

# The Castro County News

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By Don Nelson

I'm glad that Vince Moss and the hospital board had a meeting of the minds last Wednesday night, and that Moss is staying on as the administrator of our rural health clinics. I think the county needs the clinics, and the clinic system needs a dedicated administrator.

Moss said that one of the main problems between the hospital district and the general public has been a lack of communication. I certainly agree with that.

Through Q&A sessions with hospital district officials and reports on board meetings, I've printed hundreds of facts about the situation over the last several months. But I'm not sure I've yet printed the truth.

I think that many of the significant events have taken place behind the scenes and in executive sessions of the board, and have gone unreported.

A governing board can go into closed session to discuss property negotiations or personnel, and it's in these two areas that many of the controversies seem to have developed.

I think the hospital district broke faith with its taxpayers several years ago when it didn't lower the tax rate—even if only by a token amount—once the hospital had worked its way out of its financial crisis. That may be a false assumption; there may have been extenuating reasons for keeping the tax rate up, I don't know.

But now, as I understand it, our hospital district can't lower the tax rate because it is receiving Disproportionate Share funds from Medicaid, and any tax-rate cut would be construed as using "DisPro" funds to take the place of property-tax income, and that's against the regulations. (I think the hospital district, on behalf of our taxpayers, would do well to challenge this rule as it applies to our situation.)

Nevertheless, what remains now is that we have a good hospital with a dedicated staff; we need more doctors and other health-care professionals because our county is badly underserved medically; and our hospital district has ample funds to invest in the rural health clinics and to hire the doctors.

Let's just put all this controversy behind us, and all work together, and get on with it.

It's too bad that the '94 baseball season has to end in a strike, because it's been such a good season. Kenny Rogers pitched his perfect game for the Rangers; the Colorado Rockies were packing the stands; the Cleveland Indians were having a great year; and several young players appeared to be closing in on some all-time batting records.

I'm not an astute baseball fan, but I could empathize with what one fan said a couple of weeks ago on a radio talk show. He was pushing for a boycott by fans (which will never happen).

"It costs about a hundred dollars for a family of four to go to a major league game," he said, "to watch players who make more in a year than most of us earn in a lifetime. Why should we support them when they're striking against a salary cap?"

I've often wondered why, when some of the salaries of professional athletes border on the ridiculous, there couldn't be a more equitable distribution of the money.

All the cities that have pro teams are fighting massive problems—

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### Parade weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	83	58	.37
Friday	83	59	
Saturday	83	59	
Sunday	94	59	
Monday	94	59	
Tuesday	93	63	.11
Wednesday	86	58	

August Moisture 1.64  
1994 Moisture 16.16  
KJHN RADIO  
US Weather Observer



'TIS THE SEASON—Dimmitt Head Football Coach Danny Chisum goes over a point during pre-season workouts at the Dimmitt High School practice field. The Bobcats are working toward their Sept. 2 season opener against Springlake-Earth. Photo by John Brooks

## AM-P planning Saturday tours

Guided tours of the American Maize-Products plant in Dimmitt will be a highlight of the 1994 Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

More information about Harvest Days, and a complete Harvest Days schedule, is included in a special 12-page section in today's News.

American Maize-Products is celebrating 10 years in Dimmitt with special events for employees. Public tours will be given at the plant Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. The tour will be open to persons six and older, but children ages 6 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult at all times at the plant. Children under six will not be admitted into the plant, and there are no child care facilities available at the plant.

"This will be a walking tour," said General Manager Gary Thompson. "There will be a considerable amount of walking and a fair amount of climbing."

Parking will be in the parking lot on the north side of the plant. Overflow parking will be on the Dimmitt Agri Industries lot across the street to the north of the plant. Everyone taking the tour will be required to watch a safety video explaining procedures at the plant. A film detailing the plant and mill-



AMERICAN MAIZE-PRODUCTS PRODUCTS... Some of the many products made by AM-P

Courtesy Photo

ing and refining processes will be shown before the tour.

The plant is in its 24th year of production. It was originally constructed and put on-line in 1970 by Dimmitt-Agri Industries. The plant was bought by American Fructose Corporation, a subsidiary of American Maize-Products Co., in November 1984. AM-P bought the entire stock of AFC and merged American Fructose with and into American Maize-Products Co. in February 1993.

The plant was originally designed to produce corn starch, with limited syrup production. Then, the industry changed. Expansion projects in 1977, 1981 and 1990 increased the daily grind capacity to 54,000 bushels, although that has been exceeded several times to meet demand. The plant is designed to produce 42% and 55% high fructose corn syrup. The plant set a record in July producing 86 million pounds of product.

### Dentm Daze

Get all of the details in Section B!

## County plans tax hike

County commissioners will consider an 8% tax increase at a public hearing Aug. 22, the fourth straight year the county has gone up on taxes.

The proposed tax rate is 40.1 cents per \$100 valuation. That's a jump from last year's rate of 35.8 cents and an increase from the effective tax rate of 36.9 cents per \$100.

The effective tax rate would be the tax rate needed to generate the same funds this year as last year. The value of property in the county has gone down about \$1 million, so the rate would have to be a little higher to generate the same dollar amount. Last year, the county issued tax statements for \$1.27 million.

The county's proposed budget calls for more, fueled in part by the need to pay some outstanding legal bills from the recently-concluded redistricting case, and higher costs in some other county departments. The county's total proposed budget will be about \$2.6 million, but commissioners and county officials haven't finished the budget process.

### County tax rate going up again

County taxes are likely to go up this year for the fourth consecutive year.

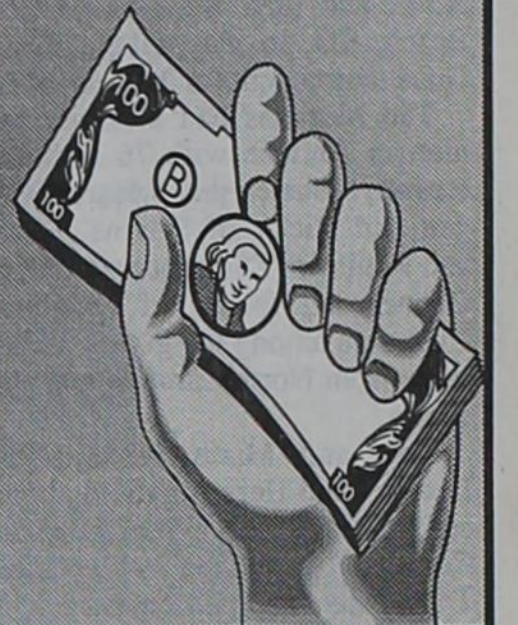
1991: 32.43

1992: 33.7

1993: 36.8

1994: 40.1\*

\*Proposed



The county has other funding sources, including a half-cent sales tax and a \$10 fee tacked on to license plate renewals for automobiles. There are also fines, fees and, occasionally, sale of property for

taxes. Taxes account for about half of the county's revenue each year.

The county will hold the meeting at 5 p.m. on Aug. 22 in the commissioner's courtroom.

## Schools ready for year

School bells will begin ringing in the county Monday for the start of the 1994-95 school year.

Dimmitt and Nazareth students will be up and at 'em Monday for the first full day of school, while Hart students begin classes Wednesday. Dimmitt students were to register Tuesday, but those who haven't registered should go to their respective schools today (Thursday) or Friday to sign in. Registration for Head Start will be held today from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School.

Hart junior high and high school students will register Friday. Times

include seniors, 8:30 a.m.; juniors, 9:30 a.m.; sophomores, 10:30 a.m.; freshmen, 1 p.m.; eighth graders, 2 p.m.; and seventh graders, 3 p.m. Students will have their pictures

### School starts next week

made by Blunck's Studios immediately after they register.

Hart elementary students with last names beginning with R

through Z will register today. All Hart students who have not registered may sign up Monday.

Registration for Head Start in Hart will be held Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Hart Elementary School.

Nazareth high school students will register Friday at 9 a.m., seniors; 10:30 a.m., juniors; 1 p.m., sophomores; and 2:30 p.m., freshmen. All other students will register Monday on the first day of school. NHS Principal Don Wood said students not meeting the school hair code will not be allowed to register until they meet the school codes.

## Moss sticking with CCCC

During a three-hour closed session with the hospital board last Wednesday night, Vince Moss withdrew his resignation as administrator of the Castro County Community Clinics.

Moss—who had not disclosed publicly the reason for his resignation—announced after the executive session that he and the hospital board had "established some common ground, and I feel like we're taking some steps in a positive direction."

Thirty-one persons attended the emergency meeting, which board chairman Garland Coleman had

called after receiving Moss's resignation letter last week.

The board went into executive session immediately, and most of those in the audience waited in the hospital hallways while Moss, Hospital Administrator Steve Goode and the five board members held their marathon three-hour discussion.

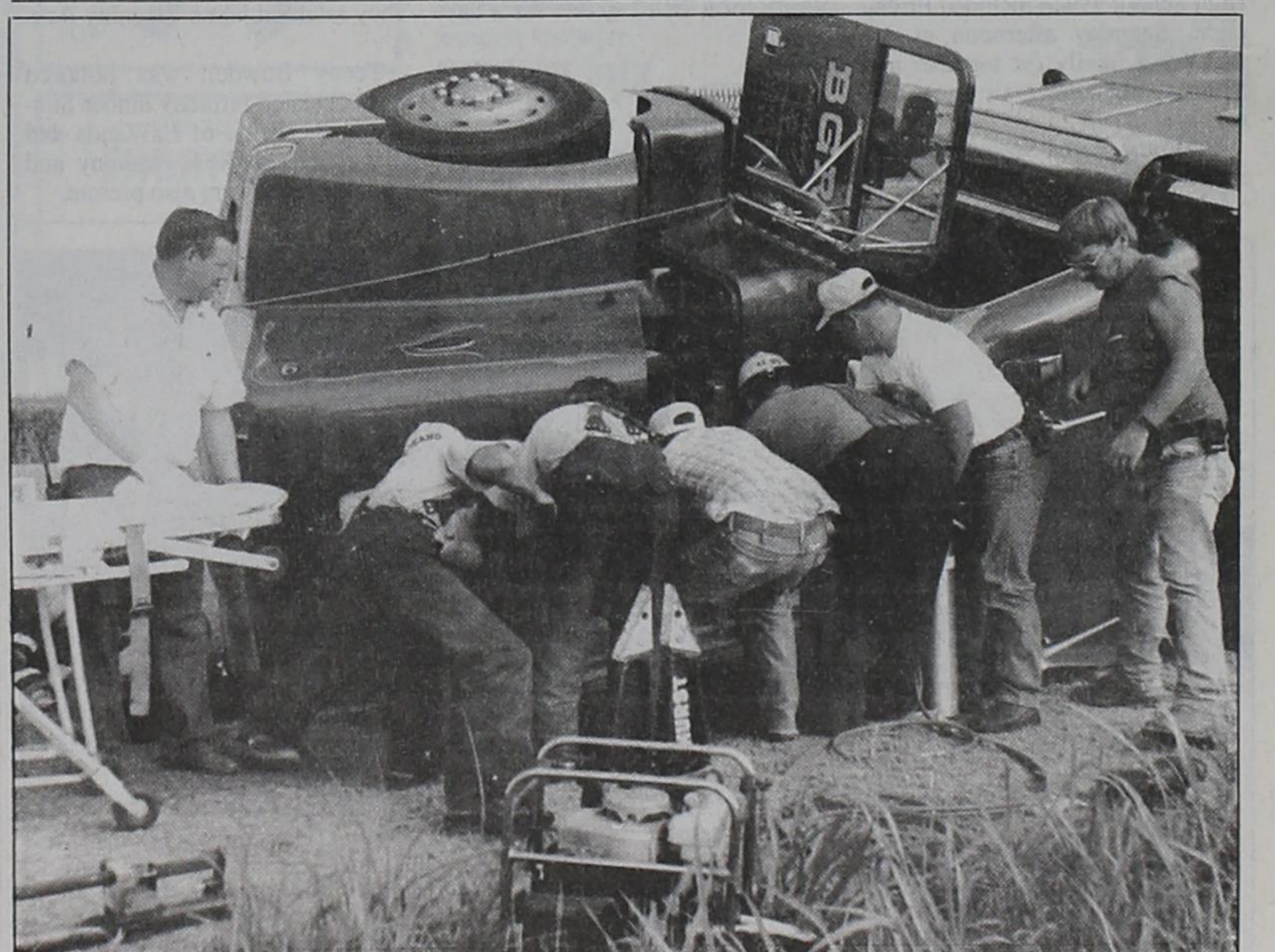
After the board went back into open session at 10 p.m., Moss made this statement to the audience:

"I think we've all had some frustrations and some doubts as to where we're going and what we're

trying to do here. After visiting with the board, we've established some common ground, and I feel like we're taking some steps in a positive direction. "There are going to be some meetings established to open the lines of communication up, and I hope that you as citizens and you as employees will speak freely to the board and myself and to Steve."

"We've all agreed that we're going to have an open-door policy, and we want to know what it is that you want regarding health care here in Dimmitt and Castro County."

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TEAMWORK—Dimmitt volunteer firemen work together to ease truck driver Luis Garcia Rosales of Ralls out of the cab of his overturned tractor-trailer rig Monday afternoon, 6.2 miles south of Dimmitt on US 385. Waiting at left with a stretcher is emergency medical technician James Kilough. Using three or four Jaws of Life tools while

administering oxygen to the injured driver, the firemen worked about an hour to rescue Rosales, who had obvious head injuries and complained of back pain. Rosales, 25, was treated at Plains Memorial, then transferred to a Lubbock hospital.

Photo by Don Nelson

# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Forty-five members of the Sheffy Family met in the backyard of Dorothy Sheffy on July 30 for a meal and a fun time of visiting. Among the out of town persons were the late Myrtle Sheffy's sister Mary Billie, and Roland Moore and their son Gary Moore of Vigo Park.

On Aug. 3 Dorothy Sheffy and her daughters, Beth Wallace of Tulia and Ginia Malone of Hart, attended the funeral of Dorothy's aunt, Miss Henry McMurry of Marlow, Okla. Miss McMurry was 98 years old.

Ray and A'llan Bradley and family, Matt, Halley and Carrie enjoyed a wonderful trip to Florida. Carrie had won in the regional basketball tournament in Clovis, N.M., and then went on to Coco Beach, Fla. to play in the Young Guns tournament for 14-year-olds.

The Morgans had a family reunion in Abilene with 76 attending recently. Buster and Mearle Morgan and Ricky of Bovina, Randy and Renise of Dimmitt and Deanna Cooner and family of Oklahoma City were among the guests. Others came from North Carolina and East Texas.

Dale and Marie Winders and Dorothy and Herb Mayfield attended the Bluegrass Workshop and Concert in Levelland last weekend. There was one participating from Australia besides the faculty of South Plains College and other professionals who were playing.

Vade and Aline Kirby and Aline's sister and family, Ida Arms, and Larry, Becky and Veronica Arms, and Pleda, and Scott and Joelle Fox all of Norman, Okla., enjoyed a few days visiting in the mountains at Angel Fire.

Joy Nolan and grandson, Pete Rizzo, of Fulton, Mich., are visiting Clara Vick and Clarence and Lee Norris. Joy is a sister to Clara and Clarence.

Shirley Newland gave the devotional at the Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning. She read some from the book *And the Angels Were Silent* by Max Lucado. She read about "Surviving Life" — how we can survive the problems of life. 1. Victory, endurance, 2. accomplishments, 3. Assurance of completeness. Several of the regular members were involved in a funeral at the First Baptist church so Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix were the only others there. We did

see Norma Conard and Arthur Oakley were there visiting.

Benny and Amelia Barrera, Yvette and Jeremy, Petra and Eddie Barrera went to the lower Rio Grande Valley to visit their mother, brother, and sister. They visited in Rio Grande City, Mission, Edinberg, Santa Rosa and crossed over into Mexico and into Rio Bravo.

Anthony, Mary, Cory and Wesley Mays with James, Vee and Brian Simpson attended the State Shooting Sports Competition. They made a side trip to Sea World while they were in that area.

Edith Graef was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served a wonderful lemon pudding dessert, and members brought their brown bag lunch. Johnnie Vannoy won high score and Virginia Crider won second high score. Others playing were Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Ferne Dickey, Neva Hickey, Susie Reeves, Ina Rae Cates, Alma Kenmore, Loranel Hamilton, Dude McLauren, Dugan Butler, Elizabeth Huckabay, Helen Braafladt, and Cleo Forson.

Renise Blair's parents, N.D. and Florene Blair of Spur, and her aunt, Rena Noack of Lubbock, were in Dimmitt visiting Renise and Randy Morgan. They worked part of the time canning corn.

Out of town visitors to the museum last week were Fay Martin of Clovis; Kalli Harbin of Littlefield who came with her granddad, Dale Winders; Kay and Joelle Fox of Washington, Okla. They were visiting the Vade Kirby families; and Mary Lou Miller of Amarillo who has farming interests in Castro County.

Dr. Seth and Marjorie Murphey of Levelland wrote a book *50 Days through the Bible Lands*. In 1983 their daughter, Dr. Melody Bellinghausen and her husband, David, and their daughter, Jordan, and David's parents William and Rosetta Bellinghausen flew to Italy where Rosetta's family lives. The Bellinghausens came home after a short visit but the Murpheys stayed for an extended tour of the Holy Lands. They made the trip by traveling on foot, by bus, taxi, boat and plane. The book is very interesting.

Carl and Frances King recently sailed from Vancouver, B.C. to Alaska via the Inside Passage. They



**HONORABLE MENTION**—The home of Don and Ginger Scarborough, 219 NW 12th, received honorable mention in the CUFUPU contest held this summer in Dimmitt. Judges praised the overall

look of the front yard, featuring a variety of plants and planters. The contest was sponsored by the Beautification Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Photo by John Brooks

visited Ketchikan, where they enjoyed rowing a canoe across a beautiful mountain lake, 800 ft. deep. They dined on clam chowder, smoked salmon, rolls, and hot chocolate.

They boarded a motorcoach at Juneau and saw an up-close view of the Mendenhall Glacier. From there they sailed up the Lynn Canal to Skagway.

They rode a narrow-gauge train from Skagway to the White Pass summit, the same route the 30,000 stamperders used during the 1989 Alaskan gold rush.

They stayed overnight at Whitehorse in the Yukon, a city population of about 25,000. This is two-thirds of the entire population of the Yukon province. From Whitehorse, they traveled the Alaskan Highway to Beaver Creek. The next morning they traveled the Alaskan Highway again to Valdez.

They boarded the *Glacier Queen* and sailed through the Valdez Narrows into Prince William Sound. They saw the massive Columbia Glacier while threading their way through many icebergs.

Anchorage was their last stop. They saw a moose grazing alongside the Alaskan Highway, many eagles and other wildlife. The mountains, trees, glaciers, and

wildflowers were beautiful. It was a wonderful experience.

This past weekend was wedding time for at least three locals: Jill Nelson with Stanley and family making the ceremony, Robert Boozer, and Ben Benton. Sandra Potts, Patricia Braafladt, Connie Nelson, and Martha Jo Hyman flew together to Houston for that wedding.

Deanne Clark and her mother, Elva Forrester of Lubbock, drove to Albuquerque for the wedding of Cal Forrester's great nephew who is also the son of Deanne's close school chum. It was held in the garden of Bob and Carvel Owens whose home is at the base of the mountains.

Several teachers had an outing this past weekend to Dallas. Barbara Bain, Kay Kellar, Jackie Byrnes, Karen Carter, Jennifer Elliott, and Dianne Sanders were some of the group.

After tennis, Margaret Parsons hosted Linda Langford, Kay Kellar, Janice Richards of Bovina, Debbie Fewell, Janet Hand, Amber Langford, Kami Hand, Deanne Clark, and Dorice Davis last week for

baked potatoes. Cards and cake were shared in honor of Debbie Fewell, Kami and Janet Hand, and Margaret Parsons who have July and August birthdays.



### FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the *Castro County News* office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Castro County Commissioners' Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1994 by 8 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on August 22 at 5 p.m.  
FOR the proposal: Newton Rowland, Dale Winders, Jeff Robertson, Vincent Guggemos and Polly Simpson  
AGAINST the proposal:  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT:

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 11, 1994. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$30,000	\$30,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Average taxable value	\$27,000	\$27,000
Tax rate	\$ .368/\$100	\$ .401/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$99.36	\$108.27 (proposed)

**Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$8.91 or 9 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.033 per \$100 of taxable value or 9 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.**

### Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The Castro County Auditor certifies that Castro County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning October 1, 1993, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Castro County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

# Sunnyside

WITH TEENY BOWDEN

Lenzie Marie, daughter of Lyle and Rosie Loudder, was born Aug. 4 in Methodist Hospital of Plainview. She weighed 5 lbs. and 12 ozs. and was 20 inches long. They came home from the hospital Aug. 6. Her grandparents are Ruth Swink, and Doug and Judy Loudder.

Lori Sisemore attended her ten year high school reunion for the class of 1984 this week. She attended all activities of the Plainview High School which included Friday night, Saturday afternoon at the park for a family get together and Saturday night for a sit down dinner.

Ezell and Verba Sadler left early in the week for Hubbard Creek

Lake to prepare for the Henslee Reunion near Breckenridge over the weekend. Larry and Sharon Sadler, Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua, and Laura Hurtado, Matt, and Kristen went down Thursday. David and Gay didn't go, but their daughter, Melody, and husband, Walter Royce, were planning to go. Willie Mae and Embree Roy went down Thursday. Tex and Norma Conard left Sunday morning to join Sharon and family, and join Juanelle and Charles Winsor of Fort Worth for a visit together for a day or two.

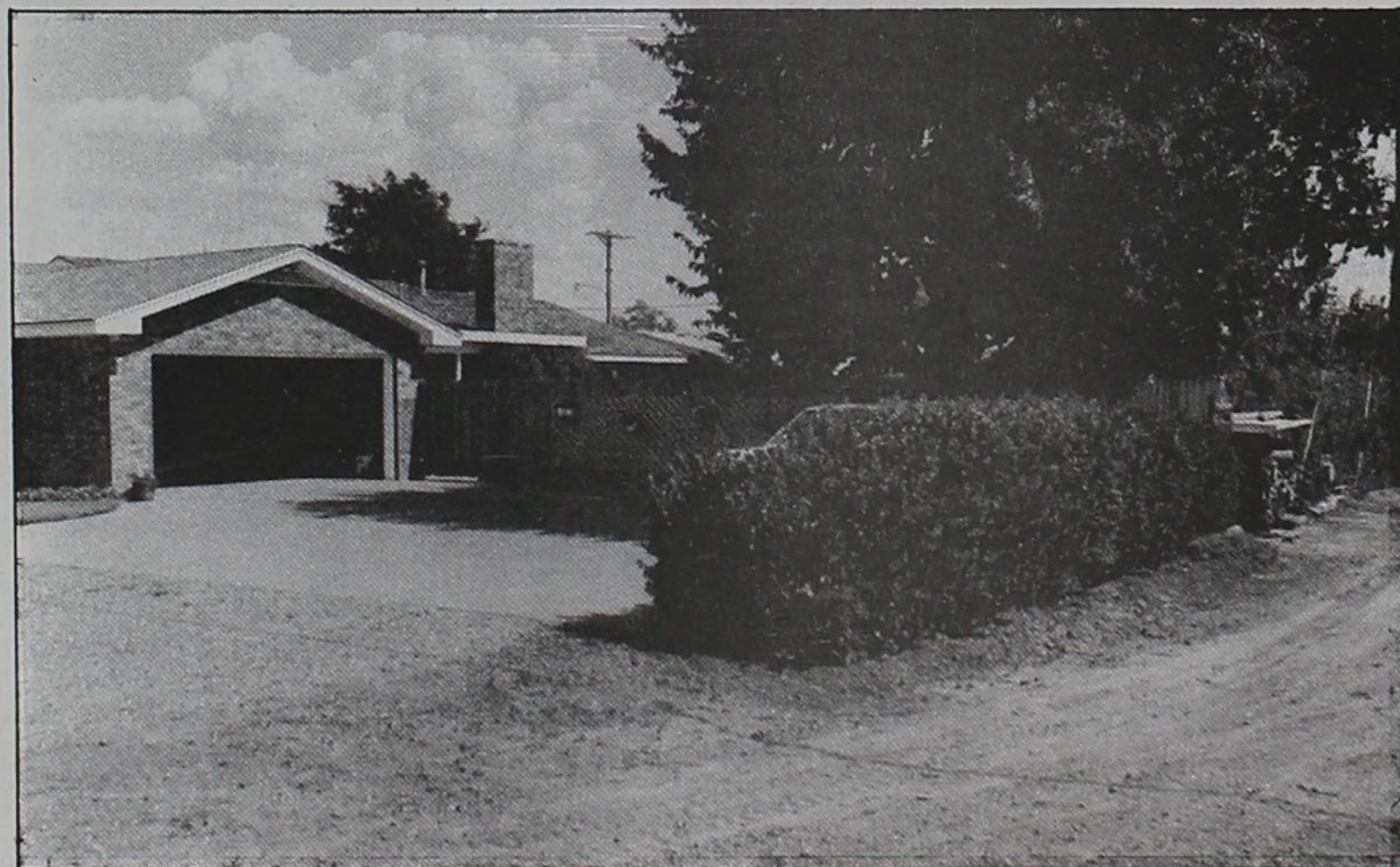
Clyde Damron's sister, Mary Lupo of Houston, was here for a visit two weeks ago to see her parents, and Clyde, Judy, Justin,

and Tracy. She returned to her home July 26.

Judy, Justin, and Tracy flew to Gadsden, Ala. July 26, returning home Aug. 2. They visited many relatives, shopped, and went sight-seeing. They attended two birthday parties for Judy's grandfather, Rev. B.F. Woodall, who turned 87 July 28.

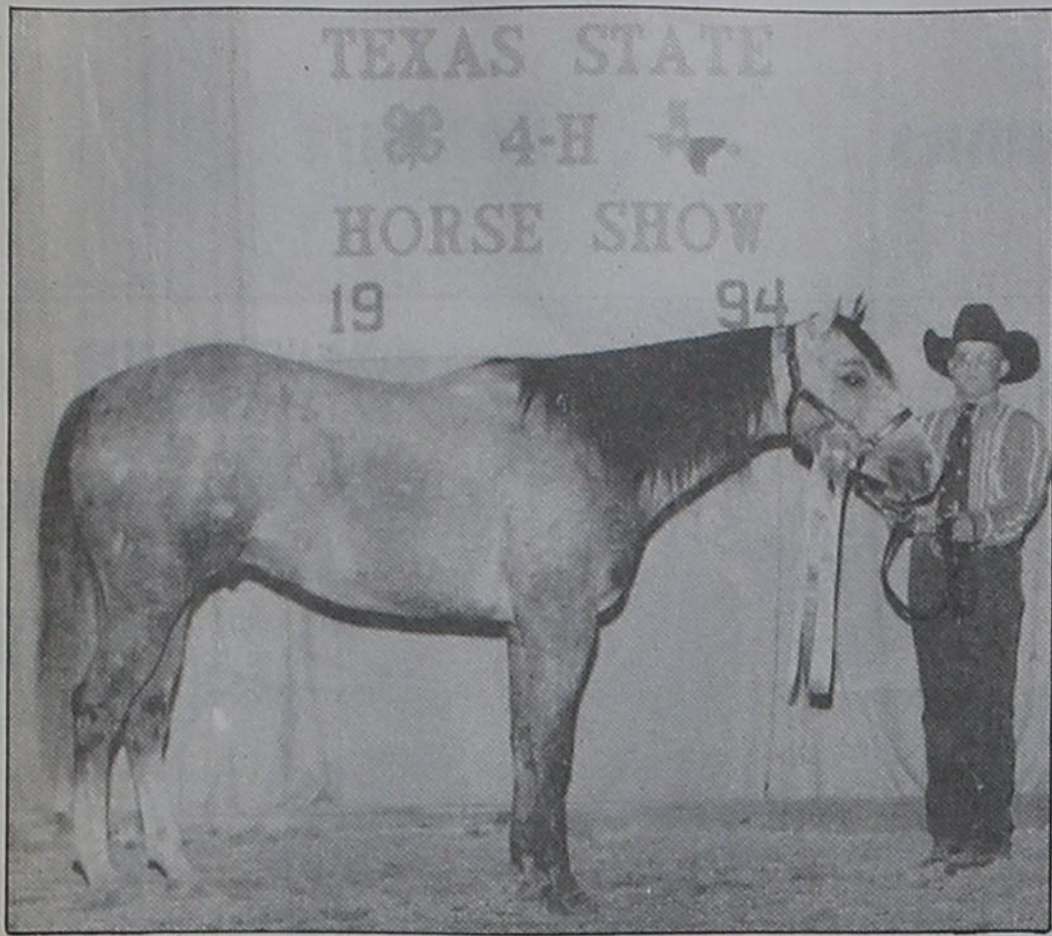
Last week Clyde's sister, Jeanne, and husband, Jay Carpenter of Austin, came to visit their parents and Clyde, Judy, Justin, and Tracy. They returned home Saturday Aug. 6.

Teeny Bowden was honored with a belated birthday dinner Sunday in the home of LaWanda and Glenn Wilson. Rev. Anthony and Lori Sisemore were also present.

