

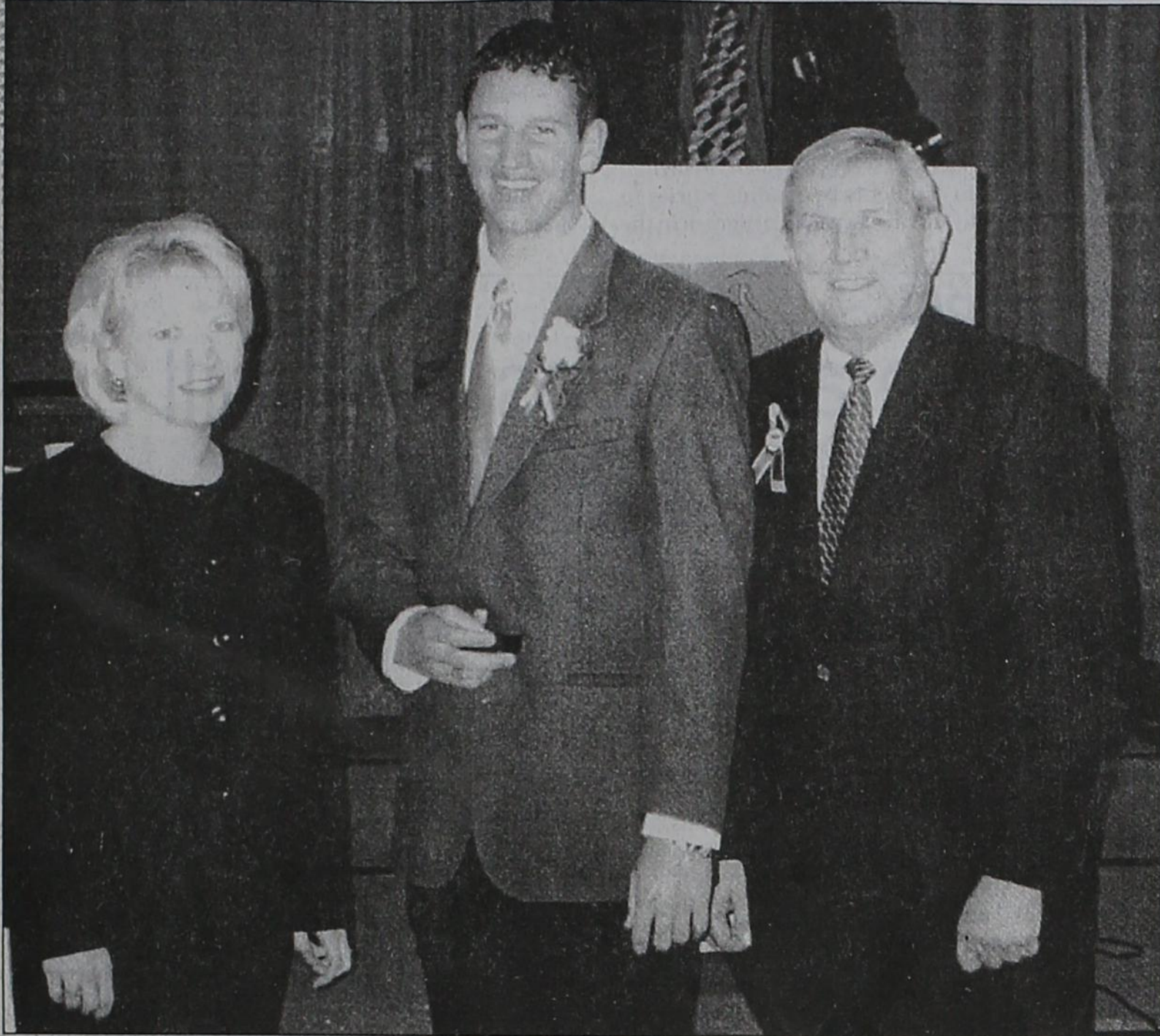
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DIMMITT'S JEREMY BISHOP (center) accepts a special award from representatives of the Dairy Farmers Association and the State Fair Association for his work as the Texas State 4-H president. Bishop

was elected as president of the state's million-member organization last summer, and he will serve until next summer. He was honored in September at the State Fair of Texas. *Photo by Carole Bishop*

Courthouse roof will be patched—for now

County commissioners authorized Fortenberry Roofing to do a "band-aid" repair job on the courthouse roof until they can decide on a permanent fix for the leaky problem.

The roof was damaged during a hail storm in 1999. After a brief assessment of the damage, Fortenberry told commissioners he spotted several holes and damage to the roof.

He said there were two layers of roofing on the courthouse. If commissioners elect to replace the roof with the same type of coal-tar cover, Fortenberry recommended tearing off the two old layers before replacing the roof. Fortenberry said tearing off the two layers would be expensive, but he thinks it would be necessary.

Water tends to pool in areas on the flat roof, and that creates problems.

Fortenberry told commissioners about a different type of roofing material which he felt would be better for the flat courthouse roof because it is better at repelling water. This roof could be installed over the existing layers and it carries a 15-year warranty.

Commissioners said an insurance adjuster will assess the damage, and they agreed to have Fortenberry meet with the adjuster.

The county will make a decision on how to replace or repair the roof after the insurance company makes its final settlement.

Fortenberry told commissioners if they decide to retain his company to install a new roof, it will be next February or March before his crews can begin work because they are already committed to other projects.

That's when commissioners asked him to patch the leaks to provide a temporary fix.

"We have to do something now. If we have a big rain, we're going to have serious problems," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "I know patching the holes is a quick fix, but I think it needs to be done."

The county will purchase a new 2002 Ford Crown Victoria for Constable James Dobbs.

Dobbs presented commissioners with two bids for the vehicle, one from Western Ford in Hereford and the (Continued on Page 2)

County natives are serving country in Armed Forces

The News is compiling a list of men and women who are currently serving in the military.

If you know of someone who is currently serving or has been called up from the reserves, give us a call at 647-3123; e-mail us at ccnews@castrocountynews.com; or write to PO Box 67, Dimmitt 79027. We would like to have the person's name, rank, the branch of the military in which they serve, where they are stationed and what they're doing now.

We have obtained a few names so far. They are as follows:

Heck of Dimmitt, is in the US Army Special Forces, stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Nicole Heck is a chaplain's assistant stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Capt. Lance Brockman, son of Cyril and Mitzi Brockman of Nazareth, is stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Capt. Kirsten Verkamp, daughter of Leslie Birkenfeld of Nazareth, is a registered nurse stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

Val Steffens, son of the late Bud and Ellen Steffens of Nazareth,

US Navy Lt. Phillip Durbin, son of Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth, is stationed in Washington State. He works in naval intelligence.

Major Greg Sava, son of Bill and Jacque Sava of Dimmitt, is stationed at Norad in Colorado Springs, Colo.

E2 Bryan Charanza, son of Donna Gerber of Nazareth, will leave for Germany on Oct. 18. He serves in the telecommunications branch of the US Army and will be stationed at Darmstadt, just outside of Frankfurt, Germany. He'll be there for two years.

Kenneth Wilhelm, son of Jerry and Nellie Wilhelm of Nazareth

EMC 3 Shane Ethridge, son of Jackie and Tonya Ethridge of Dimmitt, is serving in the US Navy. He is on board the *USS Carl Vinson*, the ready carrier in the Arabian Sea.

Jayson Heck, son of Linda and Lewis Heck of Dimmitt, is serving in the US Marine Corps, stationed at Twentynine Palms, California.

Scott Heck, son of Linda and Lewis

Capt. Scott Book, 1984 graduate of Nazareth High School and son of Rita and George Book of Bluffton, is in the US Air Force and he is currently attending medical school through the USAF in Shreveport, La.

Capt. Kerry Lewis, son of Avie Lewis and Cliff Lewis, formerly of Dimmitt. He is in the US Air Force and is stationed in New Mexico.

Ryan Hardee, son of Dr. Gary and Cenci Hardee of Dimmitt, is in the US Navy.

Major Joe Collins, son of Wayne and Darlene Collins of Dimmitt, is in the US Marine Corps. He is going to defense department school in the Washington, D.C. area.

Capt. Sandra Sandoval, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emigdio Sandoval of Dimmitt, is in the US Air Force. She is stationed in Turkey.

Ssgt James Odell Bradford, son of Chris and Joye Bradford of Dimmitt. He is in the US Air Force and is an Air Force traffic controller stationed in Germany.

Danny George, son of Pauline and Dub George of Dimmitt, is in the US Army.

Jeff Headrick, son-in-law of Wayne and Darlene Collins of Dimmitt, is a commander in the US Navy. He is an orthopedic surgeon and he is stationed at Portsmouth Naval Base in Virginia.

Petty Officer Third Class Airman T.J. Cox, son of Deputy Sheriff W.H. Cox, is in (Continued on Page 2)

House-approved farm bill will 'strengthen safety net'

The US House of Representatives approved the Farm Security Act of 2001 by a vote of 291 to 120 on Friday, and US Rep. Mac Thornberry says the new farm bill is designed to "strengthen the safety net for American agriculture producers while continuing to give them flexibility to plant what they want to plant."

The bill, H.R. 2646, has passed the House of Representatives, but still must be approved by the Senate. A date for consideration by the Senate has not yet been set, according to Thornberry.

By allowing producers the voluntary choice to update their base acres, and adding counter-cyclical support

based on target prices to the already-established 2002 level of transition payments, the bill provides both the flexibility and predictability that most producers, commodity and farm groups have called for in the next farm bill, according to House Agriculture Chairman Larry Combest.

Combest says the bill will enlarge participation for soil and water conservation programs by nearly 80% above current budget trends. That will provide producers with more options to implement progressive conserving practices on their land with the backing of increased technical assistance using any government or private contractors.

Some of the provisions included in H.R. 2646 are as follows:

Commodity Programs

- ◆ Maintains maximum planting flexibility while providing counter-cyclical protection to help farmers weather adverse market conditions.

- ◆ Retains fixed de-coupled payments, as well as the marketing loan program.

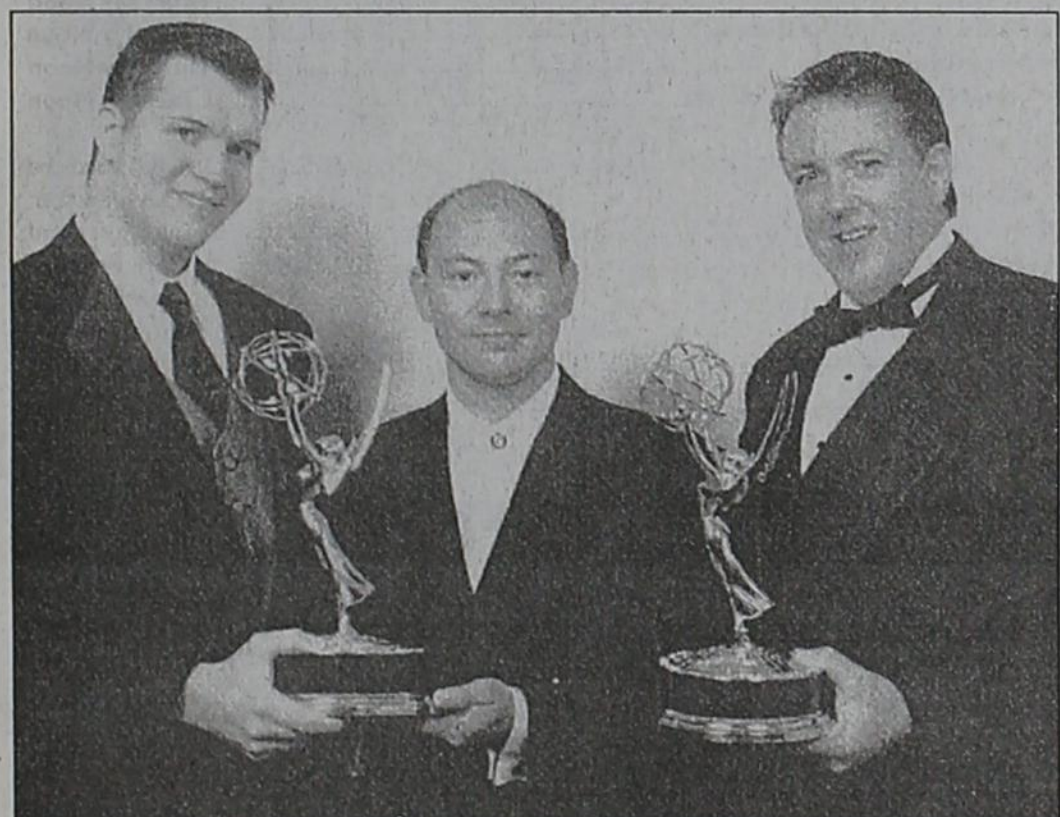
- ◆ Provides producers with the option to update base acreage.

Conservation

- ◆ Devotes over \$16 billion over 10 years to conservation programs—an increase of more than 75% from the last farm bill.

- ◆ Re-authorizes the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) through 2011 with a 39.5 million-acre enrollment cap.

- ◆ Re-authorizes the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) through 2011 at \$1.2 billion annual program level, with livestock (Continued on Page 2)



EMMY RECIPIENT—Terry Trieu, (center) owner of Cyberdyne Systems Corp. of Denver, Colo., and one of his employees, Jay Bertram (left) accept Emmy Awards for Outstanding Graphic and Artistic Design from Mark Waters on Sept. 5 in New York City. Trieu is the grandson of Ed and Betty Freeman of Dimmitt. His company, which specializes in graphic design, computer animation and special effects, earned the award for their work on the opening sequence of Disney's "Sea of Sharks." *Courtesy Photo*

Freemans' grandson wins Emmy Award

The Emmy Awards have already been postponed twice because of events related to September's terrorist attacks on America, but some of the awards were presented prior to the Sept. 11 attack, and one of the recipients has a Dimmitt connection.

The Emmy for Outstanding Graphic and Artistic Design was presented to Cyberdyne Systems Corp., of Denver, Colo., owned by Terry Trieu, grandson of Ed and

Betty Freeman of Dimmitt.

Trieu's company deals with computer animation, graphic design and special effects, and he received the Emmy for the opening sequence of "Sea of Sharks," one of a series in Disney's New True Life Adventures.

Trieu accepted the award at the 22nd annual News and Documentary Emmy Awards Presentation of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences on Sept. 5 in New York City.

Early voting begins Oct. 22

County voters will head to the polls on Nov. 6 to cast their ballots in a special election to adopt or reject proposed constitutional amendments and to elect an interim state senator to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Tom Haywood.

Early voting for the Nov. 6 election will begin on Oct. 22 and will continue through Nov. 2.

Voters who wish to cast their ballots early may do so, in person, at the county clerk's office, Room 101 in the county courthouse in Dimmitt. Early ballots may be cast between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Those who would like to request a ballot by mail should send completed applications to County/District Clerk Joyce M. Thomas, early voting clerk, Castro County Courthouse Room 101, 100 E. Bedford St., Dimmitt 79027. Requests for ballots by mail must be received prior to Oct. 30.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Polling places in Castro County are as follows:

PRECINCT 1
101—Hart Golden Group Building.

105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.

PRECINCT 2
201—Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.
206—Flagg Fertilizer.

PRECINCT 3
301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.
307—Easter Community Center.

PRECINCT 4
401—District Courtroom, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt.
408—Nazareth Community Hall.

First Freeze!

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	86	49	
Friday	90	45	
Saturday	58	29	
Sunday	68	33	
Monday	83	43	
Tuesday	87	52	
Wednesday	81	48	

October Moisture 0.00
2001 Moisture 16.07

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



JESSICA MONTES (right) was crowned as Dimmitt High School's Homecoming queen Friday during pre-game ceremonies at Bobcat Stadium. Montes, daughter of Danny and Donna Montes, was escorted by her father. Other senior candidates for Homecoming queen were Sharla Kenworthy, Rae Odom and Bianey Saucedo. Members of the court included junior Ashley Irons, sophomore Shantell Self and freshman Raynee Bradley. *Photo by Chris Bradford*

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

After some tough lobbying, some even tougher debate and a strong final vote, the Farm Security Act of 2001 (H.R. 2646) was approved by the House of Representatives by a margin of 291-120 with 19 members not casting votes on the issue.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and Ranking Minority Member Charles Stenholm masterfully steered their long awaited rewrite of the current Farm Bill to passage.

The House Bill provides \$170 billion over ten years to provide a much needed strengthening of the safety net underpinning production agriculture and adds considerably to conservation, commodity promotion and trade enhancement programs.

That victory, however, came only after the defeat of an amendment offered by urban congressmen and environmental groups that would have gutted the safety net provisions of the Bill.

As it stands, the House has sent a strong message to both the Senate and the Bush Administration, that the farm sector deserves immediate assistance that can best be provided through a comprehensive approach that triggers support when times are bad.

H.R. 2646 completes a 2½ year effort by the House Ag Committee to research and hear pertinent testimony

while weighing the pros and cons of literally hundreds of ideas on how to best support the heart of production agriculture in the U.S.

Opponents of the Bill were primarily led by environmental organizations that sought to divert farm support money to conservation programs.

Speculation and expectation now focus themselves squarely on the Senate Agriculture Committee. That Committee is led by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Ranking Minority Member Richard Lugar (R-IN).

Both Harkin and Lugar have failed to prepare for the possibility of a Senate farm package until just recently. That puts them well behind the curve and somewhat out of touch with the needs of farmers.

After passage of the House Bill, however, Harkin has announced plans to report a mark-up Bill by the end of October. Should the Senate remain in session through the end of the year as has been suggested by Senator Majority Leader Tom Daschle (S-SD) then the chances for a Senate-House Conference on a new Farm Bill becomes a real possibility.

The only thing we know for sure is that the ball is squarely in the Senate Ag committee's court and ability to secure a dramatic increase in Agriculture Program support hangs in the balance.

The Farm Security Act of 2001 approved by the House of Representatives Oct. 5, seeks to put in place a safety net that, while not perfect, will provide the bulk of its support to the hard-working farm families that are producing 80 plus percent of the food and fiber grown in this country.

It will support them most when times are bad and provide less support when times are good.

Recently, many groups who oppose commodity support programs have sought to characterize payments made to producers of so-called "large" farms as inherently unfair.

There argument was pretty simple, "large" farms are bad and "small" farms are good.

A closer look at the data reveals that farm programs based on production factors are actually doing exactly what they are supposed to do.

According to the data 18 percent of the farms in the U.S. are considered "large" farms as measured by the fact that they produced gross revenues greater than \$100,000. The value of the production from this group of farms equaled 84 percent of the total program crop value produced in the U.S.

On the other hand "small" farms, identified as having gross revenues less than \$100,000, made up 76 percent of U.S. farms but accounted for only 8 percent of the value of program crops produced.

How do these two groups fare in terms of programs designed to support agricultural production and keep U.S. commodities competitive in the marketplace?

Overall the data shows the money is going exactly where it should be headed, to the people that are truly farming for the purpose of supporting their families.

Passage of the Farm Security Act of 2001 was a blessing to a struggling Ag sector. It also delivers the message that the backbone of our economy has a fighting chance to climb back to profitability.

It is good to know that we have the safest, and most reliable food supply in the world today. It is even better to know that the Food Security Act of 2001 provides the structure to secure that supply into the 21st Century.

More about County natives . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
the US Navy. He is currently serving on board the USS Kittyhawk, an aircraft carrier stationed at Japan. The Kittyhawk has been cruising to an unknown destination.

Second Lt. Brian Hawkins, grandson of Robbie and Leta Mae Hawkins of Hart, is stationed in Quantico, Va., after recently graduating from Annapolis.

Lance Cpl. Roy Gonzales Jr., son of Roy and Martha Gonzales, is in the US Marine Corps. He is on stationed at Jacksonville, N.C., and is on standby.

Sgt. Felix Rocha Jr., son of Felix and Maria Rocha of Hart, is in the US Marine Corps, and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He works with tanks. His wife, Tammy, is also in the Marines, and she works with radar systems for helicopters.

Cpl. Javier Guzman, son of Mario and Beatriz Guzman of Hart, is a US Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is on standby.

Pvt. Lucas Anzaldúa, a 1999 Hart High School graduate, is stationed at the Marine base in Okinawa, Japan.

Yadira Anzaldúa, a 2001 Hart High School graduate, will be reporting to South Carolina for boot camp.

Major Patrick Wall, stepson of Don and Neoma Williams of Hart, is attending officer training school in Kansas.

Maj. Laurie Conrad, niece of Cyril and Mitzi Brockman, works in aircraft maintenance in the US Air Force, and she is stationed in Florida.

Jack Flynt III, son of Jack and Elaine Flynt of Dimmitt, is in the US Air Force, stationed in Kuwait.

Marine Cpl. Edward Castillo Ramirez Jr., son of Edward Ramirez and Mary Ponce of Hart, is on standby at Camp Swaubs, Okinawa.

