dimmitt Young Farmers

## Judges:

Steers	Larry Grey
Barrows	Dale Schattner
Lambs	Rex Stoltz
Showmanship	Danny Ivey

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. GENERAL

- All entries must be sent to the Young Farmers, Vo. Ag. Dept. Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive, by 5 p.m. on Jan. 27, 1997. Any incomplete, unsigned or late entry will be fined \$25.
- Entry fee—to be used for bedding, show expenses, etc.: \$15.
- All livestock must be in place by noon, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997. Weighing will begin at 4:30 p.m. All entries must be ready for weighing at 4:30 p.m.
- All animals must be weighed at the time of entry by the official weighers. Only one weigh back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limits set. This weigh back must be within one hour of the first weighing or at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- All animals must receive state validation from the County Agent or Ag Teacher.
- Each exhibitor will not be allowed to enter or show more than two calves, two barrows and two lambs. An exhibitor will be allowed to sell no more than three animals and only two animals in any division. If an individual shows more than three animals, he must notify the Superintendent immediately after judging as to which three animals he will place in the sale.
- The number of animals that will be sold through the auction will be as follows: 125 barrows, 125 lambs, 40 steers, or 75% of the total animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number.
- The percent of the animals to be sold will be figured on each class. If an animal eligible to sell is pulled, the next animal in line from that class will sell. This will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Animals that make the show but do not make the sale will be sold with the floor animals, unless the exhibitor pulls the animals by one hour after showing.
- All livestock will be sifted by weight. Sifted animals will be the responsibility of the owner and must be removed from the barns by 10 p.m. on Wednesday.
- Two showmanship trophies will be awarded for Beef, Swine and Sheep. The senior showmanship will be for exhibitors aged 14 and over, and the junior showmanship will be for exhibitors aged 13 and under. The animals must have been owned, fitted and groomed by the exhibitor for the exhibitor to be eligible for a showmanship trophy.
- No calf will be allowed in the show that has not been owned as of Sept. 1. Barrows and lambs must have been owned as of Dec. 1.
- Only active 4-H and FFA members are eligible to show. All livestock entered in the show must have been fed under the supervision of the Castro County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher of Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth High Schools and must be so certified by one of the above on the entry card.
- To be eligible to show, all 4-H club members must be enrolled in a Castro County 4-H club under the supervision of the Castro County Agent. All FFA members must be enrolled in a

Castro County school. All exhibitors must reside in Castro County, be at least nine (9) years of age or in the third grade, and be enrolled in a public or private Elementary or Secondary school located within Castro County. Any exceptions must be approved by Dimmitt Young Farmers.

- All animals must be reasonably dry and clean before weighing. Any animal not so, may be declared ineligible to show by the committee in charge of the division.
- Animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the truck. Any animal left in the barn after trucks are loaded are the responsibility of the seller.
- The Dimmitt Young Farmers shall reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or animal for any reason that is deemed necessary. Also, the Young Farmers will not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property arising from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.
- Exhibitors and show officials will be the only persons allowed in the show ring.
- Any animal sold on floor must have been entered in the show.
- Any exhibitor found violating the rules may be subject to a fine up to \$200 and suspension from the County show for a period of one (1) year. The person signing the entry card may also be fined up to \$200. Entry cards will not be accepted from the offending organization until the fine is paid.
- All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the livestock show management immediately after occasion for such protest. The protest committee will consist of the Young Farmer officers and the various Division Superintendents. All committee decisions are final. The Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale and the Dimmitt Young Farmers are indemnified from any and all liability for all legal and other proceedings which may ensue from the committee's decision.
- No animal may leave the stock show premises from the time of weigh-in until after the show without the approval of the Superintendent. All take home animals must be checked out of the barns by noon on Saturday.
- Each club will be responsible for cleaning their pen. If pens are not cleaned a fine of \$200 will be levied. Check will be held until fine is paid. All pens must be cleaned by 6 p.m. Sunday.
- No change in the pattern of highlighting of any animal by painting or dyeing in all three barns will be allowed (water only).
- No adults in show ring during show or classification.
- Exhibitors ineligible to participate at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show due to the NO PASS AND NO PLAY rule cannot have another or others exhibit the animal or animals in question.

### II. CLASSIFYING

Lambs will be weighed and classified at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the show ring. Calves will be weighed upon arrival at the show and classed by height and weight. Steer classes will be determined by the Superintendent. At least five animals are needed to make a class. Any animal not classified at the proper time must wait until last to be classified.

### Judging Schedule

- Lambs: 8 a.m., Friday, Feb. 7
- Steers: 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 7
- Barrows: 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7

### III. STEER DEPARTMENT

- Only steers are eligible to show.
- All calves in the show must weigh at least 900 pounds, however, 1,350 pounds is the top pay weight.
- The first and second place winners in each of the classes will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Awards:
  - Placings—Ribbons
  - Grand Champion—Banner
  - Reserve Grand Champion—Banner
- If there is not enough of any one class to be placed in a separate class, they will be classed with another class.

### IV. LAMB DEPARTMENT

- Both wethers and Ewe lambs are eligible to show.
- There will be four breeds of lambs as follows:
  - Fine Wool—This class shall include only purebred grade Rambouillet or Delaine or a cross between these two breeds.
  - Fine Wool Cross—This class will include lambs sired by Suffolk, Hampshire, Corriedale, or Columbia rams and out of fine wool ewes. Lambs that carry more than 50% medium wool breeding will go into the medium wool class.
  - Medium Wool class—This class shall include only purebred or grade Hampshire, Suffolk,

- Corriedale, and Columbia or other medium wool cross.
  - Southdowns—This class is only for purebred Southdowns or lambs that exhibit predominant Southdown characteristics.
- Weight classes:
    - Breed of lambs will be divided into light-medium-heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class, otherwise a light and heavy class. The minimum weight will be 80 pounds. There will not be a top weight, but the maximum pay weight will be 130 pounds.
    - Lambs will be classified in show ring according to breed before weigh-in. A classifying judge will assist the Superintendent in placing the animals in the proper class. Classifier's decision will be final. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the Superintendent will break the breed into four classes: Light, Medium, Medium Heavy and Heavy.
  - Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
  - Lambs wool should be uniform length no more than 1/4 inch in length. Top knots are permitted.
  - Where four animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavy weights will be grouped into a single breed class.

- ### V. SWINE DEPARTMENT
- Only barrows are eligible to show.
  - Barrows weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 260 pounds will be sifted from the show. There will be five pounds variance up or down one weigh back.
  - No feeding in aisles. All feed will be dumped outside, on south side of barn.
  - There will be eight breeds of barrows as follows:
 

a. Berkshires	e. Spots
b. Chester Whites	f. Poland Chinas
c. Durocs	g. Yorkshires
d. Hampshires	h. Crosses and other breeds

- Weight Classes:
  - Breeds of barrows will be divided into light-medium-heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class, otherwise a light and heavy class. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the Superintendent will break the breed into four classes: Light, Medium, Medium Heavy and Heavy.
- At judges discretion, any obvious violation of classification will result in disqualification of animal in question.
- First and second place barrows from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Where five animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavy weights will be grouped into a single breed class.
- Barrows will be sold at weigh-in weights.

### VI. SALE

- 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997
- Exhibitors selling livestock must have their animals ready to be brought into the auction ring when their number is called.
  - Sale order:
    - Grand Champion Steers, Barrows, Lambs
    - Reserve Champion Steers, Barrows, Lambs
    - All breed champions
    - All reserve breed champions
  - 1/3 Steers
  - 1/3 Barrows
  - 1/3 Lambs
- All animals that are to be sold as take homes must be listed on the sale sheet prior to the sale. Animals not listed as a take home on the sale sheet will be sold. If any exhibitor wants to list animals as a take home, it is his or her responsibility to notify his or her County Agent or Vo-Ag Teacher. The County Agent or Vo-Ag Teacher will present a list of the floor animals and take home animals within one hour after the judging. If not notified, the animal will be considered a floor animal. A fee of \$50 will be charged to add or take off a take home animal. Ag Teachers and County Agents are required to remain at show until all animal counts are balanced.
  - Exhibitors will be allowed to sell a total of three animals and no more than two in any division.
  - Any animal donated to be sold back will be sold after this sale.



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# Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo tops records

The 63rd Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo continued its assault on the record books, cracking the one-million mark in rodeo attendance for the first time and bringing in a half million dollars for the grand champion steer.

"The individual records that we set this year may stand forever or be broken next year, but the combined results of this year's show will be remembered for a lifetime," said Don Jorda, show president.

Here are some of the highlights from the show:

◆Recorded a total draw of 1,810,007 for general attendance, surpassing the previous year's total of 1,616,113 by 12%.

◆Set a rodeo attendance record of 1,068,447, exceeding 1994's rodeo attendance of 985,871 by 8.38%. Four of the 20 rodeo performances set individual performance records.

◆Established six world record auction sales marks including

\$500,000 for the grand champion steer; \$140,000 for the reserve grand champion steer; \$81,000 for the grand champion barrow; \$80,000 for the grand champion pen of broilers; \$67,000 for the grand champion turkey; and \$41,000 for the reserve grand champion barrow.

◆Presented the Friday, March 3, 1995, rodeo performance on television nationwide through Turner Home Satellite, DirecTV and TVN. Featuring rodeo highlights and a full-length concert by Hank Williams Jr. and Sawyer Brown, the performance also was shown on pay per view cable television throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and select markets in New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada.

◆Total livestock auction sales (including a horse and ratite sale) tallied in at \$7,516,206, a decrease of 15% from the 1994 total of \$8,884,286. Three fewer commercial cattle sales were held in 1995 and the

second annual ratite sale (made up of rheas, emus and ostriches) total of \$93,025 in 1995 dropped from \$1,247,000 in 1994.

◆Junior show market sales, making up \$4,545,349 of the total, rose 6% from 1994. Of this amount, \$1,351,950 was placed in the show's

## FFA expands rich tradition

As FFA has evolved from a group for farm boys into a wide-reaching organization serving diverse populations, members have voted to keep wearing the blue corduroy jacket introduced in 1933, opposed changes to the logo and approved limited editing of the 1930 creed.

One major alteration was changing the first sentence of the creed, from "I believe in the future of farming" to "I believe in the future of agriculture" to reflect the organization's diversification.

Comparing what has changed to what has remained the same provides an illuminating look at student organizations, agricultural education and FFA.

educational fund. Due to the show's guaranteed premium program initiated in 1994, the young Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors received a total of \$3,125,575 for their auction animals.

◆Making up the \$4,454,349 junior show total were market steer sales of \$2,494,800, followed by junior market swine sales of \$718,225; junior market lamb sales of \$618,700; and junior market poultry sales of \$498,700. The junior commercial steer sale posted a final total of \$214,924.

◆The fourth annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Premier Horse Sale totaled \$350,450, rising 16% over the previous year's figure of \$301,275.