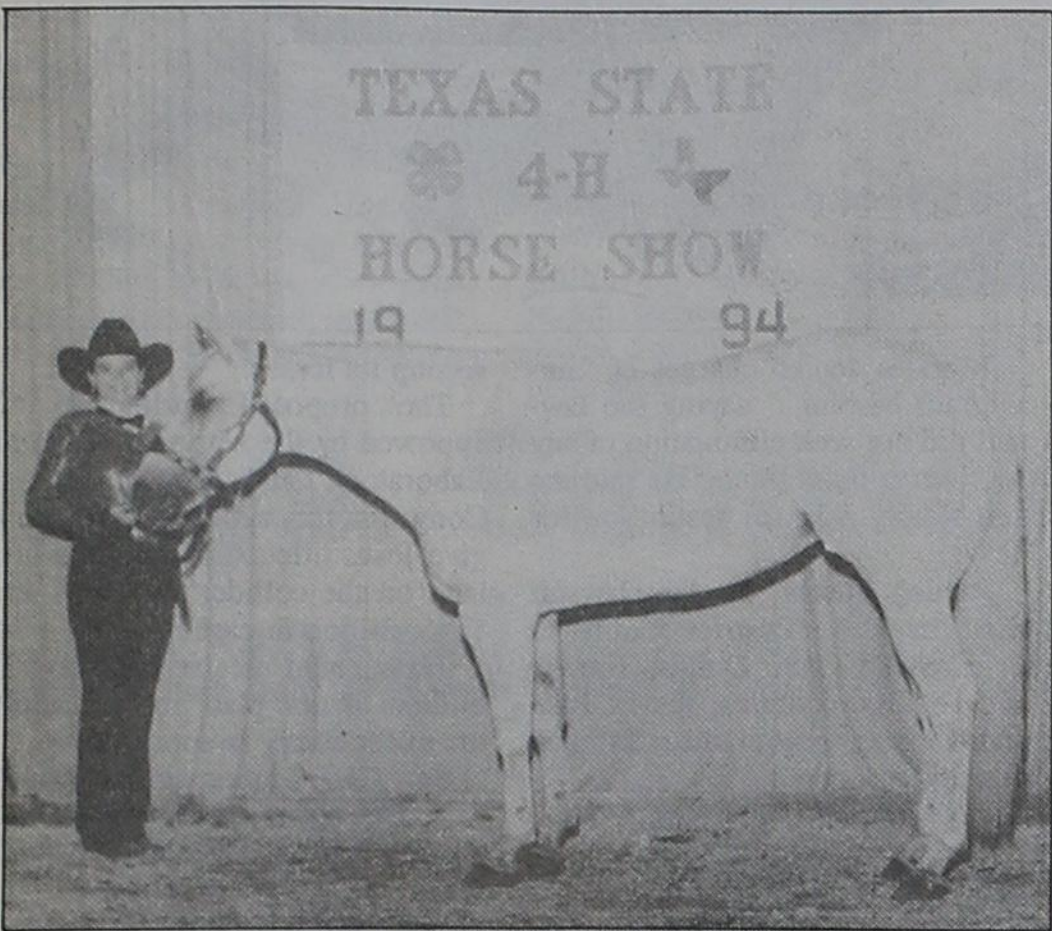


**CLARKS EARN MENTION**—The home of Bill and Deanne Clark, 225 NW 12th, received honorable mention in the CUFUPU contest held this summer. Judges praised the Clarks for the overall

appearance of their home and especially the appearance of their alleyway. The contest was sponsored by the Beautification Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Photo by John Brooks



RUSTY McDANIEL SHOWS HIS THIRD PLACE GELDING, "Blue Otoe," at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. *Courtesy Photo*



KODIE BAGLEY CLAIMED FIRST PLACE HONORS with her mare, "Blue Tatoo," in the Aged Mares Halter class at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show held in Abilene. *Courtesy Photo*

## 4-H'ers place at State Horse Show

Kodie Bagley and Rusty McDaniel of Dimmitt fared well at the 32nd annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show held July 24-30 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Bagley showed her mare, "Blue Tatoo," to first-place honors in the Aged Mares Halter class.

The daughter of Scott and Suanne Bagley, Kodie has been a 4-H member for nine years, and will begin working on a degree in agricultural economics at Texas A&M University this fall.

McDaniel placed third in the halter division with "Blue Otoe," his four-year-old grade gelding.

He is a six-year member of 4-H

and has been riding since age three. He is the son of Donny and Janet McDaniel.

### Blood pressure clinic is today

A special blood pressure screening clinic will be held today (Thursday) from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

The clinics are held the second Thursday of each month. They are sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Health office in Dimmitt.

The clinic is open to any interested person.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt from Aug. 15 to 19.

#### DIMMITT

**MONDAY:** Choices of \*Chicken fried steak, cheeseburger on a bun or turkey fajitas; \*mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or seasoned green beans; tossed salad with dressing, hamburger salad or fajita condiment salad; Spanish rice, flour tortilla or hot rolls; apple, banana or orange; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**TUESDAY:** Choices of barbecued sandwich on a bun, beef enchiladas or \*chicken breast strips; potato salad, refried beans or \*tater tots; tossed salad with dressing, orange wedges or \*hay-stack salad; \*hot rolls, old fashioned combread or flour tortilla; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**WEDNESDAY:** Choices of cheese pizza, \*corn dog on a stick or Chinese egg roll; garden peas, \*pork and beans or Chinese style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or \*chilled fruit salad; hot rolls, cornmeal twist rolls or fortune cookies; apple, plum or banana; and \*milk, punch or iced tea.

**THURSDAY:** Choices of \*steak fingers with gravy, Hoagie sub sandwich or beef and bean burrito; rice pilaf, \*macaroni and cheese or Mexicali corn; \*tossed salad with dressing, \*fruited gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; \*hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or iced tea.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of \*crispy fish portion, pigs in a blanket or salad plate; \*French fries, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, \*assorted relishes or cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, \*whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, tangerine or plum; and \*milk, punch or iced tea.

[Students in pre-kindergarten through second grade will be served menu items designated with an asterisk (\*).]

#### HART

**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken enchilada casserole, salad, corn, tostados, fresh fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, potato chips, fresh fruit, cookies and milk.

#### NAZARETH

**MONDAY:** Pizza, tossed salad, cherry cobbler and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chili dogs, pork and beans, pineapple and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Nachos, corn, apple sauce, rolls and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, rolls, peaches and milk.

Together  
We Can



AM-P EARNS COMMERCIAL HONOR — American Maize-Products of Dimmitt was honored for the appearance of its entryway in the CUFUPU contest sponsored by the Beautification Committee

of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. A variety of plants and flowers keep the entry sign and surrounding area looking nice year-round.

*Photo by John Brooks*



SANDS EARNS HONOR—The Sands Motel in Dimmitt was honored for its overall improved appearance in the CUFUPU contest held this summer by the Beautification Committee of the

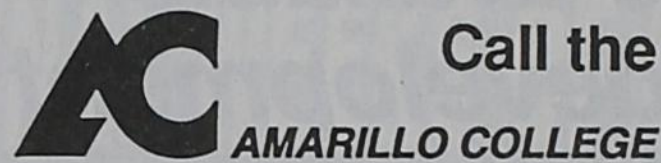
Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The motel has been repainted and refurbished in the past two months. *Photo by John Brooks*

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## Where have our values gone?

By MORTIMER R. ZUCKERMAN  
Editor-in-Chief, US News & World Report

The fraying of America's social fabric is fast becoming a national obsession. Three out of every four Americans think we are in moral and spiritual decline. Two out of three think the country is seriously off track. Doubts about the president's character have driven his standing in the polls down about 15 points. Social dysfunction haunts the land: crime and drug abuse, the breakup of the family, the slump in academic performance, the disfigurement of public places by druggies, thugs and exhibitionists.

Are we now, to use Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's phrase, "defining deviancy down," accepting as part of life what we once found repugnant?

We certainly seem to have lost the balance between societal rights and individual freedoms. There are daily confrontations with almost everyone in authority: blacks against the white power structure, women against patriarchy, feminists against feminism, gays against homophobia, children against parents, mothers against matrimony, fathers against child support, churchgoers against the church, students against universities. Instead of a culture of common good, we have a culture of constant complaint. Everyone is a victim. The have-nots claim victimization at the hands of the successful. Crime is sanctioned by the fact, real or imagined, that the criminal had an unhappy childhood. Gone are the habits America once admired: industriousness, thrift, self-discipline, commitment.

The combined effect of these sicknesses, rooted in phony doctrines of liberalism, has been to tax the nation's optimism and sap its confidence in the future. And it is the young who are strikingly vulnerable. They are being deprived—like no previous generation—of the emotional comfort and moral nurturing provided by the traditional family. Instant gratification is the new order of the day. Personal impulses, especially sexual, are constantly stimulated by popular music and television, with other mass media not far behind. TV and music often seem to honor everything that the true American ethic abhors—violence, infidelity, drugs, drinking—and to despise everything

that it embraces—religion, marriage, respect for authority. No wonder it is difficult to sustain parental values and parental continuity.

Behind the popular culture lies a capitalist system whose development now also contributes to the erosion of family and community. The individual flourishes best in small neighborly communities based on the traditions and habits of the family, the church, the township, where trust, intimacy and cooperation are prized. But the ideal of the individual in the community is constantly threatened by a market that seeks mobility of labor and capital. We extol the virtues of self-discipline, hard work, patience and personal responsibility, but market capitalism requires the citizen to be a consumer first, to buy now, pay later and enjoy himself. Altruism is not encouraged in a culture of acquisitive individualism.

There is a great yearning in the country to provide our national life and institutions with a larger moral dimension: The success of the movie *Forrest Gump* lies in its appeal to the decency of Americans.

Redemption has to begin with television and with education. Children spend more time before the TV set than they do at school. Society must find some way for television to have a higher purpose than making money. Consistent with our nation's commitment to freedom of the press, the president should establish a national commission to review the impact of television and suggest how it might play a more constructive role in our society. Education is an economic imperative since business requires greater skills and sophistication from its employees. But it is also a moral imperative. Everyone who could benefit should have the opportunity not just for learning skills but for learning how to find sustenance in knowledge.

The nation's hunger for a public commitment to social and moral betterment is not a simple nostalgia for the greater simplicities of yesteryear; the clock cannot be put back. It is a profound and anxious desire to arrest decay. But if the dysfunctional trends continue, that anxiety will turn to fear, and even panic. And when fear comes to dominate social policy, reason and tolerance are at risk. That is our predicament.

## Tax relief may be available for land denied development

By PHILLIP C. CLARKE  
When private property rights run up against environmental protection laws, the property owner usually loses. But some private owners are fighting back—with some legal weapons of their own.

The dominant theme in the US Constitution is protection of the people from the misuse of power by government. From two-year election cycles in the House of Representatives to guarantees of jury trials, provisions of the nation's founding document attempt to give the people the ultimate say. What was thought to be an especially powerful protection is contained in the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution's Bill of Rights. While much of the amendment deals with protections in courts of law, the last provision helps enshrine the sanctity of private property. That provision reads: "...nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

This so-called Takings Clause prevents government from seizing private property without paying for it—a relatively simple matter to enforce. But what happens when the government passes a law that effectively strips a property owner of the ability to use his land, thereby slashing the value of the land? Is that a "taking?" This trend has been especially severe when it comes to environmental law. Designating land as a protected wetland, or habitat for an endangered species

means the property owner essentially cannot do anything on his land. That is, unless he wants to go through years of bureaucracy and tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Until recently, courts had ruled that such regulatory actions were not takings. But in 1990 the Supreme Court, in the case of *Lucas versus the State of South Carolina*, restored some common sense to the legal system and ruled that beach protection legislation "substantially" deprived *Lucas* of the value of his property and therefore he was due compensation. But it was only a partial victory because the Court did not clarify what the word "substantial" meant. But now a report by the Washington Legal Foundation, written by Washington attorney John Heiderscheid, suggests that property owners can fight back—through the tax code.

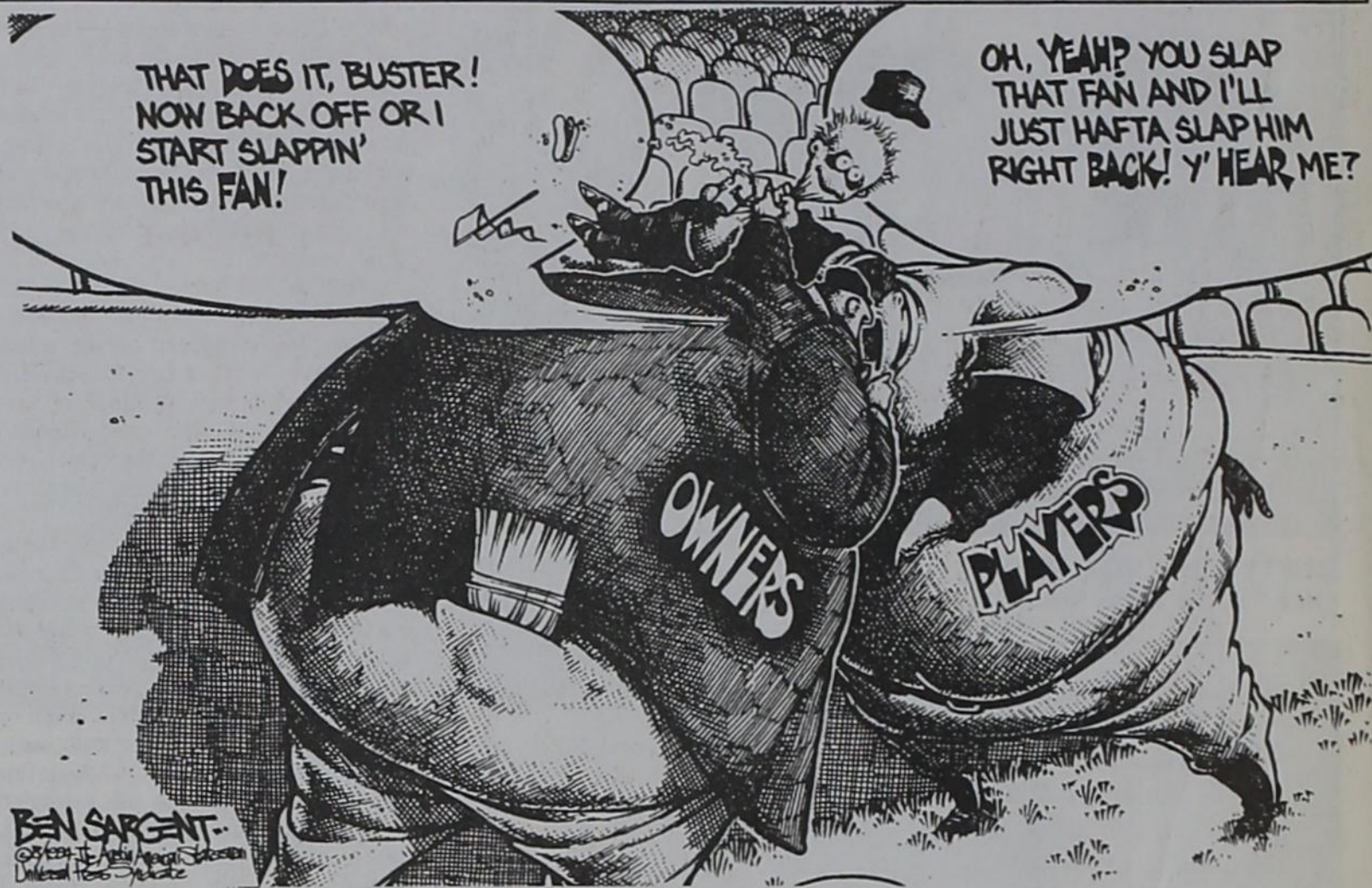
Heiderscheid writes that when environmental restrictions reduce the value of property, it is only fair that property owners pay less in taxes. And he details several cases in the states where courts have upheld this common sense notion. One in New Jersey, for example, involved a developer in Bergen County whose property was designated a partial wetland. He went to the tax assessor and then the courts to argue that he shouldn't have to pay taxes on his now-less-valuable property. The court agreed with

him and ordered his tax assessment reduced from \$20 million to \$1 million. Heiderscheid warns, though, that "requesting that a tax assessment be reduced is not a panacea for a property owner; it can be, though often isn't, time-consuming and it can lead to threats from the government to condemn your property. It can be expensive. You will need lawyers experienced in both tax and environmental matters. Of course, you might be able to convince a lawyer to take your case on a fully or partially contingent basis."

But Heiderscheid says it's worth trying for a couple of reasons. One is the tax relief. He adds, though, that the prospect of drastically lower tax revenues may frighten the government into granting a permit to develop the property in question. As he concludes: "If the government has substantially reduced the value of your property through restrictions on development in the name of 'environmental protection,' the law increasingly recognizes that you have a right to relief."

In other words, don't give up. You can fight "City Hall."

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### State Capital

### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — Texas should be one of five states to test a program aimed at shutting illegal aliens out of the job market, Barbara Jordan, chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, told a Senate committee last week.

The former Texas congresswoman's testimony was criticized by civil rights groups, who said it was a disguised attempt at forcing Americans to carry a national identification card.

"Jordan is bowing to politics and to public pressure," said Jeanne Butterfield of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Jordan, who denied the allegations, said there currently is no easy way to check the immigration status of new workers as required by law. Under the current system, 29 different documents can be presented as proof of citizenship, or legal residence.

Jordan wants Texas, California, Florida, Illinois and New York to give employers access to Social Security databases. Job seekers would be asked for their Social Security numbers, and employers would check to see if the number was valid.

**AG Files Immigration Suit**  
State Attorney General Dan Morales sued the federal government last week in an attempt to recoup \$5 billion for services that officials say Texas provided to undocumented immigrants over the past six years.

Morales denied charges of "immigrant bashing," saying the lawsuit did not seek elimination of any services to immigrants. He said the suit simply asks for restitution for Texas.

Joining Texas in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Brownsville, were Dallas, Harris, and Hidalgo counties; the El Paso and La Joya school districts; and the city of Odessa.

**State Jail Chief Named**  
Thomas A. Baker, retired commander of Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, was named last week as director of the new state jail division. Baker started his new job immediately.

The state jail program, which by next year will include space and rehabilitation programs for about 25,000 nonviolent inmates, is scheduled to begin Sept. 1.

Spring rains have delayed the construction of the first jail in Beaumont until at least October. But state leaders worked out a stopgap measure to house the first inmates in existing community facilities or in a partitioned area of prison.

The delay has drawn the ire of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who earlier criticized the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for what he termed a lack of planning.

TDCJ executive director James "Andy" Collins said programming has been planned and construction is continuing on schedule.

By late 1995, 18 state jails are expected to be in operation.

Baker, who holds a master's degree in business administration, retired as an Air Force lieutenant general in August 1993. He has served as deputy director of operations in the Pentagon.

**Super Collider Settlement**  
Faced with the alternative of expensive, lengthy litigation, members of the commission that oversees Texas' investment in the super collider last week approved a settlement with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Texas contributed \$539 million of the more than \$2 billion spent on the atom smasher and wants to

recoup its losses. The proposed settlement was approved by the National Research Laboratory and now goes to Congress for approval. It would give Texas title to the buildings and land on the collider's campus and \$145 million in cash.

Texas could receive another \$65 million if its plan for a cancer treatment center is approved.

But GOP gubernatorial candidate, George W. Bush, wasn't impressed with the proposed settlement.

"The state of Texas is entitled to compensation for its investment in the super collider, but it's unfortunate the state is being forced to settle for a consolation prize," Bush said.

"The only agreement to brag about would have been if Gov. Richards and President Clinton had been able to convince their fellow Democrats to keep the super collider and its Texas jobs and scientific potential alive."

**Inmates P.O.'ed About Pants**

Most male state prisoners don't like to pull down their pants to relieve themselves, but the new flyless version of the standard-issue white cotton pants being phased in by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice leaves them no choice.

Inmate Alan Wade Johnson, serving a life sentence for rape and robbery at the Mark Stiles Unit in Beaumont, sent a letter to Lt. Gov. Bullock, a few legislators and the media, according to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"You (may) crack a smile and laugh about it, but give it time to sink in and think about the consequences of over 100,000 male prisoners wearing female attire and I believe you'll understand (it's) not so funny," wrote Johnson, who urged Bullock to "consider the emotional impact of those of us who will be forced to dress like a woman."

Larry Kyle, assistant director of industry for the prison system, said the new pants, though cheaper and easier for inmates to manufacture, have resulted in an outcry, because the design is less "user-friendly."

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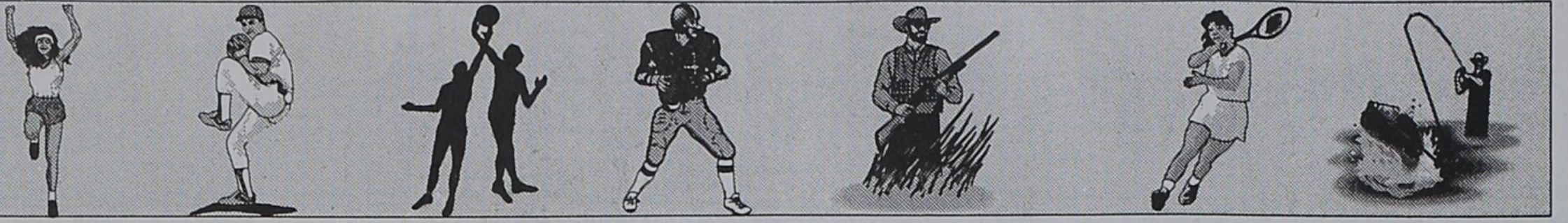
### The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "got a mind like a steel"
- direction to Winters from San Angelo
- DFW arrival guess
- TXism: "got a clue" (baffled)
- TX King who wrote "One Eyed Man" (init.)
- TX A.J. Foyt was 1st to win here 4 times
- TXism: "took a \_\_\_ to" film: "\_\_\_ from Texas"
- vera plant is grown in the Valley
- Shamrock has a fragment of this country's Blarney Stone
- State Fair holds the "Champion \_\_\_ Texas" contest
- Tex-Mex entree
- "s" of TAAS test
- Dallas cosmetics queen: Mary \_\_\_
- San Antonio street: Gomer \_\_\_
- "...waiting for the Robert \_\_\_" (song)
- unreasonable fear
- TXism: "chicken have lips?" (no)
- "...get \_\_\_ little doggie" (cowboy song)
- recycle drive: "Clean Texas"
- Hereford is "town with \_\_\_ ache"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ as the nose on your face"
- star of TX-based film "The Falcon Out West" (44)
- were shots fired from the \_\_\_ knoll?
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- 58 TXism: "tall \_\_\_"
- 59 in the past
- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "boring as a fishing \_\_\_ game warden"
- 2 Corpus nickname: "Texas \_\_\_"
- 3 this Shivers was elected gov. in '50
- 4 pig corrals
- 9 TX Perot said he'd run on Larry King \_\_\_-in show
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_ duck needs an umbrella"
- 11 in 1881, Abilene Reporter News banned whiskey \_\_\_
- 12 TX Neiman & Smith
- 13 TXism: "got sheared \_\_\_ lamb" (swindled)
- 14 "Bum" Phillips' real name
- 15 honorary Ranger: \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 17 this Pease was gov. in 1867 (init.)
- 18 Plano's Frito \_\_\_ Inc.
- 20 bullfight cheer
- 21 this Sinatra discovered TX Trini Lopez (init.)
- 24 Ft. Hood kitchen duty
- 25 "gotcha" cry
- 26 odd name of a TX creek: "\_\_\_ Digo"
- 27 TXism: "turn \_\_\_ is fair play"
- 28 seat of San Patricio Co.
- 39 TX preacher who led '91 sodomy protest
- 40 TXism: "does \_\_\_ office bidness"
- 41 TXism: "a bad news hombre"
- 42 Jimmy Johnson had Dallas charity for \_\_\_ advantaged kids
- 44 "best little puzzle in Texas" (abbr.)
- 46 TX RATHER's city
- 48 nonstop talking
- 49 TXism: "put on tallow" (\_\_\_ weight)
- 56 Meatloaf's "\_\_\_ Anything for Love"

# Sports



## Five county teams ranked in basketball

Five county basketball teams have been ranked in the Top 20 in the preseason basketball poll released this week by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

TABC has ranked the Nazareth girls second and the boys sixth in Class A; the Hart girls 18th in Class 2A; the Dimmitt boys 12th and the girls 15th in Class 3A.

The Nazareth boys, state runners-up last season, are picked behind defending champion Laneville, who nipped the Swifts in the finals in March. District foe Sudan is fourth, while regional rivals Plains is 11th and Marfa (down from Class 2A) is 19th. Not in the Top 20 but expected to challenge are Valley (four starters back), Vega (three starters returning), Meadow and Sands (each returning four starters).

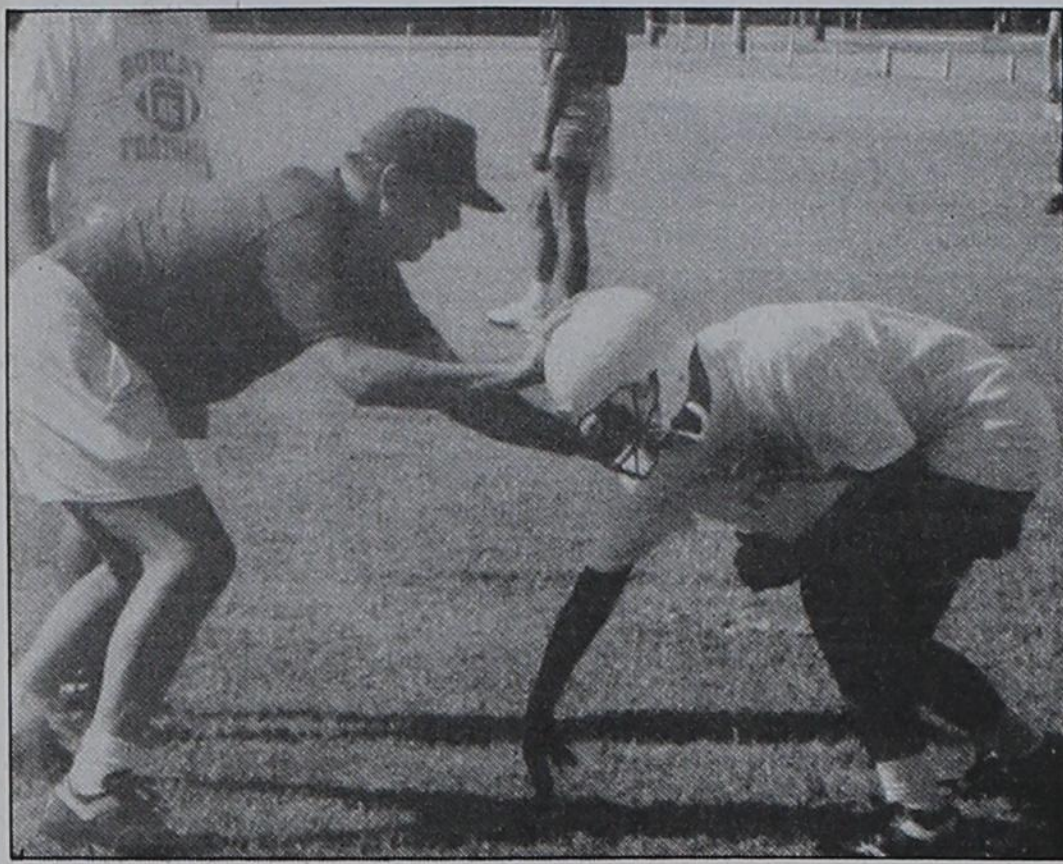
With former boys coach Johnny Hampton moving back after a highly-successful stint as Sudan's boys coach, the stage is set for more Swiftette-Hornette showdowns. The Sudan girls are first and the Nazareth girls second in the TABC Top 20, while Happy is listed third. Also from Region 1 are Meadow, fifth; Vega, 11th; Whitharral, 15th; Groom, 16th; Petersburg, 17th; and Whiteface, tied for 20th.

Hart brings back a raft of lettermen and four starters from last year's Class A area champion team. The Lady Horns will have challenges from Abernathy (third), Gruber (fifth), and Panhandle (13th) in the region, according to TABC.

The Bobbies are 15th in the 3A poll, which is a little more wide

open with Canyon going to Class 4A (they're ranked fifth). The West Texas region looks to be tough again, with Slaton (third), Bowie (11th) and Tulia (20th) figuring to be tough. Farmersville is first and Dripping Springs second in the TABC poll. The Bobbies welcome back four starters from last year's third-place team.

Dimmitt's boys are picked 12th in the state, and are expected to go farther than the bi-district appearance in 1993-94. According to TABC, Littlefield coach Bryan Huseman (state finalist last year) said the top two teams in District 2-3A should be Dimmitt and newcomer Shallowater. The Bobcats welcome back four starters and nine lettermen this year.