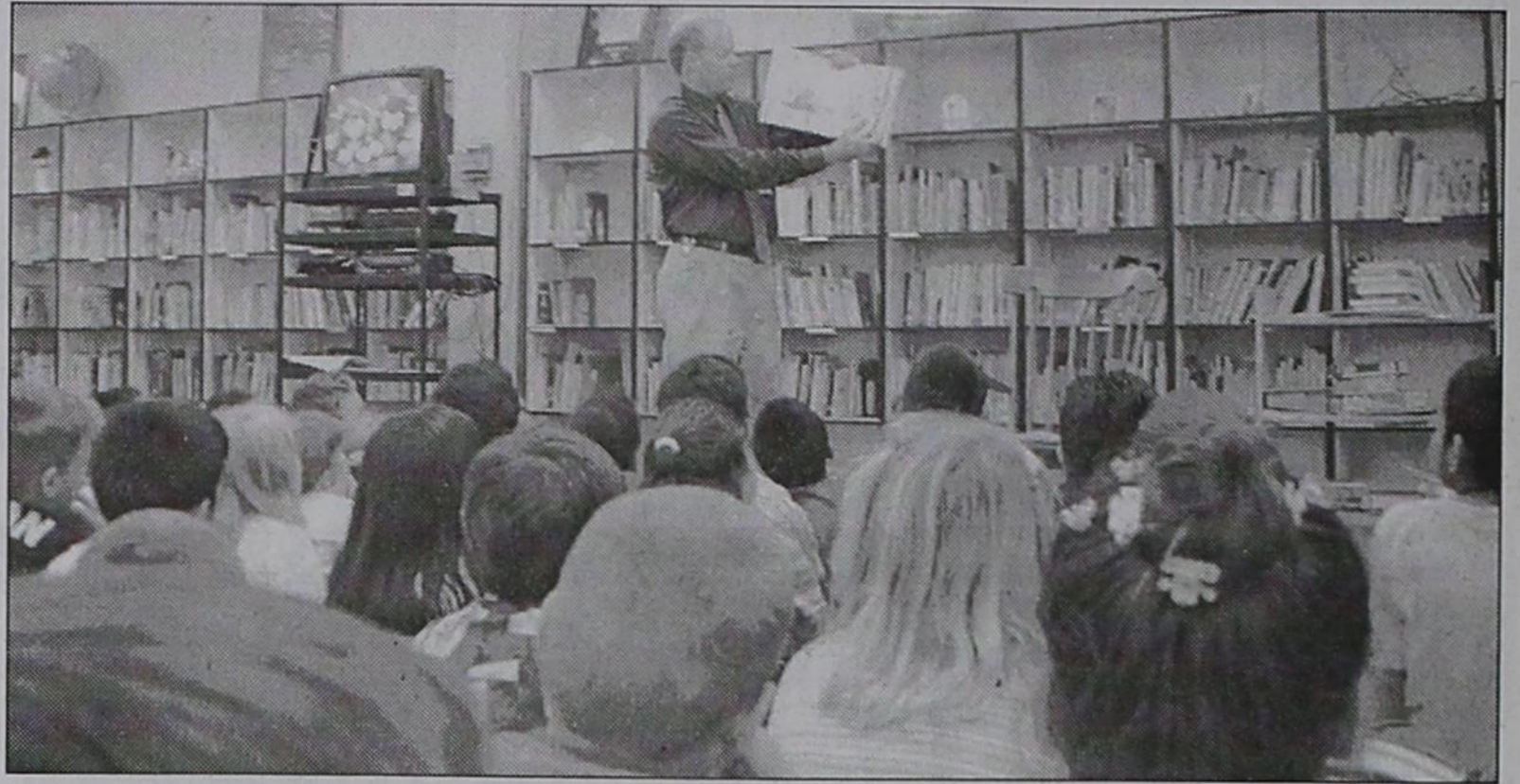
Air Force Sgt. Dilphia Ponce McCollum, daughter of Mary Ponce of Hart, is stationed at Laken Heath, England, with her husband, **Air Force Sgt. Chad McCollum**.

Army Sgt. Enrique Martinez, son of Rosa Martinez, is on standby in Germany.

Gary Humphrey, is in the National Guard.

Landon Humphrey is in the US Army. **Joy Hill** is in the US Navy. **Brandy Thomas**, is in the US Navy. **Kevin Thomas**, is in the US Navy.

The News has heard of several other locals who are serving their country. They include Curtis Anthony Broadstreet, Justin Parrish, Jay Wise, and Jenna Flynt. If you have any information on these service men and women, or know of others, please contact us.



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Principal Clint Seward delights students by reading stories to them last Wednesday during a special program in the

RES Library. Students in all grades at the school are learning to enjoy reading and they are improving their reading skills with a variety of programs.

Courtesy Photo

More about House approves farm bill . . .

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producers receiving 50% of annual funding.

◆ Re-authorizes the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program to provide cost-share for landowners to enhance wildlife habitat at a program level of \$25 million annually.

Rural Development

◆ Provides emergency drinking water grants.

◆ Establishes Strategic Planning Initiative by providing for regionally-planned rural development pilot programs.

◆ Provides \$50 million in funding for the Value-Added Grants Program to provide grants for start-up farmer-owned value-added processing facilities.

More about County . . .

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other from Jack Morris Ford in Plainview.

After studying the quotes from each business, commissioners agreed to purchase the 2002 Ford from Jack Morris Ford at a cost of \$19,740.75. Dobbs said Conyers Services will transfer the radio and light bar from his old car to the new one for \$350, and he can have new signs on the car doors for another \$170. Commissioners approved both items in conjunction with the purchase of the car.

In other action, commissioners approved sheriff's and constable's fees to be paid in Castro County for service of civil process; and allowed County Clerk Joyce Thomas to purchase 200 marriage license forms at a cost of \$112.

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ACROSS

- Midland "swinging" FM station
- TXism: "busier than — armed fry cook in a truck stop"
- TX-film "Two Together" (61)
- TXism: "— to" (similar)
- TXNs like it iced, 9 eyeballs
- this Roberts starred with TX Sissy Spacek in "Raggedy Man"
- TXism: "his — hot" (active)
- TXism: "a shy dog don't get — biscuits"
- a lot for a house
- this Vigoda starred with TX Kirstie in "Look Who's Talking"
- ballroom dance
- TX Tech grad who was president of Panama: Deme
- Ozona h.s. class
- TXn who lives in westernmost city: El
- Robert de — was in "Cape Fear" with TX Joe Don
- exams
- TX band: The Fabulous
- Amarillo's Big Texan has free-if-you-can- — 72 oz. steak
- "the man" south of the border
- Campo, TX rattlesnake casas
- TXism: "he was around when the — was only sick" (old) activity at TX Hippie Hollow: skinny- —
- La Quinta or Pizza
- TXism: "within — shot"
- south of the border: — Laredo
- TXism: "that dog won't hunt"
- "Get along, little —"
- TXism: "she'll be — to her own funeral"
- Judge Lance
- comfy room

DOWN

- TX rancher Chuck Norris was — champion
- in Lipscomb Co. on hwy. 15
- "24 slogan: "Me for Ma, — Got a Dern Thing Against Pa"
- at 36, Sam Houston married one
- Ferguson
- how the golf ball left the sand trap
- TX "Babe": Mildred — Didrikson
- highest point in TX: Guadalupe —
- TX Howard Hughes left a big one
- Cowboy Staubach (init.)
- bus depot (abbr.)
- part of TX meal
- subsiding
- 20 leavening agents
- TX singer Pride (init.)
- TXism: "talking through his — (lying)"
- TXism: "changes his mind as often — changes his socks"
- hockey's Bobby
- submarine submersion (2 wds.)
- pad
- TXism: "blister — (handle)"
- Glen —, TX
- TXism: " — the wall and see if it sticks"
- west TX climate
- thick soup
- TX 7-11 Slur- —
- TXism: "dead perfect" (excellent)
- shootin' marble

The farm bill also would support agriculture in other areas such as research, nutrition, energy efficiency, value-added agriculture production and marketing.

"It's been close to six years since the last farm bill was passed," said Thornberry. "I think most people would agree that these have not been the easiest for agriculture. To help people cope with low prices and severe weather we've experienced during this time, Congress has provided producers with more than \$30 billion in emergency assistance since 1996.

"This relief has clearly been needed, but we need to get to a point where it doesn't take an emergency to keep a farmer afloat. That's one of the goals of this bill and one of the reasons it has my support," Thornberry said.

"This bill will help strengthen the safety net for producers while continuing to give them flexibility to plant what they want to plant," Thornberry said. "I think it's important to remember, though, that this bill alone is not all that we need to do. We also need to level the playing field in trade and foreign markets. We've also got to continue to push for lower taxes and less regulation, which all too often stand in the way of a producer getting ahead."

The House-approved version of the farm bill does have its problems, according to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman.

"Our recently released farm policy principles document the enormous change that has taken place in agriculture, particularly since the last farm legislation was enacted more than five years ago," Veneman said in a statement released on Oct. 3. "Farmers today operate in a more global, technologically advanced, diversified and highly competitive environment, driven by increasingly sophisticated consumers.

"The concern with H.R. 2646 is that it does not adequately reflect many of these changes and new opportunities. It does not help farmers most in need, encourages over production while prices are low, jeopardizes US markets abroad which would hurt our producers, and boosts federal spending by \$70 billion over the next 10 years at a time of budget uncertainty," Veneman said.

Clinophobia is the fear of beds.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its head enables it to see all four feet at once.

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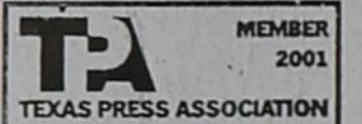
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DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 11—

- 4th, 5th, and 6th grade G/T students field trip to Lubbock
- Kindergarten Science Day
- Football: DHS JV Bobcats vs. Lubbock Roosevelt, Here—6:00
- 7th and 8th Grade Bobcats vs. Roosevelt, There—5:00-6:30

Friday, Oct. 12—

- 7th and 8th grade G/T field trip to Lubbock
- Football: DHS Pep Rally—3:15
- DHS Varsity Bobcats vs. Lubbock Roosevelt, There—7:30

Saturday, Oct. 13—

- Cross Country at West Texas A&M University

Tuesday, Oct. 16—

- DHS and DMS Choir Enchilada Supper at Expo—7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18—

- End of first nine weeks grading period

Friday, Oct. 19—

- Student early dismissal—1:00 p.m.
- Teacher-in-service—1:00-4:00 p.m.

CAMPUS EVENTS

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY

- Kindergarten will be having a Science Day on Thursday, Oct. 11, with each teacher teaching a different concept.
- On Friday, Oct. 12, RES will be observing Fire Prevention Week.
- The public is invited to see the new Waterford Early Reading Program and the REACH for Reading Tutorial Programs.

DIMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The G/T classes will be taking field trips to Lubbock on Oct. 11 and 12.

DIMITT HIGH SCHOOL

- The Choir is sponsoring an Enchilada Supper at the Expo building from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

After a seven year courtship, Greg Gentry (Dimmitt High School Class of 1988) and Meghan Conover of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada were married in September at the Eight Mile Ranch near Kelowna. Kelowna is built on an 80 mile lake. To get into the city one must cross over on a floating bridge. The wedding was held at the top point of a mountain overlooking the lake below.

The groom is the son of Kyle and Bob Anthony.

Greg and his groomsmen, brothers Scott Gentry and Goede Pratt, arrived at the wedding site on horseback. The bride and her bridal party arrived in a horse drawn buggy.

Prior to the wedding day, the out-of-town guests were treated to an evening lake cruise and a golf tournament on the mountain.

Those attending from Dimmitt were Greg's parents, Bob and Kyle Anthony; Dwayne, Shelly, Brandy and Keisha Smith; Jackie Odom; and Ewell and Nell Kelley.

Others attending, who have Dimmitt roots, were the Kelley's daughter, Kristi and Frank Cox and little daughter; Greg's sister, Casey (Class of 1991) now of Boston, Mass.; and his Dimmitt classmates, Brack Wardlow of Dallas; Cary Buchanan of Canyon; and Jim Nelson and his wife of Fort Collins, Col.

Another classmate of Greg's, Ty O'Kelly of Amarillo, could not attend because his wife, Shalea, was threatening to present him with a big baby boy. Cather O'Kelly was born Sept. 13, 2001. Cather has a big sister, Aislinn, who is 3½. These are the grandchildren of Vernon and Jan O'Kelly of Amarillo. Vernon is a retired Methodist minister who

pastored the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt for many years. Jan is a recruiter for Amarillo College and a former English teacher at Dimmitt High School.

Greg and Meghan are now living in Kelowna. Greg is a computer programmer for a Houston firm. Modern technology has made it possible for Greg to continue on in Kelowna with the same job and company.

Shelly and Dwayne Smith enjoyed the drive back from Canada seeing the lovely scenery and having dinner in Seattle, Wash. at the Space Needle.

The Ewell Kelleys had a "football day" in Lubbock where they attended the afternoon flag football game of their grandson, Sam, who is seven

years old. Grandmother Nell reports that Sam is a good player and scored a touch down for his team. Sam is the son of Gregg and Kelly Kelley of Lubbock. The Dimmitt Kelleys finished the day at the Texas Tech/Kansas game. It was an exciting game. The teams were forced into over-time with scores 31-31, but Tech lost when Kansas scored a field goal and the game ended Tech 31, Kansas 34.

Mearle Morgan's sister, Hazel Hawkins, and her two daughters, Lajuana Westerfield and Arlene Atkins from Crawford, came to Dimmitt to get Mearle to join them for a trip to the New Mexico mountains. This was only two days after the terrorists strike. Hazel lives just a few miles from the Texas ranch White House headquarters of President George W. Bush.

The ladies retreated to a beautiful Ruidoso condo for three days and nights. They drove through the Sierra Blanco mountains. It was very cold at the top, but the autumn leaves were beautiful. One day the group drove to Alamogordo and the White Sands that looked like snow, but were very hot. Mearle's nieces decided to treat her to an I-Max movie, since she'd never seen one. Mearle said, "It only lasted 40 minutes and was a science fiction movie, but 40 minutes was too long for me."

Dr. Arlene Atkins is vice-president of Weatherford College. Lajuana is a noted artist. Her works are owned by individuals and corporate collectors throughout the world. Mearle has several of Lajuana's paintings at her house.

Martha Jo Hyman was hostess for long-time friends, Jane and Fred Brown of Temple. Martha Jo and the Browns had not seen each other for 11 years. They had lots of visiting to catch up on the family news. This was an opportunity for Martha Jo to show off her three pretty granddaughters, Sydney Settle, Aubrey and Riley Durbin, all of Dimmitt.

Dorothy Nutt's daughter, Pam Kelsey of Abilene was here for a visit with her mother and to be a part of the Church of Christ's 80th anniversary celebration.

Pam and her husband, David, are the proud parents of three boys who are two-years-old. I wondered how one would ever manage three boys, three car seats and three mouths waiting to be fed. Friend Martha Jo Hyman said, "Pam does everything very efficiently and quickly. Dorothy helps her here and David is a help at home."

The Church of Christ had a great weekend as they celebrated their congregations 80 years in Dimmitt. The former pastors that attended and also spoke at the catered lunch on Sunday were Ronnie and June Parker, Bennie and Donna Baker, and Harry and Sharon Riggs.

A few of the former members that we know about who were here are:

Cary and Kelly Buchanan and daughters Brittany and Brook of Canyon. The girls are staying a few days on their fall school break with great-grandmother Lavern Bernethy.

Elbert and Mary Lois of Elgin, Jasper and Nell Proffitt of Round Rock, and Joan and Ike Moore of Abilene are just a very few of the 400 people who participated in this wonderful occasion.

Don and Verbie Nelson have returned from a three-week "retirement trip" through eight states in the Mountain West and Pacific Northwest.

Their first destination was Shelton, Wash., where they joined some of Don's cousins for the 100th birthday celebration of their aunt, Pauline Armstrong, the last living sister of Don's mother, Viola. Hosting the party were Mrs. Armstrong's son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Betty Armstrong.

The day after the birthday celebration, Don and Verbie met two of his cousins from Central Texas for lunch atop Seattle's Space Needle, then they headed back east, "following their noses" with no particular schedule.

In Montana, they drove alongside the Big Blackfoot River, the setting for the movie, "A River Runs Through It," but didn't do any fishing there. (Don was suffering from a pulled back during part of the trip.)

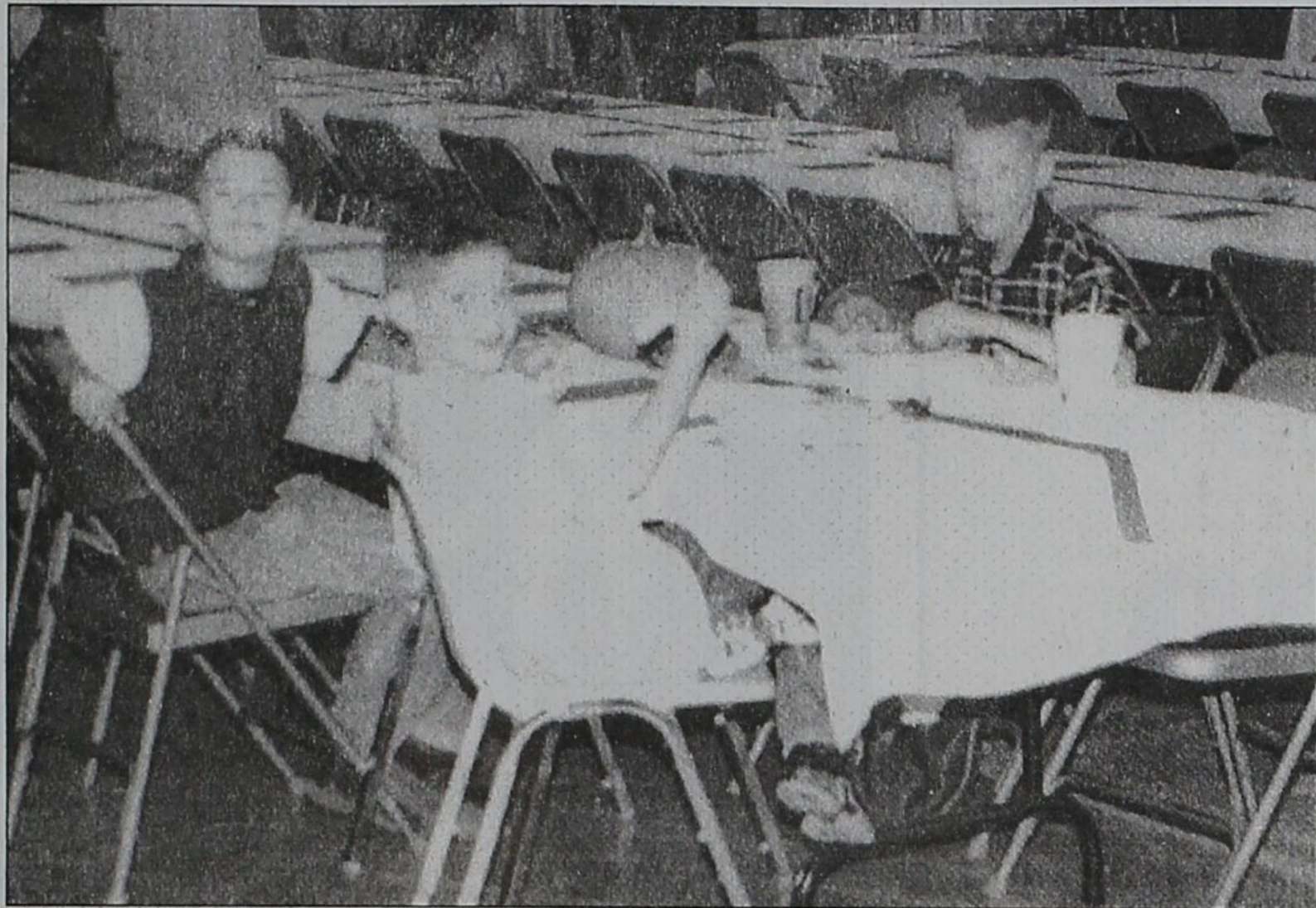
They spent four days and nights at Yellowstone National Park, where they did a little fly-fishing in the Madison River and saw most species of the park's animals except bears and moose.

After visiting the Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Salt Lake City, Utah, they spent a day and a half at the Grand Canyon.

On their way home, they spent a night in Albuquerque with Don's sister, Mary Burnham.

"From Raton north, all the trees at the 6,000 ft. level and higher were in their full autumn colors," Don reported, "especially the aspens, which were a brilliant yellow."

"We found late September to be a good time to travel in all of the national parks," he said. "Most of the tourists were retirees and other older people, young couples without children in school, and visitors from other countries. In fact, we didn't hear much English being spoken along the trails around the Grand Canyon. Everyone was courteous and polite, and it was heartening to see how everyone cooperated to keep the national parks clean and free of trash. And it was nice to see American flags flying everywhere," he said.



Three young men enjoy some light conversation as they await their turn to eat at the recent Homecoming celebration by the Dimmitt Church of

Christ. They are Klay Klearman, Beau Bradley and Ross Myatt.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Criticism doesn't bother me. Only losing does. -Dick Williams

Good pitching will always stop good hitting and vice-versa. -Rob Veale

I try not to break the rules but merely to test their elasticity. -Bill Veeck

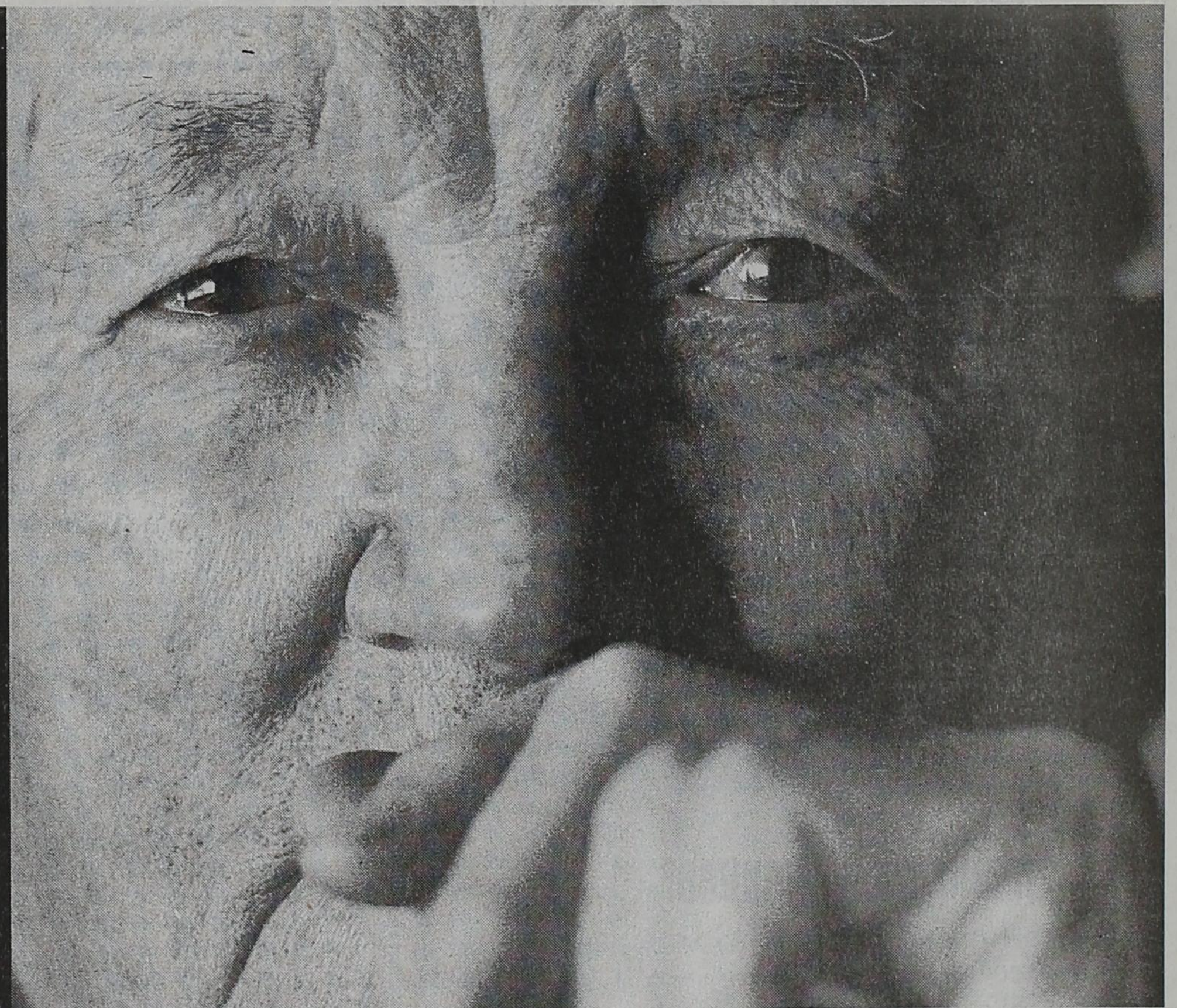
"Good judgment comes from experience, which generally comes from a lack of good judgment."