◆Commercial cattle sales varied from breed to breed, totaling \$2,527,382 in sales.

◆Joe Bear of Huntsville won the all-around cowboy title and added \$25,000 to the \$9,736.46 won in the calf roping and team roping events for total earnings of \$34,736.46.

◆Herbert Theriot of Poplarville, Miss., was runner-up after competing in the team roping and calf roping events.

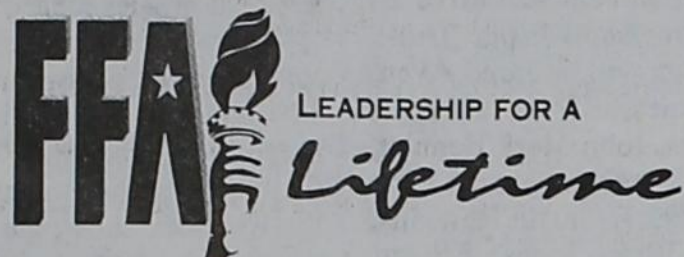
◆A total of 501 rodeo contestants

contended for a share in \$634,757 in prize money. The Houston Rodeo ranks as the world's richest regular-season rodeo.

◆Last year's Houston Livestock Show attracted 2,047 foreign visitors

from 63 different countries, many of them livestock buyers.

◆The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a charity event, contributing more than \$8 million annually in support of Texas youth.



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JAY McCORMICK OF DIMMITT drove his 260-lb. Heavyweight Yorkshire to the grand championship in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show last year. McCormick's animal earned a premium bid of \$10 per pound from a group of local individuals

including (from left) James Simpson, Leslie Davis, Vic Nelson, W.J. Hill, Andy Rogers, Ronnie Gfeller, Gene Bradley and Donnie Nelson. Also pictured is Mary Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Houston Livestock Show draws over 100 animals from county

County youngsters will exhibit 111 animals in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, scheduled Feb. 14 through March 2 at the Astrohall.

Parading those animals before judges will be 35 4-H'ers and 68 FFA members attending county schools.

The FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition—the junior show. The first week of competition, the open show, features professional ranchers and breeders from throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Dimmitt FFA members will exhibit one market steer, eight market lambs and 23 market barrows in the junior show. Exhibitors include Rudy Alaniz, Amanda Annen, Mekesha Atchley, Mikel Atchley,

Mary Bradley, Travis Crow, Ashley Davis, Chris Davis, Michelle Davis, Ysela Gonzales, Ryan Harkins, Cory Hopson, Asia Kirby, Ky Kirby, Wesley Mays, Jay McCormick, Jana Nelson, Shantell Self, Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Jeremy Simpson, Aaron Wilcox, Cliff Wright, Jinna Wright and Yesenia Zamora.

Nazareth FFA members showing in Houston will be Leon Birkenfeld, Jason Burnam, Shawna Gerber Clifford Gerber, Clay Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, B.J. Kern, Jessica Kern, Garrett Kleman, Elizabeth Olvera, Matthew Olvera, Sarah Olvera, Amy Pohlmeier, Daryl Pohlmeier, Dawn Ramaekers, Dustin Ramaekers, Danette Ramaekers, Trinity Robb, Adam Schulte, Chase Schulte, Kit Schulte, Ross Schulte and Stacey Schulte. They will exhibit one market lamb and 23 barrows.

Hart FFA members will drive 20 barrows in the show ring. Those exhibiting hogs will be Jared Aven, Timmy Barnes, Trent Barnes, Trevor Barnes, John Mark Bennett, Dustin Dyer, Meaghan Farris, Zach Farris, Zane Farris, Justin Hawkins, Zach Jones, Blake Jones, Allison Martinez, Ashley Martinez, Lindsey Martinez, Mark Mitchell, Whitney Mitchell, Jordy Rowland, Tiffany Sanders and Zachary Smith.

Castro County 4-H'ers will show 12 market steers, five market lambs, and 22 market barrows.

Those showing steers will include Mikel Atchley, Michelle Davis, Chris Davis, B.J. Hill, Beau Hill, Amber Matthews, Tawnee Matthews, Taylor Matthews, Wesley Mays, Carol Summers, Justin Sutton and Stuart Sutton.

Sheep will be exhibited by 4-H'ers Mary Bradley, Meggie Lem-

ons, Wesley Mays, Raymond Powers and Wesley Wright.

Exhibiting barrows will be Mandy Birkenfeld, Raynee Bradley, Tanner Griffith, Lyndsey Heard, Haley Heard, Aaron Kern, Matthew Kern, Corey Lane, Holly Lane, Meggie Lemons, Taylor Matthews, Zack McClure, Kristin McClure, Colby McDaniel, Charley Nutt, Keli Schulte, Jill Schulte, Jeff Stovall, Jody Stovall, Adam Wright, Matthew Wright and Wesley Wright.

Representing 930 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 15,000 entries this year. The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for individual market auctions. Last year, junior market auction sales totaled \$4,425,050.

Ticket prices for the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are \$10 and include admission to the horse show (excluding the National Cutting Horse Association events), the livestock show, the carnival, all commercial and educational exhibits, special attractions and the rodeo.

## FFA is...

### Membership

There are over 450,000 FFA members across the United States from Alaska to the Virgin Islands. Members belong to one of more than 7,300 chapters, which make up the 54 state associations (each of the United States, plus Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) in the National FFA Organization.

# '96 sale total was down by \$59,477

For the first time in many, many years, the Castro County Junior Livestock sale failed to top the \$200,000 mark in 1996.

Buyers were conservative in their bids, responding to a stressed rural economy because of the lack of a farm bill early in 1996.

Buyers paid a total of \$166,555.49 for barrows, lambs and steers making the premium sale, then tacked on another \$3,800 in donations to Castro County 4-H and Hart FFA for a grand total of \$170,355.49, \$59,477

lower than the 1995 total of \$229,802.

Despite the lower sale, the top animals in the 1996 stock show brought top dollar, and the floor prices were good.

Dan Cure of Olton purchased the floor on lambs with a bid of \$79 per hundred. A bid of \$44 per hundred by Randy Hawthorn of Lubbock took the floor on barrows. Dimmitt Feed Yard bought the steer floor for \$65 per hundred.



## And Away We Go-o-o!

Our youth and their animals don't mind stepping out into the show ring at the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Our sale brings some of the top prices of any show around, and no one deserves it anymore than the hard-working members of our FFA and 4-H clubs.

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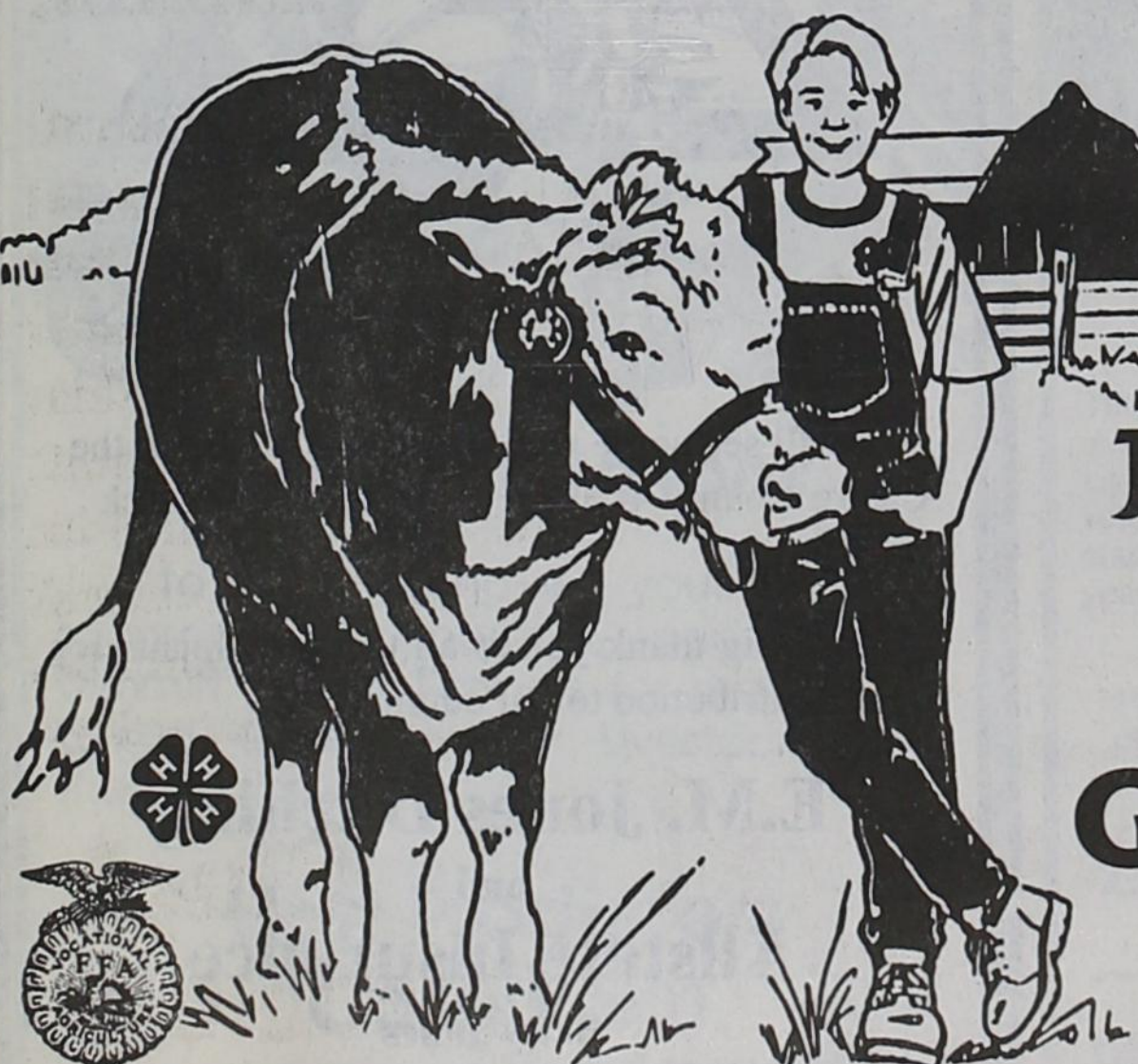


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# Ranch to rail program reshaping cattle industry

The "Ranch to Rail" program, a five-year effort by cattle producers, private industry and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to assimilate detailed information about production and consumer trends, is providing new direction for the beef industry in nine states.

Producers, feedlots, packers, retailers and consumers—every link in the chain from ranch to dinner table—is benefitting from the information carefully gathered and rapidly shared by the program, said Dr. John McNeill, associate department head and Extension Service program leader for animal science at Texas

A&M University. "The program is an information feedback system that sends detailed facts back to the cow-calf producers," McNeill said. "It tells them how their products fit or don't fit the system, and gives them an opportunity to evaluate and modify their genetic and management decisions to better fit the needs of the beef industry."