**CUT THE OTHER WAY**  
Dimmitt assistant coach Bobby Feaster displays proper technique for fending off blockers during two-a-day drills this week. The Bobcats are holding two workouts in the morning through this week. Photo by John Brooks

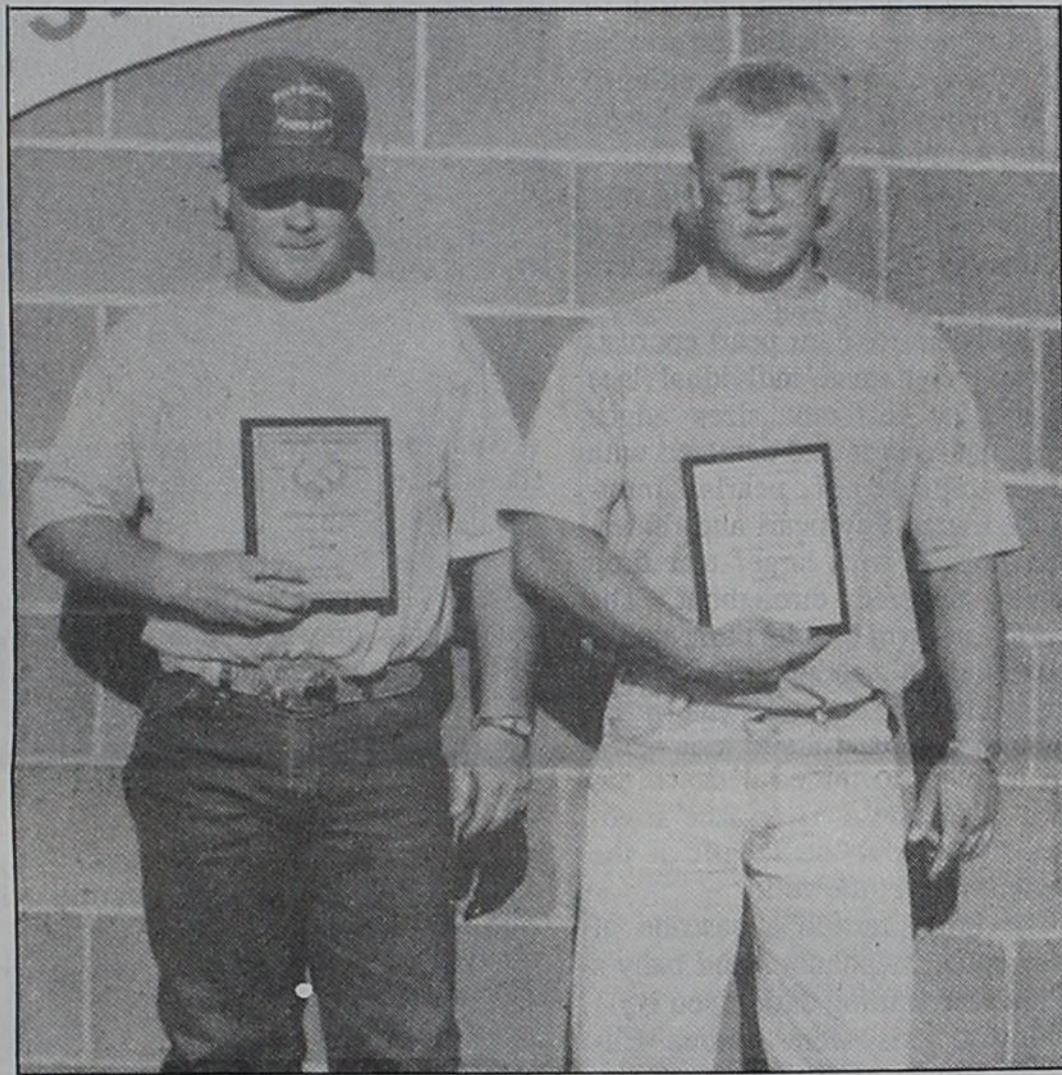
## Mays, Simpson place second at state meet

Cory Mays and Brian Simpson were the second place overall high trap team at the State 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot recently in San Antonio.

They were second best among over 200 4-H'ers who participated in the state event. They were coached by Anthony Mays.

Cory Mays and Simpson also were second-high trap team and were seventh-best in skeet. Simpson was also second in individual trap shooting.

Wesley Mays was the fourth-place individual in trap shooting.



**BRIAN SIMPSON AND CORY MAYS**  
... Second-high overall team at 4-H state meet.



**WESLEY MAYS**  
... Fourth in trap.

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Sponsored by the Dimmitt Rotary Club, cash prizes will be paid to the top three participants in each event. Registration begins at noon and contests begin at 1 p.m. Cost for registration is \$15 per person per event. Both events are double elimination.

Cash prizes for horseshoes are \$125 for first, \$100 for second and \$75 for third. Washer pitching prizes are \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third.

### Summer Leagues

July 25th games

Suns 58, Bullets 54. S — Amy Matthews 19, Melinda Schmucker 11. B — Wendi Ethridge 12, A'llyn Garza 10.

Bulls 64, Magic 42. B — Carie Wethington 14, Melinda Schmucker 13. M — Kara Josselot 14, Tiffany Wilcox 10.

Rockets 58, Lakers 36. R — Kara Josselot 21, Wendi Ethridge 16. L — Dolores Dimas 15, Tanya Wethington 8.

Spurs 65, Knicks 59. S — Amy Matthews 23, K'lynn Gerber 18. K — Misti Ball 20, Tanya Wethington 12.

July 26th games

Knicks 55, Rockets 54. K — Misti Ball 15, A'llyn Garza 12. R — Tiffany Wilcox 15, Amy Matthews 15.

Bulls 79, Bullets 56. Bulls — Kim Thomas 32, Carie Wethington 12. Bullets — Tiffany Wilcox 15, Amy Matthews 15.

Magic 69, Spurs 60. M — Kim Thomas 32, Kara Josselot 15. S — Kenda Chisum 15, Emily Roberson 12.

Lakers 79, Suns 74. L — Wendi Ethridge 21, Misti Ball 20. S — Katrina Acker 20, Amy Matthews 10.

Bulls	12	2
Bullets	8	6
Lakers	8	6
Spurs	7	7
Magic	7	7
Suns	6	8
Knicks	5	9
Rockets	3	11

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# People



MRS. BENJAMIN BENTON  
... nee Stacey Sayers.

## Double-ring, formal vows unite Sayers and Benton

A double-ring ceremony united Stacey Marie Sayers and Benjamin Robert Benton on Saturday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. at Westbury Baptist Church in Houston with Dr. Robert G. Campbell officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Sandy Sayers of Houston, formerly of Garland.

The groom is the son of Martie Benton and the late Robert M. Benton of Dimmitt.

Grandparents of the bride, who attended the wedding, are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McDougall of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Lena Benton of Lubbock, who attended; and Mrs. Helen Adams of Hereford.

The church was decorated with greenery and votive candles, with three large brass candelabras entwined with ivy and flowers. Pew bows of ivory ribbon and tulle, with greenery, made by the groom's sisters, Beth and Becky, decorated the pews.

Music was provided by organist Marshall Maxwell. Duane Blakley of Garland, the bride's former music minister, played a violin solo of the Lord's Prayer, accompanied by Jean Kuhn on piano, and Mr. Maxwell on organ. Pam and Desi Thayer, friends of the bride, played piano and sang *In This Very Room* and *I Will Be Here*.

Given in marriage by both her mother and father, the bride wore an ivory satin dress designed by Mori Lee. The bodice was hand-beaded Alencon lace with a Sabrina neckline and deep vee back, and elbow length, lace sleeves. The train was scalloped with beaded and sequined appliques. Her headpiece was an Alencon lace Juliet cap with a scalloped finished edge with small scattered appliques,

which held a scalloped, waist-length veil.

She carried a teardrop cascade bouquet of stargazer lilies, white alstromeria, and cadia roses with trails of garden ivy.

The maid of honor was Natalie Ramsey of Garland, best friend and college roommate. Bridesmaids were Ashley Lynch of Fairfield, Molly McKellep of Temple, Michelle Sproule of Houston, Darla Kuhn of Garland and Katherine Pickering of Conroe.

The bridal attendants wore dark green, floral print, tea-length dresses with a sweetheart neckline, deep vee in back accented with a bow, and short sleeves.

They carried bouquets of stargazer lilies, white alstromeria, pink alstromeria with white stock, and cascading greens.

Blake Brown of Plainview, the groom's longtime friend, served as best man. Groomsmen were Steve Saunders of Friendswood, Mike Morrison of Houston, Marshall Jones of Virginia, Sean O'Neil of San Antonio and Chris Tiller of Plano.

Ushers were Michael Embry, Scott Sayers, Tod Bradley and Allen Mize.

Attendants wore classic black stroller tuxedos, with ivory shirts, and vests. The groom's tuxedo featured tails.

Those in the house party were Tricia Cameron, Lisa Morgan, Katie Starn, Stephanie Waldo and Piper Williams.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Stafford Civic

Center, where the Aggie Wranglers provided music for dancing.

The serving tables featured a tiered, white and raspberry cake decorated with flowers.

To honor the groom, his table featured a six-layer chocolate cake constructed as the Texas A&M Bonfire, each level covered with imported chocolate rolled wafers. A lighted, framed photo of the couple on their first date at Bonfire was on display.

The punch, coffee and hors d'oeuvres tables were decorated with ivory linens and flowered candelabra. The guests' tables were accented with tall, flowered centerpieces and candle lights.

The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean.

They will reside in the Dallas area until the bride finishes her practice teaching, after which the couple will live on a ranch in Ladonia. She will graduate from Texas A&M in December with a degree in Elementary Education.

The groom graduated from Texas A&M in 1990 with an agronomy degree. He is Farm and Ranch Manager for Rosewell Cattle Co. in northeast Texas.

## Perkins, Boozer wed Saturday, will make new home in Dimmitt

Kimberly D'Ann Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Nelson Perkins of Amarillo, and Robert Boozer, son of Monty and Sue Boozer of Dimmitt, were united in marriage Aug. 6 at the Chapel at Paramount Terrace Christian Church with Roy Wheeler officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a Bianchi designer gown made of silk chiffon and French alencon lace. The sleeveless off-shoulder bodice was trimmed with delicate individual silk chiffon flowers that encircled the brides shoulders and front and back neckline.

The front and back bodice were made of designs of French alencon lace appliques over the silk chiffon. Dainty scalloped lace dipped in graceful points along the waistline.

The full-length skirt was made entirely of silk chiffon and had a dainty scalloped lace border encircling the entire hem.

The beautiful lace had a rose cameo forming a large scallop pattern on the top portion and a smaller scallop pattern at the base. The same lace formed a double layered lace scallop pattern on the front of the skirt with a silk chiffon rose at the top of each point. It continued on to the back of the chapel length train. A single chiffon silk flower was at the center back with one flower on each side panel located at the top of the lace scallop pattern on the back of the train.

The beautiful ecru pearl encrusted tiara contained individual lace flowers of different sizes edged with small pearls and centered with larger clusters of pearls. Interspersed were tiny pearl and rhinestone flowers with larger tear drop pearls scattered throughout. The overall pattern of the tiara was a double-edged scallop. The exquisite waltz-length veil was made with dainty French Lyon lace at the top, and was sprinkled with various sizes of French alencon lace appliques throughout the length of the single layered tulle veil.

The bride carried a cascade of ivory roses, stephanotis and baby's breath with trailing dark green ivy.

Flower girls were Lauren Elizabeth Hogan of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Caroline Makay Sisemore of Amarillo, both nieces of the bride.

The flower girls wore sundresses made of cream brocade tapestry. Huge organza sashes and lace completed the fairytale dresses.

They carried white wicker baskets with ivory and white ribbon accents and silk petals.

Usher was Britt Boozer, brother of the groom.



MRS. ROBERT BOOZER  
... nee Kimberly D'Ann Perkins

Katharine Coleman accompanied singer Trent Sisemore during the ceremony.

The altar was decorated with an arch of 15 candles with two spiral candelabras on each side of two nine branch tree candelabras in the background. The candelabras were decorated with fresh greenery accents. The aisle was set with six aisle globe candelabras accented with ivory satin and lace bows.

A reception was held at Amarillo Club, 30th floor.

A silver candelabra with ivory,

peach, lavender and white flowers accented the bride's table.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Amarillo High School and attended Amarillo College. She is currently employed at Leon L. Hoyt & Co., L.L.P.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, and is engaged in farming.

The couple will reside in Dimmitt.

## Shower honors Fleet

Tami Fleet, bride-elect of Justin Nelson, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Shari Bradley.

The serving table was decorated with a beautiful magnolia centerpiece accented with crystal candle holders and a revolving mirrored swan. The mantel was decorated with crystal votive candles and crystal candelabras.

Mary Bradley, Jana Nelson, Shelly Petty and Maggie Lytle served broccoli ham rolls, raspberry mousse and tropical tea.

The hostesses presented Tami with ice tea glasses, cast-iron cookware and a gas-powered weed eater.

Out of town guests included mother of the bride-elect, Jan Fleet; her grandmother, Virginia Hoover; and her cousin Lisa Caveer.

## Garza and Casas to wed

Cesario and Felicita Garza of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alicia (Alice) Garza, to Juan Casas, son of Ruben and Carmen Casas of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange vows Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

The prospective groom is a 1989 Dimmitt High School graduate, was named a certified technician in 1990 by Universal Technical Institute. He is currently employed with Casas Custom Spreading.

The couple plan to reside in Bremond, which is 45 miles north of Bryan-College Station, after the wedding.

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# Mr. and Mrs. Hoelting exchange vows in formal ceremony July 30

A formal double-ring ceremony united Lora Kay Schulte and Kent Dwayne Hoelting July 30 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Father Neal Dee officiated, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Schulte of Austin and the late Howard Schulte.

The groom is the son of Clyde and Bea Hoelting of Nazareth.

The bride, given in marriage by her godfather, Richard Dobmeier, wore a white satin bridal gown with fitted bodice and dropped waist. The bodice was embellished with hand-beaded lace on back and front. The short puffy sleeves were accented with the hand-beaded lace. The skirt was floor-length with scalloped lace on the bottom and appliques of hand-beaded lace on the front and back. The dress had a detachable cathedral-length train with scalloped lace worn during the ceremony. The bodice back had a keyhole opening with pearls that draped across the opening. A bow in the shape of a rose and petals accented the back.

She carried a bouquet of fresh pink day lilies, roses, alstromeria and English ivy.

Maid of Honor was Gwen Hoelting of Nazareth, cousin of the

bride. Bridesmaids were Sonya Schulte of Austin, sister of the bride; Julie Kinzelman of Rochester, NY, friend of the bride; Sherry Saur of Austin, friend of the bride; and Kelly Buchanan of Canyon, sister of the groom.

Junior bridesmaids were Lynsey Hoelting of Nazareth, and Tamara Hellstein of Houston, both cousins of the bride.

Flower girl was Megan Hoelting of Nazareth, cousin of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore two-piece mauve floral print ensembles featuring a princess-seamed top with peplum, and off-the-shoulder short puffy sleeves over a slim teal-length skirt.

Marvin Schmucker of Amarillo, cousin of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Darryl Hoelting of Amarillo, friend of the groom; Leland Hoelting of Amarillo, friend of the groom; Clint Hoelting of San Antonio, cousin of the bride, and Stanley Hoelting of Pampa, friend of the groom.

Ushers were Sid Gerber of Levelland, Eric Wilhelm of Amarillo, and Neal Hoelting of Pampa, friends of the groom; and Heath Schulte of Nazareth, cousin of the bride.

Candlelighters were LeAnn Schulte of Arlington and Chel

Whitmire of Giddings, sisters of the bride; and Deanna Schulte of Lubbock and Cheryl Preshall of Claude, sisters of the groom.

Marcia and Courtney Hoelting, cousins of the bride, accompanied soloist Nicole Kleman, friend of the bride.

The front of the church was decorated with several candelabras each accented with greenery and a white and mauve bow. The altars had votive candles and each window contained a votive candle surrounded by English ivy. The main aisle was accented with white and mauve bows and the pews were decorated with single candelabra stands.

A reception and dance were held after the ceremony in the Nazareth Community Hall.

The couple will reside in Amarillo after a wedding trip to New Orleans, La.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University with an education degree in 1991, and currently teaches business at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo.

The groom received a degree in automotive technology from Amarillo College in 1984. He currently is a Snap-On tool dealer in the Amarillo and Canyon area.

## Church Happenings

### Christian Church

Spence Moore will preach Sunday for both the morning and evening services.

He also will bring special messages in song, and will have a special request time in the evening service.

The public is invited to come out and hear Bro. Moore.

New minister Jim Hardwick is expected to arrive the evening of Aug. 21, and members are encouraged to help them unload the moving van.

### Presbyterian Happenings

Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

"The Gospel of Success" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday church worship service at 11 a.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study is Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

### Assembly of God

The Rick Glover family from North Little Rock, Ark., will conduct a Children's Crusade at First Assembly of God Church, 300 SE Second, on Aug. 14-17.

Services will begin Sunday evening at 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Bro. Glover, his wife, Kathy; and two daughters, Jennifer and Amanda, have been involved in full-time child evangelism for three years. Before that, the Glovers worked as children's church leaders for four years. Such media as puppetry, music, Bible stories, flannel graphs and object lessons are used to reach the children with the Gospel.

The crusade is designed for the entire family with a target age range from 4 to 12. For more information or transportation call 647-5662 or 647-5447.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT ADAMS  
She is the former Julie Hatla.

## Hatla and Adams wed

A candlelit double ring ceremony united Julie Katherine Hatla, daughter of Doris Hatla of Nazareth, and Scott Nallen Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Adams of Amarillo, June 12. The ceremony took place in the home of the groom's uncle and aunt, Chaplain and Mrs. Stephen H. Adams, in Stephenville. Chaplain Adams officiated the ceremony.

The bride attends Amarillo College and is currently employed at Wal-Mart.

The groom also attends Amarillo College and is employed by Affiliated Foods.

The couple reside in Amarillo.

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MRS. KENT HOELTING  
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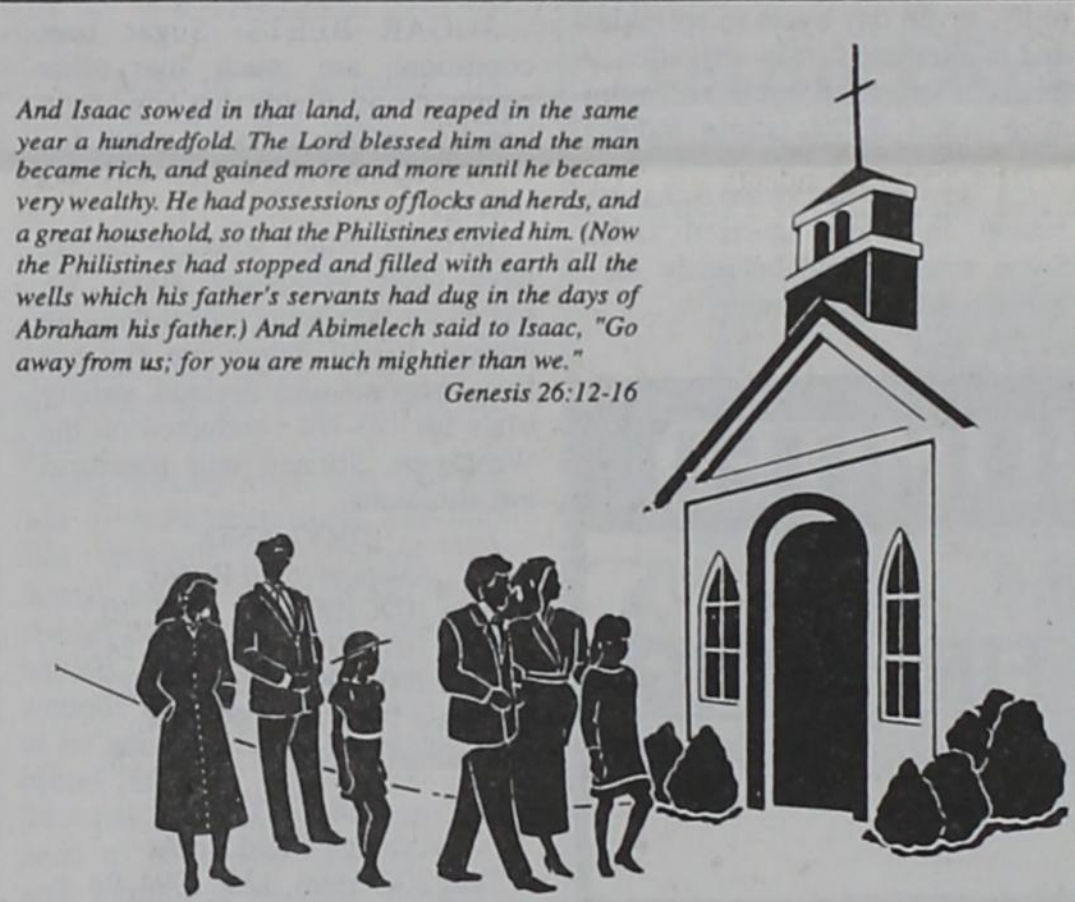
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And Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds, and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. (Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us; for you are much mightier than we."  
Genesis 26:12-16

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### MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

### Free promotion

There are two good ways to get your name in front of the public: Pay for advertising or make news. Advertising will require that you spend money; making news will require an investment of your time.

I have devoted several columns in the past to the topic of advertising. However, when I checked the record, I found that I've never written about making news. It is a good business building strategy and many companies are using this technique to increase their visibility.

Here's how it works. Newspapers, radio and television all occasionally have slow news days. With a little practice you can sow some seeds that may blossom into a flowery news story on one of those slow days.

A good way to plant those seeds is to use a written press release. Press releases can be powerful tools, and there is no real magic in preparing one.

There are two main elements to consider as you construct a good news release. The first is the content, and the second is the way you organize your information. The content is the newsworthy message you believe the media will find interesting. The structure or organization should follow basic guidelines for press releases.

I won't take space from this column to detail the specific format in which a press release should appear. If you need that information, I'll be glad to send you a sample press release and other tips on creating a good one. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Press Release, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

### How to make news

Here are several proven tips for making news. Follow these suggestions to improve your company's image and visibility.

—Make certain that anything you send to the news media is newsworthy. For example, sidewalk sales, year-end clearances and inventory reduction blowouts are not news. Expanding your business, winning a customer service award or

being named "Dealer of the year" is.

—Be creative. We've seen some pretty ordinary happenings make the front page or the six o'clock news because of an unusually creative approach.

—Start with the five Ws—who, what, where, when, why—form. Take time to write down the details before you organize them into a finished press release.

—Begin with the most important information first. Even on a slow news day you'll need to get your reader's attention right away.

—Type the release on your letterhead and double space the text to make it easy to read.

—Keep your release short and to the point. List your name and give your phone number so you can be reached for further information. Since all media persons don't work 8 to 5, you may benefit from giving an "after hours" or "week-end" phone number. Your goal is to make it easy for someone to get additional details.

—Your release should focus on one thought, event or element. If you try to

cover too much ground, you may make it difficult for the media to visualize a story.

—Send your press release to the person most likely to be interested. (Usually the business editor or news director.)

—When the newspaper picks up your press release and runs a nice story, don't let the publicity end there. Make copies and distribute the story to current and potential customers. Frame a copy and place it in a prominent location in your business.

—Say thank you. News folks are like the rest of us. Thanks for a job well done is always appreciated.

If you don't feel that you are up to writing your own press releases, contact a professional. Many small public relations firms and advertising agencies specialize in this area. They may be able to provide just what you need for a very reasonable fee.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

# County crops in good shape; more rain needed

By J.D. RAGLAND

### COUNTY CROP SITUATION

**GENERAL:** What a blistering summer it's been! According to KDHN, during the month of July we received 4.72 inches of rainfall; as of Aug. 2, we have received 17.29 inches for the year. Although the rainfall hasn't been great, we should feel fortunate for what little we got during the critical crop growth stage.

**CORN:** Most of the corn fields throughout Castro County are ranging from the tasseling and bloom stage to the soft dough stage. Generally speaking most corn fields look good with the exception of those that got too hot and suffered from a combination of extreme heat and lack of moisture. Producers at this time need to monitor their insect situations closely. Spider mites are extremely heavy in some areas. In addition, both the European and Southwestern corn borer infestations have increased substantially over the past week and in

many cases treatments have or are currently being applied.

**COTTON:** Cotton throughout Castro County is in full bloom. We should be thankful for our cotton crop this year. According to a report from Dr. Kater Hake, TAEX Cotton Specialist. Virtually all dryland cotton has burned up. He estimates that half to one million acres of dryland cotton south of Lubbock has reached the point of no return, blooming out the top with only an occasional boll. We feel like here in Castro County, our cotton crop is much better than many reports indicate. A few helpful producer recommendations are:

(1) Keep irrigation moving rapidly, seven day cycle in sprinklers and in alternate furrow irrigation. A frequent irrigation cycle will minimize water deficit stress induced boll shed.

(2) Gear up for an early harvest season in water stressed fields. Some acres should be ready for a harvest-aid by September.

(3) Additional fertilizer will probably be of limited use to fields that have bloomed out the top.

(4) The last effective pinhead square is typically from July 20 to Aug. 10 depending on latitude and elevation. On this date, the yield potential is set by the crop on the plant.

**SORGHUM:** Most sorghum fields, that have received some moisture either by irrigation or other nature, look pretty good. Some dryland fields have suffered severely and in a few cases were lost. Greenbugs are beginning to be a problem in many fields. So be sure to check for heavy infestations.

**SUGAR BEETS:** Sugar beet conditions are much like other county crops. Fields that have been heavily irrigated look good but some fields did suffer from hot, dry weather.

**WHEAT:** Many wheat producers have been wondering about varieties for upcoming wheat planting season. Listed below are the top five irrigated and dryland variety trials for '93-'94 conducted on the Washburn, Stinnett and Bushland test situations.

- DRYLAND**  
Average yield Bu/Ac
1. Tam 105: 1993, 45; 1994, 30.
  2. Tam 107: 1993, 45; 1994, 24.
  3. Tam 200: 1993, 42; 1994, 27.
  4. Pecos: 1993, 41; 1994, 24.
  5. Ogallala: 1993, 41; 1994, 28.

- IRRIGATED**  
Average Yield Bu/Ac
1. Tam 200: 1993, 124; 1994, 94.
  2. Pecos: 1993, 124; 1994, 96.
  3. Tam 202: 1993, 124; 1994, 94.
  4. Ogallala: 1993, 121; 1994, 101.
  5. Laredo: 1993, 120; 1994, 98.

**UPDATE ON WORKER PROTECTION STANDARDS:** Although full enforcement of the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for Agricultural Pesticides is postponed to Jan. 1, 1995, certain requirements remain in effect.

**WHAT'S NOT DELAYED:** During 1994, you must comply with any WPS requirement spelled out on a pesticide product label. This includes statements regarding

personal protective equipment (PPE), restricted entry interval (REI) and "double notification."

**WHAT IS DELAYED:** The sooner you comply, the better, but you're now allowed until Jan. 1, 1995, to comply with "referenced" WPS requirements. These are label statements that cite WPS provisions but do not fully spell them out. Cited provisions include those pertaining to pesticide safety training for agricultural workers and handlers, decontamination sites, notification of workers about pesticide applications, display of information about pesticide applications, emergency assistance and display of a safety poster.

The new legislation also provides optional PPE requirements for some irrigation work in 1994 and excludes crop advisors from WPS coverage until Jan. 1, 1995.

**1994 CASTRO COUNTY RESULTS DEMONSTRATIONS** cooperators are Coby Gilbreath, Ronnie Gfeller, Robert Boozer, Lance Loudder, Kevin and Jody Riley, Bob Phipps, Kenneth Frye, Rodney Hunter, Gregg Sides, Roland Stevens, and Roger Underwood.

**TRIP TO NEW YORK; NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE:** Several area cotton farmers and others have expressed an interest in a trip to New York that would include at least one day at the New York Cotton Exchange. The package, likely to be coordinated with a travel agent and the Exchange, is being considered for early December. The cost per person will likely be around \$800 and \$1,200 for a 4 night/3day visit. If you have ideas or suggestions, or are interested in participating, contact Extension Economist Jackie Smith in Lubbock at (806) 746-6101 or 872-3444.

**SOUTHWEST BEEF EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENT FORUM:** "Sustaining Healthy Ranch Environments: Rangeland-Cattle-Wildlife" is the title of this year's conference to be held Sept. 15-16 at the Texas Tech University Meat Lab and Livestock Arena in conjunction with the National Ranch-

ing Heritage Center's Golden Spur weekend.

The Forum is designed for beef cattle producers in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Cost of the two-day conference is \$55 and includes a published proceedings with meals at noon and evening on Thursday and lunch on Friday.

Preregistration deadline is Aug. 26. Late registration will be an additional \$25. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

**1994 CASTRO COUNTY EXTENSION AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM EVALUATION SURVEY:** As you all know, each year

we are required to evaluate our County Agricultural Programs. Enclosed you will find a survey with a few questions. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to the Extension Office by Aug. 30, 1994. This is an extremely important survey and your response will be greatly appreciated.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** TAEX Research Center Field Day, Lubbock-Sept. 13.

Farmers Stockman Show, Lubbock, Oct. 11-13.

Beltwide Cotton Conference, San Antonio, Jan. 4-7.

Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Olton, Jan. 18.

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### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

**TEXAS SESAME - DIVISION OF ADM** has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 25251 to operate a Grain Elevator in Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

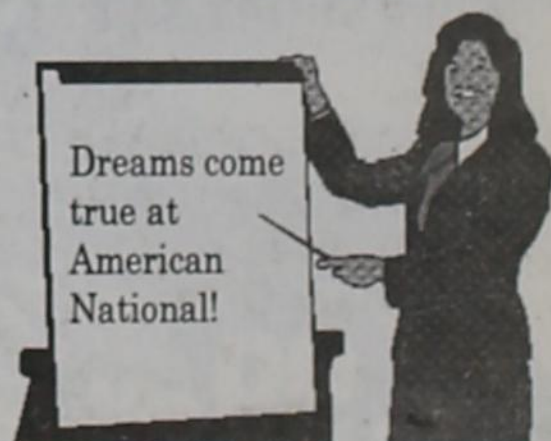
The location of the existing facility is at the intersection of Farm Road 1524 and Farm Road 1055. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on August 4, 1994 and August 11, 1994.

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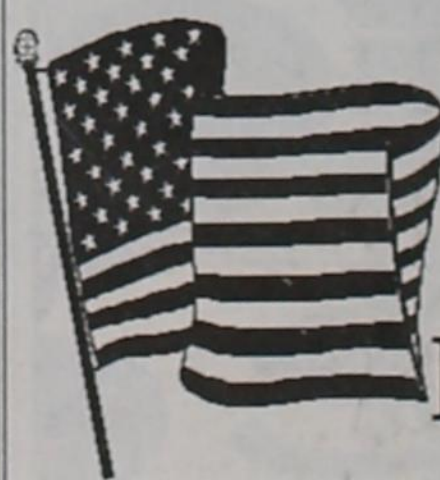
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## Scale attacking region's red oak

A small insect, obscure oak scale, can pose a big threat to red oaks and now is the time to apply a pesticide to infested trees, says County Extension Agent J.D. Ra-gland.

The scales are about one-sixteenth inch in diameter and covered by a hard shell, and they are very difficult to detect by casual observation. They are about the same color as the bark and look like cigarette ashes.

Heavily infested branches and even the main trunk will be smooth where scales occur as opposed to the rougher texture of normal bark. These scales can kill large branches and occasionally the entire tree by removing the plant sap with their piercing, sucking mouthparts.