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CHOWING DOWN—A large crowd of people enjoyed the brisket supper Friday night before heading out to the Homecoming football game between the

Dimmitt Bobcats and Tulia Hornets. The meal was sponsored by Dimmitt High School's FCCLA chapter as part of the Homecoming festivities.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Langford and Jones marry Saturday in formal ceremony

Amber Langford and Gregory Jones were married Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Linda and Gary Langford of Dimmitt. Grandparents of the bride are Mary Nell and Kenneth Malone and Daisy and Marshall Langford, all of Dimmitt.

Parents of the groom are Pam and Quinn McKinnon of Littlefield and Delia and Rex Jones of Guymon, Oklahoma. His grandparents are Evelyn Jones of Plainview and Joyce Stafford of Littlefield.

The bride wore an informal candlelight Matte Satin gown by the designers of Jessica McClintock. The sleeveless gown featured a soft scooped neckline and back. The fitted bodice was

covered with floral Venice lace with a unique lace up back. The sheath style skirt fell just to the floor and the detachable train fastened at the back waist and flowed into a chapel length.

To complete her ensemble the bride selected a crown finished with layers of candlelight illusion, dusted with pearls.

A dinner was served to the wedding party at the bride's home after the wedding ceremony and prior to the reception. The dinner was prepared by friends.

The wedding reception was held in the home of Doris and Ma Swinburn, aunt and uncle of the bride.

The church, and areas where the dinner and reception were held, were decorated with bright fall flower arrangements.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. She is a fifth grade teacher in Littlefield.

The groom is a graduate of Littlefield High School. He holds an associates degree in drafting technology from South Plains College in Levelland. He is currently engaged in farming.

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Heck finishes basic training

Marine Corp Pvt. Jayson P. Heck, son of Linda L. and Lewis W. Heck of Dimmitt, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Heck successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Heck and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Heck spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons

training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Heck and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Heck and fellow recruits ended the training phase with "The Crucible", a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution, which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Heck is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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'The Golden Rule'

By **CHUCK BALL**, Minister
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CHUCK BALL

I've learned many things over the years, but one of the first things I remember learning is the golden rule. Do you remember the golden rule? It simply says, do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. In other words, treat people the way that you want to be treated. If you desire for others to be nice to you, then you should also be nice to them.

Interestingly enough, the golden rule was not invented by my kindergarten teacher, who first taught it to me, but by the master teacher himself, Jesus. "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31) This is a phenomenal because it is Biblical, coming directly from our Lord Himself. Probably many of you, if not all, teach this very rule to your children and grandchildren today. Certainly this is a rule that needs to be taught and passed on from generation to generation, because it did come from God and it instructs us on how we are to treat one another.

Jesus not only taught the golden rule, but he also lived it. Jesus practiced the very principal of treating people the way he wanted to be treated on a daily basis. I've heard several people say, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one." If you will just read through any of the four gospels, you will see a sermon and his name is Jesus. The fact of the matter is that throughout his three-year ministry Jesus laid out for you and me many examples of how we are to treat people.

To be very honest, it's easy for me to teach and preach on the golden rule and how we should treat others, but a little more difficult to put it into practice. As difficult as it might be, I certainly believe that we must put the golden rule into practice in our own lives. Jesus did! "After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them." (Luke 5:27-29)

Do you realize that in the first century tax collectors were viewed as social outcasts? They were certainly not the most popular among the people, yet Jesus went to Levi's home and ate with him. "Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy." (Luke 19:1-2) Probably you remember the story of Zacchaeus and how the people criticized Jesus for being the "guest of a sinner." (Luke 19:7) Even in the midst of the muttering and complaining of the people Jesus continued with his plan to be the guest of another tax collector.

Do you get the idea that Jesus wasn't that concerned about what others had to say about the friends that he chose? It only seems that Jesus was most concerned with treating everyone the way in which he also wanted to be treated. Jesus was found spending time with the very people that no one desired to be around. In John 8:1-11, the Pharisees bring a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery to Jesus. The Pharisees basically want Jesus to condemn her, but instead he forgives her sins and encourages her to "leave her life of sin." (John 8:11)

Jesus, time after time, in his life shocked people by his kind and loving treatment of others. It seems to me that Jesus was always for the underdog. He demonstrated God's love and kindness to many, rather

than deserved it or not. I'm convinced that if Jesus were walking on earth today that you and I would be totally blown away by the people he would choose to spend his time with. I believe that Jesus would give his time to the drug dealer, the alcoholic, the prostitute and a host of others that you and I tend to stray from.

Jesus would give his time to the less fortunate because he believed, taught and practiced that rule that teaches us to treat others the way we want to be treated. I wonder do we look down on those not as fortunate as us, or those not as healthy as us? Do we look differently at those who seem to look a little different? Do we believe that we are better than those who just don't seem to be as good? Jesus never did!

In fact, Jesus died on the cross for a world of guilty sinners who never deserved the hope of heaven. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Just as Jesus practiced the golden rule throughout his life on earth, so we too should practice it and teach it to others. I wonder do you truly treat people the way that you want to be treated? It is my prayer that we will all treat others in a loving and caring way, because that is certainly the way that we all desire to be treated.

Bennett elected student senator at WTAMU

Hart native John Mark Bennett has been elected as a student senator at West Texas A&M University.

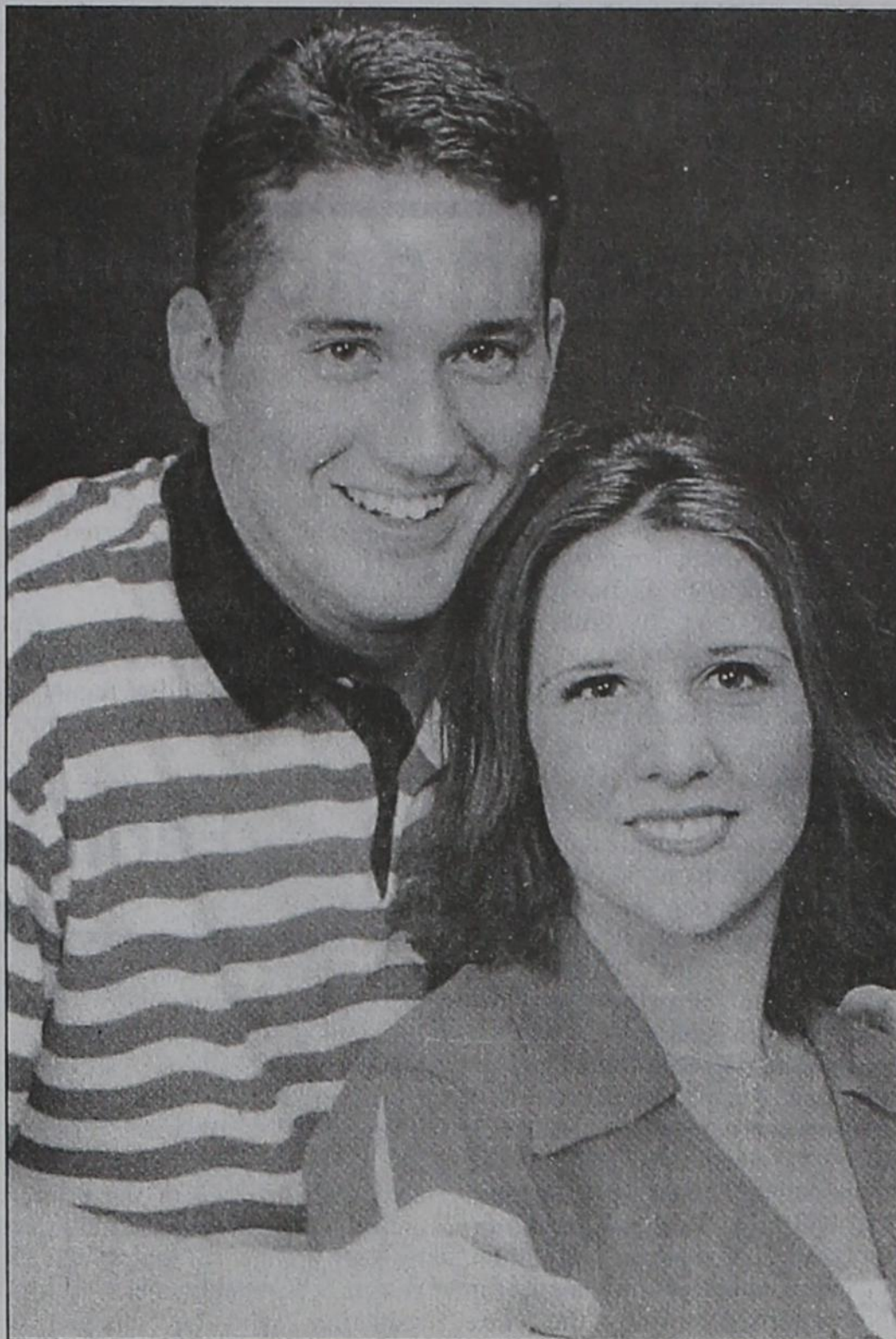
Bennett is a freshman at WTAMU and he was one of eight freshmen to be elected to the student government.

The student government election was held Sept. 13-16 and all voting was done on-line. Sophomore, junior and senior senator positions will be filled last spring. One senator is elected for every 200 students enrolled in a given class.

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The couple will marry at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

Miss Clark is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is employed by Hummers Sports Café in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Brownwood High School. He graduated from Western Texas College in Snyder in 1998 with a degree in criminal justice. He works for the Austin Police Dept.

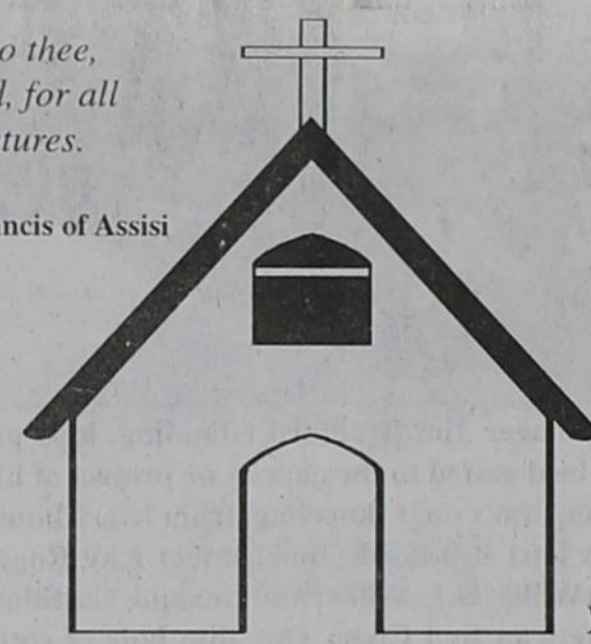
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SPS's new 'teline' can transmit enough power for 40,000 people

Southwestern Public Service Co.'s newest high voltage power line, which can transmit enough energy to supply the electric service needs of about 40,000 people, began commercial service on Sunday.

The 'teline' runs from SPS's Potter County Interchange northwest of Amarillo, 230 miles to another large interchange near Holcomb, Kan. It connects SPS's integrated electricity system with other utilities' systems in Great Plains, southeastern and midwestern states.

"This new line significantly improves SPS's ability to respond to emergency power-supply situations," said Gary Gibson, president of SPS. "It strengthens the reliability of our entire transmission network."

"It also allows Southwestern Public Service to purchase or sell electricity in wholesale power markets. That will help us keep the

prices our customers pay for service low," Gibson said. "For instance, our customers benefit whenever we can purchase electricity at wholesale more economically than we can produce it, so we're always looking for those opportunities."

"SPS concentrates on providing electric service at competitive prices, and historically we've been one of the nation's lower-cost providers. Increasing our ability to import and export power on inter-ties to other suppliers helps us do that, and helps keep the products and services from this area competitive in regional and even world markets," Gibson said.

SPS has three other large tielines to other power suppliers' systems. Two reach from points near Clovis, N.M., and Artesia, N.M., to suppliers in the western United States. Another major line runs east from Abernathy to near Vernon, connecting with

suppliers in Oklahoma, the southeast and midwest.

The new "equal-and-open access," 345-kilovolt line also expands opportunities for out-of-state power producers to send electricity to all the electricity suppliers serving in the SPS region, such as rural electric cooperatives and city government-owned utilities, Gibson said.

The line will be available, for a tariff, for transmission of electricity from competitor suppliers to any wholesale customer in the area.

Today, SPS is the primary wholesale power supplier, as well as retail supplier, in the 52,000-square-mile region comprised of the High Plains of Texas, eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

The line will add 400 megawatts of transfer capability to the SPS transmission network. One megawatt meets the electric service needs of a community of about 1,000 people.

Total cost of the Amarillo-to-Holcomb line is about \$70 million, including about \$7 million spent in communities along the line construction route for supplies, meals, lodging and fuel, Gibson said. Physical construction of the line began in early 2001. Testing of the completed line began the second week of September.

SPS construction service crews and contractors constructed the Potter County Interchange and the line from Amarillo to the Texas-Oklahoma state line. Contractors completed the line across the Oklahoma Panhandle and to Holcomb.

SPS's parent company, Xcel Energy of Minneapolis, also has requested that the utility regulators approve a future phase of the inter-

tie. It would extend the line about 100 miles from Holcomb to an interchange near Lamar, Colo. The completed line and related facilities would transmit power exchanges between SPS and another Xcel Energy operating company, Public Service Co. of Colorado. As an open-access line, it also would allow for power exchanges between other western states' utilities and suppliers in the midwest and southeastern

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SPS is a regional electric utility serving a population of about a million through more than 415,000 meters. It is an operating company of Xcel Energy, the nation's fourth largest combined electricity and natural gas provider. Xcel Energy, formed in August 2000, provides service to three million electricity customers and 1.5 million natural gas customers in 12 southwestern western and midwestern states.

Farm Service Agency update

By TRISH ELLIOTT, FSA County Executive Director

Emergency authorization for grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres has been extended until Oct. 31 in Castro County.

The required payment reduction for those who elect to graze CRP acres will be 25% of the per-acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed. No additional payment reduction will be charged to participants who previously grazed the acres and incurred a 25% payment reduction, as long as the exact same acres are grazed.

If you are already grazing CRP acres, please take measures to insure that this acreage isn't over-grazed. Any re-seeding of grass will be at the owner's expense.

Emergency grazing is not authorized for temporary cover or dead or dry litter crops.

CRP participants must file a request to graze CRP acres before any grazing will be allowed.

with a \$100,000 payment limit.

To be eligible for NAP, a producer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

NAP crops include small grain grazing, grass, dual-purpose grain sorghum, forage sorghum, and fruits and vegetables.

Small grain (wheat, oats, barley or triticale) grazing crop policies for 2002 should be purchased and acres certified 15 days prior to grazing. These policies will cover fall/winter grazing losses as well as full season. Native and improved grass policies for 2002 should be purchased by Dec. 16.

If a loss occurs, a notice of loss must be filed within 15 days of the date the loss is apparent.

Please call for an appointment to purchase a NAP policy and to certify acreage intended to graze. The \$100 per-person, per-crop fee is a small price to pay for protection on your non-insurable crops.

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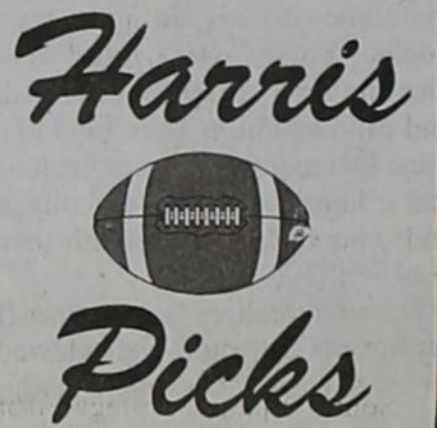
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Warehouse removal

ADM/Farmland, Inc., located at Black in Parmer County, has been removed and is no longer eligible to operate under the Uniform Grain and Storage Agreement.

Dates to remember

- ◆ Crop disaster program—no ending date, yet.
- ◆ Quality disaster program—no ending date, yet.
- ◆ Emergency CRP grazing—ends Oct. 31.
- ◆ 2001 NAP applications—no ending date, yet.



Here are Jon Harris's predictions for this week's games in the area, and his ranking of area teams, based on his unique "Power Rating" system.

- LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT 6 over Dimmitt
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- CHILDRESS 16 over Dalhart
- Perryton 8 over SANFORD-FRITCH
- Shallowater 3 over LITTLEFIELD
- MULESHOE 14 over Lubbock Cooper
- Stratford no line vs. Kress
- Anton 1 over SUDAN
- WHITEFACE 14 over Bovina
- Springlake-Earth 17 over FARWELL
- Crosbyton 17 over SPUR
- BOOKER no line vs. Shamrock
- WHEELER 20 over Claude
- WHITE DEER 25 over Gruver
- PETERSBURG no line vs. Lorenzo
- O'DONNELL pick vs. Smyer
- Munday 35 over CROWELL
- PADUCAH 22 over Motley County
- Meadow is open
- LUBBOCK MONTEREY 10 over Amarillo
- Amarillo Tascosa 3 over SA CENTRAL
- Lubbock Coronado 14 over LUBBOCK
- Midland pick vs. ABILENE
- Ab. Cooper 3 over ODESSA PERMIAN
- MIDLAND LEE 15 over Odessa
- Hereford 36 over AMARILLO CAPROCK
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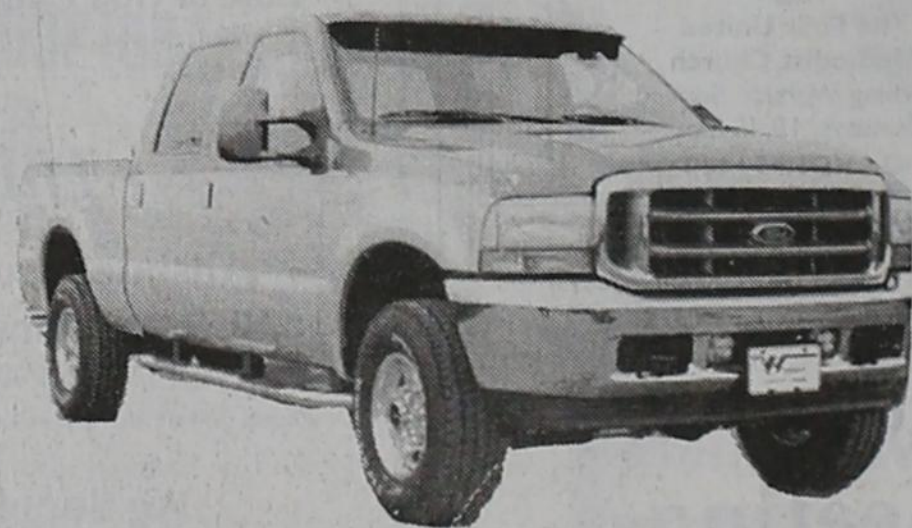
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"Respect Life Sunday" was celebrated in Holy Family Church Sunday morning and during a special Holy Hour during the afternoon with Msgr. Bud Erpen of Tulia, presiding. Ralph Brockman was the winner of the Holy Family Sculpture given by Msgr. Erpen.

★
 Congratulations to Darrin and Jennifer Heiman of Nazareth on the birth of a baby girl, Cambrie Elizabeth. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and was born on Sept. 25 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has a big sister Carlie. Grandparents are Denny and Dolores Heiman of Nazareth and Pat and Jan Betzen of Hereford.

★
 Earlyn Backus celebrated her birthday this weekend with her family, Mike, Camille and Andrea Albus of Hobbs, N.M., Dan and Gail Sams of Wheeler and their children Lauren and Landon and Gary, Penny and Trey Albus of Lubbock.

★
 They attended Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia Saturday evening and later enjoyed dinner at the El Camino.

★
 Relatives from Nazareth attending the funeral of Clarence Albus, 84, of Pep were Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld, Fidelis and Darlene Fetsch, Jerry and Judy Lange, Julia Birkenfeld and Evelyn Backus.

★
 Virgie Gerber enjoyed a visit last week with Teresa Potter of Vega. She was on her way to Tulia and stopped by for an hours. She has moved her mother from Silvertown to an assisted living home in Hereford which will be more convenient for Teresa.

★
 Ted and Deamie Huseman of Amarillo and Tonya Huseman of Dallas visited with the Denny Heimans on Sunday. Tonya is a graduate of West Texas A&M University and is now employed with a bank in Dallas.

★
 A group of family and friends enjoyed watching four college basketball teams scrimmage at the Box gym in Canyon Sunday afternoon. Seward Community College from Liberal, Kan., Clarendon College, Garden City College from Kansas and South Plains College from Levelland all competed in 30 minute games.

Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth and two other Texas girls play for Seward College. The three Texas moms brought a meal of a Mexican stack up and desserts which they served to the team, their coaches, Nazareth fans and Seward fans from Liberal, Kan.

★
 Joe and Imogene Drerup are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born to Wade and Julie Drerup of Midlothian. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 ozs., on Oct. 3. He is the first grandson so far to carry on the Drerup name. His name is Evan Colby Drerup.

★
 Tammy Drerup of Humble was in Nazareth for the weekend to visit her family and attend the marriage of Alan Birkenfeld and Heather Wiech.

★
 Taking Tammy back to the Lubbock airport was a little scary. The army men were there in full uniform and gear, carrying a rifle over their shoulder. Our car was checked underneath, the trunk and inside just to be able to park the car and help Tammy inside with her luggage. We could not go past the check in point to visit with her until her plane took off.

★
 Prayers are asked for, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Margaret Brockman, May Hochstein, James Wilhelm, Leona Maurer, Jerome Birkenfeld, Allene Burton, Greg Hoelting, Mary Ehly and Toby Gerber.

TDH plans shot clinics

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

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



FLAME ROYALTY—Dimmitt's Flame King and Queen for 2001 are T.J. Reyna (left) and Tramesha Rivers. The two were crowned last Wednesday during the Homecoming pinning ceremony and bonfire at Bobcat Stadium. Rivers is the daughter of Dorothy and Bobby Traylor. Reyna is the son of Joe and Diane Reyna.