Each year since 1991-92, participating ranchers have assigned cattle to the program, placing them on feed at the Randall County Feed Yard or the King Ranch Feed Yard. Each animal is sold on a carcass basis

when the feed yard managers determine it is in optimum market condition. Since the program began, 1,004 ranches in Texas and eight other cattle-producing states have taken part.

Throughout the feeding period, detailed records are maintained on each animal's performance. This includes average daily gain, calculated feed efficiency, total cost of grain, medicine, break-even cost and net return.

Extremes in net return, health costs, performance factors, and carcass parameters in the ranch to rail animals reflect the variability that exists in the beef industry. "Reduction of these variables and production of a product that meets the needs of all segments of the beef industry must be each producer's goal," McNeill said.

"Looking at the data makes a cow-calf producer realize they are in the food business," he said. "They're producing food, not just a commodity. They can look at the data and evaluate their (herd) genetics and management to determine how their calf crop is fitting the needs not just of the feedlot but providing the type of product the consumer wants."

Ranch to Rail showed Texas producers that nearly 40% of their cattle were discounted at the packer because carcasses were too heavy, too light, too fat or had physical defects. The cattle weren't measuring up to packer and consumer demands for leaner, more uniform animals.

Things the producer-driven program has pinpointed have been taken to heart by all segments of the industry, McNeill noted. Many ranchers have changed their genetics to get the type of cattle that perform better and grade out better when marketed. Some have changed management practices to provide "preconditioning" of calves before they go to the feed yard and adopted the new "Value-Added Calf (VAC)" vaccination management program.

As a rule, calves are weaned from their mothers and sent immediately to the feed yard. Add the stress of the long haul and the new environment with different bacteria, and the calf has new problems.

If the rancher weanes the calves at home and preconditions them, "they don't get sick, they're under less stress, they know how to eat and drink out of a trough," said rancher Clyde Williams of Brazos County.

Preconditioning data from Ranch to Rail resulted in the VAC program. It showed that four to six weeks of preconditioning before shipping and two rounds of vaccinations resulted in fewer respiratory diseases and fewer health problems. Adoption of this management technique by producers reduced the costs of medicine administered at the feed yard this year over previous years.

McNeill said findings from the Ranch to Rail program also have led to major changes in the private sector of the beef industry.

Criteria established by the program data have been adopted as standard by Friona industries, the nation's seventh largest cattle-feeding operation and a co-sponsor of the program. It now pays a premium of \$8 per hundredweight for preconditioned calves it buys from ranchers.

Two of the leading livestock video marketing operations—Superior Livestock Video and Producers Livestock Video—also have adopted the criteria for their video catalogs. And a group of veterinarians in South and East Texas have used the findings to establish the Vets Advantage program of livestock health care and marketing.

"It's the cooperation of all industry segments that has enabled us to gather and share critical information that is the key to the survival of our beef industry," McNeill said.

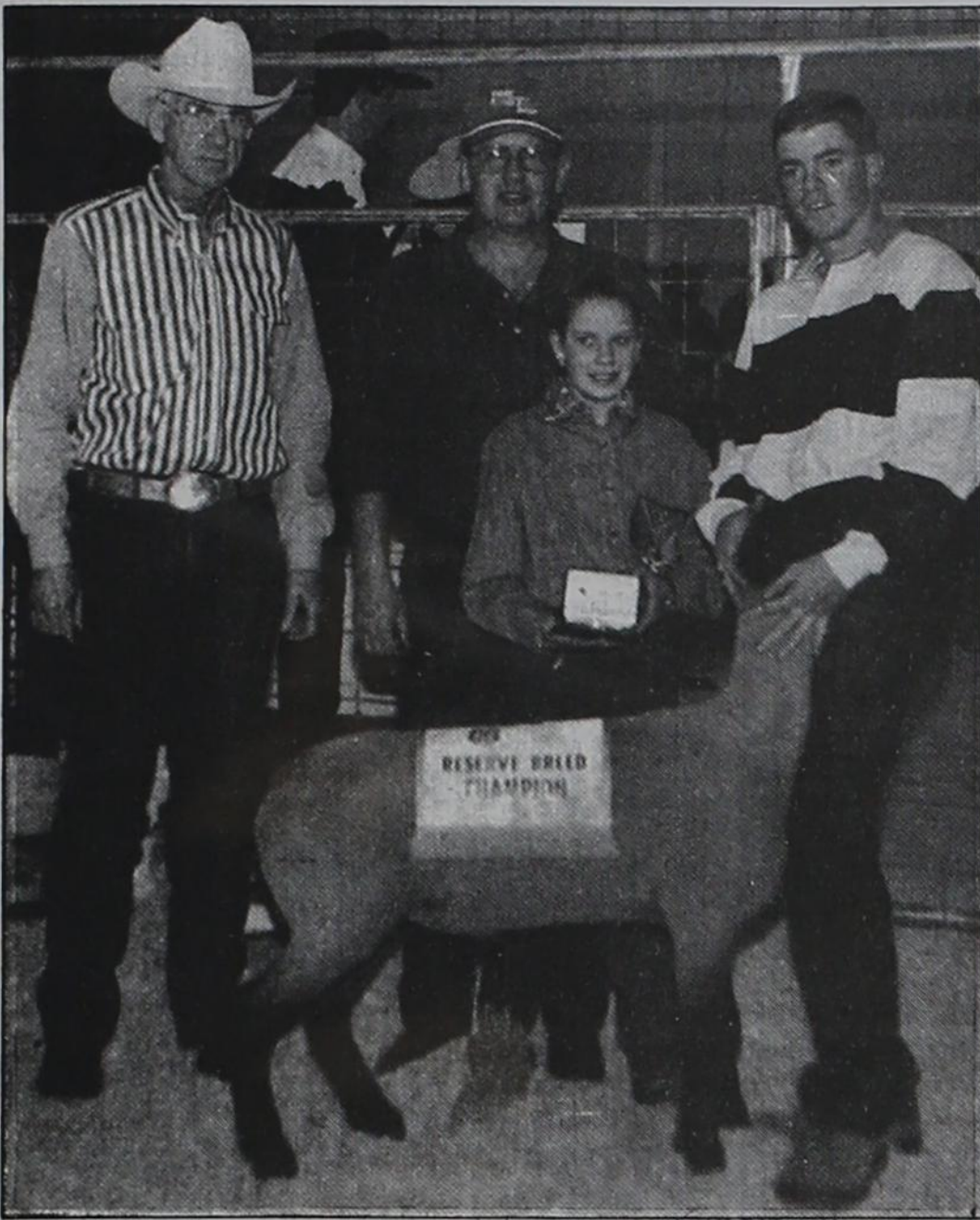
Program sponsors are the Extension Service, the Texas A&M department of animal science, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance. Cooperators are Randall County Feed Yard, King Ranch Feed Yard, Iowa Beef Processors, Inc., Excel Corporation, Sam Kane Beef Processors, Inc., West Texas A&M University and the Federal-State Livestock Market News Service.

The program is one of many supported by the statewide county Extension network, which needs additional state funding if it is going to

continue to have the capacity to deliver educational programs to citizens across Texas.

"After a decade of funding constraints, the Extension Service needs additional monies to ensure county-

level staffing is adequate," said Dr. Zerle Carpenter, director of the Extension Service. "We are making every effort to work with the state legislature and county government to keep this system in place."



THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB at the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was exhibited by Jay McCormick (right). The 128-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool earned McCormick a bid of \$7.25 per pound from First United Bank, represented by (standing from left) Rex Wooten and Joe Josselet. Also pictured is Mary Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker



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# Cheating in livestock shows is becoming more common

By JULIA PRODIS

It was an all-American moment—grinning 16-year-old Ryan Rash resting his head on his grand champion steer Badger after winning the blue ribbon at the National Western Stock Show.

The lumbering, black steer fetched \$37,500 at auction, and Ryan and his parents couldn't be more proud. But within days, the ribbon had been stripped, the money forfeited and Ryan banned for life from the Denver show.

The reason? Cheating.

Badger had been fed an illegal, steroid-like drug called clenbuterol that beefed him up, giving him the straight lines and muscular physique of a champion. Ryan's parents, John and Cherie Carrabba of Crockett, Texas, admitted responsibility.

They are not alone on the junior livestock show circuit.

At shows across the country, the

illegal growth promoter was detected last fall and spring in more than a dozen winning steers and lambs that had been paraded around arenas by America's fresh-faced youngsters.

As state fairs prepare to open their gates, U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials are re-arming themselves with kits to detect the drug. In Europe people who ate tainted meat from animals given the drug were hospitalized with increased heart rates and muscle weakness.

The drug may be the most appalling deception in the show arena, but by no means is it the only method of cheating.

Over the years, exhibitors have been caught using cosmetic surgery to get rid of a steer's extra neck flab, injecting air under the animal's skin with a bicycle pump to give it smoother lines, and using twine, glue and wig hair to fill out an animal's bony legs.

At the Tyler County Fair in Texas earlier this year, a boy whose pig was too light to qualify rammed a garden hose down its throat and turned it on. The swine gained 10 pounds, but died a few minutes later.

And at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair last September, a 16-year-old held the head of his lamb while a friend severely beat it so its body would swell and feel firmer to judges.

The cheating has tainted a symbol of wholesome Americana at its best—kids learning responsibility by raising an animal, showing it, selling it for slaughter and using the profits for a college education.

Since some grand champions have sold for more than \$200,000, officials are putting most of the blame on parents who will do anything to help their children win. Some hire professional groomers to scout out and raise the best show animals with

little or no help from their kids.

Scott McEldowney, who admitted feeding clenbuterol to his 10-year-old daughter's steer Barney, says he had to cheat to compete on a national level.

"It's like anything in life, either racing cars or anything," said McEldowney, who has a small farm in Ansonia, Ohio, near Dayton. "If you're going to play on the same level, let's play on the same level."

He and seven others at the Ohio State Fair were caught either drugging their animals with clenbuterol or injecting oil under their skin to give them a better appearance. His daughter, Jessica, was banned for life from showing at the state fair and had to return the \$4,000 paid for her steer.

"We've had people that tried to get us to use it for years and we refused. We wanted nothing to do with it," McEldowney said.

"But we were getting beat by cattle that were on it, people that were trying to sell it to us," he said. "I was trying to give her an equal advantage, not an unequal advantage."

An Ohio Agriculture Department investigation led to the convictions of 10 people for either selling clenbuterol or tampering with livestock, and two Wisconsin veterinarians and one in Iowa have been indicted in the drug distribution scheme.

At the Tulsa State Fair in Oklahoma, six of the top animals tested positive for the drug. And in Louisville, Ky., clenbuterol was found last fall in the grand champion lamb at the North American International Livestock Expo.