Eggs hatch once a year in late summer and "baby" scales, or crawlers, are six-legged and mobile. The newly-hatched scales settle in under old scales and elsewhere on the tree, insert their mouth parts, begin feeding and soon form their own protective scale shell.

Monitoring in Lubbock indicates hatching began about Aug. 1. This is a little ahead of schedule because of the warmer weather earlier this year on the South Plains.

## Immunization clinics scheduled

Free immunizations will be given every Wednesday in August for all school-aged children. These are being offered through the Shots Across Texas campaign.

Shots that are required for school include four-year-old boosters, a second MMR which is required before age 12, and a tetanus booster required after age 14.

Appointments may be made by calling 647-2404 or going by 108 SW Second. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

# Nazareth

WITH  
VIRGIE GERBER,  
945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Britting, 88, of Amarillo who passed away Aug. 2. Funeral services were held Friday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Msgr. Francis A. Smyer officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al, in 1984, a son Jim in 1984 and a son Richard in 1988. Survivors include two daughters, Judy Edwards of Amarillo and Kathy Bratton of Grand Prairie; two sons, Lee Britting of Farwell and Tom Britting of Abilene; two sisters, Rose Hindman of Nazareth and Theresa Wills of Groom; a brother, Clarence Schulte of Nazareth; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rose Aicklmayr Koenig of St. Ann's Home in Panhandle was honored on her 75th birthday, Aug. 2, with a party at the home of Isabell Blackwell in Amarillo. Rose's three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all enjoyed the celebration. Hosting the party were her sisters Genny Kuper of Hereford, Celia Neusch of Amarillo and Margaret Womack of Nazareth.

Edwin and Irene Huseman of Dumas celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Sunday in Amarillo at Paramount Park. Many friends and relatives from Nazareth enjoyed the get-together.

Ray Swirczynski is recuperating at home after a series of chemotherapy treatments at High Plains Baptist Hospital. His son, Tom of Muenster, is here with Ray, while Mattie joined other Brockman relatives on a trip to Nebraska for a family reunion.

Sister Jane Francis Brockman, Sister Norbert Hoelting and Sister Josella Birkenfeld of St. Scholasti-

ca's Convent in Fort Smith, Ark. drove to Nazareth last week. Sister Jane Francis accompanied the Brockman relatives to Nebraska for a family reunion. Sister Norbert visited with relatives and was a big instrument in the Hoelting reunion which was a very successful and enjoyable event. Sister Josella and her brother-in-law, Paul Venhaus, visited Paul's sister, Helen Backus, who is a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. Also visiting with Helen were Hubert and Joan Backus and Francis and Connie Backus. They were all pleased to see that Paul was feeling quite well after a successful angio-plasty performed on him at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Lisa Schulte has turned 40!! On Thursday evening some of her gal friends treated her to dinner in Plainview and a movie. On Friday, she thought Clyde and her were going to spend the weekend in Ruidoso only to find some members of her family and several friends were also in Ruidoso to help her celebrate her birthday!

Nowadays everyone is for family values but on the weekend of Aug. 5-7 over 400 members of the Hoelting family proved their commitment to family values by travelling to Nazareth to be with the descendants of Henry and Elizabeth Hoelting who were married in 1900. The children of this union produced the wonderful crowd who came, some from many miles away, to celebrate our ancestors, to cement old friendships and to welcome new members of the clan.

A structure is needed to help the spirit move and what the professional photographer called "the best organized family reunion I've been to in 17 years" started on Friday evening with food for the body in Nazareth Community Hall. Each meal throughout the weekend was the responsibility of a different branch of the family and the food ranged from excellent to outstanding. The matriarchs and patriarchs of the family recalled the good and not so good old days and the example of obstacles overcome, hardships endured, and challenges met surely made each of us reflect on our own very different challenges.

But, when 400-plus Hoeltings are gathered, there is inevitably a hot time in the old town. Songs old and new, card games old and new, meeting, talking, catching up went on until 4 a.m. Some people continued singing and talking in their sleep.

Softball for insomniacs started at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Games for

younger children followed, medals were awarded and lunch was served at noon.

This was followed by Mass at 3 p.m. in the church with Father Darryl Birkenfeld as principal celebrant. The theme of "We are body, we are food, we are life to each other" was picked up and stressed. The feeling of being the Hoelting body helped us realize what being the Christ's body means. The baptism of the great-granddaughter of Greg and Christine Hoelting, Melanie Christine, showed the growth of this community.

We all went to the cemetery to remember and celebrate those of the body who have died, especially Henry and Elizabeth and those who died since the last reunion.

A professional photographer then took pictures of this richly colored family. Each branch of the family had been allotted a different color before the reunion and came to the Mass and photographs with their family within a family colored T-shirts. All then went to the hall to maintain body fluids and eat a delicious meal. Again the leaders of the family reminisced about the old days. The hundreds of teens and pre-teens present got a booster shot of family pride; the moms and dads and grandmoms and granddads got an infusion of appreciation and love. Dancing continued loud and strong until 1:30 a.m. Some groups had dawn breakfasts, card players counted their money, the energy expended was phenomenal. After breakfast on Sunday morning many visitors left while others stayed on for more talk, games and card playing.

The skeleton, the physical events of a weekend are fairly easy to relate. To the scores of people who cooked and cleaned, cooked and cleaned again, who wrote letters, organized games, arranged liturgy, cared for visiting children—all we can say is a Texas-sized THANK YOU!

The heart of the gathering, the spirit, the life that goes on in conversations, in groups; the caring for others, the looks of joyful recognition, the smiles of appreciation, the shared memories, the laughter of eight year olds mingling with the laughter of eighty year-olds, these are harder to talk about but these are the life-blood of the group.

This mutual trust, this recognition of interdependence, this oak-like strength that comes from shared, healthy roots, these do not always come easy. They need attention. There are rifts, conflicts, wounds in any family which need to be attended to, to be healed, or blood is lost. There are joys, triumphs, births, and deaths that need to be shared or some pride and warmth to be lost. Attention must be paid or individual and family pride can leak away.

On this weekend attention was paid. We came and we saw the bright stars of Texas in the sky—and in other peoples' eyes—and we felt bigger and better.

The Hoelting heartbeat goes on. Henry, who died in 1948, and Elizabeth, who died in 1933, were surely smiling with pride on their descendants this August. The Hoeltings were once more renewed in grasping the depth and power of family.

# Smile!

Let's Sprinkle  
Some Happiness

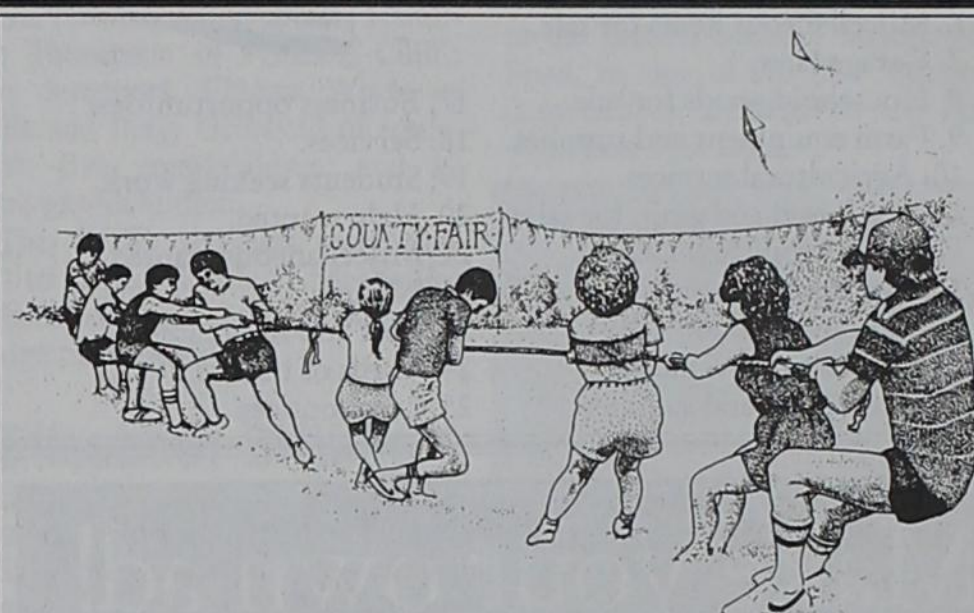
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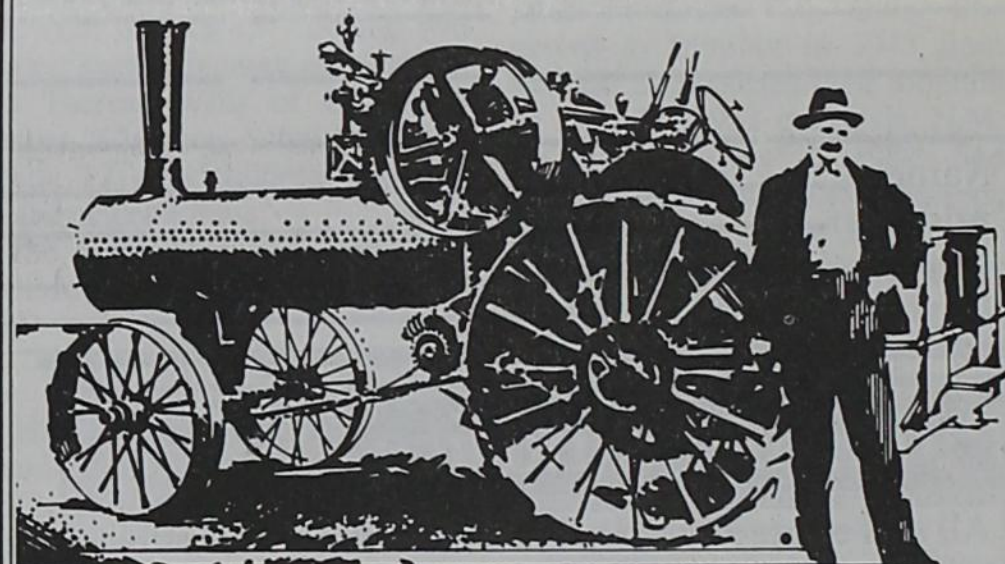
Saturday starting at noon  
and enjoy all the other Harvest Days activities.

And remember, we're always ready to serve you.

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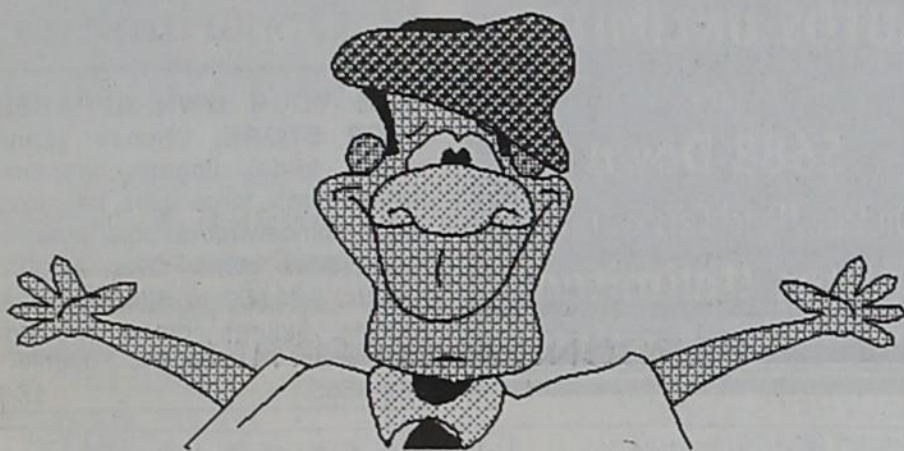


1891 . . . 1994

We're proud of all our old-timers, who made Castro County what it is today. We're proud, too, of our younger people who are carrying on that pioneer tradition in our county's 103rd year.

Let's celebrate!

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Large Group of **JEANS--30% Off**  
Summer **TOPS and SKIRTS--50% Off**  
Large Group of **BELTS--50% Off**  
New! **SHORT SKIRTS and BLOUSES**

MEN'S

Short Sleeve **SHIRTS--30% Off**  
Long Sleeve **SHIRTS--20% Off**  
(Thursday, Friday and Saturday only)  
Large Group of **BELTS--\$10**

BOYS'

All **SHIRTS--20% to 50% Off**

GIRLS'

**JEANS--30% to 50% Off**  
**TOPS--50% Off**  
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Selection of Men's, Ladies' and Children's  
**BOOTS--REDUCED**  
We have **PACKER LACES** now!

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## Rentfro will direct WT horse center

Dimmitt native Trigg Rentfro is the new director of the WTAMU Horse Center and the horse program at West Texas A&M University.

Rentfro is the son of Corky and Charlotte Rentfro of Purcell, Okla., formerly of Dimmitt. He's the grandson of Andy and Oleda Schumacher of Dimmitt and Bonnie Rentfro of Dallas, formerly of Dimmitt.

Rentfro was hired two weeks ago after WTAMU decided to change the direction of its equine sciences department.

## Dairy Queen earns honors

Dimmitt's Dairy Queen store on US Highway 385 has earned a Dairy Queen Silver Yogurt Award for the 1993 fiscal year.

The award is given to stores which record an increase of 100 gallons or more in yogurt sales. The award was presented by International Dairy Queen (IDQ).

"We are proud of the hard work and dedication of the owners, managers and staff at the Dimmitt Dairy Queen store," said Edward Watson, executive vice president of operations for IDQ. "Their desire to make the store a top performer is a credit to them. Recognizing them with this award is a way of saying thank you for making the Dairy Queen system a leader in the fast-food industry."



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# 10 file for elections *More about* **1:1**

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Ten persons have filed for slots on the Nov. 8 general election ballot for Castro County commissioner.

Incumbents Newlon Rowland, Pct. 1; Jeff Robertson, Pct. 3; and Vincent Guggemos, Pct. 4, have filed for re-election. Former Pct. 1 commissioners Harold Smith and Edd Bennett have also filed for the Pct. 1 race along with Daniel Rodriguez.

The only candidate in Pct. 2 to have filed as of 9 a.m. Wednesday was Clyde H. Damron. In Pct. 3, Robertson has been joined so far by Jerry Stump and Hank Warren. Guggemos' only challenger so far is Carroll Gerber.

Filing will be open through Aug. 26 for the commissioner election.

## Matthews' motion curtails lawyer fee in redistricting case

Castro County District Attorney Jerry Matthews has apparently saved Castro County several thousand dollars in possible legal fees in federal court in Washington.

Plaintiff's attorney Judith Castro of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) waited until after a court-imposed deadline to file a motion for legal fees in the case in Washington, DC. Matthews filed a motion to object to the payment of fees in the case in Washington to MALDEF, and the federal court concurred with Matthews' motion.

Matthews sewed up the case involving the county's redistricting mess in less than a month after other lawyers had haggled for over two years. The county has paid almost \$400,000 in legal fees to various firms who were not able to successfully close the case.

## 'Meet the Bobcats' event set Aug. 18

"Meet the Bobcats," an annual event sponsored by the Dimmitt Booster Club, has been rescheduled for Thursday Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

The event had been scheduled for Aug. 20.

All Dimmitt football players will be introduced, and pictures with players will be available. All Booster Club members are asked to bring a freezer of ice cream to the event.

## Commodities to be given

Commodities will be distributed Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Items to be distributed include butter, pinto beans, canned peaches and green beans. Commodities will be given to eligible persons in the county while supplies last.

decaying or abandoned neighborhoods, crime in the streets, drug abuse, lack of protective services—for which they can't ever seem to spring enough tax money. Why couldn't a city that has a pro team require a hefty franchise fee, and use the money to upgrade its blighted areas, build parks and gyms, establish public-works programs, beef up its law enforcement and

## Two get probation

Two Castro County residents received long-term probation on felony charges this week in district court in Plainview.

Warren McDonald received 10 years' probation on a sexual assault charge. He was accused of assaulting a Dimmitt girl in the summer of 1993. The terms of McDonald's probation preclude him from returning to Castro County for at least one year. His case was tried by special prosecutor Martha Rose, the district attorney in Lamb County. McDonald had been in jail since last winter when a Castro County

generally improve the quality of life in the city?

What difference would it make in a player's lifestyle if he earned \$800,000 a year instead of \$1.2 million?

Such a hefty franchise arrangement, I suppose, would get in the way of the supply-and-demand principle and would probably be opposed by owners and players alike.

Still, it seems that the host cities and the fans are being forgotten in this whole controversy.

Maybe I just don't understand. Anyway, now that the major league baseball season is over, let's all get out and enjoy Harvest Days.

After we returned from Alaska last month, Verbie and I used the rest of our vacation time in New Mexico. We visited my sister, Mary, and her family in Albuquerque and also went up near the

Four Corners area to check out the San Juan River, which is reputed to be one of the 10 best trout streams in the US.

We were underdressed for the San Juan. It's deeper than our hip-boots. Those who fish it regularly were using chest waders.

And curiously, nearly all the younger guys were wearing the

same kind of wide-brimmed felt hat with the pinched-front crown that the principal characters wore in the hit movie, *A River Runs Through It*.

I had heard that *A River Runs Through It* caused a resurgence in the popularity of fly-fishing.

Obviously, it also brought back the "Indiana Jones hat."

## *More about*

# Moss sticking...

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"I know that from the very beginning of the rural health clinics, there has been a lot of concern and questions, and maybe the public wasn't educated and told the things they needed to know in order to be comfortable with this situation. I'm not pointing fingers and saying that was right or wrong; I'm saying that's what happened.

"What I'd like to do now is educate the public as to what the rural health clinics are and what they can be. I could stand on the band wagon and preach all day, but if people aren't interested in coming and asking what we're about and what we're trying to accomplish, we aren't going to gain anything.

"I feel like the board has made an effort now to me and to the public and to the community that they want to be open with you all, and they want to be open with me.

"I've agreed to stay on for a time, and I'm going to do everything I can to work toward a positive health-care system for Dimmitt and Castro County. I'm asking you as citizens to all do that, and to help the board do that. You may not agree with many things that I say;

Grand Jury indicted him after Rose took the case.

Steven Anderle, who had been in jail for the past 19 months, was found guilty Monday afternoon on charges of felony criminal mischief. Anderle had been in jail since he was charged in late 1992 with felony criminal mischief and felony aggravated assault. He received 10 years' probation. Because of the felony conviction, Anderle will not be allowed to own or possess any type of firearms.

"That is one of the things we wanted in this case," said District Attorney Jerry Matthews.

I'm not asking you to. I'm asking you to give me your viewpoints; I'm asking you to give the board your viewpoints—what it is that you want, and what direction you want us to go in, and we'll do our best to serve you."

The audience applauded Moss after his statement.

"I feel like this is a positive step," Coleman said. "The board has been, and will continue to be, very dedicated to health care in Castro County. . . . Each member of this board has chosen to serve because of our concern for health care, and we remain dedicated to that direction."

"Are we going to keep the rural health clinic?" former board member Mildred Bradford asked.

"It's our intention at this time," Coleman said.

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**LUNCH SPECIALS**  
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## Who's New

### OUT OF TOWN

Gage Ethan, son of Glen and Toni Waldo of Hart, was born July 25 at 7:02 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. and 9 1/2 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Jan Robertson of Amarillo. Paternal grandparents are Glen and Wynelle Waldo of Wheeler.

Great-grandmothers are Elsie Tongate of Amarillo and Luella Albrecht of Phoenix, Ariz.

Thank you  
 for reading  
*The Castro  
 County News!*

## Schedule A

### Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Castro County General	0
Castro County Precincts	\$327,000
Castro County Hospital District	\$2,413,522
Dimmitt ISD	\$2,961,977
Nazareth ISD	\$500,000
City of Dimmitt	0
City of Nazareth	\$3,395

## Schedule C

### Expected Revenue From Additional Sales Tax

(For cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive

Castro County: \$125,867  
 City of Dimmitt: \$101,005  
 City of Nazareth: \$3,388

in additional revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 S.E. 3rd, Dimmitt, Tx.

Name of person preparing this notice: Jerry Heller  
 Title: Chief Appraiser  
 Date Prepared: August 3, 1994

## 1994 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CASTRO COUNTY

This notice concerns 1994 property tax rates for Castro County governmental entities. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	CASTRO COUNTY GENERAL	CASTRO COUNTY ROAD	HOSPITAL DISTRICT	DIMMITT ISD	NAZARETH ISD	CITY OF DIMMITT	CITY OF NAZARETH
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,235,207	\$34,189	\$1,197,341	\$2,368,411	\$261,185	\$267,200	\$5,736
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,235,207	\$34,189	\$1,197,341	\$2,368,411	\$261,185	\$267,200	\$5,736
Last year's tax base	\$345,299,311	\$341,896,500	\$342,097,500	\$206,415,541	\$21,948,400	\$113,702,300	\$4,988,600
Last year's tax rate	0.358	0.01	0.35	1.1474	1.19	0.235	0.115
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>							
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$1,235,207	\$34,189	\$1,197,341	\$2,368,411	\$261,185	\$267,200	\$5,736
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$344,311,261	\$341,085,291	\$342,403,411	\$202,268,162	\$22,103,235	\$112,533,445	\$5,072,186
= This year's effective tax rate	0.359	0.01	0.35	1.171	1.182	0.237	0.113
Total effective tax rate	0.369		0.35	1.171	1.182	0.237	0.113
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.38		0.361	1.206	1.217	0.244	0.116
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:</b>							
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$1,361,074	\$34,189	\$1,197,341	\$2,540,134	\$252,267	\$368,205	\$9,124
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$344,311,261	\$341,085,291	\$342,403,411	\$202,812,222	\$22,352,945	\$112,533,445	\$5,072,186
= This year's effective operating rate	0.395	0.01	0.35	1.252	1.13	0.327	0.18
x 1.08 or + .06 for schools = this year's maximum operating rate	0.427	0.011	0.378	1.312	1.19	0.353	0.194
+ This year's debt rate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.427	0.011	0.378	1.312	1.19	0.353	0.194
This year's total rollback rate	0.438	0.438	0.378	1.312	1.19	0.353	0.194
A county or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes must insert the following lines:							
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.037					0.089	0.064
= Rollback tax rate	0.401					0.264	0.13

# Denim Daze



## CASTRO COUNTY HARVEST DAYS, AUGUST 11-13, 1994

### Harvest Days Events



Fair

Rodeo

Top of Texas  
Cloggers



Cow Patty  
Bingo

Food  
and Drinks

Quilt Show



Team Roping

Barbecue  
Supper

Outdoor Games

Kids Games

Arts and Crafts Show



Museum  
Open House

Parade

Poker Run

"Youth Sews"

Youth "Star Search"

Square Dance



Street Dance

Accessorize  
to Maximize  
Early Settlers  
Reunion

Guided Tours of  
American Maize Products  
Co. of Dimmitt, Inc.

DATA  
Car Show



## Rodeo will feature new and traditional

The fifth annual Harvest Days Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, sponsored by the Dimmitt Roping Club. The rodeo will be produced by Blackwell Rodeo Co. and is TCRA approved.

Events at the rodeo arena begin today (Thursday) with an open team roping at 7 p.m. No advance registration is needed.

There will be eight competition events plus some local events, beginning each night at 8 o'clock. A county team roping open only to county residents will be held during rodeo performances. Other rodeo events will include saddle broncs, barebacks, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway, barrel racing in two divisions, TCRA team roping and steer riding for contestants two and under.

Tickets to the rodeo may be purchased in advance from any rodeo queen or princess candidate for \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Child age five and under will be admitted free. Gate admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Queen and princess candidates are selling tickets in order to win belt buckles which will be given to the queen's division (14 years old and up) and princess' division (8 to 13 years old) contestants who sell the most rodeo tickets.



AWARDS TO THE WINNERS  
... DATA member Jerry Thomas with trophies at show

## DATA show features many classic vehicles

Classic cars, muscle cars, kit cars and plain cars will be featured at the fourth annual car and tractor show sponsored by Dimmitt Alumni of Technical Arts (DATA) Club, Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the parking lot of First State Bank.

The show will include some of the great old cars, "muscle" cars from the pre-gas shortage days in the 1950s and 1960s, and late model vehicles.

The show will also feature a variety of tractors, including antiques. Also in the spotlight will be model cars of all sizes, some from kits and others built from scratch.

The show will also feature a swap meet, with a variety of goods on hand.

Registration is still open for the show, and more details are available at 647-2208, 647-4592 or 647-4264. All proceeds will benefit the Gary Bruegel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

## Poker run presents unique challenges

Dimmitt Alumni of Technical Arts (DATA) Club will hold its annual poker run and card challenge Friday and fourth annual car and tractor show Saturday.

Registration for the poker run, which measures a team's ability to follow directions and find specific locations, is \$5 and may be made to DATA, c/o Tammy Heard, 719 Cleveland, Dimmitt, or by calling Heard at 647-4592, Sonny Thomas at 647-2208 or Don Moke at 647-4264.

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## New ideas, great traditions featured at '94 Expo exhibits

A "Most Kissable Lips" contest and a variety of jewelry, painted items, baskets, hand crafted animals and dolls, clothing, and a variety of foods will be among the featured attractions at an arts and crafts show, which is one of the highlights of Castro County's annual Harvest Days celebration this week.

The show will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Expo Building and adjacent quonset barns in Dimmitt.

receive gift certificates from Merle Norman.

Peggy Vanstory of Lubbock will have an assortment of hand crafted animals and dolls, decorated baskets and wreaths.

by Elaine Taylor of Dimmitt and Carolyn Jansa of Hereford. It will display custom tapestry, vests, bags and purses.

"Some 'em Special" of Hereford will have hand-made beaded jewelry.

Nancy Hagood's booth, "A Little Bit of Hawaii," will make another appearance at the arts and crafts show.

"Picture Perfect" of Hereford will sell oak framed prints.

"Especially For You" will again be at the arts and crafts show this year with fun hand-painted and plain pant sets, fashion jewelry and gift items.

Route 66 and Western themes will dominate the booth occupied



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

Winner gets \$500!

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

The "Bingo Field" will be 100 numbered squares east of the Expo Building. The cow will be turned loose on the field about 3 p.m. Saturday. The game will end when the cow "bingos" on somebody's square.

Enjoy the fun and benefit the Fair Association!

**Corner Place Package & Corner Barn**  
Shirley and Don Cornett



**TIME OUT**  
for  
Harvest Days

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

**George's Exxon**

402 N. Broadway, Dimmitt

647-4641

## Pet show draws pets of all breeds

Children of all ages are invited to show off their favorite pets Friday during the annual Harvest Days pet show.

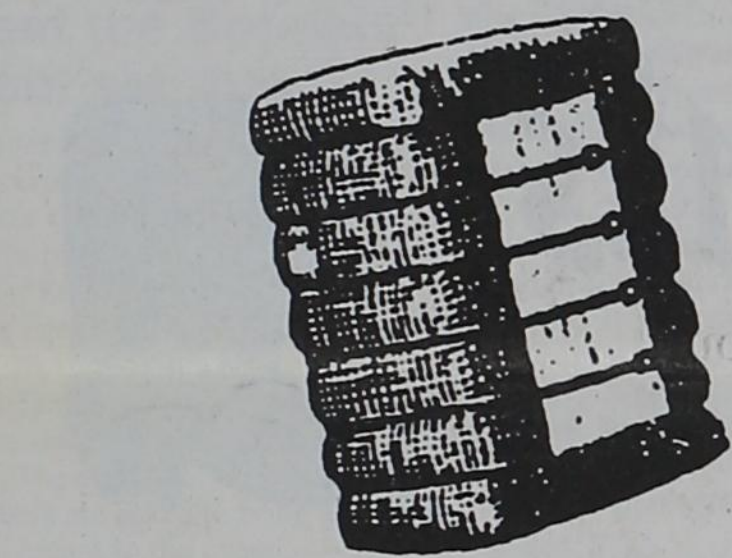
It doesn't matter whether your favorite pet is a llama, boa constrictor, crab, emu, worm or traditional cat or dog or bird, the pet can be entered in the show.

Exhibitors are asked to bring their pets to an area west of the Expo Building. The show is slated to begin at 10 a.m. Friday.

Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic of Dimmitt and Merrick Pet Foods of Hereford are sponsoring the event and judge will be Dr. W.J. Hill of Dimmitt, local veterinarian.

Dr. Hill will award ribbons and rosettes to winners.

There will be a special award presented to the pet which looks most like its owner, to the biggest pet, smallest pet, most unique pet.



Let's 'Get the Bale Out' and Enjoy Harvest Days!

The more Harvest Days activities you attend or take part in, the more you'll enjoy our big annual celebration. So get the bale out and make all the events you can!

Castro Co-op Gin, Inc. has been helping our cotton producers "get the bale out" since 1952. We're proud of the role our cooperative gin has played in the cotton industry here during the past years.