Photo by Chris Bradford

PRPC wins \$200,000 rural business grant

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) has received a \$200,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA).

The Rural Business Enterprise Grant program specifically targets small businesses that do not meet the requirements for other loan programs.

PRPC plans to use the funds to assist small businesses that commit to creating jobs in the region.

"The injection of funds into the Amarillo area will allow the commission to make loans to third parties to promote growth through providing start-up and expansion funds," said Bryan Daniel, Texas State director of USDA Rural Development. "I am very pleased that USDA Texas Rural Development is able to assist in the development of small and emerging

business enterprises in the community."

Potential businesses in rural communities interested in the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program must employ 50 or fewer new employees; have less than \$1 million in projected gross revenue; have or will utilize technological innovations or commercialize new products that can be produced or manufactured in rural areas; or have new processes that can be used in such production.

Public bodies and not-for-profit entities including federally recognized Indian tribes located in rural areas or in communities under 50,000 population are eligible. Priority is given to applicants from communities of 25,000 or less.

For more information about this and other USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Amarillo local service center at (806) 468-8600, Ext. 4.

Housing preservation grant awarded to PCS

Panhandle Community Services (PCS), headquartered in Potter County, has received a Housing Preservation Grant worth \$126,140 from the US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development.

The funds will be used to assist homeowners in the rural areas of the 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle by providing rehabilitation assistance to rural, low-income families with housing health and safety issues.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "It is our goal to

ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

Loans and grants are available to rural communities of fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

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Great Plains Ag Credit pays dividends

Great Plains Ag Credit, PCA, has paid more than \$502,000 to stockholder borrowers, the majority of which was attributed to its 2000 year operations.

"This is a stockholder-owned organization and its our philosophy to return a portion of earnings to defray interest costs," said Troy Christian of Farwell, board chairman.

Great Plains Ag Credit is a full-service agricultural lender through its

Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank Association operations, and it primarily serves farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in the western two-thirds of the Texas Panhandle and upper South Plains.

The lending cooperative is headquartered in Amarillo with other offices in Plainview, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona, Muleshoe, Olton and Tulia.

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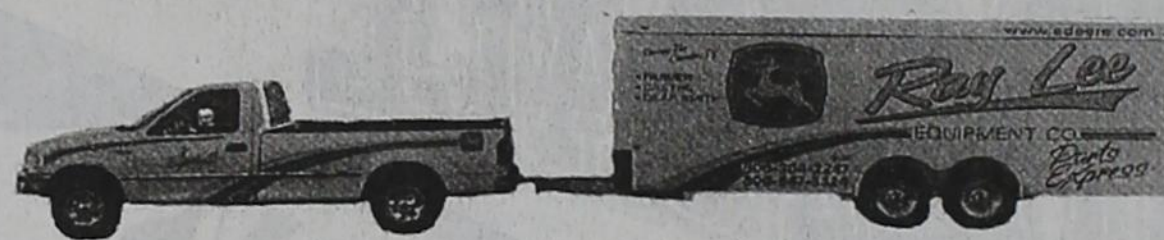
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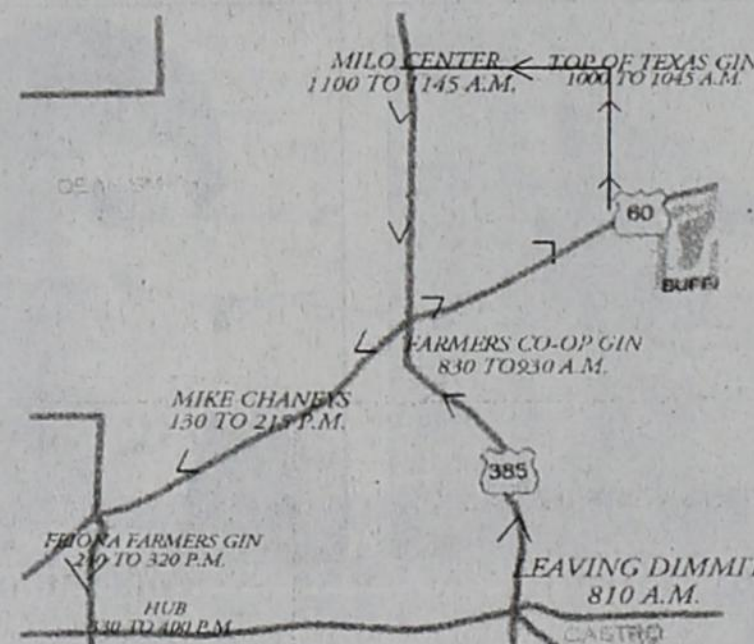
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Sports



Sherman 'Wright' on target in Hornet extermination

Senior quarterback, Matthew Wright returned to action from an injury to pass for 304 yards. Wright completed 12 of 16 with no interceptions.

Three of the completions were to Austin Sherman for touchdowns and another to Anthony Oltivero for a 30 yard touchdown reception. Wright's touchdown tosses to Sherman were for 24, 72 and 24 yards.

Both teams found the cold football hard to hold. Dimmitt fumbled three times and lost two while Tulia fumbled twice, losing both.

Dimmitt put the ball into play from their own 25 after the opening kickoff. Wright came out throwing, passing 12 yards to Oltivero. A steady diet of Brandon Furr for the next four downs took the ball down to the Tulia 48 yard line. Several plays later, Wright passes to Sherman for the 24 yard touchdown with 5:37 left in the first quarter. The extra point kick failed and

Dimmitt led 6-0.

Not to be outdone, Tulia took the kickoff and on the arm of Senior quarterback, Tyrell Bebout and the legs of Senior fullback, Brandon Vincent came roaring back to score the tying touchdown with 48 seconds left in the first quarter. The kick was good to put Tulia ahead, 7-6.

The kickoff was returned to the Bobcat 28 where a fumble on the next play gave the ball to Tulia on the Dimmitt 30. Wasting no time, Bebout threw to Blake Burrow for the apparent touchdown. A holding call wiped out the touchdown and Tulia set up their offense on the Bobcat 40. Three plays later, Bebout hits Ewell Adams for another touchdown, only to have it wiped out by a holding call, backing the ball up to midfield and giving Tulia a third and 30. An incomplete pass forces Tulia to punt.

The punt and a holding call puts Dimmitt in business from their own

8 yard line. Enter Wright and Sherman. Wright hit Sherman for a nineteen yard gain out to the 30. Two plays and a holding penalty later, Wright hit Sherman in stride for a 63 yard touchdown pass. Again the point after failed and the score was Dimmitt 12-Tulia 6 with 9:45 left in the half.

Tulia returned the kickoff to their own 35 and on the next play fumbled. Dimmitt recovered on the Tulia 21. A few uneventful plays later, Wright connects with Sherman for another 24 yard touchdown. Wright runs for the two extra points to make the score, 20-7, Dimmitt with 8:12 left in the half.

Tulia wasn't able to move the ball after the kickoff and was forced to punt from their own 6. The ball was put into play by Dimmitt at the Tulia 34. Three plays later, Wright finds Anthony Oltivero for the 42 yard pass good for a touchdown. Mathew Sanders sticks the ball into the end zone for the two extra points to make the score 28-6, Dimmitt with 5:26 left in the first half.

Tulia's offense got the ball down to the Bobcat seven, but Nicky Gauna ended the scoring threat with a diving interception in the end zone.

Tulia came out in the second half and attempted a successful on-side kick recovering the ball at the Dimmitt 43. The Hornets drove down to the Bobcat four yard line. A fumble recovery by Brandon Furr ends the threat and Dimmitt takes over.

Wright passes to Sherman at the 25 for a Bobcat first down. The offense stalled at this point and Dimmitt is forced to punt. Tulia



Anthony Oltivero is loose in the Tulia secondary and on his way to a 30 yard touchdown after receiving the pass from quarterback Mathew Wright.

Dimmitt won their first game of the year and are now 1-4 going into district play against Lubbock Roosevelt next Friday in Lubbock.

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blocks the punt and takes over on the Dimmitt 17 yard line.

Two plays later, Tulia returns the favor and fumbles back to Dimmitt at the Dimmitt 15. Nicky Gauna made the recovery.

Mathew Sanders bulls out to the 50 yard line to give the Bobcats some breathing room. After Hornet, Josh Garza intercepts, Tulia is unable to move and Dimmitt holds on fourth down to turn the ball over on downs.

Early in the fourth quarter, Tulia recovers a fumble at the Dimmitt 25. The Tulia quarterback has lost his

touch and throws five passes, four of them incomplete to give the ball back to Dimmitt at the Bobcat 47.

A 30 yard completion from Wright to Ruben Casas put the ball on the Tulia 16. Five plays later, Mathew Sanders storms into the end zone from the one with 2:21 left in the game. The extra point kick was good and Dimmitt leads 35-7.

This is Dimmitt's first win since September of 1999. They are 1-4 headed into district play against Lubbock Roosevelt in Lubbock next week.

Game at a Glance

Bobcats 35, Tulia 7				
	6	14	8	7-35
Dimmitt	0	7	0	0-7
Tulia				
			DIM	TULIA
First Downs			12	11
Yards Rushing			113	135
Yards Passing			304	104
Total Yards Gained			417	239
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	12-16-0		11-16-0	
Punts-Avg.	N/A		N/A	
Fumbles-Lost	3-2		2-2	
Penalties-Yards	9-80		7-60	

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 24 pass from Matthew Wright (kick failed)

Second Quarter:
TULIA—Tyrell Bebout 2 run (Terrance Powell kick)
DIMMITT—Sherman 72 pass from Wright (kick failed)
DIMMITT—Sherman 24 pass from Wright (Wright run)

Third Quarter:
DIMMITT—Anthony Oltivero 30 pass from Wright (Mathew Sanders run)

Fourth Quarter:
DIMMITT—Sanders 1 run (Espinoza kick)



Senior T. J. Renya works hard in the trenches against the Tulia Hornets last Friday night at Bobcat Stadium as the Bobcats record their first win of the year. Dimmitt won 35-6 to improve their record to 1-4. Tulia is also 1-4.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Youth Power!

Who's New


PLAINS MEMORIAL
Bryan and Danielle Welps of Amarillo are the parents of a baby boy, Lance Bryan, who was born at 9:55 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 5 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has a big sister, Scout, who is 20 months old. Paternal grandparents are Joe Welps of Fort Worth and Hubert and Virginia Holland of Floydada. Maternal grandparents are Kyle and Dana Martin of Sudan. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Virginia Young of Amherst, Adrian and Zanelle Martin of Sudan and Jack and Mary Roberts of Alpine. Great-great-grandmother is Mary Lance.

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County teams open district play on Friday

The Dimmitt Bobcats, Hart Longhorns and Nazareth Swifts all have five football games under their belts, and each hopes the things it learned through the first half of the season will result in success in district play.

The three teams will get their first taste of conference play Friday when district action gets underway across the area.

Dimmitt will travel to Lubbock Roosevelt for its first test in District 2-AAA play.

Hart also will be on the road, traveling to Vega to meet the Longhorns in a District 2-A showdown.

In another District 2-A battle, Nazareth will host the Boys Ranch Rough Riders.

Dimmitt at Roosevelt

Dimmitt chalked up its first victory since 1999 when it swatted Tulia out of Bobcat Stadium, 35-7, on Friday.

The Bobcats (1-4) hope to build upon that victory and make it two-in-a-row with a victory over Lubbock Roosevelt Friday in the District 2-AAA opener.

Roosevelt is 3-2 on the year, and one of those losses was to Tulia, 26-34. The Eagles' other loss was a 13-19 defeat at the hands of Brownfield.

Roosevelt has posted victories over Hale Center (8-0), Ralls (47-7) and New Deal (12-2).

Through the first five games this

year, Roosevelt has outscored opponents 106-66, and Tulia scored more than half of those points allowed.

The Eagles field a veteran squad with every returning starter back from the 2000 campaign.

Skill position players are running backs Michael Caffey (5-9, 160), Clifford Noey (5-9, 160) and Ryan Welborn (5-10, 190); quarterback Kelly Hildebrandt (5-8, 145); and split end Coy Tomison (5-8, 135). Offensive linemen are Joey Zapata (5-11, 185), John Cochran (5-11, 190), Alexander Leach (5-10, 170), Tim Reed (5-11, 185), Trey Reynolds (5-8, 180), Mario Hernandez (6-1, 255) and John Sharb (6-3, 270).

So far this season, Roosevelt's I-formation offense has yielded 776 yards rushing and 290 yards passing for an average of 213.2 yards per game.

Noey has rushed 75 times for 397 yards through five games and he is the Eagles' leading ground gainer. He also has five touchdowns to his credit this year. Close behind him is Caffey, who has picked up 324 yards on 40 carries.

Roosevelt's 5-2 defense has been tough to penetrate this season. The Eagles have given up 433 yards rushing and 404 yards passing through five games, an average of 167.4 per outing.

Leading the defensive attack are Caffey, Noey, Tomison and Hildebrandt in the defensive backfield; Welborn, Cochran and Leach on the defensive line; Reed at a defensive end; and Cortney Bibbs (5-11, 155) at linebacker.

Boys Ranch at Nazareth

Nazareth (4-1) opens the District 2-A battle by hosting the 3-2 Boys Ranch Rough Riders Friday.

Boys Ranch was on a three-game winning streak until Gruver snapped it last week. After getting drummed by White Deer (0-54) in its first game of the season, Boys Ranch rebounded with a 48-15 win over San Jacinto Christian, a 51-0 shutout of Shamrock, and a 50-32 win over Claude. Gruver handed the Rough Riders their second loss Friday, 20-27.

Boys Ranch likes to run the football and they usually do that with a single back set featuring either Justin Carver (5-10, 195) or Ronnie Anderson (5-10, 155), who has been clocked at 4.6 in the 40.

Anderson has scored nine touchdowns in five games and is Boys Ranch's leading scorer. Five of those touchdowns came against Claude when he caught touchdown passes of 90 and 61 yards from Caleb Rodgers, returned a kickoff for another and rushed for two more.

Creyshun Cromer (6-0, 150) handles quarterback duties for Boys Ranch, and he has thrown for 188 yards. His favorite targets are Anderson and Dustin Merritt (5-8, 145).

Up front, the line is anchored by tackle John Strong (6-5, 285).

On defense, Boys Ranch runs a 5-2 with Anderson at cornerback, Daniels and Greg Trent (5-8, 155) at linebacker, Merritt at a defensive

back, and Derrick Waldon (5-11, 270) and Josh Murphy (5-8, 225) at tackles.

Hart at Vega

The Hart Longhorns are unbeaten headed into district play and they want to keep that string of wins going.

Vega is first up for Hart in the District 2-A war, and Hart will be on the road Friday.

Vega is 3-2 on the season and has outscored opponents by a combined 111-59 this season.

Vega didn't score a point until the third week of the season, though. The Longhorns opened the season with a 0-20 loss to New Deal, then suffered a 0-26 shutout at the hands of Panhandle. It all came together in week three, though, and Vega picked up its first win, a 46-13 decision over San Jacinto.

Since that breakout game, Vega is unbeaten, claiming a 51-0 win of Shamrock and an 18-0 victory over Bovina.

Vega has rushed for 616 yards and thrown for another 241 this season, an average of 171.4 per game.

Senior quarterback Tate Bennett (6-1, 170) directs Vega's I-formation attack and he's a threat to run with or pass the ball. Hart will be focused on stopping him and Justin Noggler (6-0, 180), a wide receiver who is one of Vega's primary offensive threats.

Bennett has thrown for 261 yards this year and Noggler was on the receiving end of more than half of those yards. Tight end Scott Broman

(5-9, 170) also is a capable receiver.

Other threats out of Vega's backfield are running backs Zeb Shipp (5-8, 145) and Fausto Ruiz (5-10, 190).

Defensively, the Longhorns have allowed 995 yards, the bulk of which has come on the ground.

Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents

SP LAKE-EARTH (1-4) was open
DENVER CITY (5-0) beat COOPER (2-3), 0-14
RIVER ROAD (2-2) was open
MULESHOE (5-0) beat Seminole, 21-14
FRIONA (3-3) lost to Hale Center, 20-27
ROOSEVELT (3-2) was open
SHALLOWATER (1-4) lost to Lanesa, 22-50
LITTLEFIELD (3-2) beat Brownfield, 20-14

Nazareth opponents

SAN JACINTO (0-5)
VEGA (3-2) beat Bovina, 18-0
LCHS (0-5)
HALE CENTER (3-3) beat Friona, 27-20
HART (5-0) was open
FARWELL (1-4) beat Olton, 26-0
BOYS RANCH (3-2) lost to Gruver, 20-27
KRESS (3-2) beat Motley County, 17-12
STRATFORD (5-0) beat White Deer, 42-13

Hart opponents

KRESS (3-2) beat Motley County, 17-12
MEADOW (3-3) lost to Petersburg, 0-53
MORTON (2-3) lost to Lockney, 0-16
ANTON (4-1) was open
NAZARETH (4-1) beat CLAUDE (1-4), 55-3
VEGA (3-2) beat Bovina, 18-0
BOYS RANCH (3-2) lost to Gruver, 20-27
STRATFORD (5-0) beat White Deer, 42-13

Matthew Wright is player of week

Dimmitt quarterback Matthew Wright couldn't miss Friday night, completing 75% of his passes in leading the Bobcats to their first victory since 1999, and his effort earned him Class AAA Player of the Week honors in the *Amarillo Globe News*.

Wright, who had been out of commission the previous two weeks with broken ribs, returned to action Friday and completed 12-of-16 passes for 304 yards. He tossed four touchdown passes, including two from 24 yards, one for 72 yards and the other for 30.

Earning honorable mention honors in Class AAA was Dimmitt's Austin Sherman, who caught seven passes for 167 yards and three touchdowns in Dimmitt's 35-7 win over Tulia.

Honorable mention honors in Class A went to Nazareth's Aaron Kern and Kade Wilcox.

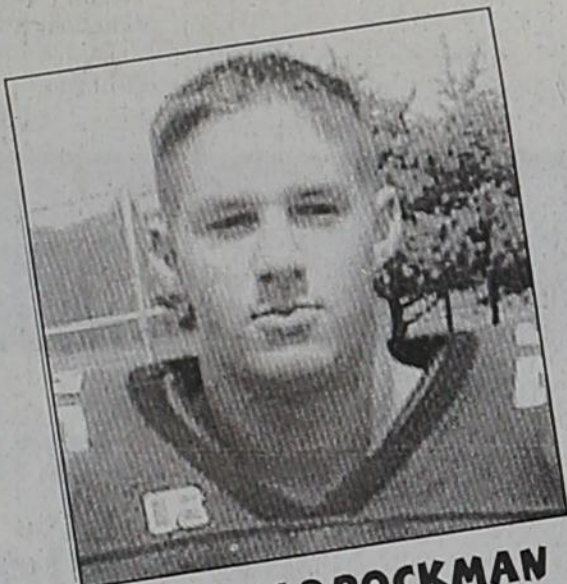
Kern rushed for 199 yards and three touchdowns, recorded 15 tackles and returned a fumble for another touchdown as Nazareth beat Claude, 55-3.

Wilcox caught eight passes for 118 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

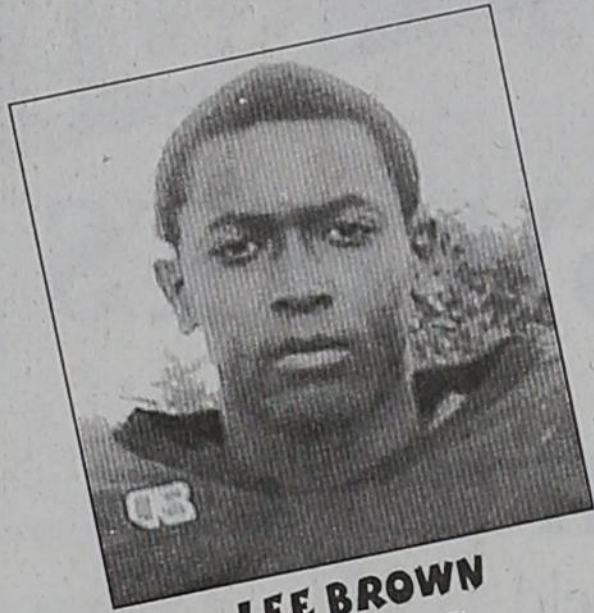
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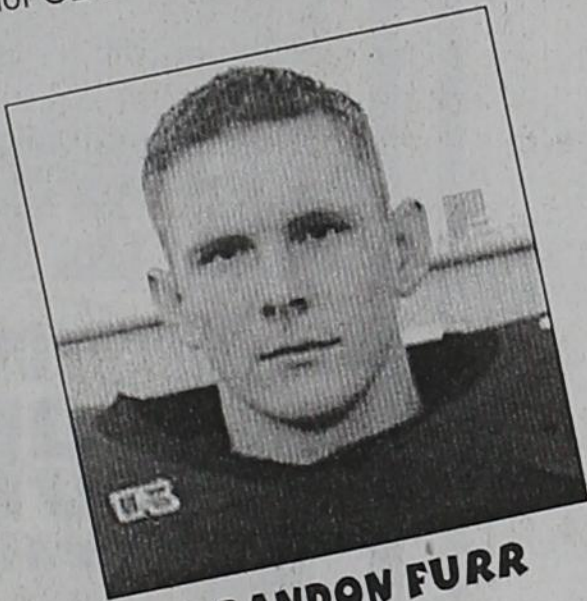
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VARSITY

Bobcats 14, Springlake-Earth 20		
Bobcats 14, Friona 42		
Bobcats 6, Denver City 35		
Bobcats 14, River Road 35		
Bobcats 35, Tulia 7		
Oct. 12 *Lubbock Roosevelt	There	
Oct. 19 *Shallowater	There	7:30
Oct. 26 *Lubbock Cooper	Here	7:30
Nov. 2 *Littlefield	There	7:30
Nov. 9 *Muleshoe (Parents Night)	Here	7:30

JUNIOR VARSITY

JV Bobcats 0, Springlake-Earth 8		
JV Bobcats 6, Friona 16		
JV Bobcats 0, Denver City 20		
JV Bobcats 0, River Road 43		
JV Bobcats 0, Tulia 44		
Oct. 11 *Lubbock Roosevelt	Here	
Oct. 18 *Shallowater	Here	7:00
Oct. 25 *Lubbock Cooper	There	7:00
Nov. 1 *Littlefield	Here	7:00
Nov. 8 *Muleshoe	There	7:00

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

8th Grade 24, Friona 30		
8th Grade 14, Denver City 12		
8th Grade 14, River Road 6		
8th Grade 6, Tulia 14		
Oct. 11 *Lubbock Roosevelt	There	
Oct. 18 *Shallowater	There	5:00-6:30
Oct. 25 *Lubbock Cooper	Here	5:00-6:30
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Mustangs no match for Kern and Swifts

By MEGAN SCHULTE
Preparation and improvement paved the way for a huge Nazareth win Friday at Claude, as the Swifts manhandled the Mustangs, 55-3.