The drug is most often smuggled in through Canada, where it is legally used to treat horse respiratory problems, FDA official George "Bert" Mitchell said. No human health problems have been reported domestically, however; only small amounts of drug residue have been detected in the eyeballs of the show animals.

McEldowney estimates 30 percent or more of exhibitors have used clenbuterol on their show animals. Barbara Wood, livestock director for the Tulsa State Fair that disqualified the six cheaters last year, puts the number at about 20 percent.

"At this time a year ago, I tried to

deny we had a big problem, but I've changed my mind. It's a serious problem," said Eddie Smith, Oklahoma state supervisor of agricultural education and adviser to the Future Farmers of America. "I'm sure there's always been a little fudging here and fudging there, but it's definitely gotten a lot worse."

"If we don't get it stopped, we feel it's going to kill the youth show program," he said. "It's come to that."

Livestock show officials are making rules as fast as people break them.

Some judges wear white gloves to detect if an animal's hair has been dyed black to hide imperfections. At some shows, the animals' hair has to be trimmed to one-quarter inch so judges can detect cosmetic surgery scars. Computer chips are inserted in the ears of some animals to prevent youngsters from swapping an inferior animal from early in the season for a better one at show time.

And at the Houston Livestock Show, the owner of the grand champion can take home no more than \$60,000—any extra prize money goes into a statewide scholarship fund.

The scandal is souring philanthropists, who for years have generously bid on champion animals to support what they hope will be the industry leaders of the future. While a steer

generally sells for about \$1,000 in the open market, local meat packers, fast food chains and others bid exorbitantly at the shows. Often, the meat is given to charities or auctioned off at benefits.

Irwin Fishman, owner of Lombardi Brothers Meat Packers, has purchased the grand champion at the National Western Stock Show for the past four years—including drugged-up Badger. Framed photographs of him posing with the past grand champions line his Denver office wall.

"I ought to take them all down," said Fishman, who got his money back, but still feels suckered. "I really thought these were young 4-H kids in high school that had raised this steer from a young animal, slept with them, made sure they had water."

"Maybe I'm overly naive," he said. "I still get choked up when I sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner' and I still believe in Chevrolet and apple pie. Now, in this part of it, I don't believe in it as much."

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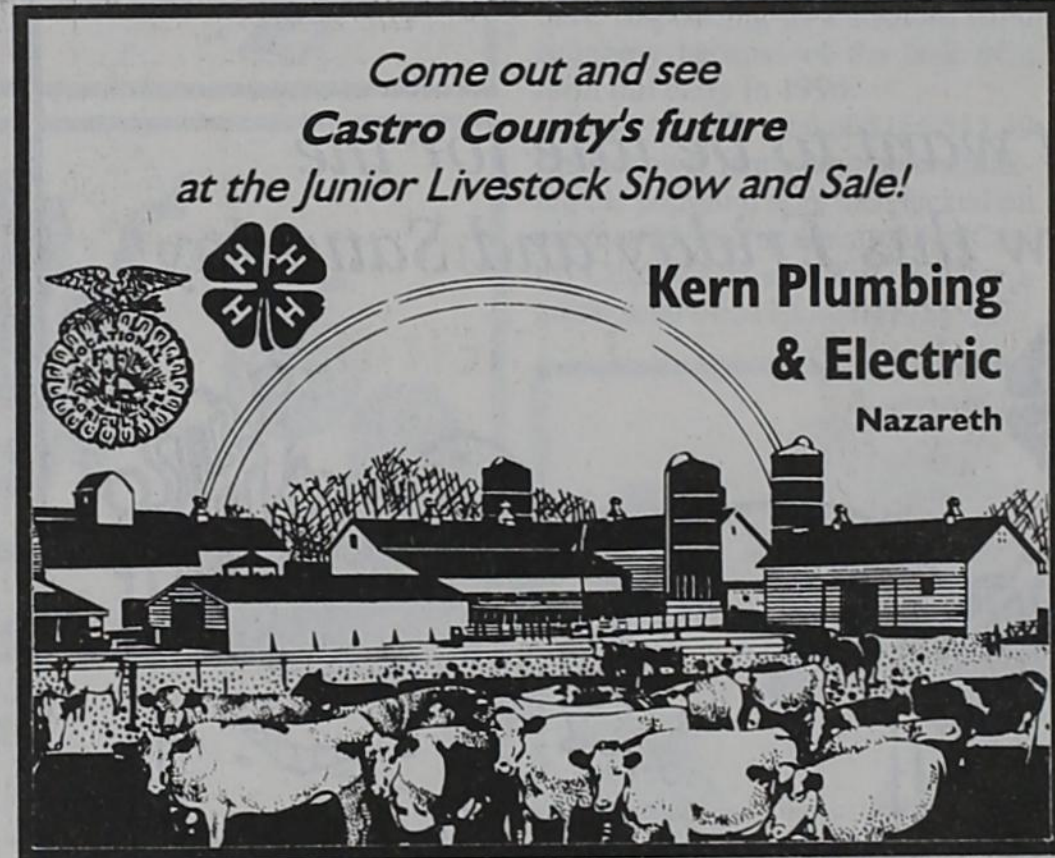
Today, many of those who exhibited their project animals in that first show are helping to make this year's the best ever . . . and are helping their own children get ready for it.

It's a good tradition, and it adds a lot to the quality of life in our area, and to the character of our next generation.

We salute all the youngsters, their parents, the adult supervisors, teachers and volunteer workers who make the Castro County Junior Livestock Show one of the best anywhere!

Come out and see  
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Nazareth



## Livestock exhibitors should work on image

If the Junior Livestock Program is to grow and prosper, it must present a favorable image to the public and offer fair and honest competition to its members.

The reasons most parents would like to have their children involved with showing livestock are based on their own positive experiences and what they believe to be benefits the program has to offer.

Every individual, identifiable group or organization creates its own image. Rural young people and their youth organizations traditionally enjoy a very favorable image with the general public. It is the responsibility of each individual and each segment of the Junior Livestock Program to present the best image

possible not only to provide a positive image for the individual but to enhance the image of their organization and their industry.

There is a saying in purebred cattle circles that "Cattle don't bring people to a breed association, people attract people to a breed of cattle."

It is the same with youth organizations. Parents want their children associated with first-class people in a first-class program. It behooves each of us to periodically reflect on our own conduct, language, dress and actions to see if we are representing the image that we wish to convey as an individual and as a group.

In any contest there must be rules and an organization to administer those rules. Show officials, paid and volunteer help, must accept their responsibility in supervision to see that the contest is conducted within the guidelines set forth in and insinuations of wrong doing on the part of exhibitors are often accepted as fact by the general public and reflect on the image of the program.

Nose printing provides the mechanics for positive identification of both cattle and sheep. Positive identification provides the foundation for integrity and trust.

If all members and all segments of the program work toward presenting themselves as first-class people, participating in a first-class program, that is the image we will have.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was reprinted from the October 1992 issue of the National Livestock Exhibitor.)*



**Turn'em loose!**

Into the show ring they go ... with high hopes riding on every project animal and every youngster. Our best wishes to all our youngsters, our thanks to the Dimmitt Young Farmers for making the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale a great event.

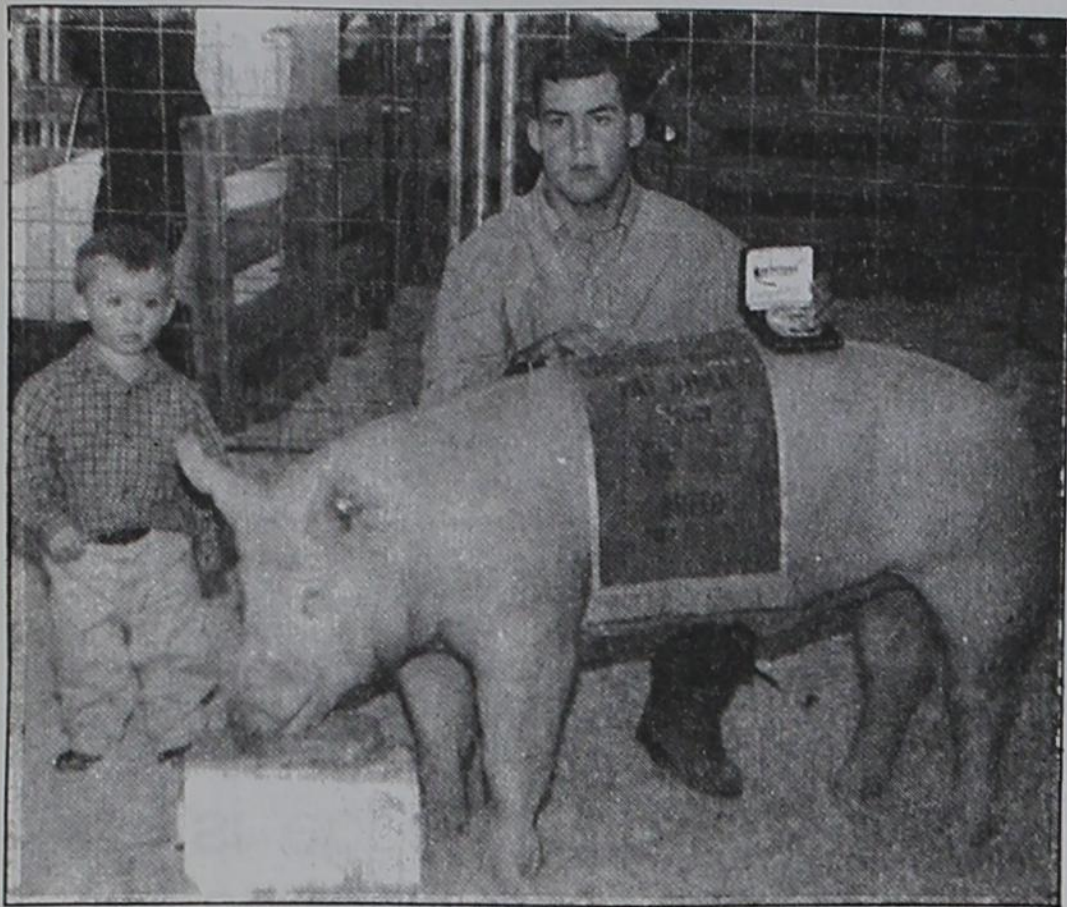
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TUCKER SCHUMACHER (right) drove his 257-lb. heavyweight Cross to the reserve grand championship in the barrow division at the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Schumacher sold his reserve grand champ for \$4.75 per pound to WW Cattle Co. Pictured with Schumacher is his nephew, Thomas Newman (left). Photo by Anne Acker

## Castro County 4-H Concession Stand

To be operated during Castro County Junior Livestock Show

Breakfast Burritos (until 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday)	\$1.50
Barbecue Plate (Beef, beans, slaw, onions)	\$5.00
Combination Plate (Beef, sausage, beans, slaw & onions)	\$5.50
Frito Pie	\$1.25
With Cheese	\$1.50
Chili	\$1.50
With Cheese	\$1.75
Sausage Sandwich (With or without sauerkraut)	\$2.00
Nachos	\$1.25
With Chili	\$1.50
Tater Tots	\$1.00
Piece of Pie	75¢
Rice Krispie Bar, Brownie, Bar Cookie	25¢
Donuts	50¢
Cinnamon Roll	75¢
Whole Pickle	50¢
Soft Drink, Orange Juice, Milk	50¢
Coffee, Hot Chocolate	25¢
Ice	10¢
Cup	5¢
Ice Water	10¢
Candy Bars	50¢
Suckers	2 for 25¢



*You're ALL Champions!*

Good luck in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. We're rooting for you!