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Randall Small, Manager



Don't Miss 'Chow Time'

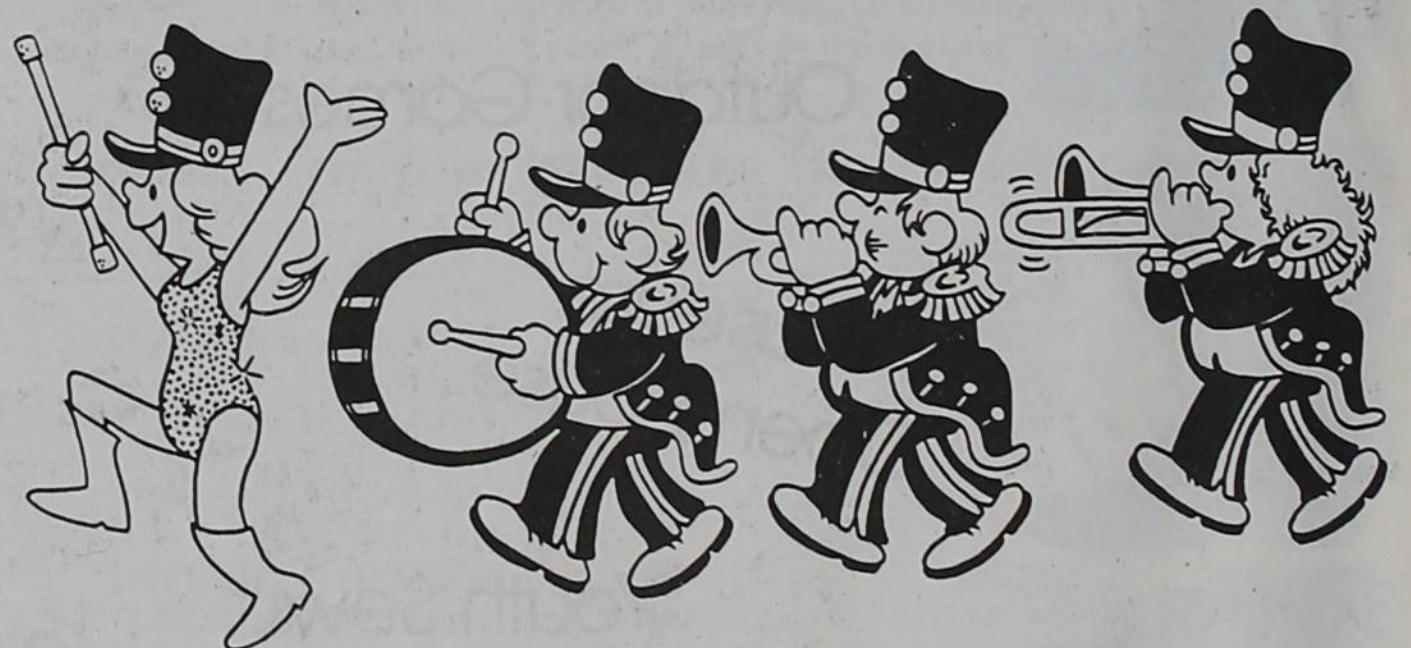
"Chow Time" is just about anytime you want it to be during Harvest Days.

Shop around the Expo Building area for the food of your choice for lunch or a snack:

- \* Hamburgers
- \* Funnel Cakes
- \* Hot Dogs
- \* Barbecue
- \* Soft Drinks
- \* Greater Taters
- \* Fajitas
- \* And Much, Much More

Enjoy all the food and fun of Harvest Days, and have a great time!

**Holly Sugar Corp.**



We'll see you at the **HARVEST DAYS PARADE** at 10 a.m. Saturday

At Liquid Blenders, Inc. we run a "parade" of our own. Founded in 1986 by Fred Bruegel Jr., we keep a parade of trucks running throughout North Texas and into New Mexico, providing feedlots with our own blended liquid feeds.

Have a great time during Harvest Days!

**Liquid Blenders, Inc.**

N. Hwy. 385, Dimmitt

## Rowdy Ace will play for street dance

"Rowdy Ace" will play for the annual street dance, Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., on the east side of the courthouse square in Dimmitt.

In case of bad weather the dance will be moved inside the Carlile Center, 114 S. Broadway. The dance is free to the public, although a hat will be passed for donations. There will also be a concession stand.

The dance is sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

There'll be plenty of dancing for everyone, including a performance by the Top of Texas Cloggers from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Expo Building.

A barbecue supper will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Promenaders from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Expo Building. Tickets are \$6 in advance for adults and \$4.50 in advance for children. All tickets at the door will be \$6.50.

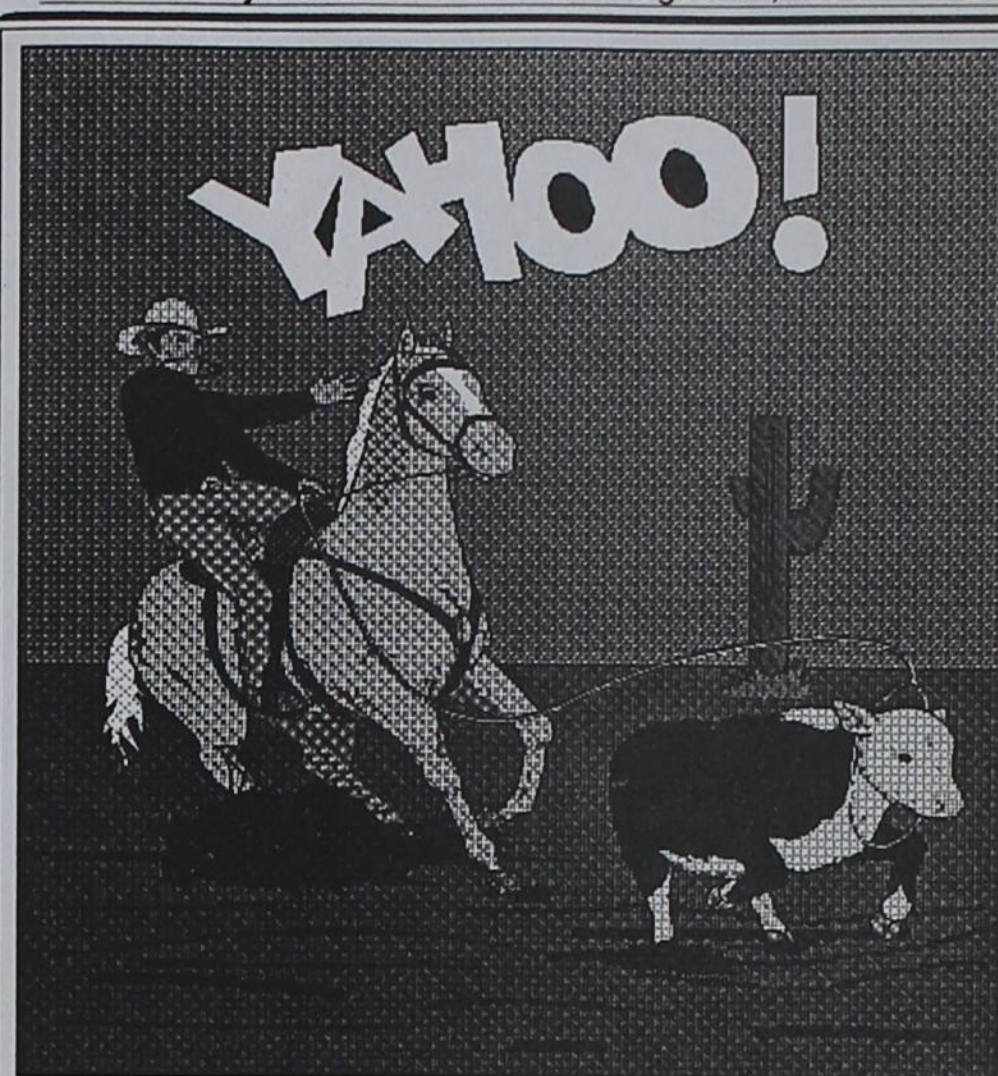
After the supper, the Promenaders will host a square dance at the Expo Building. Roy Johnson will call tips, with Billy Harman calling the rounds. There's no charge for admission.



ROWDY ACE OF AMARILLO WILL BE PERFORMING Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at this year's Harvest Days street dance sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The dance will take place at the east side of the courthouse on

S.E. 2nd Street. In case of bad weather, the dance will be moved inside the Carlile Center, 114 S. Broadway. The dance is free to the public, however, donations will be accepted. There will also be a concession stand available.

Courtesy Photo



Catch the county's top cowboys in team roping action--Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Roping Club

## Dimmitt Consumers, Inc.

217 E. Bedford

647-4134

## Together We Can

## Open and team roping featured at rodeo arena

There will be lots of roping this weekend at the Dimmitt rodeo arena, with an open team roping tonight (Thursday) and county team roping during the rodeo performances Friday and Saturday.

An open roping will begin at 7 p.m. today at the rodeo arena. No advance registration is needed.

Friday and Saturday, a county team roping will be held as part of each rodeo performance. Registration

closed Wednesday on the county team roping during the rodeo.

Tickets for the rodeo performances remain on sale. They may be purchased in advance from any rodeo queen or princess candidate for \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Children 5 and under will be admitted free. At the gate, tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Come out and

# LOOK

at the

## Team Roping!

THREE BIG NIGHTS:

\* Open Team Roping

Thursday, 7 p.m.

\* County Team Roping

Friday & Saturday

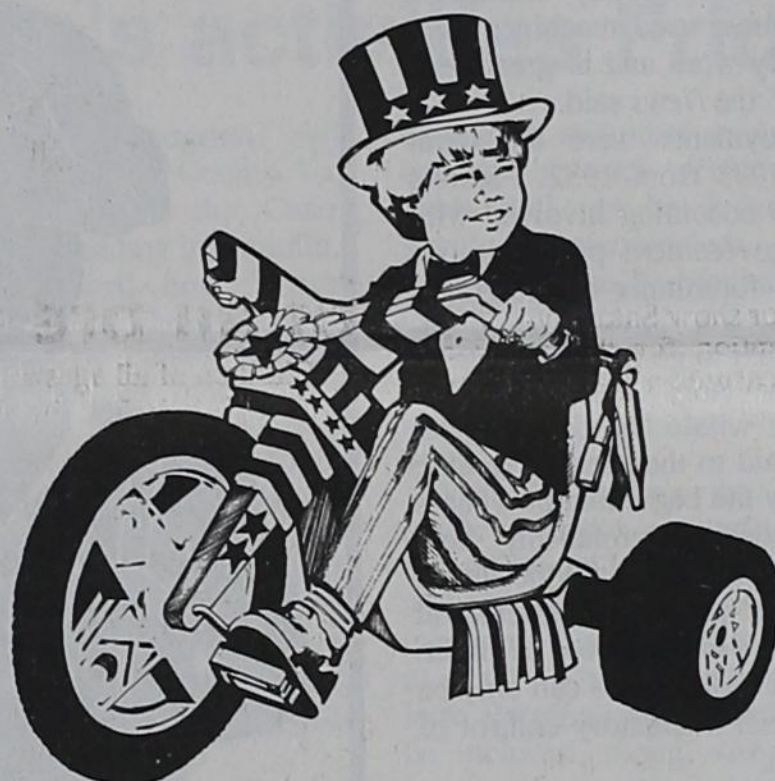
(during Rodeo performances)

We'll see you at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena!

# LOOK

## Cattle Feeders

Fred and Sandy Lookingbill



Ready to Roll!

Everything is fitted, greased, tuned and ready for a great Harvest Days celebration. We hope you enjoy the Parade, County Fair and all the activities.

## HAYS COMPANY

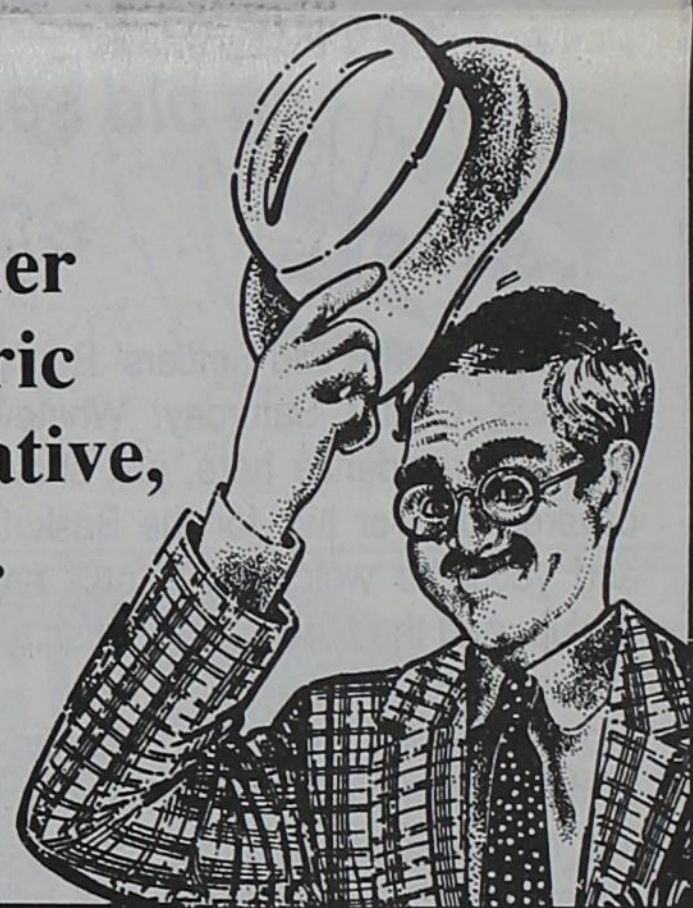
301 N. Broadway, Dimmitt

647-2151

# HATS OFF

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

Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.



We are happy to help with the

# PET SHOW

again this year!



From quacks to barks to meows to moos, you're liable to see and hear it all at the annual Pet Show Friday at 10 a.m. west of the Expo Building.

Kids, come out and display your pets for prize ribbons.

## Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic & Supply



## Those Who Went Before ...

... will be remembered during the Old Settlers' Reunion Saturday, and throughout our Harvest Days celebration.

The proud heritage they built will always be with us.

## El Sombrero Restaurant



Don't miss the OUTDOOR GAMES 12-4 Saturday at the Expo Building

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

- ★ Pillow Fight
- ★ Dunking Board
- ★ Horseshoe & Washer Pitching
- ★ Water Polo
- ★ Volleyball Tournament
- ★ Tug-of-War

Our spraying service has served you since 1960, with Dudley Wooten as manager since 1988.

## B&W Aerial Spray

N. Hwy 385, Dimmitt

647-2550



BUCKLEY HITS THE BALL TO WHAT?  
... Volleyball teams back for more this year

## Cotton boosted '30s agriculture

King Cotton made its first big step into Castro County in June 1935 when work began on the first modern ginning plant in the county. A Mr. Walker from Muleshoe directed construction of the gin, just east of Dimmitt. The gin was expected to be complete by June 15, 1935, according to a story in the June 6, 1935 *News*. The "tuning up" process was to begin immediately upon completion.

Farmers were looking forward to the completion of the gin so they could be justified in attempts to establish cotton as a crop on the high plains. Another reason for looking forward to the gin's completion was because the wheat crop had been short in 1935, and farmers wanted to try to make up for their losses with a cotton crop. Later issues of the *News* showed the gin, and the crop, were fairly

successful. The gin helped bolster crop figures for 1935 from a dip in 1934. 1933 had been a good year in Castro County. The total values of Castro County's major cash crops, like wheat, cotton and grains, was \$1.42 million in 1933. That was a gain of almost 200% from 1932's total of \$522,722.

The boost in 1933 increased business in the county by about 40%, according to a study quoted by the *News*. "The implement business has been greatly stimulated because most used machines have been badly worn and in great need of repair," the *News* said.

Tax payments were up about 50% in 1933 from 1932. Farmers were also becoming involved with various government programs, including a forerunner of the ASCS program which "gave a farmer encouragement to go forward with his work," the story said. "The program as a whole has been a great financial aid to the average farmer, but is only the beginning of what is really needed to permanently help the farmer. What is really needed is much better prices for agricultural products, not easy sources of credit. Continued better prices can only be had by strict mandatory control of production."

While things were not easy during the 1930s, farm income continued to increase. By 1940, there were 27 farms in the county with sales over \$10,000, compared to just three in 1930. By 1960, there were 643 farms with annual sales of over \$10,000.

Sales continued to increase over the years, and the county has always been one of the leading farm, and income-per-capita, counties in the state. The county ranked fourth in per-capita income in 1993, according to the Texas Dept. of Commerce.

## Volleyball tourney features lots of fun

A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the First State Bank will again be a part of the outdoor games at Harvest Days.

Anyone wishing to enter a team should contact Krystal Clearman at 647-4151 by Friday. The field is limited to eight teams, with prizes being awarded to the winners.

The entry fee is \$30 per team, which includes three men and three women.

Court rules will be as follows:

1. Two out of three games; 10 minute time limit per game; 30 minute time limit per match (except bracket winner matches).
2. All teams should be ready to play five minutes prior to scheduled time. Forfeiture of game after five minute delay; forfeiture of match after 10 minute delay.
3. Each team will be responsible for providing one line judge for the next match if they are not scheduled to play.
4. Ball must be touched by a woman if touched more than twice by a team.
5. No spiking by men.

Games are scheduled to begin Saturday at 1 p.m. north of the Expo Building, and will continue until a winner is named.



Let's turn back the clock and enjoy all the activities of Harvest Days with child-like enthusiasm,

### Kids:

Don't miss the

## KIDS' GAMES

Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m.

They've planned a lot of great games for you in two age groups--6 and under, and 7-12. This is an event planned just for you!

## E.M. Jones Ditching



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

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

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

**Panhandle Ag Service, Inc.**

*Together We Can*

**We're Just a Phone Call Away\***



**\*Please Call Us**

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



You can't have a celebration in Texas without

## BARBECUE!

Don't miss the great Harvest Days Barbecue Supper from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Expo Building, catered by Dyer's of Amarillo and sponsored by the Dimmitt Promenaders. Adult tickets are \$6 in advance, \$6.50 at the door, and children can eat for \$4.50.

**Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.**

*Serving Castro County since 1933*



## Classic Vehicles Show

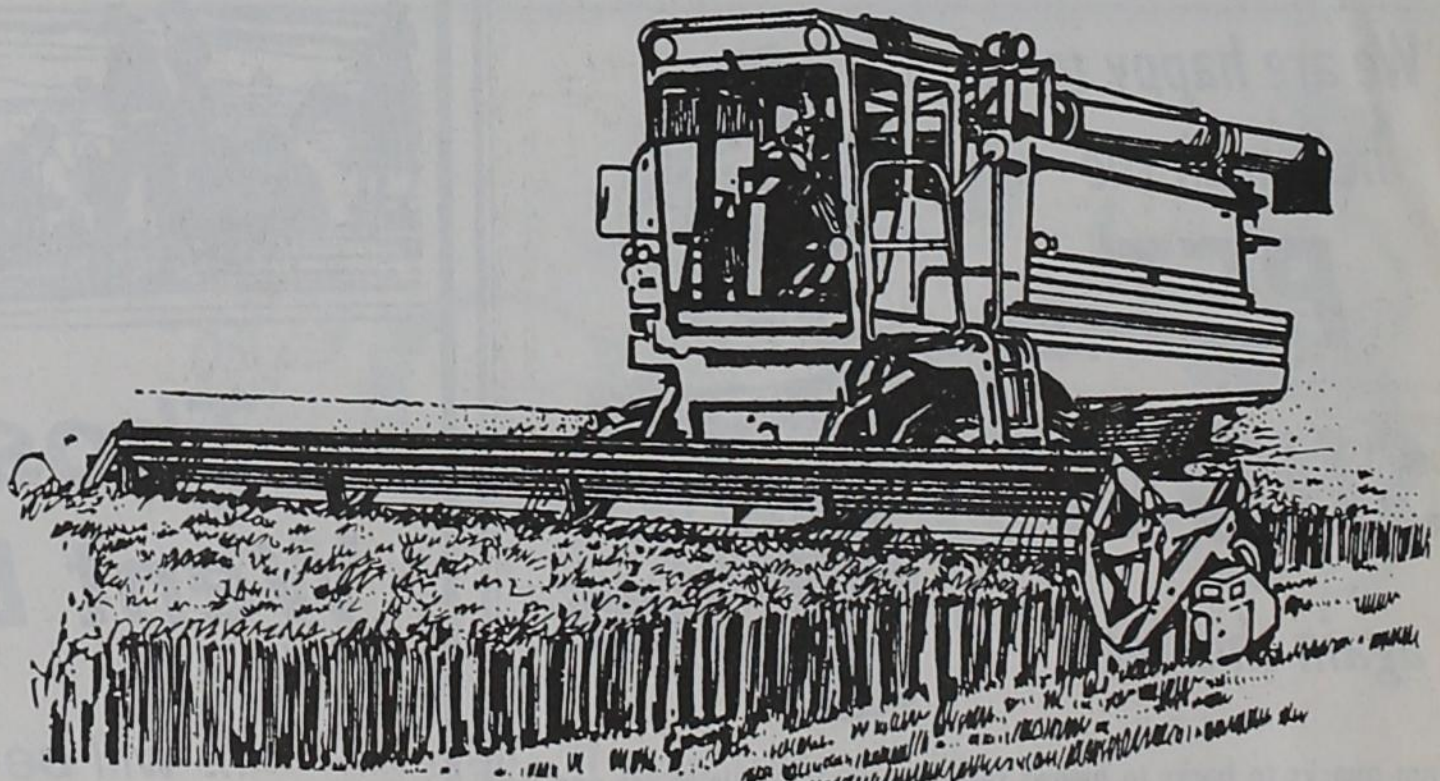
Saturday, 11:30 to 6  
at the First State Bank Parking Lot

The Dimmitt Car Show, Swap Meet, Model Car Contest and Antique Tractor Show are sponsored by the Dimmitt Alumni Technology Association (DATA) to benefit the Gary Bruegel Memorial Scholarship Fund. You'll see reconditioned antique tractors, street rods, early and late antique vehicles, classics, muscle cars, model cars, kit cars, stock and modified trucks, mini-trucks and special-interest vehicles.

See all the great vehicles on display after the parade, vote for the People's Choice Award and enjoy a DATA-broiled hamburger while you look.

**J&H Equipment Co.**





## Harvest Days, 1994

In our 60th harvest season, Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., congratulates all who are working to make the Harvest Days celebration bigger and better.

Local control and local ownership make this cooperative a special kind of business. It is a benefit not only to the member-owners but also to the community.

**Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.**



# Quilters to showcase creations

Talented seamstresses piece together scraps of material to create unique and beautiful quilts and they have a chance to display their creations during the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration today through Saturday.

The Dimmitt Friendship Quilters Guild will sponsor the Quilt Show at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Those planning to enter a quilt in the show must have their entries at the Expo Building by today (Thursday) between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Entries may be viewed at the Expo from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The show has been held since 1987 and featured 55 quilts by county residents and guild members last year. Quilts will be displayed at the Expo Building and a knowledgeable quilter from the region will judge the entries.

Awards will be given in several categories, with special awards being presented for "Best of Show," "Judge's Award," and "People's Choice."

The winner of this year's donation quilt, "Star in Heaven," will be drawn during Harvest Days.

The show will be split into two divisions, with Division I being designated for competition and Division II set up for display only.

Quilts to be judged must have been finished after Jan. 1, 1990. Categories in the judged competition follow:

- ◆ Children's (crib quilts made for children).
- ◆ Combination Technique (applied and pieced).
- ◆ Embroidery and other needlework.
- ◆ Hand appliqued (all methods).
- ◆ Machine appliqued (all methods).
- ◆ Machine quilted (all that are quilted by any machine, except pre-printed cloth).
- ◆ Painted.
- ◆ Pieced (hand-quilted only).
- ◆ Pre-printed cloth (also called cheater's cloth, hand or machine-quilted).
- ◆ Quilts by youths (quilts made by students ages 17 and under).
- ◆ Quilt tops.
- ◆ Small quilts and wallhangings (less than 60 x 90 inches).

◆ Specialized method (includes Cathedral Windows and Crazy Quilts).

◆ Tied (rather than quilted by hand or machine).

This division will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality.

Division II is for quilts which will be displayed only and entries will not be judged.

Quilts that won an award in a previous quilt show can be entered

only in Division II and only one quilt per entry, per category, will be accepted.

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

The quilt show superintendents reserve the right to limit, reclassify or disqualify entries.

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



REACTING TO A RINGER  
... Sue Rita Myatt nails one in horseshoe pitching

## Programs will headline Expo's activities Friday

Three special programs will highlight the Castro County Fair activities Friday at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The Expo will host "Youth Sews," a fashion show featuring clothes made by county 4-H'ers, FHA members and others, from noon to 1 p.m. Persons wishing to enter the show may call the Extension Office today (Thursday) at 647-4115. All entries are welcome.

A youth "Star Search" talent show will begin at 3 p.m. on the Expo Stage. Bill Sava will be the master of ceremonies. All youth in the county are invited to participate in the show.

Persons 18 and under may enter and may choose to sing, dance, tell jokes or whatever they wish to do. Equipment, tape players, musical

equipment and other needs must be brought by each performer. The event will not be judged—it is simply for entertainment.

"Accessorize to Maximize" will feature inexpensive ways to accessorize fashions. Rebecca Dimak, Lynn County Extension Agent, will lead the 5 p.m. program at the Expo Stage.

Tips for adding the finishing touch to make an outfit into an ensemble will be discussed. Dimak will also give advice for embellishing as well as using accent pieces to obtain a newer, more finished look. Personalizing a wardrobe will be included, along with steps to accessorize on a limited budget.

All of the programs are free to the public.



### Be a winner!

Set your sight on a good time by getting involved in the County Fair, the Quilt Show and all the great Harvest Days activities.

**Dr. Morris Webb**  
OPTOMETRIST

## Join in the OUTDOOR GAMES

from 12 to 4 Saturday  
in the Expo Building area

- ◆ Pillow Fight
- ◆ Dunking Board
- ◆ Horseshoe & Washer Pitching
- ◆ Water Polo
- ◆ Volleyball Tournament
- ◆ Tug-of-War

We'll see you there!

**Dimmitt  
Printing  
& Office  
Supply**

200 E. Bedford

647-3286



## Welcome, Classes of 1939 and 1944

We're proud that you chose K-Bob's for your reunion dinners.

Class of 1939.....7:30 Friday  
Class of 1944.....7:30 Saturday

Have a great reunion, and enjoy Harvest Days 1994!

**K-Bob's  
Steak House**

204 W. Bedford St. 647-4164

## Castro County's Most Kissable Lips Contest

Come by our booth at the Expo Friday and Saturday and try on a Merle Norman lipstick sample, then leave your lip imprint on a piece of paper.

Gift Certificates will be awarded to the top three **MOST KISSABLE LIPS!**

First place, \$25; second place, \$10; third place, \$5.

Judged by three local men.

**MERLE NORMAN**

TAMMY BLACK

111 E. Bedford, Dimmitt

647-5773



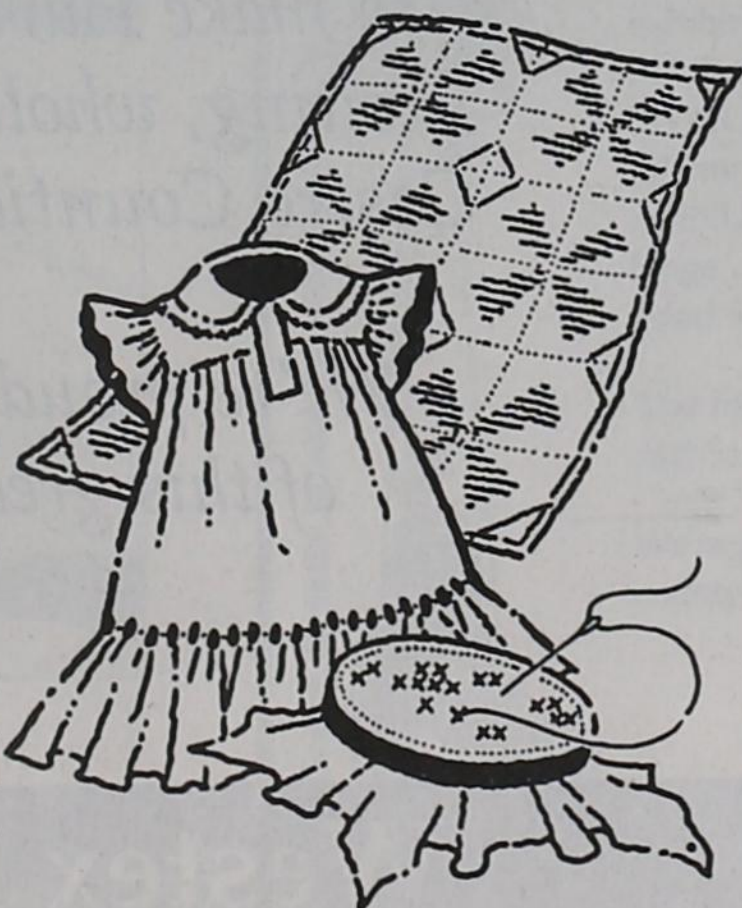
## Don't Miss The CASTRO COUNTY FAIR!

You'll see the finest products from our county's fields, gardens, kitchens and hobby corners on display at the fair. We bet you'll be inspired as well as appreciative at what you see there!

We at Easter Grain, Inc., serve the producers of our area with storage service for all commodities. We're proud of the accomplishments of our customers and their families!

**EASTER GRAIN, INC.**

Eddie Matthews, Manager



## KDHN Radio 1470

Will be **Broadcasting Live!**  
Friday and Saturday  
from the Expo Building

We will carry live coverage of the **PARADE** Saturday morning

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



# Here are the '94 county fair rules

Castro County Fair  
County Exposition Building  
August 11, 12, and 13, 1994

**FAIR EXHIBITS:** Label before arriving.  
**Thursday, August 11: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.** All entries due for fair exhibits. Judging begins at 6:30 p.m., quilts start at 6 p.m.

**Friday, August 12: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Viewing of all exhibits at the Fair.

**Saturday, August 13: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Viewing of all exhibits at the Fair. Pick up EXHIBITS (all items must stay on display until 4:30 p.m.)

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Exhibitors in the Fair must be residents of Castro County. Anyone age 18 or under and single is in the Youth Division. Adults will be 19 and over.
2. **EACH PERSON MUST DO HIS OR HER OWN WORK.** The entry may not have been judged in a previous Castro County Fair.
3. The Superintendents in each section in charge of entries reserve the right to accept or reject entries, depending on conditions for suitability for exhibit.
4. You may enter only **ONE** article in each class.
5. Entries must be accepted as listed in each division from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 11.
6. Exhibits must remain on exhibit until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. Cash awards and/or items should be picked up Saturday.
7. All articles not removed from the building by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, will become the property of the Fair Association and will be disposed of.
8. All articles must be labeled with your name in an inconspicuous place. Labels are in the back of the fair book.
9. Label all entries with your **NAME, SECTION, CLASS, and DIVISION.**
10. There will be five (5) ribbons given per class\*.