"We did a great job this week in preparing for Claude," said Nazareth Head Coach Ricky Peacock. "We had our best workouts since August and the kids were really intense and focused for this game."

Indeed, the Swifts were ready, tallying 580 offense yards to Claude's 167.

Leading the Nazareth ground attack was senior Aaron Kern who ran for 199 yards. Joining the force were teammates Jordy Rowland, and Brock Birkenfeld, rushing for 75 and 48 yards, respectively.

Quarterback Blake Birkenfeld ran for 30 yards and passed for 113 more. Kade Wilcox caught the ball eight times for 123 yards and one touchdown.

"Our offensive line played the best game of the season," Peacock said. "They protected the quarterback all night long and opened some huge holes for our backs."

The Swift defense was impenetrable, holding the Mustangs to a total of 167 yards. Leading tacklers were Kern (15), Jase Merritt (12), Reece Hales (7), and Trey Robb (7).

"Our defense played super and gave our offense good field position all night long," Peacock said. "Our defensive unit has shown improvement each week and will be a big factor in our quest for the playoffs."

Nazareth will begin that quest Friday, when they face Boys Ranch in the first district game.

"I feel we are ready for district play," Peacock said. "Everyone is 0-0 starting this week and I feel we have a great opportunity to compete for the district title and contend for

the playoffs. We have to continue to work hard and prepare each week to play our best."

Nazareth's hard work paid off Friday night, when they overpowered Claude.

It took the Swifts only six minutes to score for the first time off of a three-yard run by Kern. The PAT by Wilcox was good and Nazareth led, 7-0.

The second touchdown, only four minutes later, came on a 38-yard pass from Blake Birkenfeld to Trey Robb. The point-after kick was off the mark, but the score was 13-0.

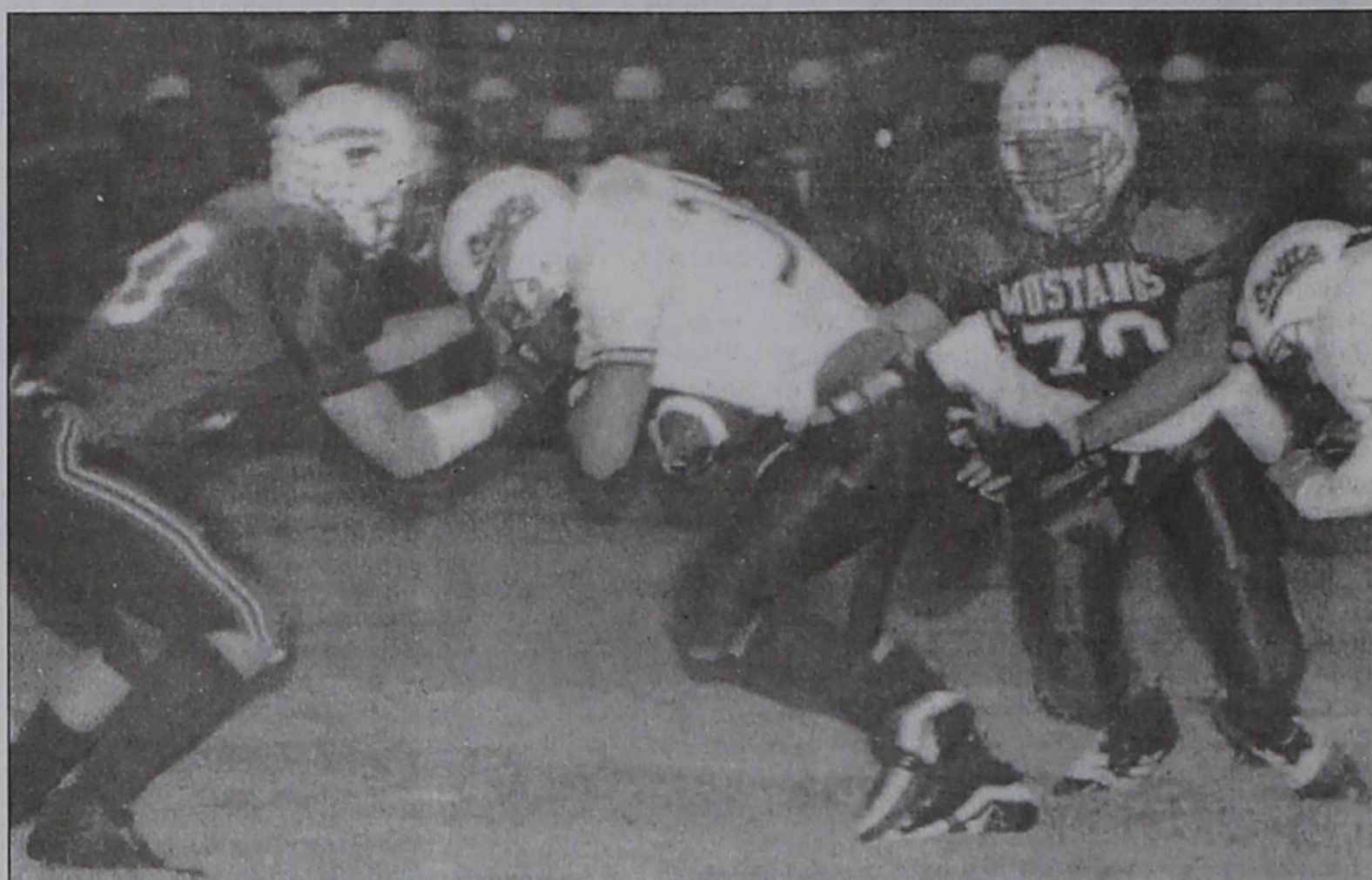
The second quarter started off slow. A quarterback sack by Daryl Pohlmeier pushed the Mustangs back, forcing the punt.

Nazareth could not gain a first down either, and had to punt.

A blocked pass by Kern forced another punt by the Mustangs.

Nazareth couldn't hold onto the ball, though. Claude intercepted a Nazareth pass, but the Mustangs fumbled the ball on the next play. Kern was there, picked up the loose ball and ran it in for a 12-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion from Blake Birkenfeld to Eric Schilling was good and Nazareth led, 21-0.

Nazareth forced yet another punt four plays later, and ran only two before Kern broke free and outraced everyone, 74 yards for the last score of the first half. The PAT was off, but Nazareth led at the half, 27-0.



GET OUT OF MY WAY—Nazareth running back Aaron Kern (36) lowers his shoulders, ducks his head and barrels over a Claude defender as he strolls into the end zone for a 3-yard touchdown with 6:10 left in the first quarter Friday. Kern's run gave the Swifts

a 7-0 lead after Kade Wilcox kicked the extra point. Kern would rush for 199 yards and scored three touchdowns on offense. He had 15 tackles and returned a fumble for another touchdown as the Swifts pounded the Mustangs, 55-3.

Photo by Anne Acker



IT TAKES TWO CLAUDE DEFENDERS to bring down Nazareth receiver Kade Wilcox (11) after he hauls in a pass from Blake Birkenfeld Friday night. Wilcox picks up 12 yards on this play before he's brought down. He caught eight passes for 108 yards and scored on touchdown for Nazareth, which blasted Claude, 55-3.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Dimmitt runners excel at Friona race

Two Dimmitt Bobcats earned medals and the Bobbies finished as the fifth-place team in the girls' race at the Friona cross country meet Saturday.

Aaron Saenz and Adam Guzman of Dimmitt both ran very strong races. Saenz finished 21st with a time of 17:55 and Guzman nabbed the 30th spot with a time of 18:22.

For the girls, Kelsey Welch was Dimmitt's top runner, crossing the line in the 21st position after 13

minutes and 50 seconds to earn a medal.

Other Bobbies and their respective finishes were Sheena Ehly, 36th, 14:26; Chrystina Ramos, 39th, 14:29; Raynee Bradley, 42nd, 14:33; Teresa Quesada, 48th, 14:43; Carla Carpio, 63rd, 15:28; and Alejandra Velasquez, 68th, 15:35.

Dimmitt runners will be competing in Canyon Saturday at the West Texas A&M University Horse Center.

best drive of the night stalled, and the Mustangs had to settle for a 24-yard field goal.

Nazareth ran only two plays after that before Rowland found a hole and ran 67 yards for the touchdown. The PAT was good and Nazareth led 41-3.

Claude was unable to gain a first down and gave the ball to the Swifts who ran only one play before scoring again, this time on a 36-yard run by Brock Birkenfeld. The ensuing extra point by Wilcox gave Nazareth a 48-3 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Mustangs ran only one play before they fumbled the ball, and Ross Schulte recovered for the Swifts. Nazareth was unable to score though, and the Swifts set up for a field goal. Wilcox's kick was off-target.

Claude was unable to do anything with the ball and Nazareth regained possession. Nazareth ran two plays, before a pass from Rowland to Wilcox sent the Swifts into the end zone, with just 1:55 left in the game. The PAT was good, and Nazareth led 55-3.

Game at a Glance

Swifts 55, Claude 3				
Nazareth	13	14	21	7-55
Claude	0	0	3	0-3

	NAZ	CLA
First Downs	15	7
Yards Rushing	378	159
Yards Passing	163	8
Total Yards Gained	541	167
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-22-1	3-13-1
Punts-Avg.	1-40	9-28
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-72	4-32

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
NAZ—Aaron Kern 3 run (Kade Wilcox kick)
NAZ—Trey Robb 38 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (kick failed)

Second Quarter:
NAZ—Kern 11 fumble return (Eric Schilling pass from Birkenfeld)
NAZ—Kern 75 run (kick failed)

Third Quarter:
NAZ—Kern 10 run (Wilcox kick)
CLAUDE—Eric Eddleman 24-yard field goal
NAZ—Jordy Rowland 67 run (Wilcox kick)
NAZ—Brock Birkenfeld 36 run (Wilcox kick)

Fourth Quarter:
NAZ—Wilcox 58 pass from Rowland (Wilcox kick)

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Hereford Chamber Singers will present patriotic musical

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present the musical, "America: A Pilgrim's Prayer, A Patriot's Dream," on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, at 3 in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

There will be no admission charge for the show, but donations will be accepted to defray expenses of the group and for disaster relief for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

David Cox is the director of the group, and several Dimmitt residents are members including Charles Axtell, Trish Elliott and Jerry and Carolyn Jansa.

The musical combines the great patriotic music of America with the religious music which is so much a part of our heritage. It will be a celebration of the unique blessings of America and will pay tribute to the giver of these gifts.

Introducing the performance will be an instrumental section which features a celebration of American folk songs. The Hereford Merry Mixers Square Dance group will perform with this portion of the show.

Also included in the program will be a fanfare based on "My Country 'Tis of Thee," with Nathan Abernathy as baritone soloist; a salute to the five major branches of the armed services and the

presentation of their respective flags; and a special number entitled "America," featuring a trio of voices from the group. A tribute to spiritual folk traditions includes a medley of familiar songs with a swinging beat which will have the audience tapping its toes.

The central part of the production includes "Anthem for Our Unsung Heroes," a special tribute to those who give their lives serving the needs of others—volunteers. The closing section is a call to prayer, a call to dependence and repentance that evolves into a prayer for God's mercy, "Lord, Have Mercy," featuring tenor soloist Duffy McBrayer.

The finale is a joyous praise to God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come. It features a portion of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "How Great Thou Art."

The Hereford Chamber Singers is a community choir of adult voices composed of people from all walks of life who love to sing and share their talents with others. It has been organized since 1974 and has performed for audiences throughout the Texas Panhandle, in Austin and San Antonio, and has traveled to Romania and Australia to perform.

This particular show was presented twice in Hereford in May and was well attended and well received.



The E. L. Washington family enjoys a meal with the rest of the Dimmitt Church of Christ congregation last Sunday at the Expo Center. This was Homecoming for the Church with 390 people attending morning worship services. E. L. sits at the

end of the table with wife, Mildred to his right. Also attending are their children, Tammie, Kim and Prentiss and their grandchildren, Jamie and Jasmine.

Photo by Chris Bradford

4-H leaders will sell BBQ lunches Friday

The Castro County 4-H Parent Leader Association is sponsoring a brown bag barbecue lunch Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the area behind the Extension office at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

Proceeds from the barbecue lunch will help the group fund various 4-H scholarships, camps and contest trips for county 4-H'ers.

The menu will include smoked brisket or sausage sandwich, chips, drink and homemade cookie or brownie.

Cost for the meal is \$5 per person. Free, city-wide delivery of meals is available for groups or businesses who pre-order by today (Thursday). To request a meal delivery, call the Extension office at 647-4115.

Historical program set at Home Mercantile

An evening of historical dramatization featuring the history of Castro County in the 19th Century, will be presented Sunday evening, Oct. 21, at the Home Mercantile building in Nazareth.

The program, entitled *Comancheros, Ciboleros & Pastores Pasando por el Arroyo Agua Corrente: History in 19th Century Castro County Along the Running Water Draw*, will be presented at 7 p.m.

A potluck supper will kick off the evening's entertainment at 6 p.m., and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Drinks will be provided. The show will start at 7.

Similar to last year's program, *Comanche Moon*, this year's show will focus on the 19th Century influence of New Mexican groups in the area that became known as the Running Water Draw and Castro County.

These New Mexico groups consisted of comancheros (traders), ciboleros (buffalo hunters), mustaneros (mustangers) and pastores (sheep herders).

The program will draw upon

accounts recorded in the 1981 Castro County History Book, such as the Cibolero Buffalo Hunting Party cited in 1882 near Running Water Draw, and the Mustang Mounds still seen in 1908 northwest of present-day Nazareth.

Local historian and author J. Michael Harter will serve as narrator for the historical program, organized into four short scenes.

Tony Martinez of Hereford will portray "Casimero Romero," a famous comanchero y pastore who helped found the settlement of Tascosa.

Rita Peek of Slaton will perform Native American flute music to enhance the program.

Before and after the program, Harter will autograph copies of his latest work, *The Journey of the Diocese of Amarillo: 75 Years on the Llano Estacado, 1926-2001*. People may bring along their books to be signed or purchase one at the event.

The public is invited to attend the event, free of charge, but donations are welcome.

The Home Mercantile is a community resource for the creative arts, and has recently been repainted.

Blake Birkenfeld is named National Merit semifinalist

Blake Birkenfeld, son of Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld of Nazareth, has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Birkenfeld is active in several school-related activities including football, basketball, baseball and cross country. He is an active participant in UIL Literary meets and has qualified for state each year of his high school career.

Nationwide, there are 16,000 semifinalists named last week by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

These academically talented high school seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, worth over \$32 million, that will be offered next spring.

Founded in 1955 to conduct the annual Merit Scholarship competition, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a privately-financed, not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance. Scholarships awarded through the Merit Program are underwritten by nearly 600 independent sponsor organizations and institutions, as well as with the corporation's own funds. These sponsors share the corporation's goal of honoring scholastically able young men and women and promoting interest in academic excellence.

More than 1.2 million students in over 20,000 US high schools entered the 2002 Merit Program when they were juniors by taking the 2000 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists was designated on a state representational basis. The number of semifinalists in each state is based on its percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors. Semifinalists are the highest scoring entrants in each state and represent less than 1% of the state's seniors.

The next step for semifinalists is to fulfill requirements to advance to finalist standing, a pre-requisite to consideration for a Merit Scholarship.

To become finalists, semifinalists must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about his or her participation and leadership in school and community activities.

About 90%, or approximately

15,000, of the semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level of competition, and some 8,000 of the finalists will become Merit Scholarship winners.

All Merit Scholar designees will be selected from the finalist group. Scholarship winners will be chosen by professionals on the basis of the candidate's academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2002.

Every finalist will be considered for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. In addition, some 400 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,200 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who meet specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. Also, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to provide at least 4,300 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the institutions financing their awards.

Names of Merit Scholarship winners will be released in four announcements beginning in April 2002 and ending in July 2002.

Choirs plan dinner theater

The choirs from Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School are planning a dinner theater performance on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The evening will begin with an enchilada dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for a family of five or more people.

To obtain tickets for the event, contact Elaine Hazel at Dimmitt Middle School, 647-3108; or any member of the choir.

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Castro County Hospital District has developed a "Grow Your Own Health Care Professional Program" to help replenish and continue supplying the growing need for healthcare professionals for CCHD. The District will subsidize interested and qualified persons with their educational needs. Areas of health care will include nursing service, radiology, laboratory, medical records, physical and occupational therapy along with respiratory therapy and emergency medical services. Individuals receiving subsidized assistance will be required to work for CCHD for a certain period of time. Individuals interested in this program need to contact Trudy Jackson, Director of Nursing Services or Linda Raser, Chief Operating Officers at 647-2191.

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC 109 CAUSE NO. B7765-0107

THE STATE OF TEXAS
IN THE 242ND DISTRICT COURT
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

FIRST BANK OF MULESHOE, PLAINTIFF VS. HECTOR LUIS TORRES, DEFENDANT

To: Hector Luis Torres, Defendant, Greeting
Notice to defendant: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, NOVEMBER, 12, 2001 before the honorable 242nd District Court of Castro County, at the Courthouse in said county in Dimmitt, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed in said court on the 27th day of July, 2001 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: promissory note as is more fully shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Dimmitt, Texas This 1st day of October, 2001.
Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:
Jeff Ackinson
PO Box 286
Farwell, Texas 79325

Clerk of Court:
JOYCE M. THOMAS
100 E. Bedford, Rm 101
Dimmitt, TX 79027
By CARLENE LONG, Deputy
25-27-4tc

DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

PRECINCT 1
101—Hart Golden Group Building
105—SunnySide Baptist Church

PRECINCT 2
201—Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt
206—Flagg Fertilizer

PRECINCT 3
301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt
307—Easter Community Center

PRECINCT 4
401—District Courtroom, Dimmitt
408—Nazareth Community Hall

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en: County/District Clerk's Office, Room 101, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 22 de octubre del 2001 y terminando el 2 de noviembre del 2001.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a: Joyce M. Thomas, Early Voting Clerk, District/County Clerk, Castro County Courthouse, Room 101, 100 E Bedford St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán recibidas para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de octubre del 2001. Emitada este día 8 de octubre, 2001.
IRENE MILLER, COUNTY JUDGE
25-28-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt is seeking bids on a new, 2002 police car. Police package is preferred. Bids may be mailed to Don Sheffy, City Manager, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Bids must be received by Oct. 31, 2001, and will be awarded on Nov. 5, 2001. 25-28-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt is seeking bids on excavation and installation of a water line under US 385, four miles south of Dimmitt. Specifications may be obtained from Saul Arce, Director of Public Works, at (806) 647-4492, or at the Public Works office, 217 E Jones St., Dimmitt, Texas.
Bids may be mailed to Don Sheffy, City Manager, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Bids must be received by Oct. 31, 2001, and will be awarded on Nov. 5, 2001. 25-28-2tc

NOTICE OF ELECTION
To the registered voters of County of Castro, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 6, 2001, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES

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105—SunnySide Baptist Church

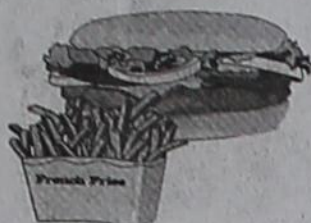
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County/District Clerk's Office, Room 101, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., beginning on Oct. 22, 2001, and ending Nov. 2, 2001.
Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Joyce M. Thomas, Early Voting Clerk, District/County Clerk, Castro County Courthouse, Room 101, 100 E Bedford St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Applications for ballots by mail must be received not later than the close of business on Oct. 30, 2001.
Issued this the 8th day of October, 2001.
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25-28-1tc

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Oct. 8-12.

DIMMITT Pre-K to 12th Grades Grab and Go Breakfast

THURSDAY: Carrot mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.
FRIDAY: Waffles with syrup, fresh banana and milk.
MONDAY: Cutie fried pie, orange wedges and milk.
TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Banana mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.
FRIDAY: Cranberry muffin, orange wedges and milk.

Lunch Pre-School to 1st Grades

THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, butter beans, hot rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing, candied sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce, birthday cake and chocolate milk or white milk.
MONDAY: Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, cowboy cookies, chocolate milk or white milk.
TUESDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, potatoes au gratin, corn on the cob, tossed salad, hot cheese rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, pork and beans, potato rounds, coleslaw and white milk or chocolate milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad and chocolate milk or white milk.
FRIDAY: Barbecued beef on a bun, potato wedges, tossed salad, cantaloupe and chocolate milk or white milk.

2nd-12th Grades

THURSDAY: Choices of shrimp poppers, tuna salad sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips, or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; hot rolls, tortilla chips or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing, hot dog on a bun with chili or fajitas with peppers and onions; candied sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables or parsley buttered potatoes; ambrosia fruit salad, tossed salad or coleslaw; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or birthday cake; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choices of hamburger, Italian spaghetti or fajitas with onions and peppers; French fries, savory green beans or frijoles refrito; hamburger salad, tossed salad, or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, flour tortilla or cowboy cookies; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choices of steak fingers with gravy, chicken enchilada or beef and noodle casserole; potatoes au gratin, frijoles refrito or corn on the cob; tossed salad, guacamole

salad or fresh spinach salad; hot cheese rolls, old fashioned cornbread or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of hot dog on a bun with chili, chicken strips or meat loaf with creole sauce; pork and beans, potato rounds or sweet potatoes and apples; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread or Frito corn chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choices of nachos with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich or new Mexican enchiladas; Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or Spanish rice; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or broccoli and cauliflower salad; angel flake biscuits, crackers or assorted muffins; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of barbecued beef on a bun, chicken and dumplings or beans and rice with sausage; potato wedges, southern collard greens or great northern beans; tossed salad, orange gelatin surprise or pasta salad; cornbread, assorted Danish or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joe or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, applesauce and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, peas, grapes, gingerbread and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Nachos and roll or corn dog, tossed salad, corn, fruit cocktail, dump cake and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or pizza, tossed salad, stuffing, peaches, cranberry sauce and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Fish or chef's salad, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pears, orange cake and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, green beans, pineapple, cookies and milk or juice.