**Dale's Auto & Salvage**

Nazareth

## Changes have been implemented at major stock shows around state

Unethical behavior at youth livestock shows is kind of like dirty laundry—it's better aired from the inside out.

"My position is that the vast majority of people at the (youth livestock) programs are doing the right thing, but the time has come to not tolerate the people who don't," said Dr. Jeff Goodwin, Dallas County Extension agent.

"As long as we don't discuss it, the unethical people will have free rein," he said. "I've been accused of airing our dirty laundry, but dirty laundry is better aired from the inside out."

The four biggest possible downfalls of the youth livestock program, Goodwin said, are illegal and extra labeled drug use on show animals, physical alteration of animals, false ownership of animals and excessive involvement of professional fitters who do the work for the exhibitors.

Many of the major livestock shows already have instituted some type of ethics policy, Goodwin said.

A newly-implemented lamb validation program was instituted this year for major shows throughout the state, said Ken Cook, district Extension director in San Angelo.

Nose printing has been done on Texas show steers since 1975 with excellent results. By using the process, positive identification of individual animals is unquestionable, Cook said.

Beginning last season all Texas show or "club" lambs had to be registered to the youngster showing them. This is to prevent persons from bringing in outside lambs just before a show, he explained.

Offenders at youth livestock shows fall into three categories, Goodwin said. They are:

♦A small group of people who are just crooks. "They are in every kind of program," he said.

♦Those who will cross the line if it's convenient to do so. "If everyone else is doing it, they will. If we can remind them not to, they won't," he added.

♦Those who may never break the rules but are at the stock show for the wrong reasons. "Adult egos are at the root of 99% of the problems in the program," he said.

"The professional lamb fitters are not necessarily to blame for the bulk of the wrong doing, though in a youth show, the child should be doing his own work," said Cook. "It's not even so much the money anymore like it used to be. Mostly it's the daddies. They just want to beat each other. In the heat of the moment, they lose track of their priorities and some will do anything to have their kid win."

"It's the old Little League syndrome. You see it to some degree in all youth activities," Cook said.

"Remember the ultimate purpose for the youth livestock show program—youth development," said Goodwin.

He recommended that parents, vocational agriculture teachers and

county Extension agents shift their involvement to more of a coaching mode as the child gets more adept at handling the responsibility of caring for and exhibiting an animal.

Additionally, he recommended that 4-H and FFA clubs should institute local level ethics programs. "We've seen a lot of positive things happen when we do that," he said.

Rules should be enforced and a "zero tolerance" level developed for unethical behavior.

"Ninety-five percent of the people who've seen it just love it. They say it's about time. We're just on the side of doing the right thing," he said.

**4-H Prayer**

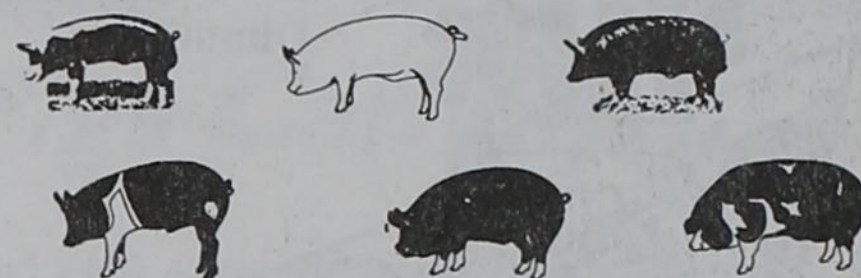


*"Help me, O Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better because Thou didst make me."*

Castro County youth are #1!

Best wishes for another successful Junior Livestock Show!

**Ed Harris Lumber Co.**  
Hart



*Whatever their shape or color, you won't find better ones anywhere!*

*Good luck to our 4-H and FFA youngsters in the show and sale!*

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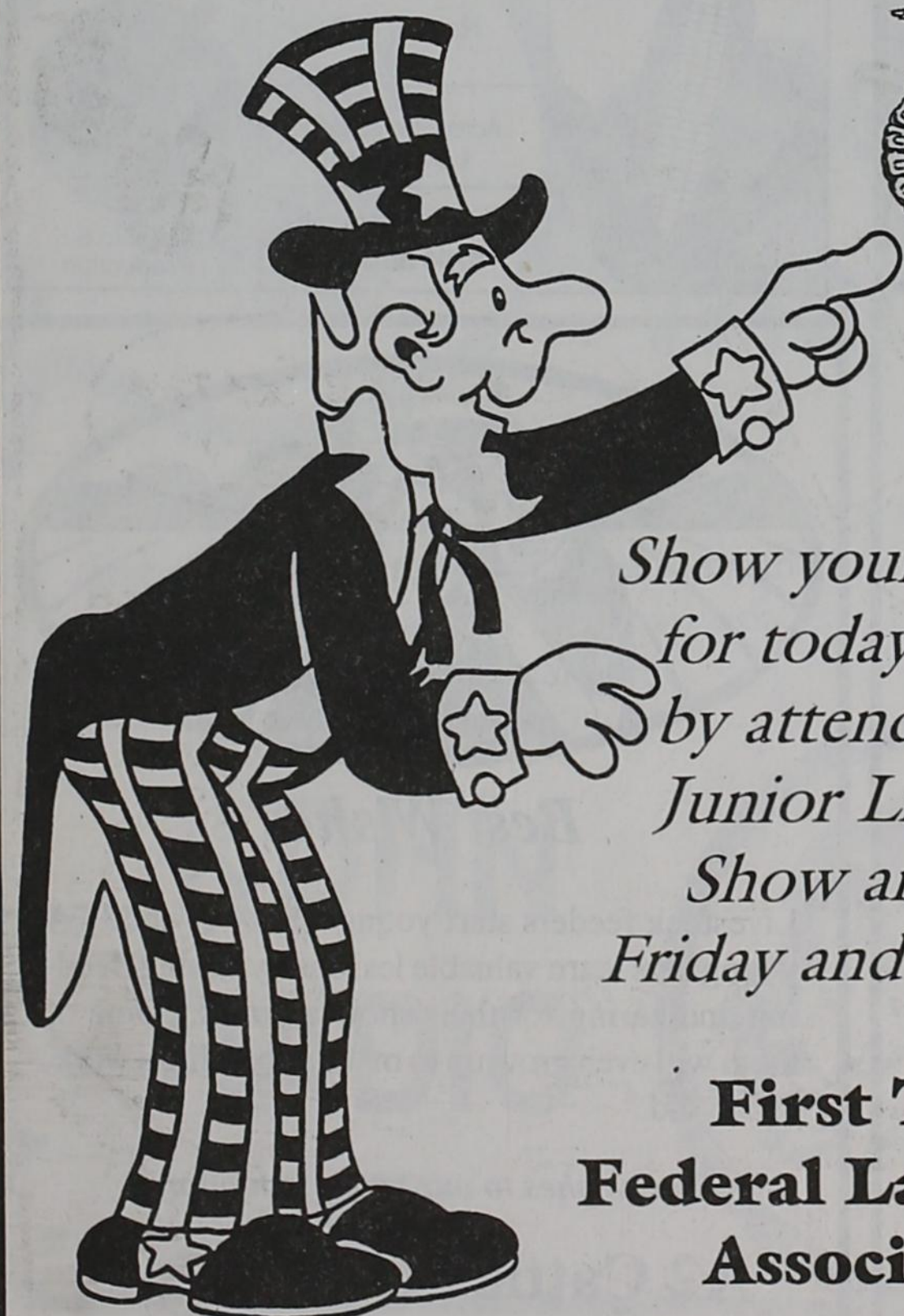


**Be Proud**

Win or lose, be proud of your entry and of the opportunity you have in America to have such an opportunity to participate in such an event.

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Hereford



*Show your support for today's youth by attending the Junior Livestock Show and Sale Friday and Saturday.*

**First Texas Federal Land Bank Association**



# Stock show is Friday

Steers, lambs and barrows have filled the quonset barns at the Expo Building as the Castro County junior livestock show officially gets underway.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers are once again coordinating this year's show, which will continue through Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Animals were weighed and classified Wednesday. The county show will begin Friday at 8 a.m. and will continue throughout the day.

The lamb show will begin at 8

a.m., followed by the steer show at 11. The barrow show is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Judges for this year's show will be Larry Grey, steers; Dale Schattner, barrows; Rex Stoltz, lambs; and Danny Ivey, showmanship. Gray is ag-teacher at Springlake-Earth, Schattner is ag teacher at New Home and Stoltz is a retired County Extension Agent from Concho County.

Those animals qualifying for Saturday's premium sale will be paraded through the sale ring Saturday afternoon.



HOPING TO CATCH THE JUDGE'S EYE  
... Youngsters exhibit lambs at the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show

Photo by Anne Acker

## FFA offers something for everyone

FFA's 7,372 chapters range from inner-city Philadelphia (the largest chapter) to rural Nevada, Chicago to small Texas towns.

Last year's election of Chicago's Corey Flournoy, the first African American and urban national FFA president, underscored the organization's expanding diversity.

FFA estimates that one third of its members are from urban areas, one third are from suburbs and one third are from rural backgrounds.

## 'Pledge' is FFA official salute

The Pledge of Allegiance is the official salute of the FFA organization.

To properly conduct the salute, face the United States flag, place the right hand over the left part of the chest and, holding it there, repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

At the conclusion of the pledge, the hand should be dropped to the side and the members should again face the president's station. The salute should always be used in the official closing ceremony for meetings and at other FFA gatherings.

## 4-H milestones

The 4-H movement in Texas dates all the way back to 1908, when Jack County Agent Tom Marks organized a "corn club" with 25 boys participating to learn the latest methods in corn production. The next year, pig clubs were started, partly to use the corn produced by the corn clubs.

Other early day 4-H milestones: 1909: O.B. Martin, formerly director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was appointed to direct the national program. He developed the 4-H insignia, which was adopted in 1911.

1912: Mrs. Edna Trigg was appointed Milam County home demonstration agent—the first such appointment in Texas—to organize girls' clubs.

1914: Smith-Lever Act passed, making states and the USDA partners in Extension educational programs and enabling 4-H to broaden its objectives and activities.