\***CASH AWARDS:** (must be picked up within 30 days at the Extension Office) Best of show: \$5.00, 1st place ribbon: \$1.00, 2nd place ribbon: \$.50.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact the Extension Office, 100 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas. Marilyn R. Neal, County Extension Agent, Home Economics, 647-4115.

**BAKING SECTION**

**Superintendents: Faye Mohon and Emma Jean King**

1. Products may have been frozen, but it is **NOT** necessary. Thaw at room temperature in packaging material to be ready for judging.
2. Display products on **FOIL COVERED CARDBOARD AND WRAP WITH CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP.** If not displayed in this manner, your food will be disqualified. **PIES SHOULD BE IN FOIL**

3. No Commercial mixes, **unless** decorated cake entry.
4. Note the number of items required for each entry.

**Class number and amount:** 1. Bars/squares-6, 2. Biscuits-6, 3. Brownies (any kind)-6, 4. Candy (any kind)-6, 5. Candy (molded, any kind)-6, 6. Cinnamon Rolls-6, 7. Cookies (any kind)-6, 8. Corn Bread (any kind)-6 pieces, 9. Hot rolls-6, 10. Muffins-6, 11. Cake: coffee, decorated (mix accepted), plain iced, pound, specialty (i.e. German Chocolate, Italian Creme), 12. Pies: cream, fruit, nut, other, 13. Quick Loaf Bread (whole loaf), 14. Yeast Bread: white, whole wheat, other (whole loaf).

**HOME FOOD PRESERVATION STANDARDS FOR CANNED PRODUCTS**

**General Requirements**

1. All entries must have been canned by person making entry.
2. All food entries should have been canned within the last food preservation season.
3. All vegetables (**EXCEPT TOMATOES**) and meats should have been processed in a pressure canner at 12 pounds of pressure for the recommended times according to the current USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
4. All fruits, fruit juices, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, relishes, marmalades, butters and conserves should have been processed in a boiling water canner for recommended times according to the current USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
5. All tomatoes and tomato juices should have been processed according to recommendations in the current USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.
6. All entries should be in standard canning jars in good condition with new self-sealing lids and jar rings free of dust, dents or other defects. All jars should be clean and free of dust. Any entries not canned in standard canning jars or lids will be disqualified.
7. All jars should be neatly packed with recommended headspace and liquid covering product (if appropriate).
8. Jars should be sealed when tested by judges. Any jar not sealed will be automatically disqualified.
9. There should be no signs of spoilage such as leaky seals, bubbles, bad odor, cloudy liquid, sediment or mold.
10. All jars should be neatly labeled with name of product and canning date.
11. For information on quality canning standards, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

**CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SECTION**  
**Superintendents: Ann Henderson and Karmen Pohlmeier**

All canned products, except jelly and preserves, must be in standard square or round pint or quart glass  
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**PROMENADE**  
... Fun at square dance

## Class reunions will be highlight for early settlers

Two class reunions will highlight festivities at the annual early settlers' reunion, Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

The Class of 1939 at Dimmitt High School will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at K-Bob's Steak House for a dutch treat dinner and visiting.

The Class of 1944 will gather at the Senior Citizens Center at 10 a.m. Saturday, have lunch at the center and visit throughout the afternoon. The class will eat at K-Bob's on Saturday night. Several members of the class plan to take a trip together to Branson, Mo., in September.

## Crime Line

647-4711

- ★ To give information
- ★ To offer a reward
- ★ To claim a reward
- ★ You remain anonymous



## Come out to the Street Dance

on the east side of the courthouse square  
Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

featuring  
**Rowdy Ace**  
**IT'S FREE!**

(donations accepted)  
Max Ellison, Chairman  
(In case of rain, it will be at the Carlile Center)

## PRO AG, Inc.

106 E. Halsell, Dimmitt

647-4312



The Castro County Fair is a great place to meet old friends, and make new ones! Enjoy all the exhibits, the booths, the programs, the artwork, the crafts, the good food, the fun and the fellowship. We'll see you there!



"All the Right Parts in All the Right Places"  
**WE KEEP AMERICA RUNNING.**

## Dimmitt Equipment Co.



**DANCING AWAY**  
... Fun for all ages



We're proud to be a part of Castro County and the Harvest Days celebration. It promises to be full of family fun!

## Zockhart Pharmacy

107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt

647-3392



**YOU**  
... can help make our County Fair a big success this year. Enter your best hobby work, canning and garden products.

Here's to the best **HARVEST DAYS** ever!

Our compliments to all the wonderful people who work to make Harvest Days an exciting, wholesome time for Castro Countians of all ages.

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

## Westex Federal Land Bank Association

105 W. Bedford, Dimmitt

647-4178

**See You at the Parade!**

**Fun for Everyone**

**Denim Daze**

**Saturday, 10 a.m.**

**Jones-Rawlins Insurance**  
121 E. Bedford, Dimmitt  
647-5244

**More about**

**Here are the 1994 fair rules . . .**

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tempered jars. Mayonnaise and other like jars are not to be used. Jelly and preserves may be in pint or half-pint jars.

**Class numbers: Fruits:** 1. Apples, 2. Applesauce, 3. Apricots, 4. Cherries, 5. Fruit Juice, 6. Peaches, 7. Pears, 8. Other.

**Jams, Jellies and Preserves:** 9. Apple, 10. Apple Butter, 11. Apricot, 12. Cherry, 13. Grape, 14. Peach, 15. Pear, 16. Plum, 17. Strawberry, 18. Tomato Preserve, 19. Other.

**Pickles:** 20. Beets, 21. Bread and Butter, 22. Chow-Chow, 23. Cucumbers (Sweet), 24. Cucumbers (Dill), 25. Hot Sauce, 26. Okra, 27. Peach, 28. Pepper, 29. Picante, 30. Relish, 31. Corn Relish, 32. Tomatoes, 33. Other.

**Vegetables:** 34. Asparagus, 35. Beans (Green), 36. Beans (Lima), 37. Beans (Shelled), 38. Beets, 39. Carrots, 40. Corn, 41. Okra, 42. Peas (Blackeye), 43. Peas (English), 44. Potatoes, 45. Sauerkraut, 46. Soup Mix, 47. Squash, 48. Tomatoes, 49. Tomato Juice, 50. Other.

**Dried Foods:** 51. Apples, 52. Apricots, 53. Bananas, 54. Grapes, 55. Peaches, 56. Pears, 57. Plums, 58. Prunes, 59. Other.

**CLOTHING SECTION**

**Superintendents: Rachel Goldsmith and Kaci Schulte**

All garments must be clean and on hangers.

**Age groups are:** Junior I: 9 to 11 (at time of fair), Junior II: 12 to 13 (at time of fair), Senior: 14 to 18 (at time of fair), Adult: 19 and over (at time of fair).

1. Apron, 2. Blouse, 3. Children's Clothing, 4. Coordinates: pants, skirt or blouse (two or more pieces), 5. Dress, 6. Evening Wear, 7. Hat, 8. Holiday Apparel (Adult), 9. Jumpsuit, 10. Men's Suit, 11. Pants, 12. Shirt, 13. Shorts, 14. Skirt, 15. Suit, 16. Vest, 17. Other.

**CRAFT SECTION**

**Superintendents: Deborah Goldsmith, Kylee Black and Debbie Annen**

1. Afghan-crocheted, knitted, other; 2. Applique; 3. Baskets-hand woven, padded, other; 4. Calligraphy; 5. Ceramics; 6. China Painting; 7. Crochet; 8. Cross Stitch-Counted: A. Baby item, B. Pictures, C. Home accessories. Pattern/Kit: D. Baby item, E. Pictures, F. Home accessories; 9. Dolls (any kind); 10. Doll Clothes; 11. Decorated Shirt-appliqued, painted, other; 12. Drawing-pastel, pen and/or ink, pencil, other; 13. Embroidery-crewel, punch, other; 14. Jewelry; 15. Knitted Items; 16. Leather; 17. Needlepoint; 18. Painting-acrylic, oil, paper, tole, water colors; 19. Pastels-chalk; 20. Pillows-applique, candlewick, cross stitch (count), cross stitch (pattern), needlepoint, quilted; 21. Place Mats-quilted, other; 22. Rugs-hooked, braided; 23. Stain Glass; 24. Stenciling-fabric, paper; 25. Stuffed Animals; 26. Tablecloths-applique, crochet, embroidery, holiday, pieced, other; 27. Tatting; 28. Wood-crafted, hand crafted, painted, other; 29. Wreaths-other than Christmas; 30. Holiday Wreaths-Chrismas; 31. Angels-ceramic, other; 32. Holiday Centerpiece; 33. Nativity Sets; 34. Ornaments-ceramic, other; 35. Outdoor Decorations; 36. Stockings-cross stitch (count), cross stitch (pattern), crochet, felt, knit, needlepoint, other; 37. Trees-ceramic, other; 38. Tree Skirts-felt, patchwork, other; 39. Holiday Items-other than Christmas.

**FARM AND GARDEN SECTION**

**Superintendent: Sarah Goldsmith**

**Corn:** 6 ears for each exhibits (no shucks) 1. Blue, 2. Indian, 3. Popcorn, 4. White, 5. Yellow.

**Cotton:** 10 open bolls: 6. Open Variety, 7. Storm Proof.

**Grain Sorghum:** 10 heads: 8. Milo (red hybrid and white hybrid).

**Sheaf Forage:** at least 3-1/2" diameter: 9. Alfalfa, 10. Irrigated Pasture, 11. Millet, 12. Soybeans, 13. Sudan, 14. Sweet Sorghum.

**Small Grains and Seeds:** 15. Alfalfa, 16. Barley, 17. Castor Beans, 18. Corn, 19. Grass Seed, 20. Milo, 21.

Millet, 22. Oats, 23. Rye, 24. Sesame, 25. Sudan, 26. Wheat, 27. Other.

**Sugar Beets:** 28. Sugar Beets-3, topped.  
**Sunflowers:** 29. Sunflower-1 head, field variety; 30. Sunflower-1 head, garden variety.

**Fruits:** 31. Apples-3, 32. Grapes-bunch, 33. Peaches-3, 34. Pears-3, 35. Plums-6, 36. Strawberries-1 pint, 37. Other.

**Vegetables:** 38. Beans-shelled, 1 quart; 39. Beets-6; 40. Bell Peppers-3; 41. Broccoli-3; 42. Cabbage-1; 43. Cantaloupe-1; 44. Carrots-6; 45. Cauliflower-1; 46. Cucumber-3; 47. Curshaw; 48. Gourds-3; 49. Green Beans-12; 50. Honey Dew-1; 51. Irish Potatoes-6; 52. Lettuce-1 head; 53. Okra-6; 54. Onions-3; 55. Peas-shelled, 1 quart; 56. Peppers-3; 57. Pumpkin-1; 58. Rhubarb-6; 59. Squash (Summer) green-3, yellow-3; 60. Squash (Winter) green-3, yellow-3; 61. Sweet Potatoes-6; 62. Tomatoes-6; 63. Turnips-3; 64. Watermelon-1; 65. Other.

**HORTICULTURE SECTION**

**Superintendent: Mattie Seale**

1. African violet, 2. Floral Arrangement, 3. Flower-1 stem, 4. Potted Plant, 5. Other.

**PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION**

**Superintendent: Reta Welch**

1. A person may enter ONLY one (1) picture in each class, except one set of sequence.

2. Each entry must be mounted separately.

3. Only mounted pictures will be accepted (heavier than construction paper for displays). DO NOT MOUNT ON WHITE.

4. Pictures will be judged on impact, technique, and composition.

**Snapshots:** (3-1/2x5 or 4x6) 1. Animals, 2. Antique, 3. Buildings, 4. Landscape, 5. People, 6. Sequence\*, 7. Sports, 8. Still Life, 9. Transportation, 10. Other.

**Enlargements:** (5x7 or 8x10) 11. Animals, 12. Antique, 13. Buildings, 14. Landscape, 15. People, 16. Sequence\*, 17. Sports, 18. Still Life, 19. Transportation, 20. Other.

\*3 or 4 photos telling a story!!

**SIXTH ANNUAL CASTRO COUNTY QUILT SHOW**

**August 12 and 13, 1994**

**Sponsored by Friendship Quilters' Guild**

**Superintendents: Doris Lust, Darlene Collins and Tara Wales**

1. ALL RESIDENTS OF CASTRO COUNTY are eligible to enter the Quilt Show and Competition.  
2. Friendship Quilters Guild and their representatives will make every effort to insure the safety of all quilts. Security will be provided at all times. The Friendship Quilters Guild are not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of any quilt.  
3. Entry classifications include the following divisions and categories.

**DIVISION I: JUDGED COMPETITION** (Quilts finished after January 1, 1990) CATEGORIES: 1. Children (crib quilts, made for children), 2. Combination Technique (appliqued and pieced), 3. Embroidery and Other Needlework, 4. Hand Applique (all methods), 5. Machine Applique (all methods), 6. Machine-quilted (all that are quilted by any machine, except preprinted cloth), 7. Painted, 8. Pierced (hand quilted only), 9. Pre-printed Cloth (also called Cheater's cloth, hand or machine-quilted), 10. Quilts by Youth (for ages 17-under), 11. Quilt Tops, 12. Small Quilts and Wallhangings (less than 60"x90"), 13. Specialized Method (includes Cathedral Windows and Crazy Quilts), 14. Tied (Rather than quilted by hand or machine).

This division will be judged for technique, design, creativity, and overall quality. First, second, and third places and ribbons will be awarded to the winners in each category. Also, ribbons will be awarded for Judges Award, Best of Show, and People's Choice.

**Burials were simple affairs**

**EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was excerpted from the May 31, 1990 issue of the News.**

**By BILLY HACKLEMAN**

In 1890, a cowboy named Joe Franks was riding across the prairie when his horse threw him and dragged him to his death. He was buried close to the place where the horse stopped and his body was found.

Later that year, an orphan who worked for J.W. Carter, the first permanent settler in what would become Castro County, died and he was buried near the grave of Joe Franks. His name was Paskil Brakefield.

In 1894, William Johnston, a brother of Mack and Tom Johnston who lived out their lives in the county, died and he was also buried with the other two.

According to Mrs. J.C. (Pearl) Mapes who wrote the history of this cemetery in 1961, these three graves were marked with wooden stakes and death dates.

When a shepherd met his death by freezing, he became the fourth man to be buried in this cemetery. Driving rain and snow soon obliterated the penciled name and death date on his marker. Had interested citizens not placed cement markers with plates on these early graves, they would have passed out of sight and mind as had the shepherd, and the entombed would have been anonymous forever.

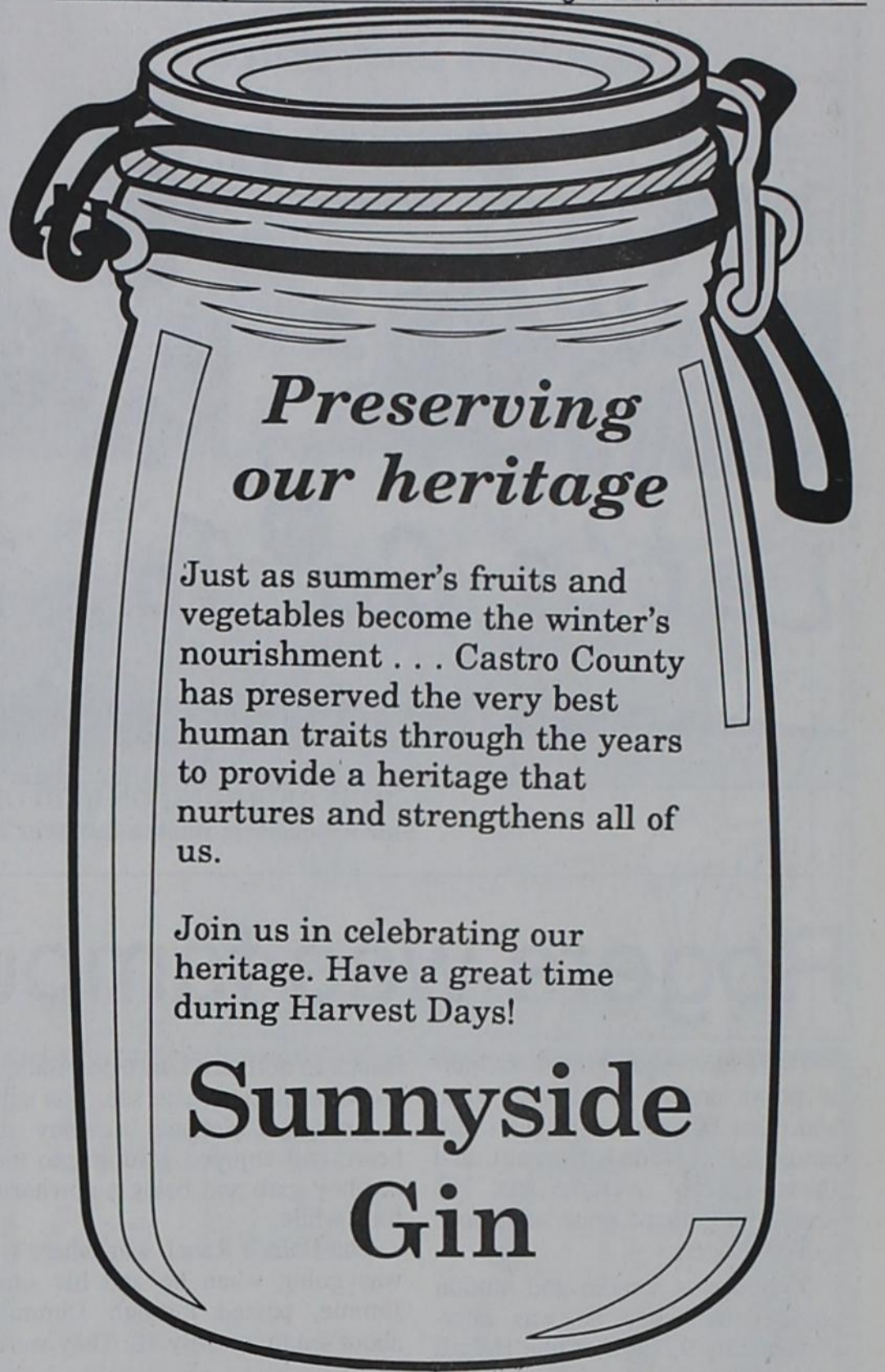
Somewhere in the cemetery a small unmarked grave is the final resting place for a five-year-old boy who was run over by a wagon in a caravan bound for New Mexico. For many years his grief-stricken mother returned to visit his grave. Mrs. Mapes and others remember her sad vigil.

According to Mrs. Mapes, burials in those days were simple, but meaningful. Black material covered the hand-made caskets. Friends sometimes spent the entire night digging a grave in the unyielding earth, only to have to cover it in the morning to wait out a driving rain storm.

Undertakers were yet to come, and friends gently dressed the deceased in their burial blacks. The hearse was a horse-drawn wagon and the best hand-made quilt usually encased the coffin. Carriages, buggies, sometimes people afoot, and finally a rear guard of horseback riders moved out in a slow procession toward the cemetery.

For the immediate survivors, cane-bottomed chairs were placed in a circle around the open grave. No floral offerings graced the raw earth.

After the casket was lowered into place, every man took his turn with the shovel until the grave was mounded and man, woman and child stayed until the last bit of earth was firmly in place. Afterward, it was the custom to visit the other graves and the ones needing attention were cared for on the spot.



Be sure to see the **Top of Texas Cloggers** Saturday, 3 to 4 p.m. On the Expo Building Stage

It's our time to celebrate. We hope you enjoy ALL the events of Harvest Days, the County Fair and Rodeo.

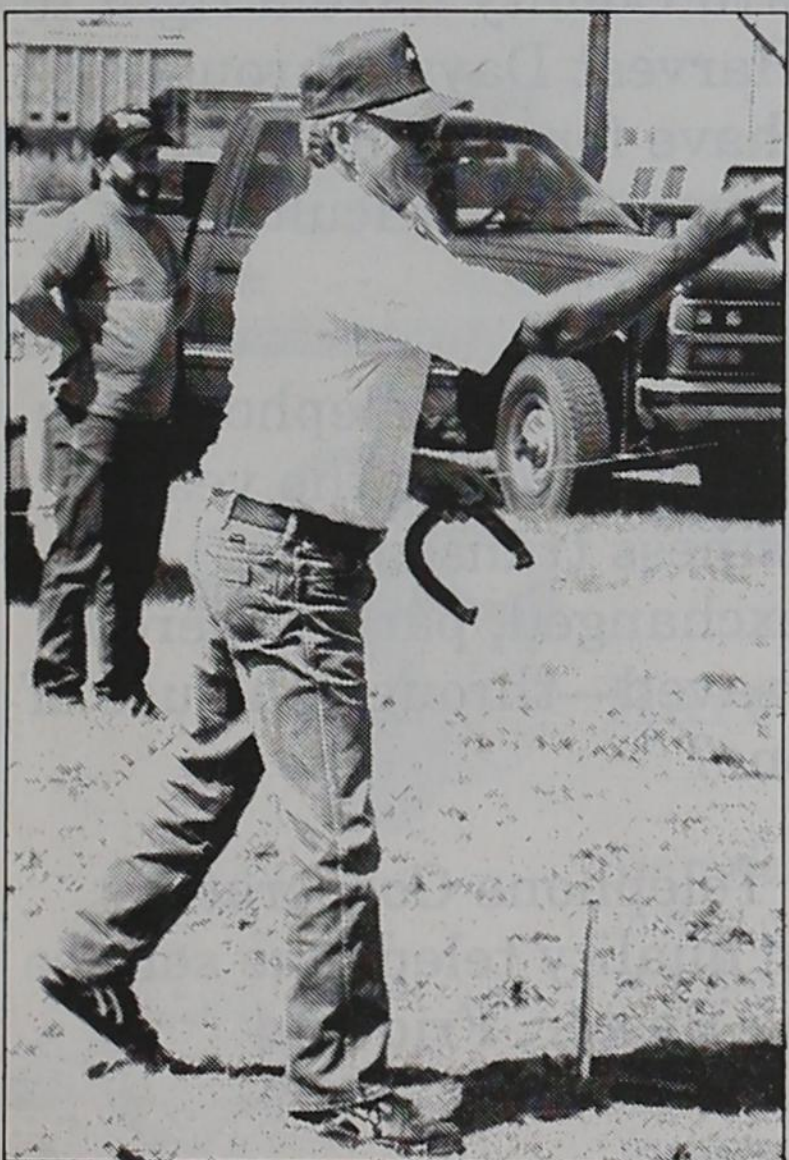
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"Buster, you've been around a while. Tell me —after you've been married a while, what do you do for fun?"

"Heck, Todd, that's easy—just grab the little woman and take her into town for Harvest Days."

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**EXHIBITS SHOWS RIDES FUN**

At the Castro County Fair, you'll see arts, crafts, photography, quilts, flowers, garden products, baked goods, farm products . . . PLUS special commercial exhibits, a quilt exhibit and craftwork booths . . . PLUS the special program YOUTH "STAR SEARCH" emceed by the infamous Bill Sava and the 2ND ANNUAL POKER RUN/card challenge . . . PLUS free services and good food.

The Fair will be open all day Friday and Saturday. Don't miss it!

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

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JITTERBUGGING ON BEDFORD  
... Fair Association float in last year's parade

## Parade theme is Denim Daze

"Denim Daze" will be the theme of the annual Harvest Days parade, Saturday in Dimmitt.

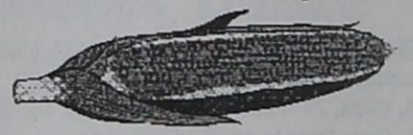
The parade will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Members of the Dimmitt Lions Club will be setting up the parade beginning at 9 a.m. on parade day. Entry deadline is noon Friday for everything except bicycles; bikes don't have to be pre-registered.

Divisions will be provided for floats and vehicles. Antique, hot rod, classic and low-rider vehicles will participate in the parade and the DATA car show later in the day. All entries should have signs on both sides to help the crowd identify them.

The parade will begin forming at the Post Office, 205 SE Second.

Entry may be made at the chamber office, 115 W. Bedford, or by calling 647-2524.

We encourage you to attend this grand Harvest Days Celebration. See the fair exhibits, including agricultural products from our own Castro County!



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## Rogers was famous county visitor

There have been governors, other politicians, a few movie stars, and other famous - and - quasi - famous folks around Dimmitt and Castro County over the past 103 years, but perhaps none so famous as Will Rogers.

Rogers was a radio and motion picture star when he was interviewed July 9, 1932 on the Halsell

Ranch in northern Lamb and Bailey counties. Rogers, you see, was still a grungy Oklahoma cowboy at heart, and enjoyed getting into his cowboy garb and being a cowhand for a while.

The Halsell Ranch was where he was going when he and his son, Jimmie, passed through Dimmitt about 4 a.m. on July 10. They were

on their way to the Halsell Ranch, where he would become Bill, just another busy cowhand roping and branding calves. Will, er, Bill, had worked for the Halsells in Oklahoma, and he worked for them in Texas, too, just the other side of Running Water Draw.

"You couldn't tell Will Rogers from the rest of the cowboys unless you knew him or some body pointed him out to you," said Mrs. W.W. "Hick" Halcomb, wife of the *News* editor. "When he is on his cuttin' hoss, his face grimy with dust, his shirt tail out all around and his mind on roping calves and branding them, well, kings and presidents and dictators and all such-like can go hang. There is nothing to distinguish Will Rogers, the world-famed humorist-philosopher, from Bill Jones, ordinary cowboy. Fact of the matter is the rest of the lads can't quite figure out just what it is that folks are so hell-bent on getting a peek at old Bill Rogers! And it don't soothe their feelings any for folks to cut fences and tromp all over the place to do it, either."

Mrs. Halcomb had an inside tip, she said, and found Will Rogers close to the chuck wagon in Bailey County; most folks hunting him were in Lamb County, she wrote.

"My first impression of him was his exaggerated homeliness," she wrote. "There may be uglier men than Will Rogers, but I have never seen one that had him bested. Some

wise sage said that it is a man's right to be as ugly as he wants to be, but in my humble opinion Mr. Rogers has abused the privilege.

"Will, who claims he has never met a man he didn't like, was very reluctant to talk, desiring more to attend to the business at hand. He was very cordial to Mrs. N.H. Witt, Mrs. Ellen Carter, myself and daughter. He seemed especially pleased to meet Mrs. Carter, mother-in-law of the late Pres Burnam, a close friend of Rogers.

"There is little difference between the Will Rogers you see on the screen and the Will Rogers in natural life. He is just the same all the time. There is no "put-on" about him. He is as real and as natural as anyone can be and one of the most loveable characters I ever met. He is particularly fond of animals and children.

"My impression of Rogers was that he is one of the most intensely human persons that I have ever met, that he is shrewd, his humor is spontaneous, and he really gets a kick out of living."

Rogers died two years later, on an airplane trip with Wiley Post. He caught the plane just after roundup at the Halsell Ranch.



We hope you have the biggest and best Harvest Days celebration ever.

Attend and take part in all the events you can—Carnival; Rodeo; Team Roping; Quilt Show; County Fair; Arts and Crafts Booths; "Youth Sews" Program; Pet Show; "Accessorize to Maximize" Program; Parade; Food; Early Settlers Reunion; Dimmitt Car Show and Swap Meet; Model Car Contest; Antique Tractor Show; Guided Tours of American Maize-Products Co. of Dimmitt, Inc.; Outdoor Games; Pillow Fight; Dunking Board, Horseshoe & Washer Pitching; Water Polo; Volleyball Tournament; Tug-Of-War; Museum Open House; Cow Patty Bingo; Kids' Games; Top of Texas Cloggers; Drawings and Awards; Barbecue Supper; Square Dance and Street Dance.

It's all been planned for your enjoyment. We hope to see you there.

## Gary's Engine & Machine



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## Partners in Progress

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has been a partner in progress with the farms and industries of Castro County for 57 years.

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

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## Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative



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West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative has been providing quality telephone service to the homes in the Easter, Frio and Summerfield areas since 1951. The telephone cooperative is another example of people making their own progress!

## West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

**PULL A LITTLE HARDER**  
... A team tries to stay out of the muck in tug-of-war



## Tug-of-war is Saturday

The annual tug-of-war will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., Saturday at 1 p.m. Six t-shirts and a team plaque will be given to the first-place team.

The team should consist of no more than 1,300 total pounds, with weigh-in 15 minutes prior to pull time. A team coach is allowed, but the team will be disqualified if the coach gets within the pulling area or touches the rope or any pulling contestant during the pull.

## Fun was in the making in early days

By KATHLEEN LATHAM

What did they do for entertainment in the early days?

"There wasn't much, and what there was, you had to make!" Nazareth resident Raymond Annen recalls with a twinkle in his eye.

Annen and other Castro County residents would go to dances, play dominoes or, in one instance, challenge the prize fighter in a traveling show.

"We danced all over this Caprock," Annen said. "We would pile into the wagon, going to different farms for the dances."

Annen's brother-in-law, Daniel Fehr, was one of the fiddlers.

Most houses were pretty small—just three or four rooms. So, they would clean out one room for dancing and use the kitchen to keep the babies warm, Annen said.

"And you had to be able to dance all night, because there was no place to sleep and it was too far to drive home," Annen added.

The early dances were for square dancing which did not take up as much space as "round" dancing, according to Annen.

"In fact, with so many trying to dance in a small place, sometimes we had to draw numbers," Annen explained. "Odd numbers would dance one dance, and even numbers, the next."

Not all the "dancing places" were furnished and small. There was an empty house on a farm near

Hart they were allowed to use for the dances.

"All we had to do was just make sure to close the doors and windows before we left," Annen said.

"Uncle Bill" Todd's ranch on the Swisher County line was also used for big dances.

"Uncle Bill" built a big two-story house and big barn," Annen said. "They accidentally built the barn in Swisher. So, those dances were really held in Swisher County."

The Todd barn was a large structure with a strong second floor which "Uncle Bill" would let them use for dances before he became worried about cigarettes and fire.