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

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Blueberry muffin, cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash

brown potatoes, Lucky Charms cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or lasagna with ground beef, Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, shredded cheese, sour cream, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or nachos with ground beef; dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert, pears, jalapeno peppers and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of corn dog, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun; sliced pickles, potato wedges, whole wheat sugar cookies, ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, burrito or enchilada casserole; chips, corn, salad, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato with cheese, wheat rolls, butter, pinto beans, sour cream, sliced cheese, salad, brownie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

Church festival set for Dec. 1

Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting its 21st Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford.

Only a limited number of booths are available at a fee of \$10. All applications will be screened. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or call 364-0774.

Book Fair is slated Oct. 22-26

Dimmitt Middle School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 22-26, and the event will include a special night when parents may browse the selections.

The Scholastic Book Fair will include books and educational products from more than 150 publishers. The book fair is open to the entire community.

The Scholastic Book Fair features traditional children's favorites and

new books by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty to interest them.

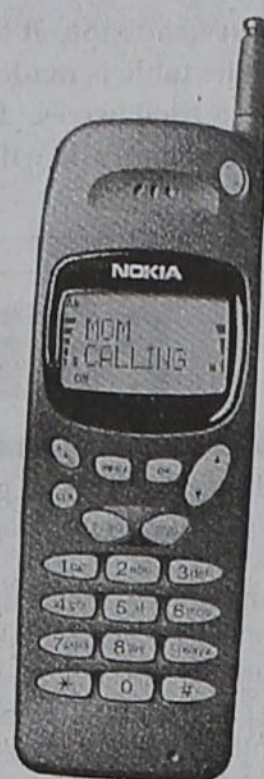
The fair is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special family night at the book fair has been planned for Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will be held that evening.

Building classroom libraries is one goal of the book fair. Visitors can purchase and donate books for any

classroom library.

The book fair helps Dimmitt Middle School promote learning while raising money to provide more and better quality books for the Dimmitt Middle School Library.

Another way to help the book fair is by volunteering and hour or two of your time to help with the project. If you would like to volunteer, call Ruth Cochran at 647-3108 at DMS or at 647-4609 at home.



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Bands will march in contest Saturday

The Dimmitt Bobcat Band and Nazareth Swift Band will put their best feet forward Saturday when they put on shows at the UIL Marching contest in Amarillo.

The annual contest will be held at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Spectators are welcome, and admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

There will be 34 bands performing in the contest, and those competing in Class A, AA and AAAA will advance to the area contest if they earn a Division I rating.

Bands will be judged on musical and marching presentations.

The Bobcat Band will perform at 2:36 p.m. and selections will include *Fiesta*, *How the West Was Won* and *Ol' Man River*.

Soloists will be L.J. Soler, Casey Jones and Todd Jansa.

Class AAA bands will not advance to the area contest this year, according to Dimmitt Band Director Chris Brouillette.

The Swift Band will be presenting a late 1950s rock and roll show, and selections include *Great Balls of Fire*, *Rockin' Robin*, *Blue Suede Shoes* and *You're 16*. The band is scheduled to take the field at 9:24 a.m.

Soloists will be Kristi Ramaekers on the trumpet, Craig Birkenfeld on the tuba, and Jason Birkenfeld on the baritone.

If the Swift Band earns a Division I rating for its show, it will qualify to compete in the area contest, slated Oct. 27 in Odessa.



Pictured is the head table at the Dimmitt Church of Christ Homecoming festivities. The table is made up of current elders, the current and past preachers and their wives. Left to right is elder Gary Webb and wife, Rhenea, Bill Harman and wife Paula, and Dorothy Trellis, wife of Trellis

who can be seen standing on the far right side. To the right of the podium (L-R) is the current preacher, Chuck Ball and his wife, Kristy, past preacher, Ronnie Parker and wife, June and another past preacher, Benny Baker and wife, Donna.

Photo by Chris Bradford

International Quilt Festival set Nov. 1-4 in Houston

The International Quilt Festival will be held Nov. 1-4 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

The festival has been named as one of the top 100 events in the nation by the American Bus Association, and it will feature more than 1,000 booths of antique and new quilts, quilting supplies, fabric, tools and notions for sale.

Individual tickets for the event are \$9 for general admission and \$7 for senior citizens.

For a \$5 fee paid at the door, attendees can enjoy lectures covering all aspects of quilting and more than 1,000 stunning examples of quilt original cloth dolls and textile art on display. The special exhibits also include the 500 finalists in the annual judged show of the International Quilt Association.

Special highlights this year will include the world debut of the Bernina Fashion Show. After 22 years of sponsorship by Fairfield, Bernina of America takes the reins

for what has become the premiere invitational fashion event of wearable art. This professional runway show will have models showing off the creative and elaborate ensembles, and is aptly titled "Renaissance."

The show will be held on Nov. 1 from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10 at the door.

Also making its inaugural appearance at the festival is the Husqvarna Viking Gallery of quilt art. This special exhibit, housed in its own museum-like setting on the show floor, will showcase the most artistic and innovative quilt work being done by sewing machine today. This year's theme is "Quilts of the New Machine Age."

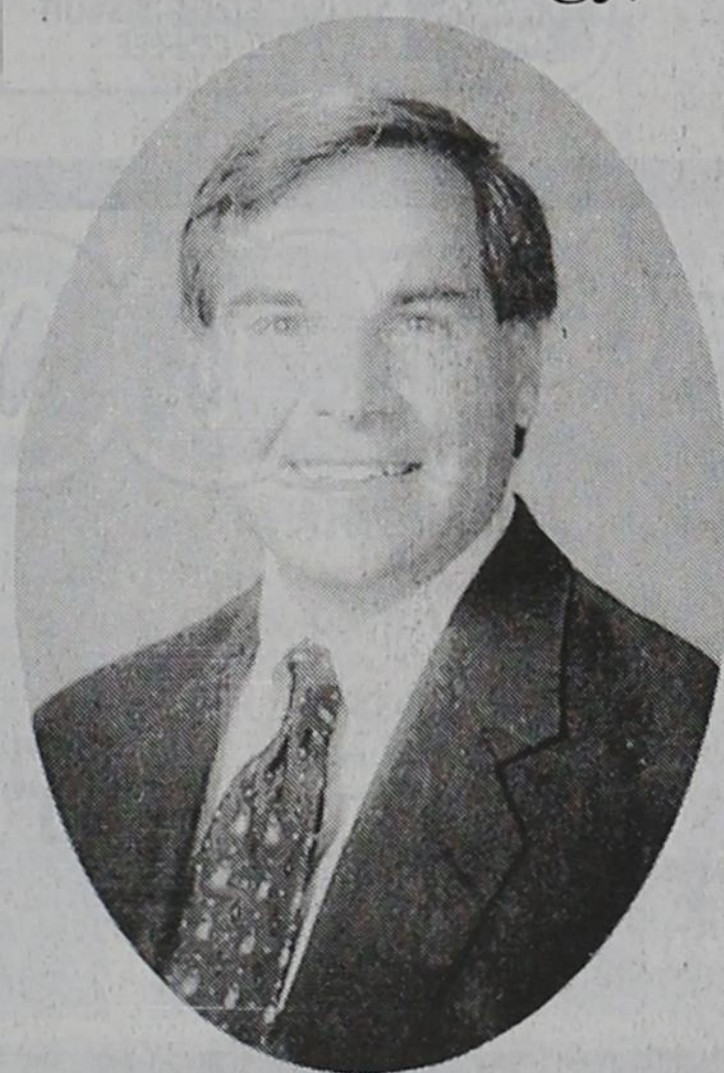
Several other special events are planned in conjunction with the festival.

For more information on the festival, call 713-781-6864; send e-mail to shows@quilts.com, or visit the web site at www.quilts.com.

4-H Historical Highlight

1919: Contests became a part of the 4-H club program. Business concerns, such as the railroads and banks, supported club work by offering prizes to members.

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Police Calls

Dimmitt Police are investigating the burglary of a residence in the 600 block of SW Third St. on Oct. 2.

Someone apparently broke into the residence sometime after 9:50 a.m. on Oct. 2 and stole several items including a dome tent, portable stove, Nintendo game, hammock and five fishing rods.

The value of the items taken was estimated at \$206.

Medical Center of Dimmitt

reported \$20.25 missing from its office on Oct. 4.

A Hereford man was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Oct. 6. It was his first offense.

On Oct. 7, a Dimmitt woman was charged with driving without a license.

A Hereford man was accused of driving with his license suspended on Oct. 8.

Hill, Sides appointed

The Dimmitt ISD School Board met Monday evening at the Administration building in Dimmitt.

Each year the Board of Trustees appoints individuals to the Castro County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Dr. W. J. Hill and George Sides this year. The appointment is for two years. Both Sides and Hill have served as directors for several years.

In other business, the board agreed to set a threshold of \$5,000 for the purpose of identifying capital expenditure purchases.

Doricell Davis presented the annual evaluation of the Bilingual/English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. The Program serves 110 students at Richardson, 34 at the Middle School and five at the High School.

The goal of the program is to provide a full opportunity to all

students to become competent in the speaking, writing, comprehending and reading of the English language and to make it possible for these students to be successful in their educational endeavors.

Additionally, this program is mandated by the State Board of Education stating that every student who has a home language other than English and has been identified as 'limited English proficient' be provided the opportunity to participate in a special language program.

Funding for this program 2001-2002 will total approximately \$40,000.

DISD currently has seven teachers who are Bilingual certified and another five who are ESL certified.

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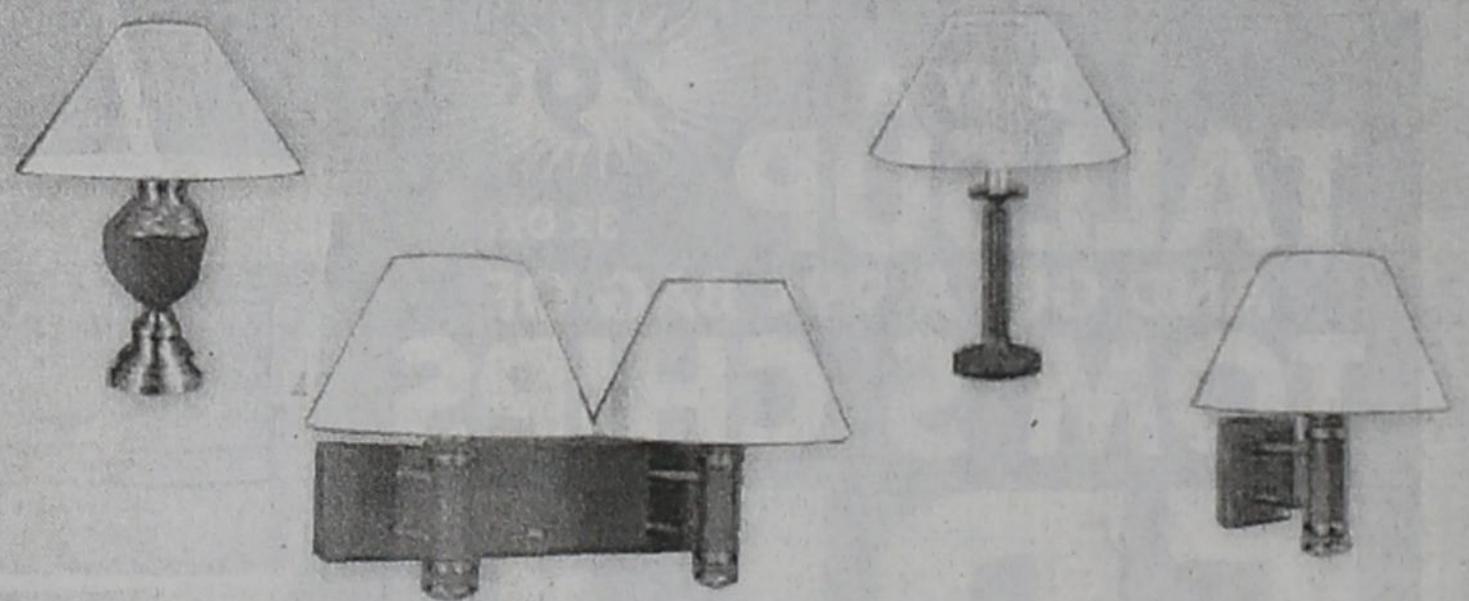
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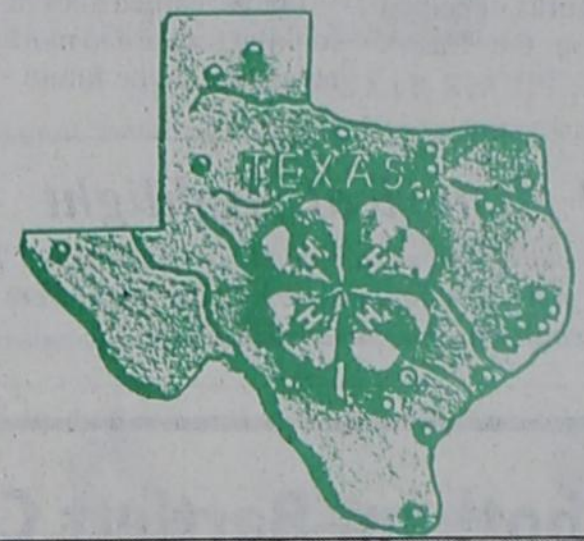
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By STATE 4-H PRESIDENT JEREMY BISHOP
Nine years ago, when I first joined 4-H, I never dreamed that I would be able to introduce myself as Texas 4-H Council President.
But four years ago, when I earned my first trip to College Station for State Roundup and watched Kaci Schulte (also a Castro County 4-H'er) on that stage, I knew this was something that I wanted to do.
Hello, I am Jeremy Bishop of Dimmitt, and I am your 2001-2002 State 4-H President. I am the 18-year-old son of Mickey and Carole Bishop of Dimmitt. My grandparents are Herb and Elizabeth Vogel of Hereford.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me to achieve my goal.
Thank you, Parent-leaders. You have generously given of your time and talents to led us and teach us in various projects. Your fund raising events have helped pay for and made it possible for 4-H members to attend may contests, camps and receive scholarships.
Thank you, Suzanne Gibbs, Marilyn Neal and Rick Auckerman. The Extension staff works very hard at a very demanding job. And they do so without being told how much we appreciate them. Your deep dedication, definite direction and adept devotion are evident.
Thank you, Mom and Dad, for believing in me and supporting me in everything that I do.

Texas 4-H is a very versatile program. Most people identify us with showing animals. Yes, livestock projects are very popular projects, but our organization also offers a wide variety of other projects that interest our one million members.
Each one of our projects has a common goal of reaching out to youth to build character traits such as leadership, responsibility, self-confidence, poise and communication skills. But, 4-H is more than just a project or club—4-H is young people helping others and helping themselves to become the leaders that make the best better.
4-H IS Head, Heart, Hands and Health . . .
Head—In 4-H, you will learn how to think as a team member and how to work with others to accomplish your goals. You will learn to be a strong competitor, to accept defeat and to be a gracious winner.
Heart—In 4-H, you will develop relationships with other kids and caring adults. You will meet new people, build friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.
Hands—In 4-H, you will do fun things, go to camps, and learn skills that you can use for the rest of your life.
Health—In 4-H, you will learn how to develop healthy lifestyles. 4-H strengthens family involvement with dedication and commitment to your projects. 4-H can help you achieve your fullest potential.



TEXAS 4-H STATE PRESIDENT
... Jeremy Bishop of Dimmitt

To the younger 4-H members, I urge you to stay involved with your 4-H projects. I know sometimes at the local level you think this is really boring and may say, "this is too hard. Why do I have to do this?" But let me tell you, as you improve and advance to district and state competition, it is so much fun. I mean, it is unbelievably FUN!
For those of you who aren't very familiar with the 4-H organization, let me tell you a little bit about us.
The first 4-H club was organized in 1908 in Jack County, Texas. Tom Marks saw a need for a boys' program and started a "Corn Club." A few years later, "Pig Clubs" were added. And in 1912, Milam County formed a "Tomato Club" for girls.
Today, the Texas 4-H organization proudly boasts a membership in excess of 1.1 million members.
4-H is one of America's largest, non-formal educational programs for youths ages 5 through 19.

Texas 4-H is extremely proud of having achieved a membership roll of over one million 4-H'ers.
I challenge each one of you to encourage others to join 4-H and make a goal to get at least one more friend to join us. Increasing our membership will help to make our clubs stronger and even more active.
After all, our motto is "To Make the Best Better."
Stop by and visit the Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Dimmitt. They are eager to help you with any project in which you are interested.
I am very excited about the upcoming year and representing 4-H as I travel across the state. I believe 4-H to be a very worthwhile organization and I invite you to get involved, stay active and encourage others because 4-H has so much to offer.
It is up to you to make it happen, because you truly are one in a million!



Link up with Castro County 4-H

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| Jaci Bishop | Second Vice President |
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| Anna Brockman | Treasurer |
| Brad Lane | Reporter |
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Odom loves working with horses through 4-H

By ERIC ODOM

Hello, I'm Eric Odom and I'm 11 years old. I have a mom, a dad and a little sister named Nikki. My mom, Jackie, is a home economics teacher at Dimmitt High School. My dad is an agribusiness man named Greg.

I attend Dimmitt Middle School. I started the sixth grade in the fall. My favorite subject is math. I even completed in UIL Number Sense this year.

This is my third year in 4-H. It's becoming more fun every year. I'm making more friends than I ever imagined I would have.

I was elected president for the 2001-02 school year for the 4-H Horse Club. I was a junior district delegate but I didn't vote. I learned how the 4-H system works. It helped me because I am on the Castro County 4-H Council.

My main project is horse. I like the horse project because I like learning and working with horses. My friends and I work with our horses every Sunday together. Right now all I do is halter and showmanship because I don't have a horse to ride at the present time.

This year I tried something new and did the Horse Quiz Bowl. I thought it was very fun.

I like horse showing because it is something I know how to do very well, plus it is one of the most fun things I do. I also compete in horse judging and I think I have a natural talent for that. Also, my dad has taught me to be logical and to reason. Fortunately, I'm also not afraid to talk.

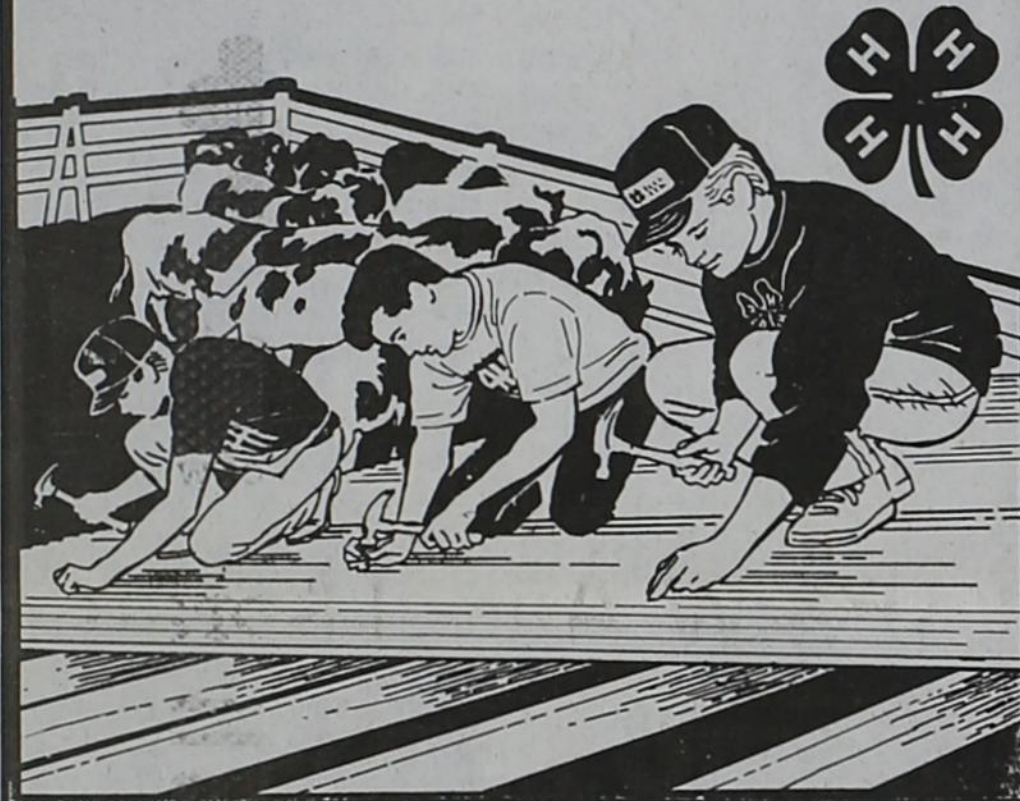
I have learned a lot in 4-H and am looking forward to more 4-H fun and adventure in the future.

4-H Historical Highlight

1915: First girls' club members attended the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. The 125 girls, accompanied by chaperones, were decked out in blue serge uniforms and tomato red ties.

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salute the builders of our future—our 4-H youth. Our great 4-H programs help turn dreams into reality!



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H'ERS' Share the Fun skit qualified for State Roundup this year. Members of the cast are (from left) Jaci Bishop as Helen of Troy; Holly Lane, narrator; Thomas Brockman as

Dionysis; Jeremy Bishop as Narcissus; and Gabriel Garcia as Medusa. The skit carried a message about staying drug- and alcohol-free.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Five 4-H'ers qualify for State Roundup

The Share the Fun group from Castro County presented its original play, "The Ego Trip," at the State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in June.

Team members were Jeremy Bishop, Jaci Bishop, Holly Lane, Gabriel Garcia and Thomas Brockman. The play was written and directed by Bill Sava. The cast members helped him rewrite the text into poetic form. The play portrays chemically dependant Greek gods and goddesses in their quest to break their addictions through hard work and an improved self-image.

The five were accompanied on the trip by Carole Bishop, sponsor; and County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Suzanne Gibbs.

The group qualified to compete in

the Share the Fun contest after dominating the poetry category at the District 2 Roundup in May.

Jeremy Bishop plays the part of Narcissus, Jaci Bishop is Helen of Troy, Brockman portrays Dionysis, Garcia plays Medusa, and Lane is the narrator.

"Say no to drugs and alcohol and leave them on the shelf. Come join us at 'The Ego Trip' and learn to love yourself," is the refrain of the script, capsulizing the message of the play, which is enhanced through humor and rhyme.

More than 3,000 of the state's million-plus 4-H members participated in competitions, community service projects, spirit rallies, assemblies, banquets and award presentations. Some of them received schol-

arships through the 4-H Foundation. Last year, the Foundation presented more than \$1 million in scholarships to 4-H graduates.

"Roundup is a key time for high school-aged members to exhibit their knowledge in a wide array of project programs that range from agriculture to home economics, and business to personal development," said Gayle Hall, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H and Youth Development specialist. "4-H'ers do this through competitions in judging, public speaking, method demonstrations, food, fashion and talent performances."