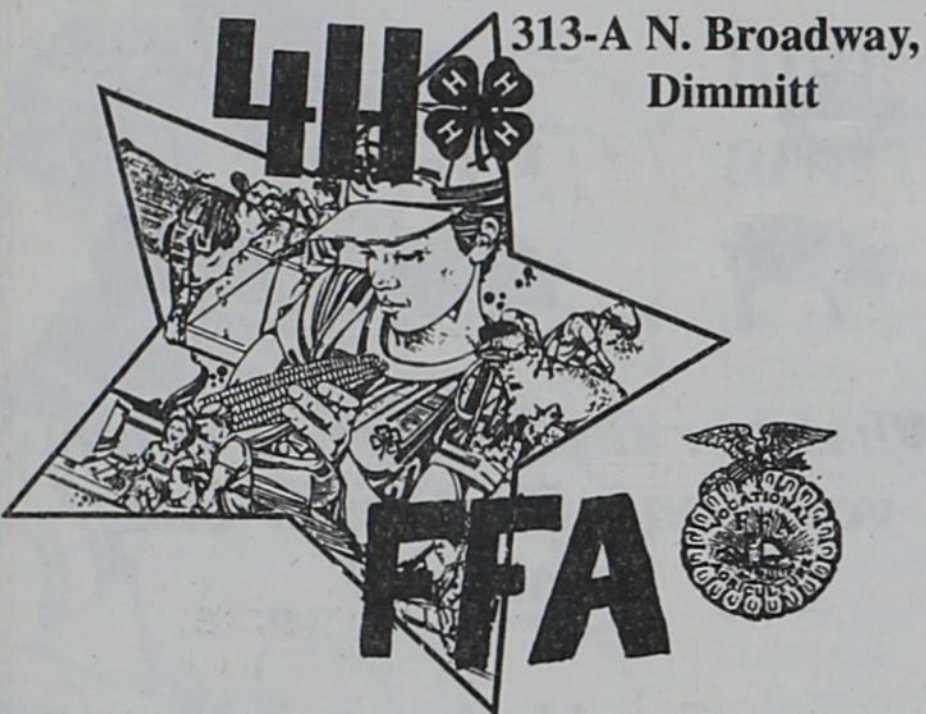
1920: Boys' and Girls' Clubs (the forerunners of 4-H) adopted "To Make the Best Better" as their motto. 1921: State 4-H Club Council organized; first 4-H Clothing contest held.

1923: National 4-H Club Congress organized.

## Pancake House

Francis & Bea Acker

... salutes the "stars of the show," our 4-H and FFA youths. Good luck in this year's Junior Livestock Show and Sale!



# FFA officers learn leadership

Chapter officers serve a vital function in the FFA organization. By taking a major leadership role, these students grow from the experience and benefit the chapter. It should be the officers' goal to lead by example and encourage other members to participate in chapter activities.

The following are general duties expected of all officers.

- ◆ A commitment to a genuine desire to be a part of a leadership team.
- ◆ A willingness to accept responsibility.
- ◆ A sincere desire to work with all chapter members in meeting their leadership, personal and chapter goals.
- ◆ A commitment to lead by example.

◆ A knowledge and understanding of the chapter, state and national FFA constitutions and bylaws.

◆ A working knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

◆ An ability to memorize their parts in the official ceremonies.

Specific duties for each office follow:

**President**  
The president must preside over meetings according to accepted rules of parliamentary procedure; appoint committees and serve on them as an ex-officio (non-voting) member; coordinate the activities of the chapter and evaluate the progress of each division of the program of activities; and represent the chapter in public relations and official functions.

**Vice President**  
The vice president will assume all duties of the president if necessary; develop the program of activities and serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the program of activities committees; coordinate all committee work; work closely with the president and advisor to assess progress toward meeting chapter goals; and establish and maintain a chapter resource file.

**Secretary**  
The secretary should prepare and

post the agenda for each chapter meeting; prepare and present the minutes of each chapter meeting; place all committee reports in the designated area in the Official FFA Chapter Secretary's Book; be responsible for chapter correspondence; maintain member attendance and activity records and issue membership cards; keep the program of activities wall chart up-to-date; and have on hand for each meeting the following:

- ◆ Official FFA Chapter Secretary's Book including minutes of the previous meeting.
- ◆ Copy of the Program of Activities including all standing and special committees.
- ◆ Official FFA Manual and Student Handbook.
- ◆ Copies of the chapter constitution and bylaws.

**Treasurer**

The FFA treasurer will receive, record and deposit FFA funds and issue receipts; present monthly treasurer's reports at chapter meetings; collect dues and special assessments; maintain a neat and accurate Official FFA Chapter Treasurer's Book; prepare and submit the membership roster; and dues to the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the secretary; serve as chairperson of the earnings and savings committee.

**Reporter**

Reporters for FFA should plan public information programs with local radio, television, newspaper and service clubs and make use of other opportunities to tell the FFA story; release news and information to local and regional news media; publish a chapter newsletter; prepare and maintain a chapter scrapbook; send local stories to area, district and state reporters; send articles and photographs to FFA New Horizons and other national and/or regional publications; work with local media on radio and television appearances and FFA news; serve as the chapter photographer.

**Sentinel**

The sentinel assists the president in

maintaining order; keeps the meeting room, chapter equipment and supplies in proper condition; welcomes guests and visitors; keeps the meeting room comfortable; takes charge of candidates for degree ceremonies; and assists with special features and refreshments.

**Advisor**

The FFA chapter advisor supervises chapter activities year-round; informs prospective students and parents about the FFA; instructs students in leadership and personal development; builds school and community support for the program; encourages involvement of all chapter members in activities; and prepares students for involvement in contests and awards programs.

## Leadership in FFA

Clara-Leigh Horn will travel more than 100,000 miles this year, meeting with executives at major U.S. and international corporations, education leaders and government representatives.

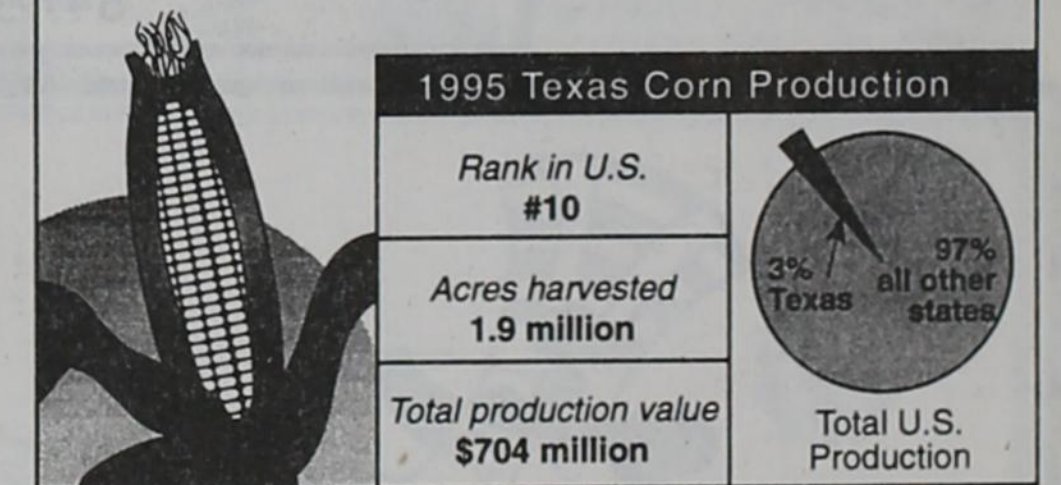
Horn is not a CEO, a fundraiser or even a lobbyist. She's a 21-year-old college student taking a year off from school to serve as one of six national FFA officers, representing the organization, agricultural education and today's youth.

In addition to running for national office, FFA members have opportunities for leadership at the local and state levels, gaining skills that will serve them for life. Many of today's leaders—including former President Jimmy Carter and Congressman Bill Sarpalius—were FFA members.

## AGRIFACTS

### CORN

Statewide corn production averaged 114 bushels per acre in 1995, 3 bushels less than the previous year. Production decreased 9 percent from last year to nearly 217 million bushels.



## Best Wishes

to the young people of Castro County as you hold your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

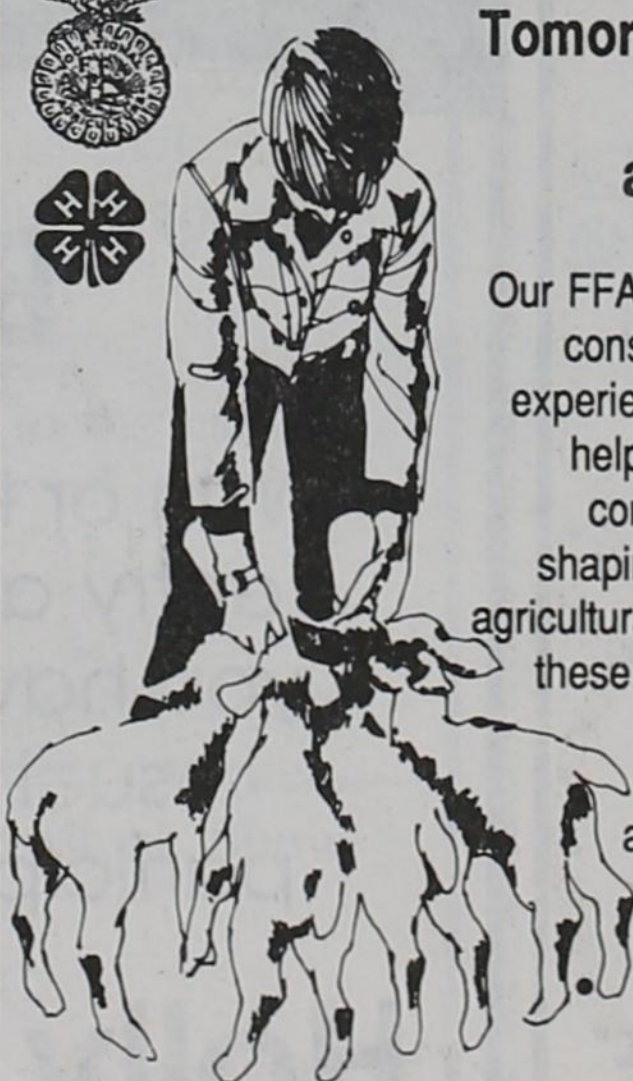
In your work in the FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs, you are preparing for the future. When you are in business on your own, remember we specialize in furnishing concrete for feed yards!

# Dimmitt Ready Mix

## How do you join 4-H?

Contact your local office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. An Extension agent working with 4-H will be able to guide you to 4-H opportunities in your area.

The Castro County Extension Office is located in the basement of the county courthouse in Dimmitt at 100 E. Bedford. You can call the office at 647-4115 and talk to any Extension agent—either J.D. Ragland, Marilyn Neal or Pammy Millican.