Cecilia Huseman attended the last dance that was held at Todd's ranch. She had come with an older couple who suggested that Annen take her home since it was more on his way.

"We had known each other before, but, from then on, we were a couple," Annen said.

Annen said every Thanksgiving they would go to Arney and play dominoes "until they couldn't see."

"We had contests, and gave out prizes to the winners—something that would please the ladies like candy or flowers," Annen said.

People used the Fourth of July celebration in Dimmitt as a chance to see all the people they did not see the rest of the year.

"There was always plenty of watermelon, and we made lemo-

nade in the stock tank," Annen said. "We played the usual games—horseshoes, sack races, dunking for apples."

"They had a bigger 'toadstool' in those days where the German big horn players would play with the bands on the Fourth of July in the late 40s," Annen recalled. "Three of them—not in the same year—were struck by lightning."

Other entertainment included going swimming in what became the Nat Ballroom in Amarillo.

"They put a floor over the pool and made it into a ballroom for 'round' dancing," Annen said. "In the late 20s, we used to go over there for the dances."

Annen said traveling show provided some of the entertainment, but not very often since they were usually just trying to sell something.

Annen, the youngest of 13 children, was born in Mansfield in 1908.

"Dad was tired of black mud and cotton, so he bought some land in Rosco," Annen said. "He went out in the field in Rosco, saw the black mud and moved the family to Lubbock."

"One day, we got in the model T and drove to Dimmitt. Dad looked it over and bought two sections. I'm still living on one of them," Annen added.

It was 100 miles exactly from the courthouse in Lubbock to the Annen property land, and it took three days to drive from Lubbock to Dimmitt with the wagons when the Annens moved to their land outside of Nazareth in 1916.

"We used buggies and cars to go to school in Nazareth until the 1918 blizzard," Annen said. "The snow was knee deep and you could make the trip only on horseback."

The snow lasted a month. During that time, Annen and his brothers would skin the dead cattle for \$20 a head.

"They used cotton seed cakes to feed the cattle during the winter, but they couldn't get it to them through the snow, so a lot of cattle starved," Annen said.

Annen attended school on the John Gordon ranch during his last years in school.

In 1920, an Ozark stump marking the Ozark Trail was raised in the middle of the main intersection in Dimmitt. In the early 30s, with people getting tired of going around the stump and because they were expecting a highway to be put through in the near future, Annen, his brother, Tom, and Goose Ramey pulled the stump down and moved it to the site of its current location on the corner of the courthouse square.

"We roped it and pulled it down with an old model T onto a pile of

dirt so it wouldn't break," Annen said. "We put up a scaffolding, put it in the new hole and watered it down so it would settle."

Cattle buyers would come to Castro County, but the ranchers still had to drive the cattle as far as Happy to pick up the train in the early days.

"The last time we made that trip, we got there early so we wouldn't have to wait in line to load the cattle," Annen recalled. "The problem was that Mr. Irlbeck knew hogs, he didn't know cattle. He slapped the back of one of them to hurry it out of the corral and stampeded the herd all over a section and a half."

Annen, his brother Frank, his brother-in-law Daniel Fehr and Albert Backus practically rode their horses to ground trying to head off the cattle.

"It was one o'clock at night before we got them herded up. And we still had to shovel sand into the cattle cars and load the cattle," Annen said. "The next day, we headed home pacing the horses."

Annen has described his settling down with Cecilia as "deciding to sow wheat in '28 and '29, and fooling her in '30!"

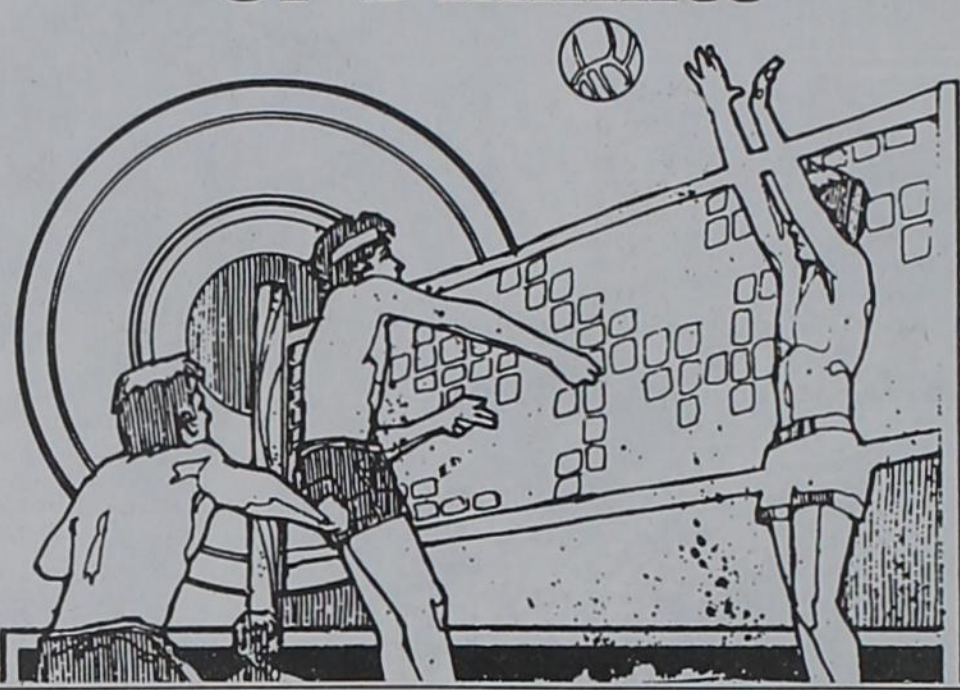
Annen and Cecilia were married in 1930. Cecilia Annen was born Cecilia Huseman in Nazareth in 1905 and was the first child baptized in the old wooden church. In 1990, she was honored for being the oldest woman born in Castro County.

### Volleyball anyone?

You'll have a fun time watching the Volleyball Tournament Saturday starting at 1.

We are proud to be a part of Castro County and look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Days celebration.

## Country Club of Dimmitt



### Come to the Fair!

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



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We hope this is one of the best Harvest Days celebrations ever!

Be sure to get out and enjoy the Parade, the County Fair, the Old Settlers' Reunion, the Quilt Show, the Pet Show and all the many other events on the calendar.

# PARADE

We urge you to come out and enjoy the big Harvest Days Parade Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m.

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**BEST OF SHOW WINNER IN '93 SHOW**  
... Dustin Venhaus with his guinea pig



**Welcome Back, Classes of '39 and '44**

We hope these two great DHS classes have a memorable reunion during Harvest Days. Both classes will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center for visiting and lunch. In addition, the Class of '44 will have dinner at K-Bob's Steak House Friday at 7:30, and the Class of '39 will eat at K-Bob's at 7:30 Saturday night.

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**Here's where to line up for Saturday's HD parade**

The annual Harvest Days Parade has become so big that it can't be lined up along one street anymore. Different units of the parade now report to separate points along the line-up area and come together along the route as the parade gets underway.

Members of the Dimmitt Lions Club will be on hand to help parade participants line up in the proper order and make sure the judges see all the entrants.

Here are the line-up points:

**TRADITIONALS:** Front of Post Office, 205 SE Second St. (Police Units, Color Guard of the US Air Force, County Sheriff, Parade Marshal, County Judge, Dimmitt Mayor, Other Officials, Dimmitt Fire Dept.)

**BICYCLES:** Inside fenced area by C&S Battery and Electric, 300 SE Second St.

**BOBCAT BAND:** C&S Battery and Electric parking lot.

**CLUB AND ORGANIZATION FLOATS:** By Dimmitt Equipment Co., 411 SE Second St.

**ANTIQUE CARS, HOT RODS AND CLASSICS:** Gary's Engine & Machine, 207 SE Second St.

**COMMERCIAL FLOATS:** Behind C&S Battery and Electric, 300 SE Second St.

**RIDING CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS:** SE Fourth and Belsher in vacant lots one block north of the Expo Building.

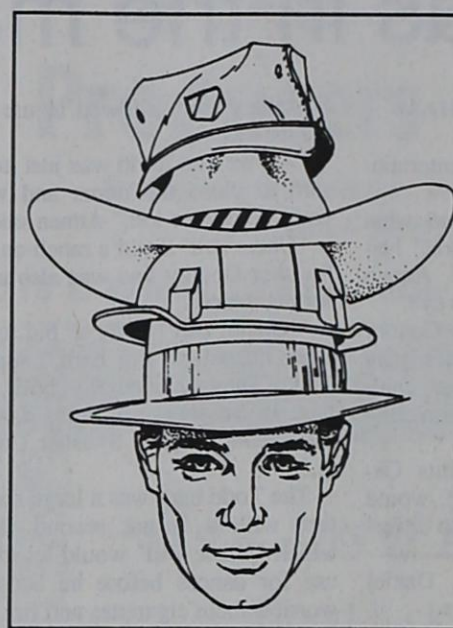
**TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT:** On SE Fourth and Belsher in vacant lots one block north of the Expo Building.

**TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT:** On SE Third, south of Big T Pump building. (Will be divided into two sections.)

**THREE-WHEELERS AND SMALL MOTOR VEHICLES:** At Stinson and SE Second St., north of Dimmitt Equipment. (Will be between the two sections of tractors, etc.)

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNIQUE:** Parking lot of Hi-Plains Oil Co., 206 SE Second St. (Clowns, College Mascots, Victory Bell, etc.; Will be incerted between divisions.)

You may still enter the parade by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 647-2524.



*No matter what kind of hat you wear ...*

... you'll enjoy the County Fair and the Harvest Days events.

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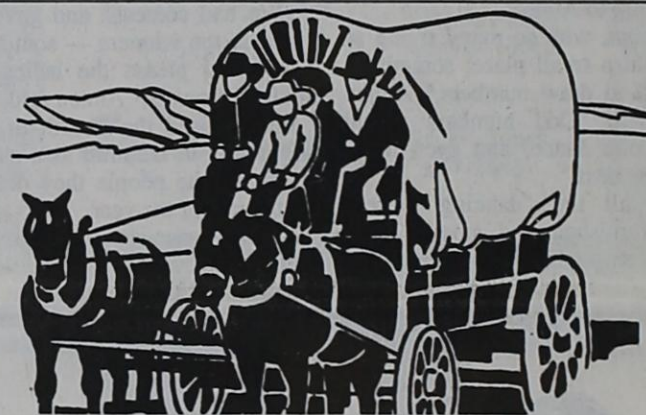
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**CLOWNING AROUND**  
... Clown adds to festivities in '93 parade

**DRINKING DRIVING DEATH** A Combination we CAN'T LIVE WITH!

A reminder from this newspaper and the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety.



Enjoy the  
**Early Settlers' Reunion**  
**SATURDAY**

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ 10 am  
Covered Dish Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ 12 noon  
Business Meeting After Lunch

*We're proud that Castro County's first homestead was at Flagg. And we're proud of ALL the pioneers who built our county!*

**Flagg Fertilizer Co.**

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**"Power of the Plains"**

Teamwork and coordination are what will win the Harvest Days Volleyball Tournament Saturday afternoon at the Expo Center.

The competition will start at 1 p.m. (To enter a team, call Krystal at 647-4151. The entry fee is \$30 per team, and it appears that we'll have a full field again this year.)

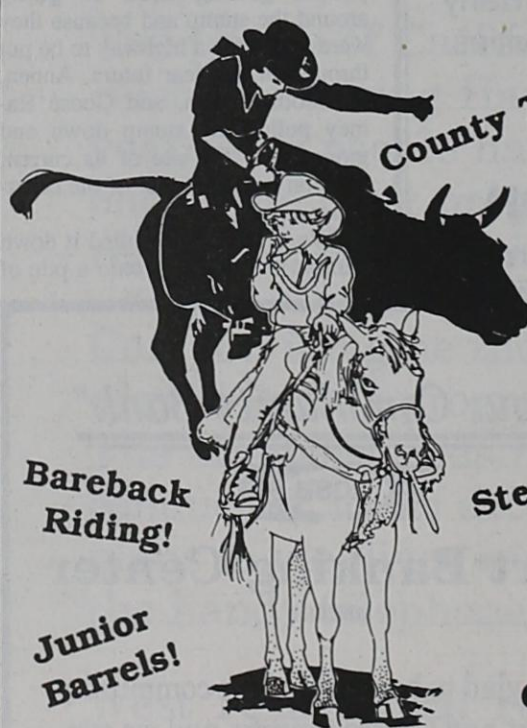
Teamwork and coordination--that has always been the "Power of the Plains." You can put that winning combination to work for you, too, when you do your banking at the First State Bank.

We're happy to be coordinating the Harvest Days Volleyball Tournament again this year.



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- Barrel Racing!
- Bull Riding!
- Calf Roping!
- Steer Wrestling!
- Saddle Bronc Riding!
- Steer Riding!
- Girls' Breakaway Roping!
- Bareback Riding!
- Junior Barrels!

Get Harvest Days off to an exciting start by attending the annual Dimmitt Rodeo Friday and Saturday nights at 8. It's a professionally produced rodeo and promises to be a great one!

Our best wishes to all the cowboys and cowgirls who compete and to the sponsoring Dimmitt Roping Club.

**Dimmitt Feed Yards**

## First talkie was in 1929

The first all-talking motion picture in Castro County played June 18-19 in the Castro Theatre. It was *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

According to a *News* story on June 14, 1929, the movie starred George Bancroft, a favorite of Dimmitt movie fans. It was Paramount's first 100% all-talkie.

"This picture recently played to capacity houses in the Paramount house, the Greater Palace, in Dallas, and press notices from that city claim it is one of Paramount's best pictures in years, as well as Bancroft's best vehicle in many months," the *News* said.

There was also the Rio Theater, which was in the 200 block E. Bedford. The Carlisle Theater, in the 100 block of S. Broadway, opened Sept. 21, 1950.



4-H'ERS ENJOY SWINGIN' 50'S ... Float in 1993 parade



PILLOW FIGHTING

... One of many kids games at Harvest Days



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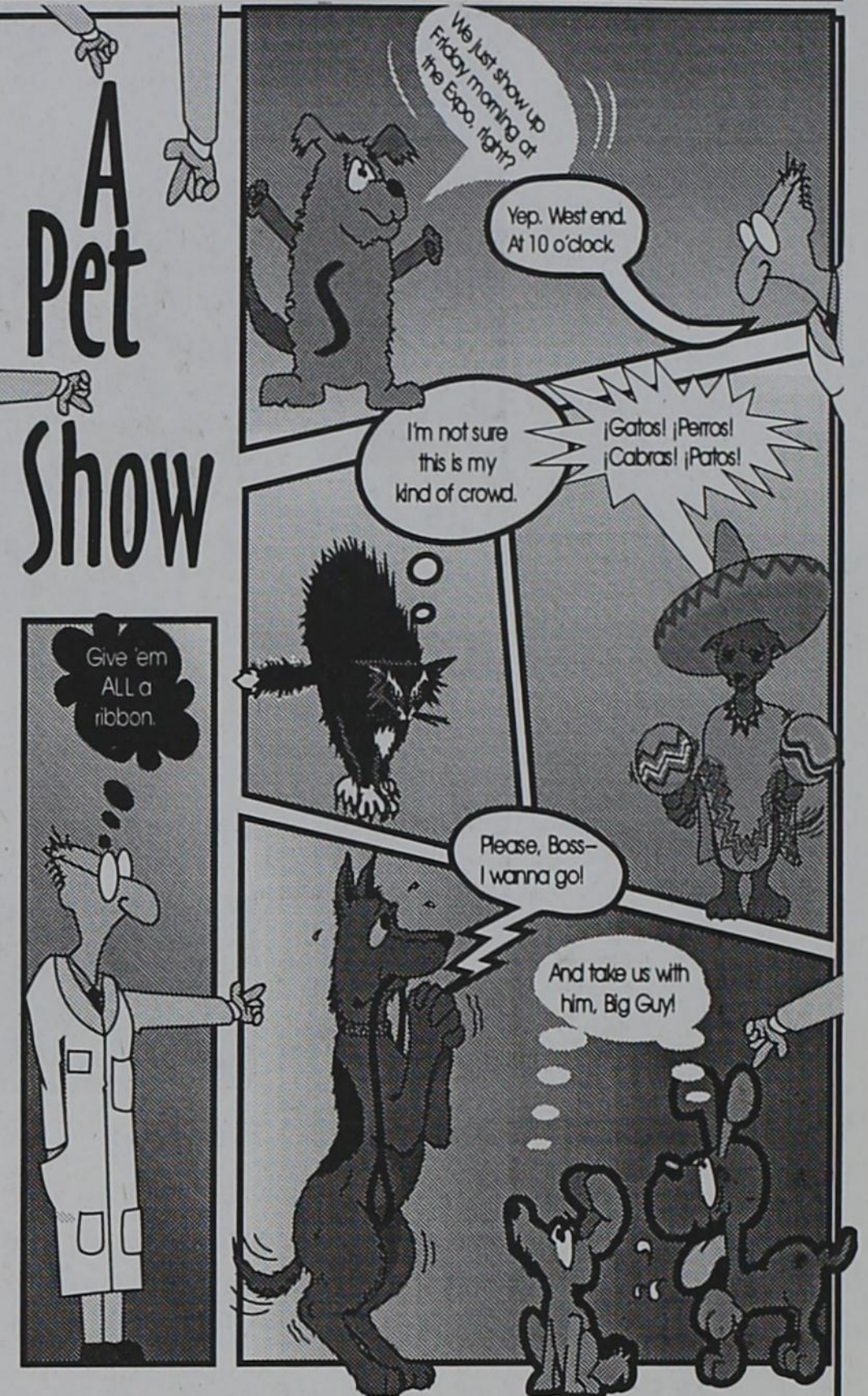
Come out and enjoy Harvest Days and come by and join us for breakfast, too!

We will be open Saturday until 11 a.m.

## PANCAKE HOUSE

Francis and Bea Acker  
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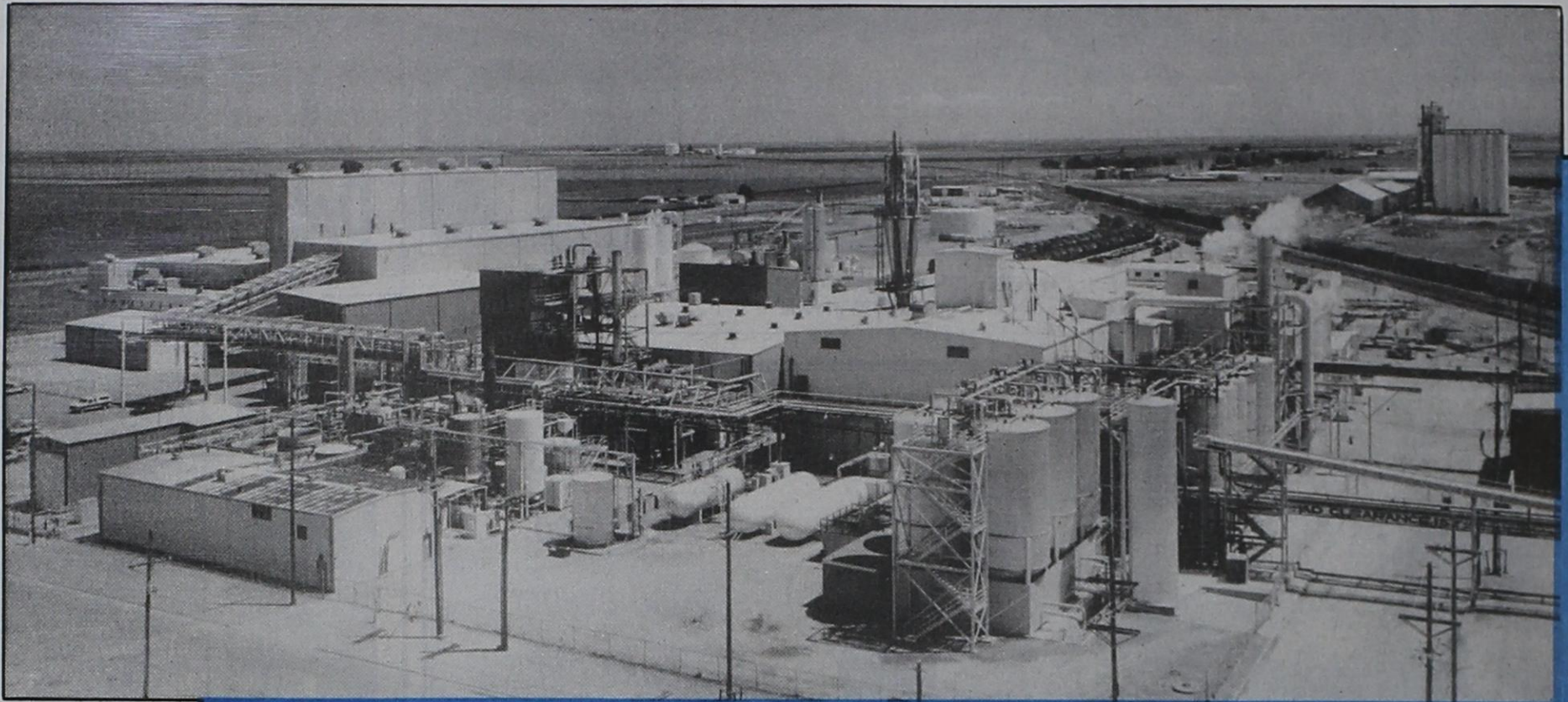
Date & Time	Event	Sponsored By	Contact & Location
August 2 & 3	Rodeo Books Open 6 PM - 10 PM (all events)	Blackwell Rodeo Co. Approved TCRA	Suanne Bagley 647-4780
August 10-13	Westland Amusements	Dimmitt Chamber - Special Family Fun Night on Thursday, 7-10 PM - \$7/per person unlimited rides	NW of Expo
Thursday, August 11			
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fair & Quilt Entries Due at the Expo 403 S.E. 4th	Fair Association Quilt Association	Marilyn Neal, 647-4115 Darlene Collins 647-5585, & Doris Lust, 647-5637
7:00 PM	Team Roping (no registration)	Dimmitt Roping Club	Rodeo Arena
Friday, August 12			
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Arts & Crafts Show, Quilts and Fair Exhibits	Castro Co. Fair Association	Chamber 647-2524, Expo 647-9275
10:00 AM	Pet Show	Hill Veterinary Clinic/ Merrick Pet Foods	West of Expo
12:00-1:00	"Youth Sews" All entries welcome!!	Marilyn Neal, County Extension Home Economist	Expo Stage
3:00 PM	YOUTH "STAR SEARCH", emceed by the infamous Bill Sava	Fair Association/ Dimmitt Chamber	Expo Stage
5:00 PM	Accessorize to Maximize	Fair Association	Expo Stage
7:00 PM	2nd Annual Poker Run/ card challenge	D.A.T.A.	Sonny Thomas 647-2208 or Don Moke 647-4264
8:00 PM	Rodeo - Blackwell Rodeo Co.	Dimmitt Roping Club	Rodeo Arena
Saturday, August 13			
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Arts & Crafts Show, Quilts and Fair Exhibits	Castro Co. Fair Association - Expo, 403 S.E. 4th	Chamber 647-2524/ Extension Service 647-4115
9:00 AM	Parade Judging Begins (Must be lined up to be judged)	Dimmitt Lions Club - See C. C. News for exact locations or Dimmitt Chamber	Boss Lion Mark Bruegel
10:00 AM	Parade Begins	"Denim Daze"	
10:00 AM	Early Settlers/ Class of '44 Reunion Registration	Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones	Billy Hackleman 647-3401 or 647-5336
11:30 AM - 6:00 PM	Dimmitt Car Show, Swap Meet, Model Car Contest, Antique Tractors	D.A.T.A. - to benefit Gary Bruegel Memorial Scholarship Fund	647-2208 or 674-4264/ First State Bank
12:00 Noon	Lunch time - Food at the Fair: Hamburgers, Fajitas, Hot Dogs, Funnel Cakes, Greater Taters, Barbecue & more.		All Around the Expo Area
12:00 Noon	Early Settlers/ Reunion Lunch	Senior Citizen Center, 218 W. Jones/ Potluck Lunch	Billy Hackleman 647-3401 or 647-5336
12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM	Outdoor Games: Pillow Fight, Dunking Board, Horseshoe & Washer Pitching, Water Polo, Volleyball Tournament, Tug - A- War		Expo Building Area
12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM	Museum Open House - Chance to win a set of Castro Co. History Books!	Castro Co. Museum Association	404 W. Halsell, 647-2611
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Cow Patty Bingo (Chance to win \$500)	Fair Association	East of Expo
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Kids Games - Two Age Groups: 6 & Under/7 to 12	Fair Association	Free & Pre-registration Not Required
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Guided Tours of American Maize, Inc.	American Maize, Gary Thompson	Front entry gate of American Maize
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Top of Texas Cloggers	Fair Association	Expo Stage
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Drawings & Awards	Fair Association and Others	
5:30 PM	Car Show Trophy Presentation	Dimmitt Alumni Technology Association - D.A.T.A.	First State Bank Parking Lot
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Barbecue Supper at the Expo Catered by Dyers	Dimmitt Promenaders, Tickets - Advance \$6, Child \$4.50, Door \$6.50	Expo Building, Bill & Ann Henderson
8:00 PM	Square Dance	Dimmitt Promenaders, caller Roy Johnson & rounds Billy Harman	Expo Building
8:00 PM	Rodeo - Blackwell Rodeo Co.	Dimmitt Roping Club	Rodeo Arena
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM	Street Dance featuring "ROWDY ACE"	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, Max Ellison - CH.	Street east of Courthouse



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## Fun spot:

### Silverton: Quaint ranch town hangs out hospitality sign year round

Briscoe's 102nd Birthday is Saturday

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

SILVERTON — There will not be a better time to enjoy a rare brand of West Texas fun than Saturday!

That's when Briscoe County celebrates its  
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**Discovering the  
flavor, hospitality  
of the 'Old West'**

**TRAILS TO SILVERTON** — A music mecca to the 400 West Texans drawn to its Caprock Jamboree monthly, Silverton is also a popular stopover for travellers enroute to its two major nearby tourist attractions, Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway and Lake Mackenzie. Texas' Sesquicentennial Wagon Train (right) drops by in 1986.



1986 Plainview Herald photo/Doug McDonough

J. Christopher White to open shop for Briscoe County Birthday

### Silverton 'treasures' include its world-renowned wood carver

SILVERTON — J. Christopher White first visited rugged ranch country near here as a Tech biology student doing a census on golden eagles.

The wildlife science major turned-artist is now a master carver who scours the Caprock for 2,000-year-old juniper stumps to **See White, Pg 3**



J. Christopher White's animals — all carved from plains juniper.



### Rock Jail turns 100

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Historic jail will be open for Briscoe County's Birthday Saturday. The Silverton chamber's Gerald Smith (inset) holds schedule of events.

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### Downtown Silverton August 13

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# Caprock Jamboree is Silvertown's monthly 'population builder'

By **GORDON ZEIGLER**  
AgReview Writer

SILVERTON — Silvertown has found a secret to make every civic-minded community very jealous.

That's because the town has discovered a way to dramatically boost its population again and again almost effortlessly now — and it happens once a month like clockwork.

Silvertown, population about 800, can count on swelling its numbers by hundreds each month when 400 toe-tapping music

lovers trek to the Briscoe County Showbarn for monthly performances of Caprock Jamboree, a unique event bringing musicians together to jam, have fun and entertain.

Success of the jamboree, which started over five years ago, still surprises one of its primary founders, John Francis, a retired farmer and lifelong musician.

"It started on a wing and prayer and went pretty good," he says. "It's grown from just a little thing to a real good thing. Why, we've held it every Saturday since then but two. Once we called it off for an

ice storm."

Francis and his wife, Maebelle, were among those who promoted the very first Jamboree.

He remembers it well. It was held in an open air setting the first Saturday in May of 1989 in Caprock Canyons. More than 400 persons attended, he recalls.

Former Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Ross had scheduled a media day to boost the newly designated Caprock Canyons State Park.

The idea was to have some musicians set up on an impromptu bandstand, built on the back of a 16-foot trailer and entertain the crowd.

The Francis, who call themselves Grammy and Pop, were among the performers.

It went off well, and became an almost instant success.

With Silvertown people pretty well involved in the event, many decided to begin having the event the first Saturday of every month in the county showbarn. The idea was patterned after similar music jam-

bores seen in the Central Texas area. The idea stuck.

"We always serve mesquite grilled hamburgers to start off the evening," explained Francis. "We have just good family music . . . no tapes, just live music."

"It brings in 400 to 500 people, and lots of times you have to bring your own folding chair to find a seat."

Francis believes the reputation of the event has built the following.

"It's worth going to," he said. "It's just good clean family entertainment. We sit around toe tapping and listening to good music."

An unexpected spinoff of its success has been the beneficial aspects of allowing various civic clubs to alternate as sponsors of the concessions at Jamboree.

"It is a vehicle for civic clubs and organizations to make some money for their activities," Francis said. "In a smaller town, you make the rounds of businesses time after time. This way, we don't have to go out and do that so much."