For more information on 4-H and getting involved, contact the Extension office at 647-4115.

County Council officers named

Each year, 4-H'ers from each club are nominated to serve on a Castro County 4-H Council, and from those nominees, county officers are selected.

This year's County Council officers include Gabriel Garcia of Dimmitt, president; Michael Horn of Nazareth, vice president; Jaci Bishop of Dimmitt, secretary; Susan Kern of Nazareth, treasurer; and Thomas Brockman of Dimmitt, district delegate.

1999-2000 Texas 4-H Program Statistics

Texas 4-H is truly, one in a million.

In the year 2000, there were 1,170,935 youngsters registered in the 4-H program. Here are some statistics released by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service about the 4-H program in Texas.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

4-H Clubs	68,088
4-H Special Interest Groups	716,282
4-H School Enrichment	408,494
Expanded Nutrition Program	46,474
Overnight Camping	3,078
Total Enrollment	1,242,416*

*Includes multiple participation

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE

Age 8 and younger	183,283
Age 9 to 11	403,676
Ages 12 to 13	200,144
Ages 14 to 19	383,832

MEMBERSHIP BY RACE

White	508,326
Hispanic	391,955
Black	225,155
Asian	41,858
Native American	3,641

MEMBERSHIP BY RESIDENCE

Rural	56,317
Towns under 10,000	77,431
Towns & Cities (10,000-50,000)	83,165
Suburbs	149,540
Urban Cities	804,482

VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN 4-H

Adult Direct Volunteers	26,661
Adult Indirect Volunteers	20,943
Youth Direct Volunteers	7,343
Youth Indirect Volunteers	752

4-H Historical Highlight

1921: Boys' 4-H Sheep Clubs were organized.

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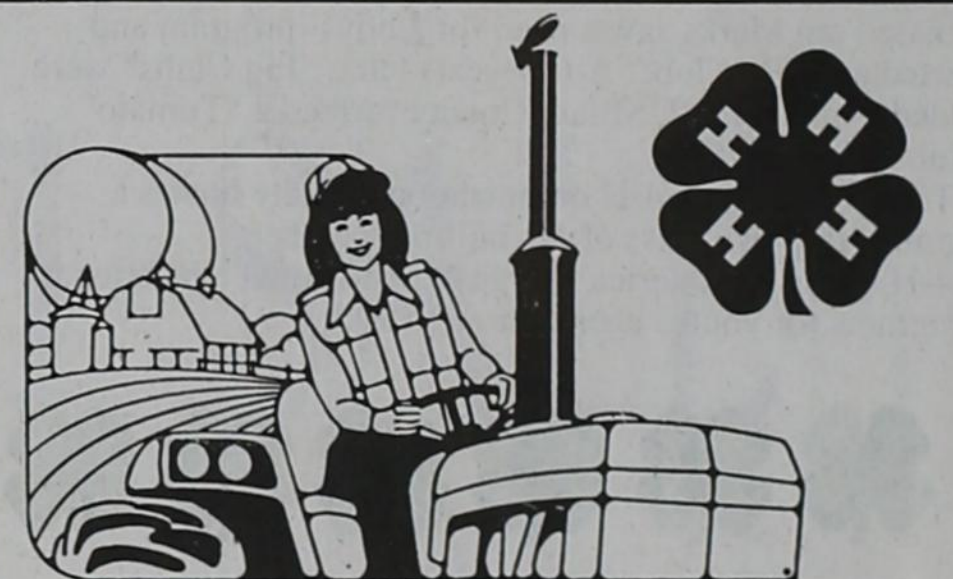
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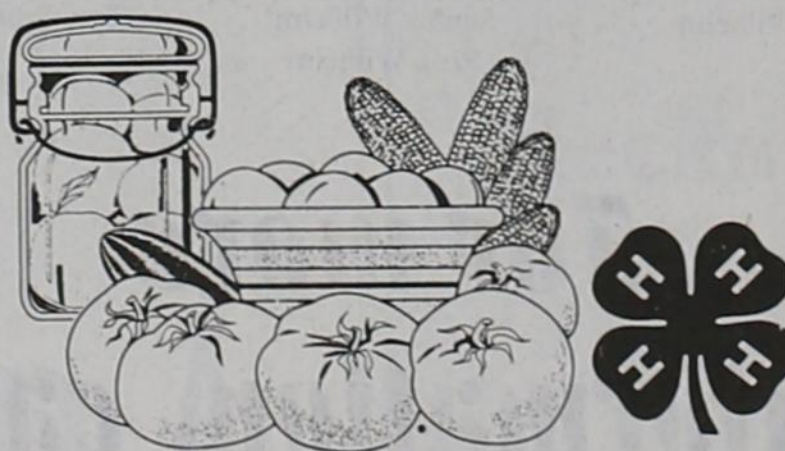


As we extend congratulations to 4-H Club members, we look to the future . . . for the 4-H'ers of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Since today they do so much toward building a better community and country, we can be sure that tomorrow, our future is in good hands. Let's "Expand 4-H" . . . and may 4-H activities and ideals ever flourish.

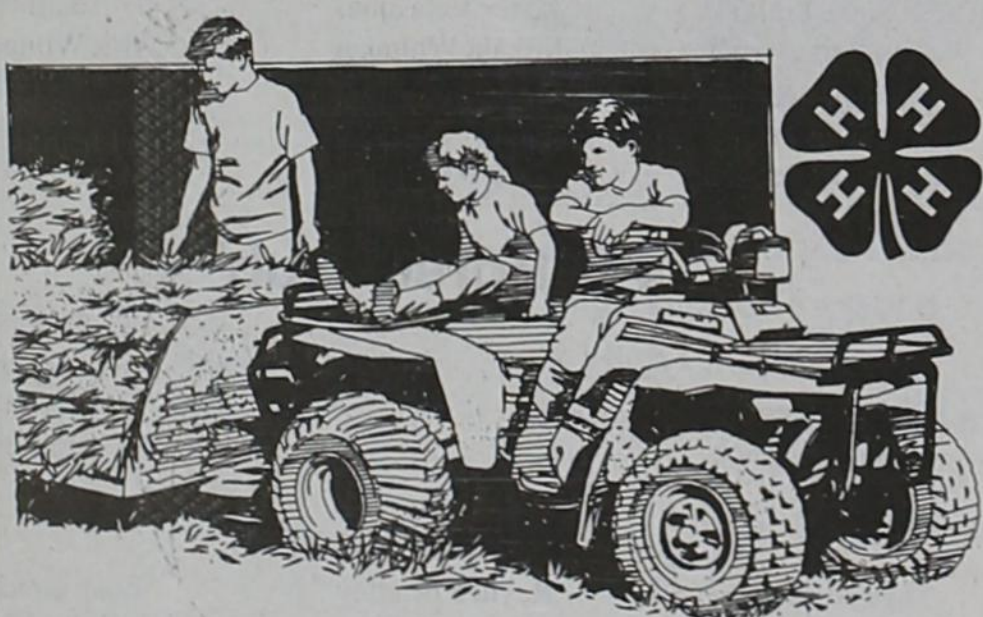
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What's cooking with 4-H?

All those good things at the county food show are just the beginning of the fun and learning our Castro County 4-H'ers participate in. We hope this great program keeps right on growing!



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4-H has served and continues to be a pathway to achievement for many individuals, not only in their careers but in their overall pursuit of more productive, meaningful lives.

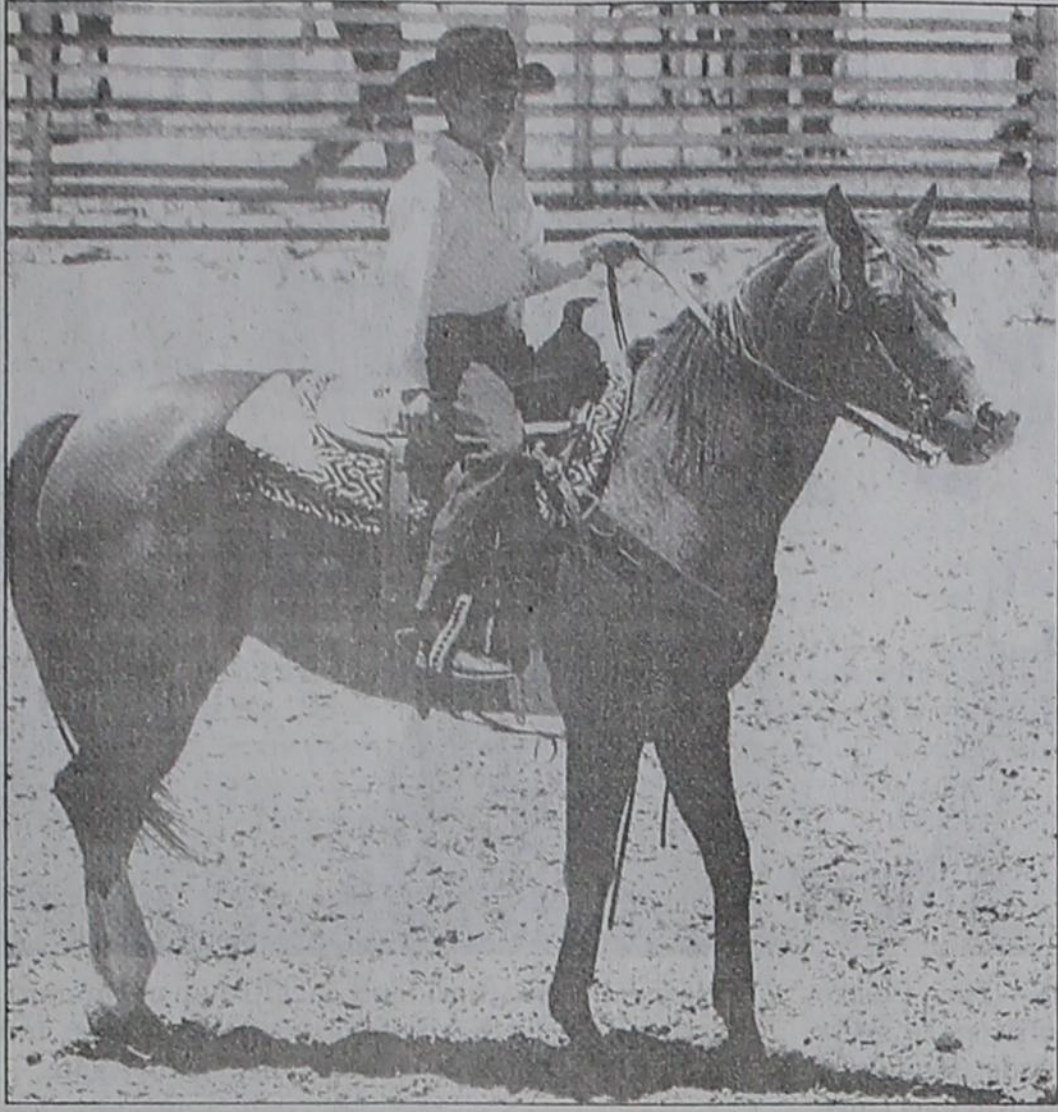
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CASTRO COUNTY 4-H'ER JAKE EBELING enjoys riding horses, and one of his favorite activities in the 4-H program is the various Horse Club events. *Courtesy Photo*

Ebeling enjoys being challenged

By JAKE EBELING
 My name is Jake Ebeling and I want you to know how unique I am. I am ten years old. My mom is Sha Ebeling and she works for the First Bank of Muleshoe. My dad is Kenny Ebeling and he works for Rafter 3 Feed Yard. My sister is Mandi and my half sister is Dee Ann.
 I'm going to the fifth grade this year. I am recently attending Dimmitt Middle School. My favorite subject is Math. I even competed in the UIL Math this year and it was very challenging, but I sure enjoyed being challenged. We practiced 38 math problems and we were tested on 108 problems at UIL.
 This will be my fourth year in 4-H. I find 4-H fun because you can win prizes and at the end of the year you can win money depending on how well you do at the Horse Shows. I get a plaque every year and I now have five plaques.
 I was elected Secretary for the year 2001-2002 school year for the Horse Club. I wonder if I will have to speak

in front of my club because I have a fear of speaking in front of a big crowd. This will be another challenge for me.
 My interest in horses began when I saw my dad working the horses at the feed yards. I started showing when I turned six. Before every Horse Show and I clean my horse and paint their hooves. I won a grooming kit this year at the Horse Show and I sure look forward to using it!
 4-H is definitely fun. If you like sheep, horses, or swine then this is the place to be!

Horn enjoys 4-H projects

By BETH HORN
 Showing animals and doing the Fashion Follies are my favorite things about 4-H.

4-H assists youngsters in developing life skills

4-H is the Cooperative Extension System's dynamic, non-formal, educational program for today's young people.
 The program partners the cooperative efforts of youth, volunteer leaders, state land-grant universities, state and local governments, 4-H Foundations and the Cooperative State Research, Educational and Extension Service of the US Department of Agriculture.
 All partners are working across the country to assist youth in developing knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable them to become productive and contributing members of society. 4-H impacts youth from all ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds who live in rural, suburban and urban communities.
 4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States with more than 6.8 million participants and more than 610,595 youth and adult volunteers working directly and indirectly with youth. Universally recognized by its four-leaf clover emblem, 4-H serves youth through a variety of methods including organized clubs, school-enrichment groups, special interest groups, individual study programs, camps, school-age child care programs and instructional television programs. To date, more than 45 million people are 4-H alumni.
 4-H has spread internationally through The International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program. This is an in-depth learning experience in which 4-H alumni and other young adults live with host families in other countries to increase global awareness, develop independent study interests, and improve language skills. Programs vary from country to country, with some emphasizing an agricultural work experience, volunteering at an adult training center, or working with a local youth development program similar to 4-H.
 Youth can participate in more than 110 program areas, including:
 ♦ Community service
 ♦ Communications
 ♦ Arts
 ♦ Consumer and family sciences
 ♦ Environmental education
 ♦ Earth sciences
 ♦ Healthy lifestyle education
 ♦ Leadership
 ♦ Plants and animals
 ♦ Science and technology
 Contact your local county Extension office to join or become a volunteer.



2001 SILVER STAR RECIPIENT ... 4-H Agent Suzanne Gibbs (left) presents award to Michael Horn *Photo by Anne Acker*

4-H Historical Highlight
 1921: 4-H Clothing Contest for girls ages 14 to 18 was organized.

Everyone's a Winner!
 And the Castro County 4-H program has produced another good crop of winners we can be proud of!
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CASTRO COUNTY 4-H I DARE YOU WINNER ... Holly Lane (right) accepts award from Suzanne Gibbs *Photo by Anne Acker*

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Brockman's 4-H goal is to serve on state council

By THOMAS BROCKMAN
Hi. My name is Thomas Brockman and I am going to be a senior at Dimmitt High School. I live in a family of three kids, and I am the middle child.

My younger sister, Anna, is 12 and will be a seventh grader at Dimmitt Middle School. She, too, is in 4-H and is doing a record book. My older brother, Cody, is 20, and he's a junior at Texas Tech University. He participated in 4-H while going through high school as well.

My two wonderful parents are Virgil and Shirley Brockman. They, too, are active in 4-H. They are parent leaders and have served as club managers.

For the past four summers, one of my friends and I have mowed lawns to make a little extra cash. Recently, I have been hired at a crop dusting facility as a loader boy. The work is hard and requires me to take a lot of responsibility. I am able to handle the responsibility because of the activities I have done through 4-H.

The work in 4-H can be difficult, especially in my main project, Consumer Education.

In Castro County, I am proud to say we had our own Consumer Decision Making Club. When I first joined the club, we did many activities.

We did one particular activity that was quite unique. This unusual activity was a chip and dip taste test. We conducted this test at our annual county fair held in September. I had never participated in anything quite like it before, and the outcome was outstanding. The most popular chip was the cheapest brand while the most popular dip was the expensive brand.

Besides taking taste tests, our club also participated in testing family games and taking tours of businesses.

The recent game testing we did was two family games teaching about handling money. Personally, I

thought the games were boring, but we played them anyway so we could see which game was successful in teaching kids about handling money. One of the interesting tours we took was to H&R Manufacturing in a neighboring county.

We learned how the company made shirts and how they embroidered names of people, companies and logos on them. They told us they made some shirts for one of the camps I attended a few years ago.

When our club is not having a taste test or going on a tour, we meet in order to tend to business. Two years ago I served as president of the club and we started meeting every week so we would be prepared for the district contest.

During these meetings we did many different practices over our judging material as well as our reasons.

The reasons practices lasted twice as long as the others because our county 4-H'ers are not the best at giving reasons.

We also conducted mock contests at our meetings. These helped prepare me for the actual contest because I wasn't nervous when the real thing came along. By then it was like a routine to go into the room, judge the categories and then give reasons.

Last year we finished a disappointing third at district, which means we didn't earn the right to go to State Roundup. This was especially disappointing for our team, because we qualified for state the year before and finished seventh.

We did get to go to state, though, because we did a Share the Fun skit and qualified at district. Our skit was in the poetic category and we did an awesome job of performing it at state. Needless to say, we didn't win state, but we had a good time anyway.

I've experienced many things through 4-H this year in showing lambs. My uncle helps my sister and I with purchasing lambs, working

with them and knowing the right amount of feed and all that. This year my sister had two lambs and I had two lambs.

We did okay at our show with one of my sister's lambs (that I showed), getting breed champion. One of mine got second. I took two down to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo last year, including the breed champion and another one of mine. The Houston show was a real different experience for me. I had never participated in or even watched a show like this before. I had to learn how things went down there, where to go and all that.

During the time I have the lamb, I'll probably say I won't do it again the following year, but when that check comes in from the sale, my mind is made up and I will do it again.

Other experiences I have had this year were in football and baseball at school. I'm embarrassed to say we had a terrible season on the varsity football team. We went a sad 0-10, but a perfect 10-0 on fun and experience.

This awful season gave me a huge amount of character-building experience. It was a great deal of experience that I would need during our baseball season.

Our record in baseball (1-9) was as bad as our record in football; nonetheless, it was still fun.

I am also playing in a summer baseball league. Our record still isn't good enough to brag about, but we are having fun every single game. I would much rather have fun and lose every single game than go undefeated and not have any fun at all.

This year, for example, we won this one game but I still went home all mad because I didn't have any fun. Then there was this other game we lost 21-6 and that was the most fun I've had all year.

These bad seasons and worse records have taught me everything there is to know about sportsmanship



COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS—The Castro County 4-H recently elected new officers to serve during the 2001-02 year. They include (from left) Gabriel Garcia of Dimmitt, president; Michael Horn

of Nazareth, vice president; Jaci Bishop of Dimmitt, secretary; Susan Kern of Nazareth, treasurer; and Thomas Brockman of Dimmitt, district delegate.

Courtesy Photo

and being a team player. (Although my agent thinks I'm just beginning to learn).

I thrive on trying to be a team player, and that's why I find time every now and then to go to the weight room and get in a good workout. If I work hard enough, then hopefully I can fulfill my duty on the team and not let anybody down. Besides wanting to do my job on the team, I find lifting weights quite entertaining. Most of the time when I go lift I call my friends to go with me.

Nearly every time it ends up being six or seven guys in there lifting weights and just having a good time. We even got some of the girls to go up there with us. Some say we use lifting weights as a reason to get together during the summer. I guess they're right, but that's okay, too. We need a reason to get together. Just about everybody is working and we never get the chance to see each other.

Through 4-H I am learning how to be a good leader, that a little hard work really isn't that bad, and how to take care of the responsibility I am given. I've also learned that taking the time to help somebody out never takes up too much time in anybody's schedule.

As for my role as a 4-H'er is concerned, it is becoming a bumpy ride, but I plan on hanging on because eventually there will be smooth sailing.

My goal in 4-H is to still be on the State Council, and right now it is looking better and better.

Swine project delights 4-H'er

By DUSTY HORN

My favorite part of 4-H is showing pigs!

Wide variety of projects makes 4-H fun

By MICHAEL HORN

I like 4-H because there is so much to do other than showing animals.

I really enjoyed going to State Roundup, doing Method Demonstrations and going to Electric Camp. I also love participating in Food Shows.

There are also judging teams and just about anything you would like to do. You can do all of these things for fun, and in the end, there are ribbons, trips and scholarships.

4-H'ers. They're today's young folks—working for a better tomorrow. Encourage their efforts, help them meet the challenges of the future. Their goals are to better our community, to keep America great. They acquire knowledge through experience, in the fields of agriculture and industry they're determined to keep the wheels of progress turning. These young people with high standards are our boys and girls. We take pride in them because we know their worth.

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Hill has experienced a lot in short 4-H years

By ELIZABETH HILL

Hi. I'm Elizabeth Hill. I've lived in Dimmitt my whole life. I'm 9 years old. My parents are Lee and Patrice Hill. My mom is an educational diagnostician for Dimmitt ISD and my dad is the sales cooler manager at Excel in Friona.

I have one brother, Carter, who is 7. He started going to Clover kids this year, just like I did in the first grade. I'm in the fifth grade now.

I joined 4-H when I was in the first grade. My neighbor, Brad Lane, asked me to go to meetings with him. I was only old enough to be a Clover kid, but I went to the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club meetings anyway. I liked being there with the older 4-H'ers, plus my mom was in 4-H and she kept telling me how much fun I would have.

This was my first year to be in the Clothing and Textiles project. I kept asking my mom to let me use the sewing machine. Finally, she said I could as part of a Clothing and Textiles project.

The first time I used the machine I made two cushions for the desk chair in my room. I entered them in the Castro County Fair and got a blue ribbon. Then I made a nightgown to enter in the Fashion Follies. I got to go to district and won second place.

We modeled at the South Plains Fair. At first, I was really nervous, but once I got started it wasn't so

bad. I want to do it again so I can be more confident next year. My nightgown also got Best of Show at the Castro County Fair. Lots of people were surprised that someone my age was sewing already.