## Tomorrow's farmers and ranchers at work today!

Our FFA and 4-H clubs are constantly learning and experiencing new ideas to help better our farming community. They'll be shaping the future of our agricultural world! We salute these fine groups and its members! Show your support by attending the Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

### El Sombrero Restaurant

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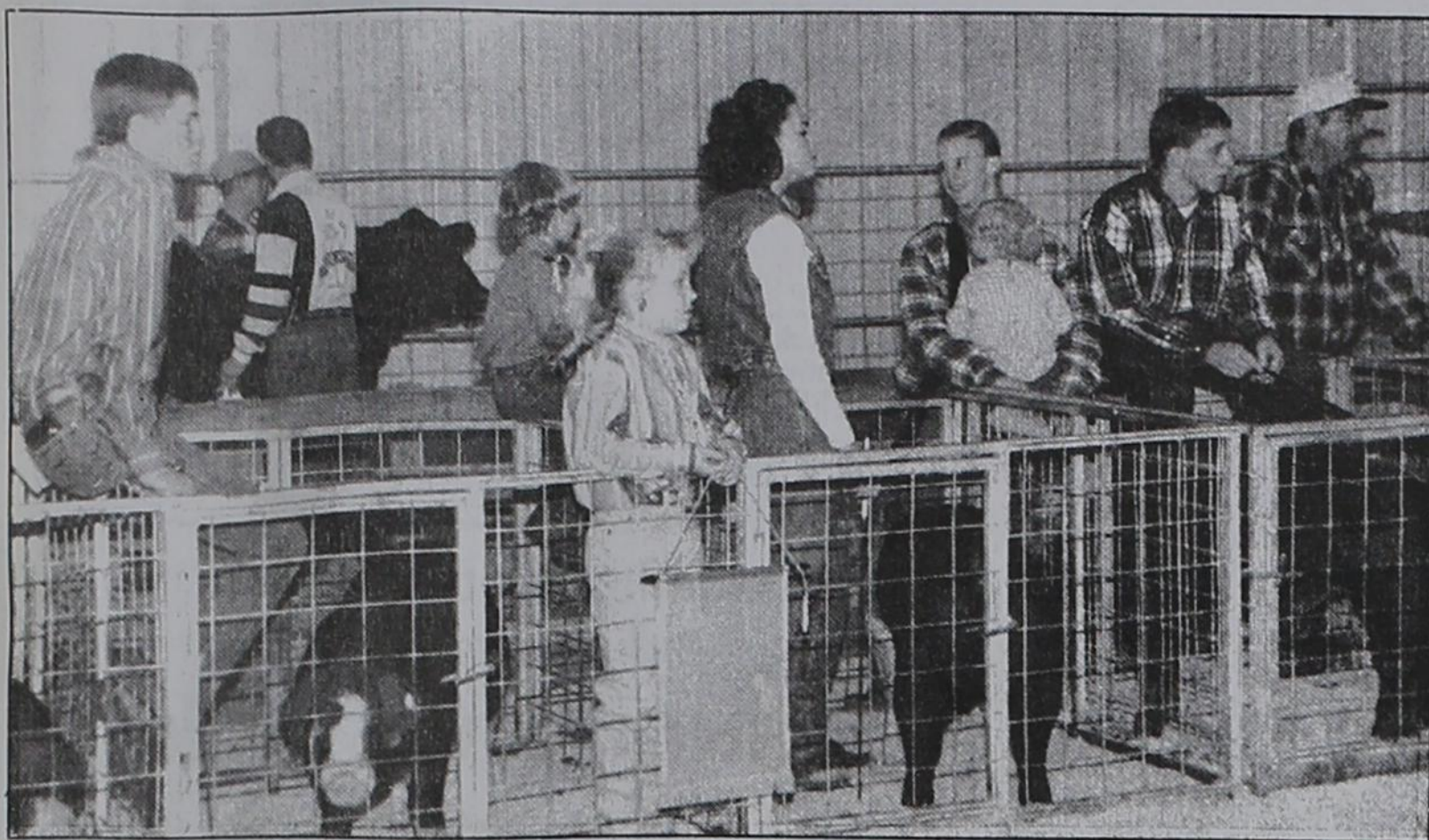
## Best Wishes

Livestock feeders start young. Our 4-H and FFA youngsters learn valuable lessons by raising, feeding and caring for their show animals. Some of them will even grow up to make it their life's work, as we did.

Best wishes to our young exhibitors!

### A2 Cattle Feeding, Inc.





SEVERAL COUNTY STUDENTS WAIT patiently until their name is called and they can parade their barrows through the sale ring. More than 200 animals were sold in the 1996 premium sale, held in

conjunction with the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The Dimmitt Young Farmers conduct the annual sale and show.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Show ring versus the real world

By BOB BISHOP  
County Extension Director  
Norwood, Colorado

Historically, the Beef Cattle Show Ring Proponents and the Commercial Beef Cattle Industry have been at odds because of the radical changes made in the Purebred Industry simply to satisfy the beef cattle show judges.

The changes have had little, if any, scientific or monetary reason for being made. From the 1930s to the 1950s, cattle size was reduced more than a foot in height and by several hundred pounds for the same age of animals.

The pendulum then started to swing in the other direction until in the 1980s cattle height became the determining factor for dividing mar-

ket steer classes. During the last few years, it seems that the largest heifer in a class was always Grand Champion.

Visual appraisal by the producer is the most common way of picking replacement heifers. It's nearly impossible to look at a group of heifer calves and predict their reproductive potential.

This system can be costly because infertile and subfertile heifers can't be identified until after breeding season.

Needing to respond to the request from several ranchers to develop an Open Beef Replacement Heifer Class for the San Miguel Basin Fair and not wanting just another usual beauty contest, I developed a contest that would use the most current research-based information as the selection criteria.

The contest's purpose was twofold: to solve the request for an Open Heifer Class for the fair and to educate ranchers using current research-based management practices, which would increase net return by improved heifer reproductive performance.

The Colorado State University Integrated Resource Management (IRM) Team helped develop criteria. This team, made up of a number of specialists from several campus departments, came up with a 100-point scoring system for each heifer. We decided to enter heifers in lots of five to make results more valid.

Now it was time to take this concept to the interested cattle people. After several workshops, the San Miguel Basin Heifer Test Association was formed with 10 ranchers as members. I felt that if ownership of the program was given to the ranchers from the beginning, there would be a much stronger commitment to see that the program was conducted properly.

In the Fall of 1988, a ranch feedlot site was selected for the test. Refinements in the test procedure were

developed, cost of the test determined, and a nonprofit corporation established with a board of directors and officers. A total of 90 head of preconditioned, weaned heifers representing seven breeds were consigned and delivered.

The test consisted of wintering the heifers to gain up to 1.5 pounds a day for 120 days. One month before breeding, the heifers were re-vaccinated, pelvic area measured, reproductive tracts scored, body condition scored, and structural soundness evaluated. This accounted for 40% of the heifers' total score.

The remaining 60% was determined after pregnancy diagnosis. A three-day artificial insemination period followed an estrus synchronization program using MGA and prostaglandin. A 45-day breeding period followed using a health-certified, clean-up bull.

Heifers were pregnancy-checked a week before the fair and the two top winning pens were on exhibit at the fair, thus satisfying the initial request for a heifer class at the fair.

Since that time, additional refinements to the test procedures have been developed by the agent and producers with input from the IRM Campus Team, and the second test had 15 consignors from three states with 263 head of heifers being tested for 1989-90 season.

The second year growth in both heifer numbers and consignors indicated that the educational goal has been reached and ranchers can see the economic benefits of heifer testing.

This is an example of an integrated program with the industry, local veterinarian, campus staff, producers, and local agent all buying in and supporting a new concept that may produce major changes in heifer development and marketing in the future.

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## FFA teaches youths to be entrepreneurs

After listening to his father talk about cutting grass for "mad" money, 10-year-old Chad Thixton invested allowance and odd job money in a lawn mower and began mowing for friends and relatives.

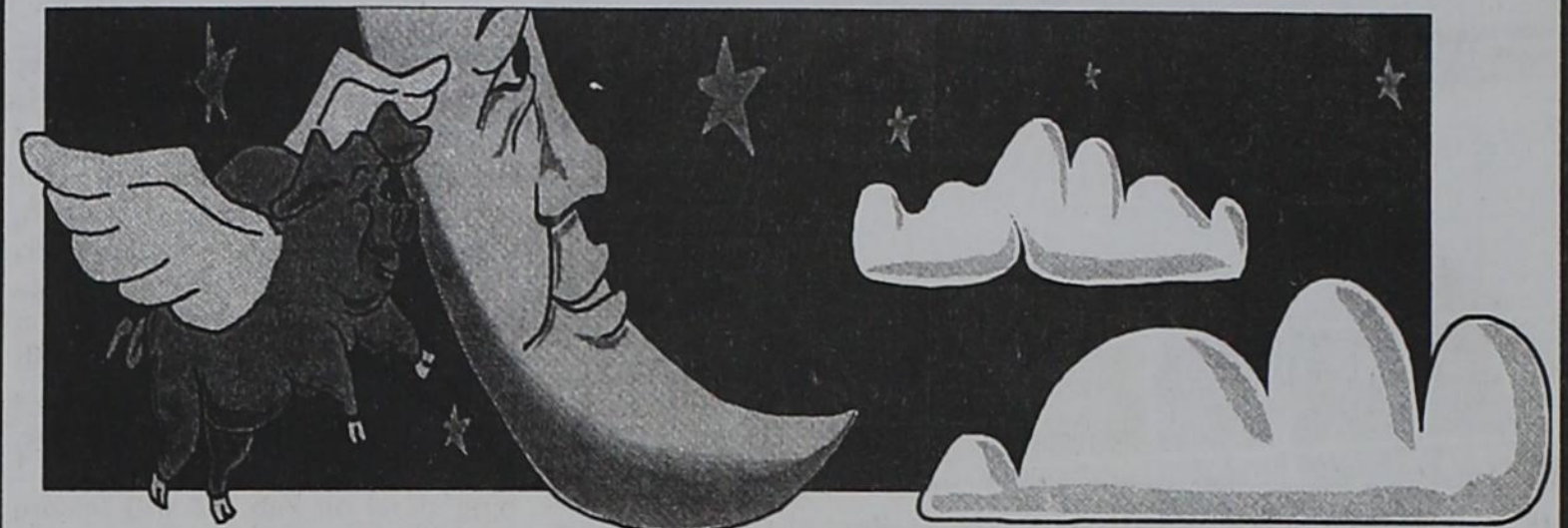
Eleven years later his company, Greenscape Lawn and Landscape, Inc., is beginning its latest contract, landscaping the first phase of 247 homes in Atlanta, Ga.

This is one example of a supervised agricultural experience project, in which FFA members start their own businesses or work for existing agricultural enterprises, often earning enough money for college or successfully launching professional careers.