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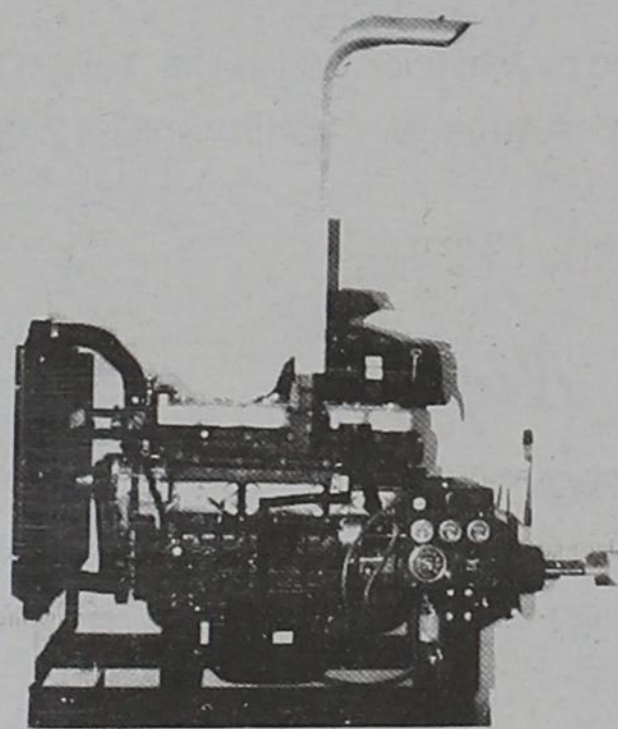



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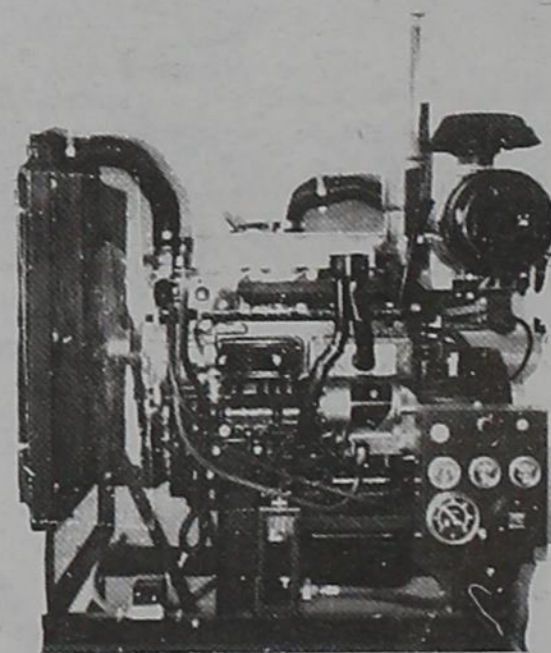
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**White, From Pg 1**

serve as the medium for his art.

Folks in Silverton look up to White as a local hero, because he has brought much acclaim to this hometown.

They're good folks, very genuine, very friendly.

And White, active as a chamber of commerce director and promoter of the town, is impressed with his fellow citizens with whom he threw in his stake over a decade ago when he decided to move here from Lubbock.

"They're good folks, very genuine, very friendly," volunteers the soft spoken White.

White has brought much publicity to his home town via his artistic talents.

A case in point was his recent sweeping of Best of Show honors at a national show with a near life-sized bust of an Indian warrior and small girl.

Like most of his work, it was sold prior to the contest and portrayed an Indian man holding a bow and touching the shoulder of a young Indian girl.

Chosen for top honors in

the International Wood Carvers Congress recently in Davenport, Iowa, this piece is a classic work of White, featuring his unique signature.

His next scheduled show will open soon in the Square House Museum in panhandle.

His work is truly unique. For one thing, his ability to shape and carve 400-pound chunks of juniper into smoothly formed objects was thought impossible by his teachers at Mexico's National Institute of the Arts in San Miguel de Allende.

"My carving teacher in Mexico deemed it totally uncarvable," White recalls. "I knew it had potential, with its really tight grain and pretty color that grows naturally in interesting shapes. But he deemed it as the wrong medium to carve."

Yet White disproved that.

Now he routinely hunts for juniper material across the Caprock region — from the ranches of Silverton to rugged oil fields around Fluvanna south of Post, where he has found some

stumps weighting as much as 400 pounds that have been estimated to be approaching 2000 years in age.

White admits that the abundance of this juniper is a major reason he became interested in returning to Silverton a decade or more ago.

But, it was also the unique cultural qualities he saw in the town and surrounding area.

"I grew up in Lubbock," White explains. "I started coming down here in 1972 as part of a biology course at Texas Tech. We came up to check out the eagle population."

Not long afterward he became an avid hiker of the canyons and started carving some of the unusual juniper logs he found.

"This is the only place in the world you can find it, West Texas juniper," he said. Its also among the densest wood in the world, weighing about 44 pounds per cubic foot.

White likes the rural character of Silverton, but he spends most of his time talking about its people and positive aspects for raising

his family and making for an almost idyllic life.

"The people are what is so outstanding," White said. "They are still real genuine here."

White theorized that Silverton is one of the few places you can still come and see a lot of the Old West lived out daily.

"We are surrounded on three sides by working ranches," White said. "Well, they're not just right up to town, but all around us."

He recalls meeting a woman from another state who appeared almost moon struck on spying her first 'real cowboy' at a stopover in "One lady, in here from Main, told me she had seen the 'strangest thing'," White recalls.

"I saw cowboys herding their cattle with horses," the obviously shocked woman told White

Chamber of Commerce manager Gerald Smith said what Silverton area residents take for granted, out of towners view as unreal.

During a recent interview with AgReview, White related from his cellular phone that he was sitting on the edge of a highway

watching the traffic while nine cowhands ran cattle from one point another along a Briscoe County roadway.

"There are enough ranchers and cowhands around here to give the town its western flavor," said White.

White speaks of Silverton's rural flavor, which he likes.

"There are only 1,100 registered voters in a 900-square-mile county," explains White. "We have primarily two major towns, Quitaque, with about 450 residents, and Silverton, which has about 780."

Looking at those numbers, White believes it is outstanding that Silverton has managed to augment its own population one Saturday a month by crowds of 300 to 400 — many of them from surrounding counties — who

attend the Caprock Jamboree.

Tourism is a natural for the Silverton area, believes White.

"The unspoiled, rugged beauty of the Canyons is impressive," he said. "There are a lot of real nice drives," he said. "And, Texas 207 is probably the prettiest highway in Texas. It goes through Palo Duro Canyon, Tule Canyon, White River Canyon and then drops off into the Brazos River Canyon on its way to Post."

He speaks of Briscoe County's own attractions, both located almost wholly within the county.

"We have Lake Mackenzie, which is a good skiing and fishing lake," he said. "It's just very scenic with the big red cliffs coming up out of the water. And, Caprock Canyons State Park is really, in my

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**Celebration, From Pg 1**

102nd Birthday.

It's been a tradition in recent years to roll out the red carpet during this celebration of history, with the town prepared to welcome an influx of citizens from many of the surrounding Panhandle/South Plains who annually come here to join the fun.

Through a progressive chamber of commerce organization, organized just one and one-half years ago, Silverton stays busy much of the year these days encouraging Texans of all ages to come to town, join in the fun, and enjoy some things that are uniquely Silverton's.

What's drawing 'em to Silverton this year?

**TOURISM:**

Silverton is showing off many newfound attractions which are beginning to make it one of Texas newfound quaint and unusual travel stops on the way to nearby major Texas tourist stops. It has benefitted in recent years from growing popularity of Briscoe County tourist meccas like Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway to the west and nearby Lake Mackenzie recreation area.

**SCENIC ROADS:**

It has also seen welcomes many travellers enroute to popular Palo Duro Canyons State Park to the north and its summer musical TEXAS— situated on a main north-south route to Palo Duro Canyon, a scenic highway travelled by fun seekers from across the nation.

**MUSIC:**

One of the biggies being offered especially for out-

of towners this weekend is music — the well known Caprock Jamboree gang (which holds Caprock Jamboree each month here) plans to stage periodic music jams on the courthouse square.

**ART:**

Silverton's resident artistic wood carver J. Christopher White will hold an open house at his downtown Silverton art workshop/studio. The nationally acclaimed craftsman has won major honors for his renditions of people and wildlife carved from juniper wood — all gleaned from the Caprock area.

**ARTS & CRAFTS:**

An outstanding array of area crafters will be represented at the traditional arts and crafts mall on the Briscoe County Courthouse square.

**HISTORY:**

The heritage of Briscoe is also in the limelight, especially this weekend. Heritage buffs will get a chance to tour the quaint and historic rock jail, a Briscoe County icon which marks its 100th birthday this year.

**SOCIALIZING:**

The Briscoe County pioneers will hold get-togethers along with numerous Silverton High School graduating classes gathering for homecoming reunions.

**RODEO:**

One of the best TCR-sanctioned rodeos in the Texas Panhandle is set Friday and Saturday nights.

**DANCING:**

The country band Blue

Denim Band will play for special post-rodeo dances Friday and Saturday.

**PARADE:**

The Briscoe County Birthday Parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

**B B Q :**

Highlight of the final rodeo night will be serving of a traditional chuck wagon barbecue at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

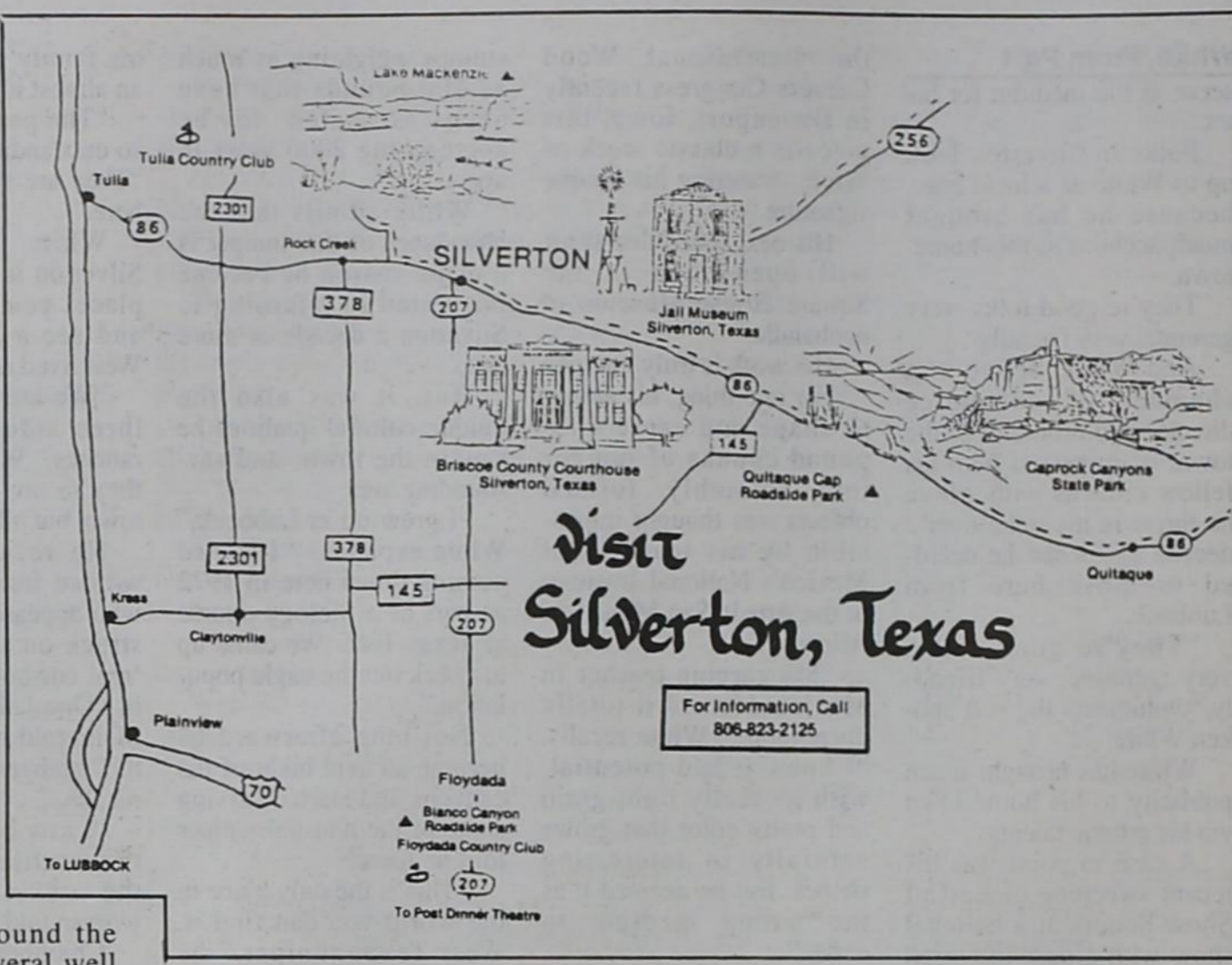
**CUISINE**

Palate pleasing selections of all types will be offered at special purpose food booths around the town square. Several well known city restaurants will offer up their special items.

**COFFEE:**

Tapping into the growing gourmet coffee craze sweeping the nation, a group of Silverton women will operate an Espresso Coffee Shop on Main Street between Nana's Neighborhood and J. Christopher White's Studio.

A benefit event of the local L.O.A. study club, it will offer unique flavored coffees from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. including amaretto, Irish cream, hazelnut, cappucino, espresso and lattes. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the booth will dispense homemade ice cream and lemonade.



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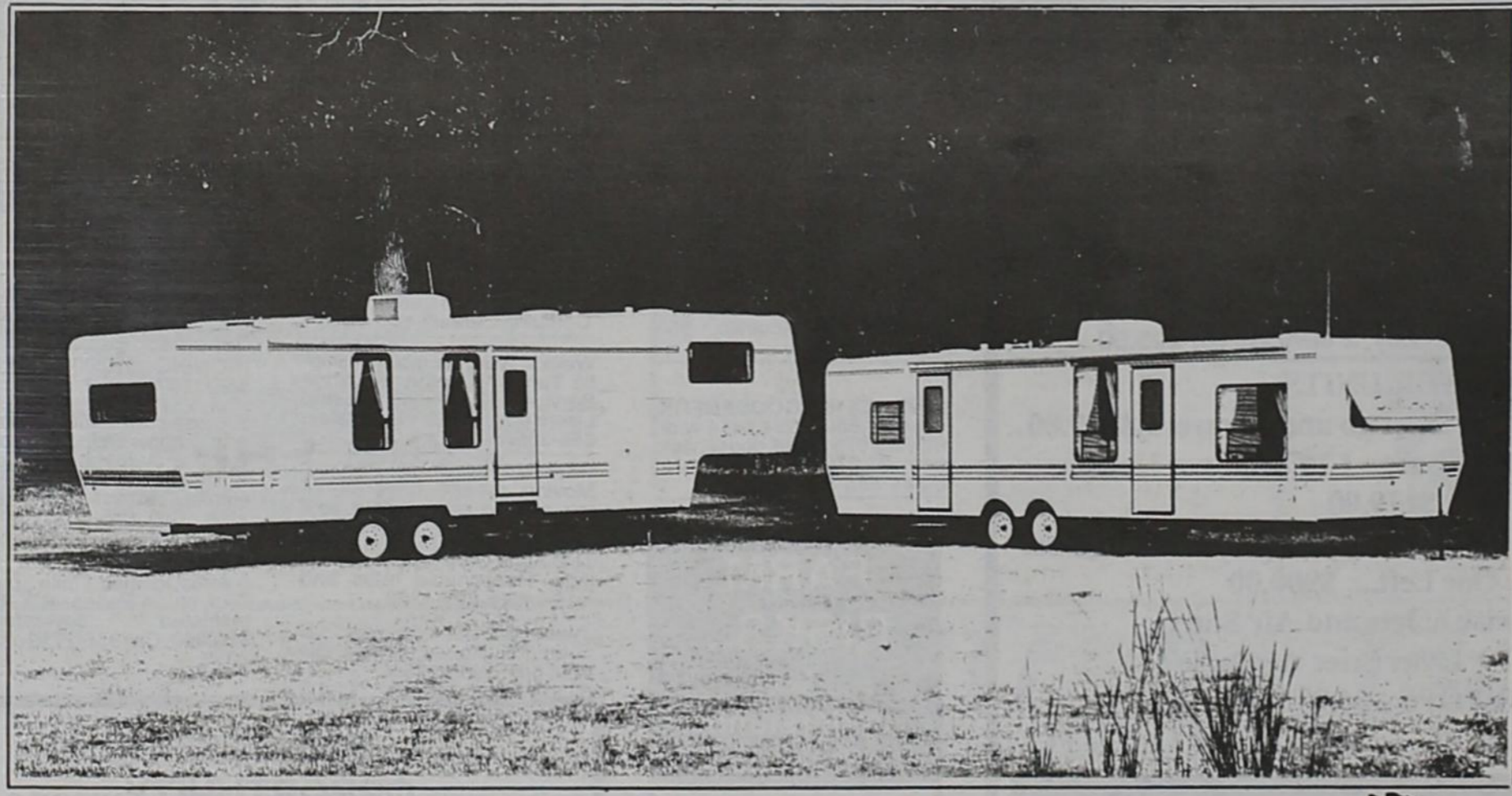
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# Harvest Days kickoff set today in Dimmitt

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A weekend of fun in Castro County begins today as part of Harvest Days. Fair and quilt entries are due today and team roping will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

Events on Friday will include an arts and crafts show; quilt and fair exhibits; pet show; "Youth Sews" fashion event; a youth Star Search contest; an "Accessorize to Minimize" demonstration; a poker run and card challenge; and the first performance of the rodeo.

Activities Saturday include the arts and crafts show, quilts and fair exhibits; the annual parade; early settlers reunion and class reunions at the Senior Citizens Center; Dimmitt Car Show, swap meet, model car contest and antique tractor show, sponsored by DATA; food booths around the Expo area; outdoor games including pillow fights, a dunking board, horseshoe and washer pitching, water polo, volleyball and tug-of-war, open house at the Castro County Museum; cow patty bingo; kids games; guided tours of American Maize-Products; Top

of Texas Cloggers; barbecue supper, square-dancing; the second rodeo performance; and a street dance featuring Rowdy Ace.

Arts and crafts show:

An arts and crafts show will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 12 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 13. Booths were still available for rent inside the Expo Building, in the quonset barns south of the Expo Building, and outside. Booth spaces are \$35 (more for extra large outside spaces) and may be reserved

By calling 647-2524 or going by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford.

Persons renting booths will receive \$5 of their registration fee back upon clean up of their booth area. Persons renting booths will be furnished a 30 inch by 8 foot table and two chairs. Electrical outlets are limited and extension cords are not provided.

Food booths must be approved by the fair committee.

See Harvest Days, Page 7

## White, from Pg 4

opinion, one of the more scenic Canyons you will find.

Historic ranches lay in all directions of Silverton.

"There's the J.A. Ranch, which used to be one of the biggest in the world, plus the Tule Ranch, which is I believe about 13,000 acres," he added.

White first put down roots in Silverton when he

began renting a house here in 1978.

Now married and raising his children in Briscoe County, White thinks he has chosen the best possible place to settle.

"There is a real sense of community here," he said. "This is where we wanted to raise them."

Silverton's rural culture is advantageous in many ways, he believes.

"It is things Silverton doesn't have that makes it attractive," he says. "We don't have gangs, or crimes to speak of."

His interest in the eagle population of the Briscoe County area has continued since his college days.

"In 1972 I think the Caprock area had 22 nesting pairs," said White. "I'd say it has probably risen some since then."

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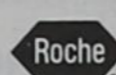
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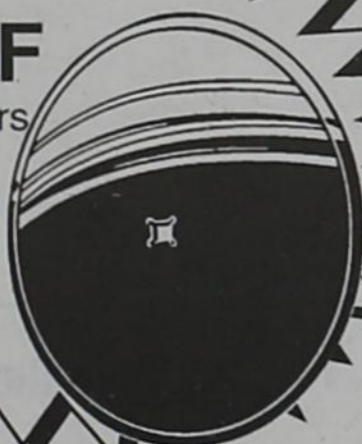


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# Things to do, what to see in Silverton:

## CAPROCK JAMBOREE:

Held the first Saturday evening of each month in Briscoe County Showbarn. Bring folding chair and blanket.

## ROCK JAIL MUSEUM

Briscoe County's 100-year-old jail does not house prisoners any longer. Instead it is a local museum. It will be open for Briscoe County Birthday activities.

It held prisoners as late as the 1950s. G.L. Lamar of Hale County won the bid to build it of hand cut stone form Tule Canyon. Construction contract was for \$2,487.

## NANA'S NEIGHBORHOOD AND NANA'S ATTIC:

A gift shop and perpetual garage sale owned by Spud and Betty Nan Tiffin. It is open Thursday (Caprock Floral Ranch):

This unusual floral firm, owned by Margaret Smith and Rhenda Burson, makes its own hand made wreaths out of native wildflowers harvested in Briscoe County. A favorite is green and bergundy-dyed broom weed which is woven into wreaths.

## SCENIC DRIVES:

A favorite scenic route for highway travel is Texas 256 from Silverton to Clarendon.

## CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK :

This park, which features modern hookups or primitive camping, plus fishing at Lake Theo is located east of Silverton 21 miles west on Texas 86, then north of Quitaque on FM 1065.

## CAPROCK CANYONS STATE TRAILWAY:

Beginning near South Plains in Floyd County, this new hike and bike trail winds across the Caprock all the way to Caprock Canyons State Park. It includes Clarity Tunnel, one of Texas only remaining railroad tunnel dug through a portion of the Caprock.

## LAKE MACKENZIE:

Lake and recreation area is located 11 miles northwest of Silverton on Texas 207. It is formed by the highest earthen dam in Texas, measuring 185 feet at its peak.

RV camping: Silverton offers six free trailer spaces in its city park on Texas 86.

## MARY JOHN'S FLOWERS AND GIFTS:

A city floral and gift shop.

## J.R. STEELE:

A cabinet maker and furniture refinisher.

## THE MALT SHOP:

Preserving the look and feel of the old corner malt shop, this Silverton business features noon specials including catfish, steaks and Mexican food specialties. It is owned by Doug and Jeanetta Bradford.

## THE PIZZA BOX:

Owned by Norberto Garcia, the restaurant offers pizza and Mexican food.

## GARCIA'S:

A restaurant featuring general menu offerings.

## HUNTING:

Just about any type of hunting available in the area is offered on the Tula Ranch, one of the largest in the area.

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## NANCE'S FOOD STORE:

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## Brown Hardware:

Owned by Carol and Mary Davis, Brown Hardware serves the city's general mercantile and hardware needs.

## Kent Carpenter Guide:

Kent Carpenter, a Silverton area hunting guide, specializes in the recently popular practice of wild hog hunting. Russian bore is found on area ranches. Its meat is a popular gourmet item.

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## WALTER ARNOLD GUIDE:

Arnold, a former world champion rodeo roper, offers hunting guide services.

## FARMING:

Briscoe County is cut diagonally by the Caprock Escarpment. Areas above the caprock, and some on rolling lands below it, offer some of the richest farm lands in the area.

## TIFFIN'S DEPARTMENT STORE

A city general merchandise store, owned by the same family operating Tiffins Bed & Breakfast. Other outlets in Earth, Crosbyton.

## SILVERTON CHAMBER:

Formed in 1992, the Silverton Chamber of Commerce is headed by Gerald Smith, president; Beverly Bowman, secretary; Betty Nan Tiffin, treasurer; and W.D. Rowell, vice president.

## FARM IMPLEMENTS:

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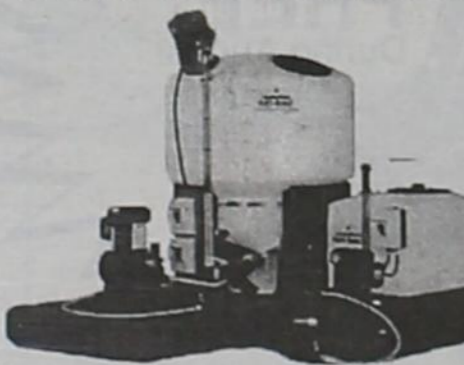
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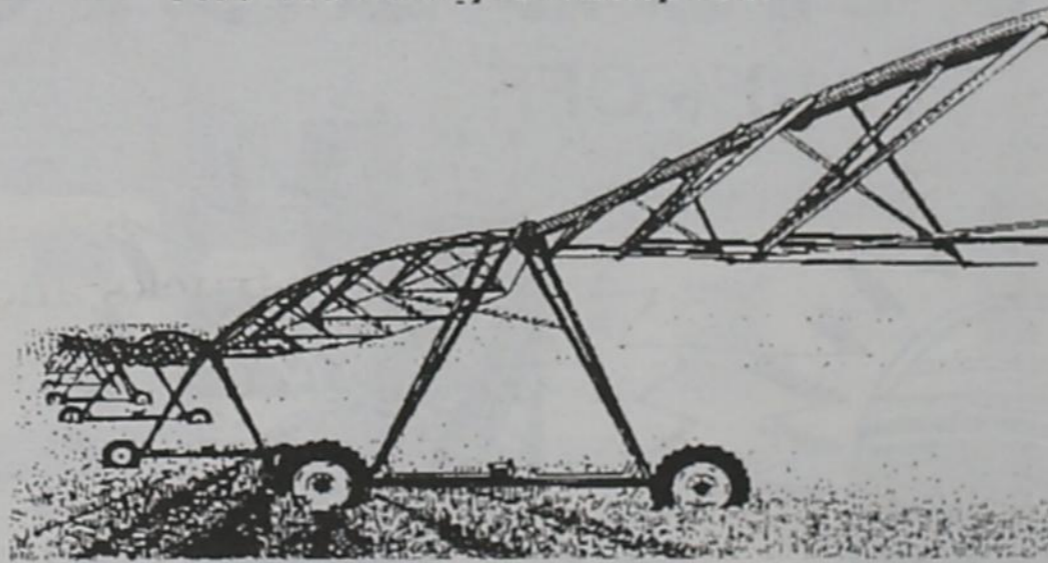
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# Ancient biblical riddle solved by the 'tunnel' scholars

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD  
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Under the oldest part of Jerusalem, the area known as the City of David, a maze of tunnels and shafts runs through the rock and deep into biblical history. In ancient times, the people

inside the city walls depended on this system to deliver water from the ever-flowing Gihon Spring outside, thus ensuring a dependable water supply in both war and peace.

But nearly everything else about the old underground waterworks, especially its recorded role in two pivotal events in the history

of ancient Israel, has left scholars shaking their heads in puzzlement.

Archeologists and biblical scholars have long wondered if it was these dark, subterranean passages that enabled King David to capture Jerusalem 3,000 years ago.

Biblical accounts suggest that David's general, Joab, surprised

the Jebusites, or Canaanites, by sneaking in through a hidden passage. But did any of these tunnels exist at this early time? Were the Canaanites or anyone else then capable of such excavations?

Engineers have long noted that whoever built these passages seemed to go about their task in the most curious way, with no

logic in the choice of some routes, slopes and dimensions of the tunnels and many ostensible mistakes in design.

According to the Bible, King Hezekiah, expecting an attack and possibly a long siege by the Assyrians in the eighth century B.C., had a tunnel built to bring water from the spring.

## Dimmitt, from Pg 5

Harvest Days parade: The parade will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Members of the Dimmitt Lions Club will be setting up the parade beginning at 9 a.m. on parade day. Entry deadline is noon Thursday for everything except bicycles. Bikes don't have to be pre-registered.

Divisions will be provided for floats and vehicles. Antique, hot rod, classic and low-rider vehicles will participate in the parade and the DATA car show later in

the day. Quilt show: Dimmitt's Friendship Quilters Guild will sponsor the Quilt Show. The show has been held since 1987 and featured 55 quilts by county residents and guild members last year. Quilts will be displayed at the Expo Building, and a knowledgeable quilter from the region will judge the quilts. Awards will be given in several categories, with special awards going to the best of show, judge's award and people's choice.

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Car and tractor show  
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Club will hold its fourth annual car and tractor show and swap meet Saturday, and its annual poker run and card challenge on Friday.

Registration for the poker run, which measures a team's ability to follow directions and find specific locations, is \$5 and may be

made to DATA, c/o Tammy Heard, 719 Cleveland, Dimmitt. Registration for a swap meet booth, and car, model car and tractor entries may also be made by calling Heard at 6474592. Registration forms are also available at the chamber office, fire sta-

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Annual rodeo  
The fifth annual Harvest Days Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, sponsored by the Dimmitt Roping Club. The rodeo will be produced by Blackwell Rodeo Co.

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# Vacationing in family car saves cash

By DAN REED

c.Fort Worth Star-Telegram

They still give away "dream vacations" on television game shows, at department store openings, even in newspaper promotions.

That is further validation of two essential truths: First, lots of Americans still dream of traveling to exotic, fun-filled spots for some sorely needed R&R; second, most of us cannot afford the kind of vacations we dream about.

That does not mean we have to stay home and paint the house during our two weeks off. It just means we have to learn to travel on a budget.

Not that a shortage of capital would stop us. Americans have shown they are willing to sacrifice many things — even their savings — before giving up vacations.

This year, 73 percent of U.S. residents plan to take a pleasure trip

at least 100 miles from home, according to a travel industry survey. That number is up from last year, which, in turn, was up from the year before.

And with the economy improving, travel experts predict a vacation boom.

"Consumer confidence, by all measures, is up," said Shawn Flaherty, a spokeswoman for the Travel Industries Association of America in Washington, D.C. "And just as was the case after the end of the last recession in the early 1980s, when travel got back up on its horse and took off, we expect this to be a boom year for summer vacation travel. Back then, once people satisfied their demand for the more durable goods that they'd held off purchasing, travel really took off," Flaherty said.

In a recent survey conducted by TIAA, respondents said they plan to spend, on aver-

age, about \$990 on their family's vacation this year.

That helps explain why 80 percent of vacation travel is done by family car, truck or recreational vehicle. Air fares, in a historical context, are low, especially during fare sales. But with less than \$1,000 to spend on vacations, most families still opt to spend more time on the road so they can afford to do more when they reach their destinations.

The vast majority of people do not go far, either. Most travel fewer than 250 miles for a vacation.

But there are other ways to stretch a travel dollar, especially for Texans: Stay in Texas.

It is one of only two states where more than half of all tourists are in-staters, says Stan Hodge, research coordinator for the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Commerce.

The primary reasons

for such Lone Star loyalty: Texas' sheer size, its varied environments and its value.

"Texas is a real bargain, no question about it," says Hodge.

According to figures for 1992, Texas tourists spent an average \$78.50 per day per person, \$1.20 less than the national average, and more than \$25 less per day than hot spots on the coasts.

"The facilities, such as hotels, are still cheaper in Texas, as are some of our bigger destinations," Hodge said. "If you go to New York City, you're just not going to find prices anything like what we have here, even at our more expensive tourist destinations.

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