*All dressed up*

Our youngsters and their project animals all look their best during the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Best of wishes to all of you!

**The Company Store**  
Hart



## When Pigs Can Fly ...

When our 4-H and FFA youngsters raise project animals, they learn a lot about commitment, showmanship, time management and cost accounting.

We hope they also learn that anything is possible.

Good luck to all our kids. We hope you place, make the sale and get a great bid!

## Cornett Equipment

Don, Mike and Tad

## The FFA mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Core goals of the FFA are to:

- ◆ Provide a quality product that is perceived by students, teachers, parents and educational and business partners as adding value to the lives of students.

- ◆ Continually build human resources through a highly motivated, committed and well trained national board, national staff and national FFA officers.

- ◆ Build and maintain a solid delivery system through a well trained, motivated state staff to provide state leadership, an adequate supply of well trained and motivated advisors with access to FFA tools to provide local leadership.

- ◆ Expand our customer base by expanding FFA membership that is representative of the student population.

- ◆ Establish and maintain a secure financial base.



*Our future depends on our youth!*

Give them your support by attending the  
**43rd Annual Junior Livestock Show & Sale**  
Friday and Saturday

Best wishes from  
**Dimmitt Feed Yards, Inc.**



# Best Wishes!

Because of what our 4-H and FFA youngsters are learning today, our nation will continue to be the best-fed on earth tomorrow. Best wishes to all participants in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show!

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**THIS IS THE WAY WE WASH OUR PIGS**—Part of the stock show routine is grooming animals for the show ring, and part of that includes giving them a good old bath. Students, and a father or two, corral their pigs, then turn on the water and soap. This year's show will be held Friday morning at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. *Photo by Anne Acker*

## Top entertainers to perform during Houston Livestock Show

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials have announced a star-filled lineup featuring top entertainers who will perform during this year's annual show.

Each of the 20 rodeo performances will feature PRCA rodeo action, the world's largest calf scramble, chuck wagon races and concert entertainment. Kicking off the show at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 will be Alan Jackson and LeAnn Rimes. On Feb. 15 at 11 a.m., Neal McCoy and Bryan White will perform in the Astrodome. Collin Raye, Trace Adkins and Gary Allan headline the 7 p.m. performance on Feb. 15. The first Sunday twilight performance will feature Tim McGraw and Chris LeDoux at 4 p.m. on Feb. 16.

The week continues with 7 p.m. performances. George Strait is scheduled to perform on Feb. 17 and Feb. 18; Brooks and Dunn will highlight the shows on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20; and Mary Chapin Carpenter, Patty Loveless and Kathy Mattea will be the featured attraction on Feb. 21. On Feb. 22 the show will celebrate Black Heritage Day with a matinee performance at 11 a.m. featuring Earth Wind and Fire. The 7 p.m. show on Feb. 22 will feature Tracy Lawrence and Rick Trevino.

The second week of entertainment kicks off with Go Tejano Day and a 4 p.m. twilight performance by Emilio and Grupo Limite on Feb. 23. Premier concerts continue during

the week at 7 p.m. with Clay Walker on Feb. 24, Reba McEntire on Feb. 25 and 26, and Wynonna on Feb. 27. The Feb. 28 performance features entertainment from Hank Williams Jr., Charlie Daniels and the Marshall Tucker Band, and will include an appearance by Bo Diddley. John Michael Montgomery will perform for the 11 a.m. matinee on March 1 while the evening performance will feature Mark Chestnutt and Terri Clark. Vince Gill closes out the show at the final 4 p.m. rodeo performance on March 2.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets or on the Internet at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo opens with the barbecue contest on Feb. 6 and other Go Texan events will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Astrodome complex. Horse show competition will begin on Feb. 12 while the rodeo, livestock show and carnival are slated to open Feb. 14. All events conclude March 2.

Gather up the litter and join us at the **Junior Livestock Show & Sale** Friday and Saturday **Goodpasture, Inc.**

## Local youth participate in Hereford Stock Show

Castro County 4-H and FFA youth participated in the recent Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show Jan. 22-24.

Several won ribbons in the Five-County division of the competition. Wesley Mays of the Castro County 4-H won Breed Champion honors with his heavyweight Finewool Cross, and Ky Kirby of the Dimmitt FFA won Reserve Breed Champion honors in the same class with his mediumweight animal. Also, Ross Schulte of the Nazareth FFA won Breed Champion honors with his Class II Chester barrow. Ky Kirby also won the junior showmanship award for the Five-County division.

Those winning places included:

### STEERS

**ENGLISH:** Class II—2. Justin Sutton, 4-H.

**EXOTIC:** Class II—3. Justin Sutton; Class IV—3. Wesley Mays, 4-H.

### LAMBS

**FINEWOOL:** Heavy—2. Wesley Mays, 4-H, 3. Shown on behalf of the late Aaron Wilcox, Dimmitt FFA.

**FINEWOOL CROSS:** Medium—1. Ky Kirby, 5. Ryan Hunter,

4-H, 7. Hunter Ross, 4-H; Heavy—1. Wesley Mays, 4-H, 2. Hunter Ross, 4-H, 6. Raynee Bradley, 4-H.

**MEDIUMWOOL:** Light—1. On behalf of Aaron Wilcox, 2. Cliff Wright, Dimmitt FFA, 11. Jinna Wright, Dimmitt FFA, 13. Yesenia Zamora, Dimmitt FFA, 15. Shae Odom, Dimmitt FFA, 17. Cliff Wright, 18. Shae Odom; Medium—12. Jinna Wright, 15. Kristin Hales, 4-H, 18. Yesenia Zamora; Medium Heavy—3. Raynee Bradley, 5. Asia Kirby, Dimmitt FFA, 6. Asia Kirby, 10. Ky Kirby; Heavy—2. Raymond Powers, 4-H, 4. On behalf of Aaron Wilcox, 5. Ryan Hunter, 23. Ky Kirby; Jumbo—16. Asia Kirby, 24. Kristin Hales.

### BARROWS

**BERKSHIRE:** Class II—2. Clay Hoelting, Nazareth FFA.

**CHESTER:** Class I—2. Jayson Burnam, Nazareth FFA; Class II—1. Ross Schulte, Nazareth FFA, 3. Leon Birkenfeld, Nazareth FFA, 8. Aaron Kern, 4-H.

**DUROC:** Class III—2. Jeremy Simpson, Dimmitt FFA, 3. Ross Schulte.

**HAMPSHIRE:** Class IV—7. Shantell Self, Dimmitt FFA, 9. Jeremy Simpson.

**POLAND CHINA:** Class I—6. B.J. Kern, Nazareth FFA; Class II—6. Tucker Self, Dimmitt FFA; Class III—5. Clifford Gerber, Nazareth FFA.

**SPOT:** Class I—3. Matthew Kern, 4-H; Class II—11. Jayson Burnam; Class III—5. Coby Schacher, Nazareth FFA; Class V—1. Tanner Self, Dimmitt FFA; Class VI—4. Jeremy Simpson.

**YORK and OWPB (Other White Pure Breeds):** Class II—8. Evan Huseman, 4-H; Class III—3. Clifford Gerber, 10. Leon Birkenfeld.

### FFA is...

## Recognition

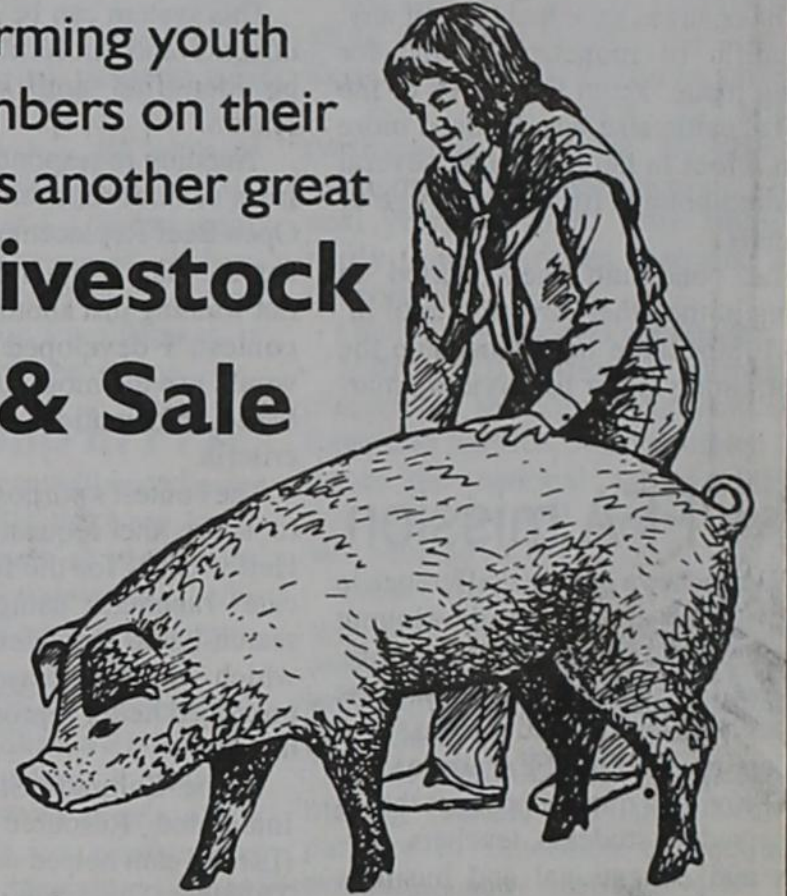
In addition to the satisfaction of knowing your stuff and doing your best, you could walk away with money for school, cash prizes and exciting trips, not to mention plaques, ribbons and trophies.

# Congratulations

... to the farming youth and 4-H members on their efforts towards another great

## Junior Livestock Show & Sale

**DON HARGROVE**  
Contractor



## FARM LIFE

is the best way of life in the world, and the best way to live it to its fullest is through participation in farm youth organizations.

We're proud of our Castro County youth and of their accomplishments. The annual Junior Livestock Show is one of many areas in which the youth of our county excel.

It takes commitment and dedication to excel in anything. It takes a committed teacher, a dedicated student, a supportive family, a worthwhile project or goal. And it takes a lot of hard work.

We want you young livestock raisers to know that we appreciate the work and long hours you've put in, preparing for the show. You could be spending your time in a lot of other, less productive, ways. We're glad you chose this wholesome, worthwhile route. Whether you win or not, we're proud to be part of a community that supports its youth the way ours does. Our Junior Livestock Show and sale represent a big undertaking—and it's done almost entirely by volunteers, who have the common commitment of helping our kids.

Ours is a great county. And we're proud to be a part of it.

# Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc.

We're behind our youth all the way!



Technology is an amazing thing! Our 4-H and FFA youth are learning the latest skills and newest techniques, developing a sense of responsibility and growth, learning by doing, on the farm and in the classroom.

Congratulations as you hold your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.



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