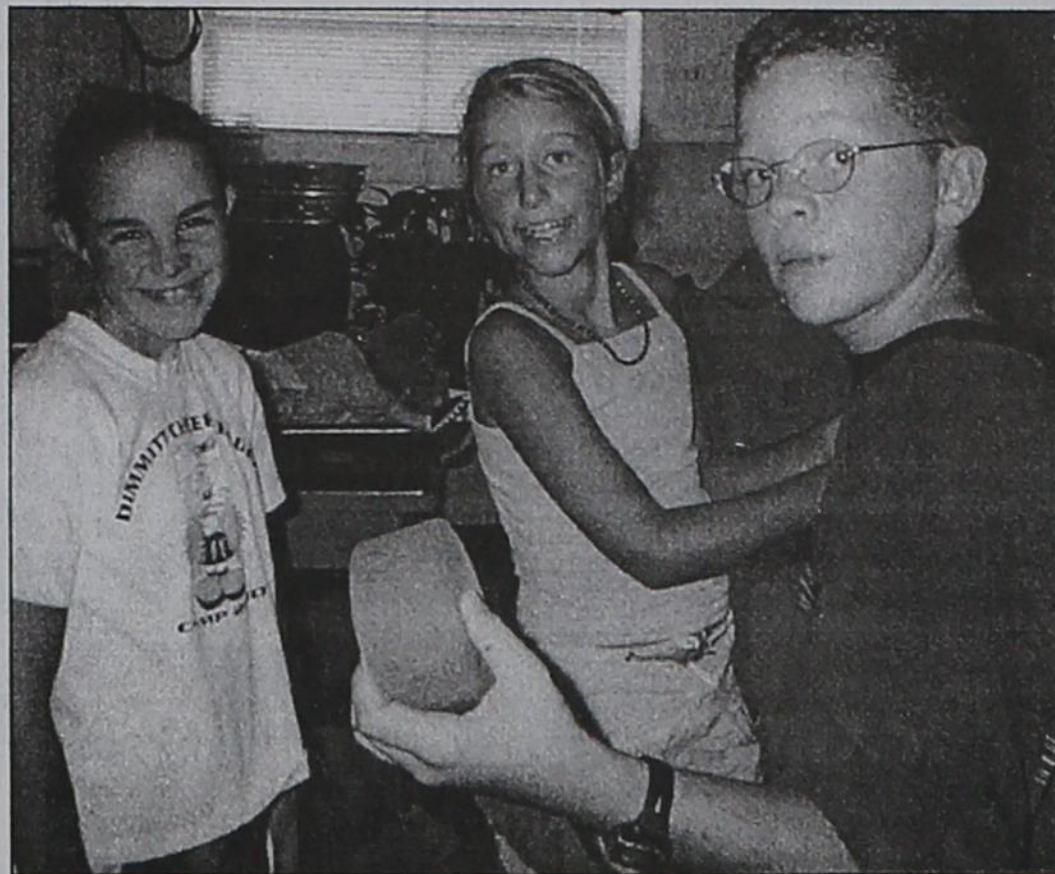
I was surprised when my agent explained that Clothing and Textiles is more than sewing. I learned about doing laundry with my mom—cold water for colors and warm or hot for white clothes.

When we went shopping for fabric I learned that different fabrics work better for certain pieces of clothing.

I also did a Method Demonstration about putting together my first sewing kit. Even though I had been sewing for almost a year, I learned a lot about needles, pins, scissors and seam rippers. And I learned that 4-H'ers always help each other. We had a flat tire on the way to district roundup and the other carload of 4-H'ers turned around to help us change the tire. We made it on time!

Next year I want to use my sewing skills to help others. I think I could make easy aprons for the church kitchen, or maybe hem some kitchen towels. And I might organize a clothing drive within my club to donate items to the women's shelter in Plainview.

When my mom and I took our clothes there this year, I really felt like I had helped somebody. One of my 4-H friends is on the State Fash-



MAKING PLANS—Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Anna Brockman, Elizabeth Hill and Eric Odom get ready to lend a hand in decorating a 4-H float for the Castro County Harvest Days parade in August. The float finished second and earned the 4-H Club \$50. *Castro County 4-H Photo*

ion Advisory Board. Maybe one day I'll do that, too.

My first 4-H project was Food and Nutrition. My friend, Joshua, and I worked on this project together last year. His mom and my mom organized the food classes once a week after school. Some of our other friends came, but we were the only ones who entered the food show.

We learned about nutrients, food safety and balanced meals. Every week we made a different simple snack. Our favorite was apple slices and cheese squares on toothpicks.

My dish was made with chicken. I learned that it's really important to wash your hands and all tools after you work with raw chicken. If you don't, you can get sick from salmonella.

This year, Joshua moved away so my mom did the classes after school

with the county agent's help. We had more 4-H'ers in the food groups and five of us entered the county food show. We all went to district.

I learned more about food safety—especially to wash your hands to the count of 20 and scrub around the fingernails and between your fingers.

We made treats for the Extension office to hand out during Halloween. The agents were really impressed with the "popcorn hands" we made. They said lots of people thought it was a neat idea.

I was also part of the Nutrition Quiz Bowl team. This was my first time to compete on a team. Being part of a team was fun because we could help each other with the answers. Even though we only had three members because our friend, Anna, was in Dallas with her dad who had a lung transplant, we still

got fourth place. We know we can do better next year. Using the buzzers was fun, too.

I've done lots of other things in 4-H that aren't about competing. For example, the Dimmitt 4-H Horse Club and our club rode on a float for the 100th birthday celebration parade in Hart last summer. And our club decorated a float for Castro County Harvest Days parade. I really liked being in the parade, plus we won second place and \$50.

I helped when the club provided babysitting for children at the pool during a local company's picnic, and I helped pass out maps during the city-wide garage sale last June.

At Christmas, our club decided to

help needy children by sponsoring three Angel Tree tags, and we took our donated toys to Panhandle Community Services.

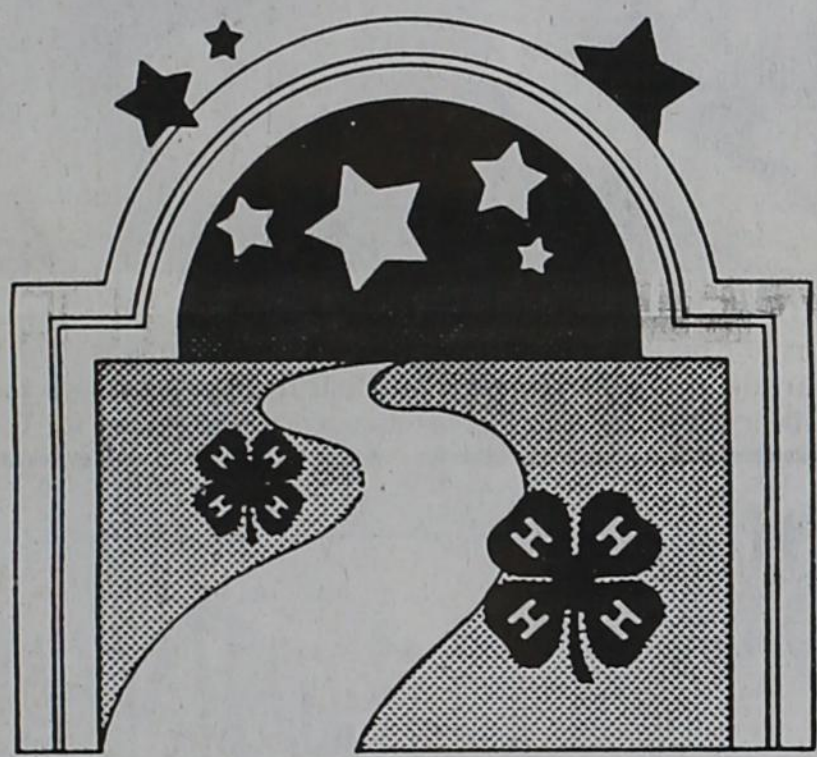
This summer I went to Leader Lab for the first time. I was excited and scared. I wanted to call home, but there wasn't time. By the end of camp, I figured out that I really liked Leader Lab and I made lots of new friends that I'll get to see at other District 4-H events.

You know what? My mom was right. 4-H is a lot of fun and I've just been doing projects for two years. Just think how much fun it'll be when I'm old enough to be on the district council or be a Leader Lab counselor or go to State Roundup!

4-H Historical Highlights

1912: Edna Trigg was appointed Milam County home demonstration agent, the first such appointment in Texas, to organize girls' clubs, then called "tomato clubs." C.M. Evans was appointed to head boys' and girls' club work in Texas.

1914: Smith-Lever Act was passed, making states and the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners in Extension education programs.

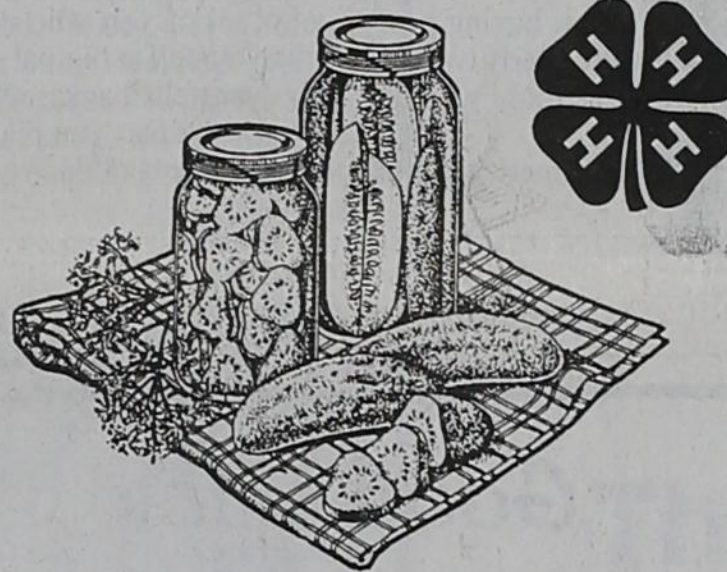


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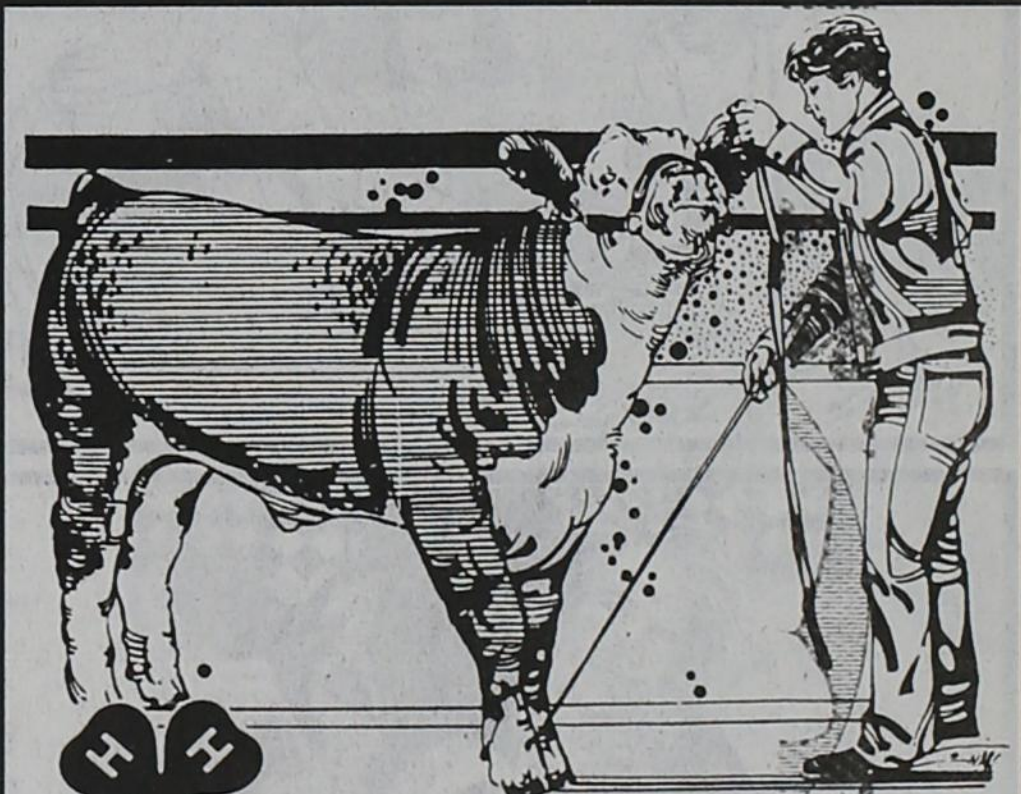
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It's great to see our 4-H'ers at work. They learn through doing many important things in their community. From raising livestock and canning preserves on the farm ... to cleaning up parks and planting trees in the city. Through their 4-H Club experience, these boys and girls, young men and women learn to take pride in their work, and in themselves. They become skilled farmers and homemakers, self-assured individuals, compassionate friends and responsible citizens ... in short ... better people. With pride and respect, we salute these 4-H members for the valuable job they do.

Dimmitt Feed Yards

Young 4-H'er enjoys entomology, food projects

By JEFF BISHOP

My name is Jeff Bishop. I am nine years old. This was my first year to be a real 4-H'er.

I've been tagging along, watching my big brother and sister for many years. My brother is the current State 4-H President. Now he has a million people that he can tell what to do, instead of just me.

I learned about the food pyramid and how to eat healthy. I went to a Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest at Texas Tech University.

Elizabeth Hill, Anna Brockman and Stephanie Castro were on my team. It was a lot of fun. They asked us questions about the food groups and food facts. We got to ring a buzzer if we knew the correct answer.

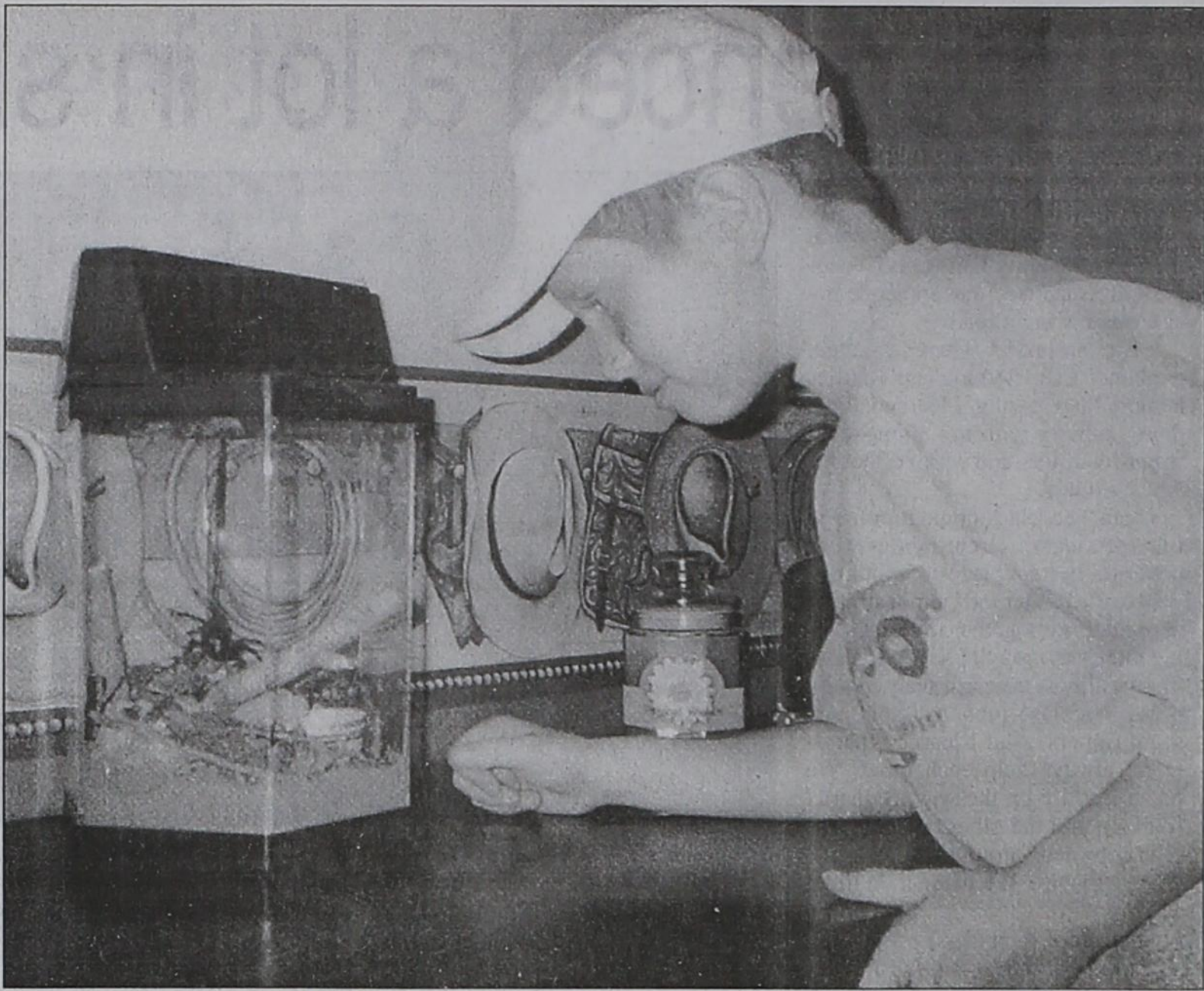
Anna didn't get to go to competition with us, but we still placed fifth.

I also learned a lot about entomology. That means bugs. Emilio Nino and Suzanne Gibbs had some classes about bugs that were fun. We learned some interesting things about bugs. Did you know that a grasshopper can jump 20 times its length, or that an ant can carry 12 times its weight, or that a scorpion can run 16 miles an hour?

We tried to jump, carry and run like that. We couldn't even come close, but we had fun trying to do so.

Suzanne caught a cool tarantula. I helped her build a cage for him from an old aquarium I had. We named him Turkey because she caught him at Turkey, Texas.

4-H is a lot of fun. Next year I will be old enough to get to go to a camp. If you want to learn more about bugs, food or other cool stuff, come to our next 4-H meeting and join our club.



NO FEAR OF SPIDERS HERE—Jeffrey Bishop of Dimmitt eyes a tarantula resting in its glass home during a recent entomology class sponsored by the

Castro County Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H'ers from across the county studied a variety of bugs and insects during the class.

4-H officers are named

There are four active 4-H clubs in Castro County, and each holds its own meetings, directed by student officers. Those officers are elected in the summer and serve for through the next school year.

Officers for the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club are Thomas Brockman, president; Gabriel Garcia, first vice president; Jaci Bishop, second vice president; Eric Book, third vice president; Holly Lane, council delegate; Elizabeth Hill, secretary; Anna Brockman, treasurer; Brad Lane, reporter; and Jeremy Bishop, parliamentarian.

Hart 4-H Club officers are Adrienne Hart, president; Will Whitaker, vice president; Whitney Mitchell, council delegate; and Whit Whitaker, secretary/treasurer.

Those serving as officers for the Nazareth 4-H Club are Kim Brockman, president; Michael Horn, first vice president; Susan Kern, council delegate and secretary; Evan Huseman, treasurer; and Kelsey Hochstein, reporter.

For the Horse Club, officers are Eric Odom, president; Kean Lilley, vice president and council delegate; Jake Ebeling, secretary; and Alisha Womack, reporter.

4-H Historical Highlights

1921: Boys' 4-H Sheep Clubs were organized.

1926: The Texas Home Demonstration Association awarded its first Maggie W. Barry Scholarship.

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Tending to crops is only one part of the 4-H experience. There's always something new to build on, and that's why 4-H deserves our support!



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4-H cannot function without adult volunteers

By MARILYN NEAL

Castro County Extension Agent

As I'm sure you are aware, 4-H (and all other organizations) could not function well without volunteers.

Here in Castro County we are blessed with great civic-minded people who are willing to donate their time and money to help worthwhile groups better serve their neighbors throughout the county.

While it seems like the number of volunteers are dwindling, here are some positive thoughts about volunteerism.

- ◆ Teens who report having positive role models were nearly twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not.
- ◆ Over half of Americans still

volunteer.

- ◆ The majority of volunteers are working people.
- ◆ Volunteers also give more money to charity than to those who do not volunteer.

One-fourth of all adult volunteers do so for five or more hours per week.

Six out of 10 volunteers began volunteering before the age of 14. You can never start to care too early.

Compassion and creativity are leading to a greater range of volunteer opportunities.

So, all of you who do volunteer, give yourself a big pat on the back. My heartfelt thanks also go out to you for the part you play in making better citizens of our young people.

4-H Historical Highlight

1950: The first Texas 4-H Youth Council was organized.



THRILLING RIDE—Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Ashton Bradley and Karina Abrego have a blast riding the 4-H float in the 2001 Harvest Days parade. 4-H'ers decorated the float themselves and it was judged second-best in the parade. The group earned a \$50 prize for their work.

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4-H allows young folks to get involved in a variety of activities, that they'll carry with them over a lifetime. Our thanks to 4-H for giving them a head start!

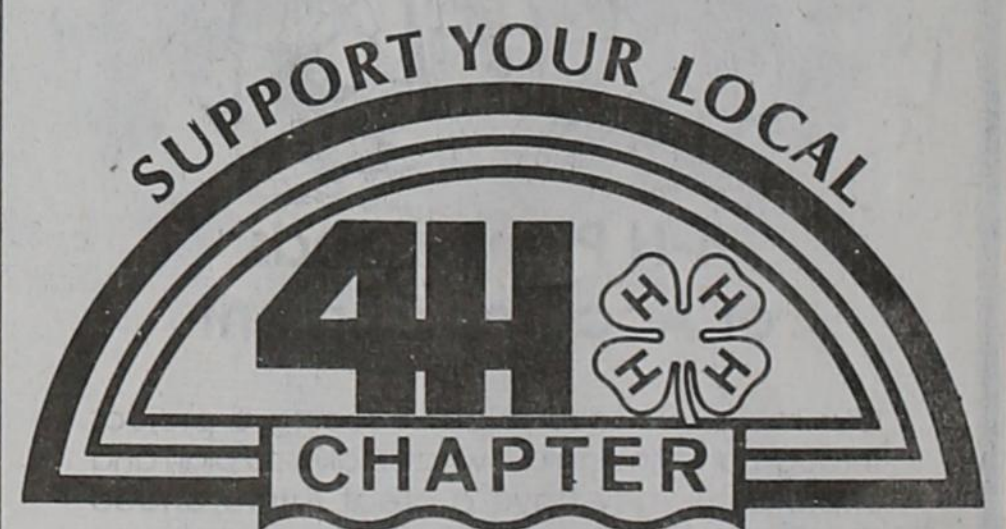
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4-H introduces young people to the business of agriculture and the pleasure of accomplishment, the joys of working together as a team and the satisfaction of seeing that work benefit their community.

We're especially proud of them and the fine work they do!

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Veteran 4-H'er describes experience as fun, educational

By Holly Lane

Hello, my name is Holly Lane. I am 16 years old and a junior at Dimmitt High School.

I joined the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club when I was 6 years old as a Clover Kid. I was encouraged to join 4-H and get active by my mother.

When she was growing up, she was also in 4-H and she wanted me to have the same experience she had. I am the daughter of Mary Alice and Charlie Lane. I have an 18-year-old brother named Corey and a younger brother, Brad, who is 11.

I started my Healthy Lifestyles program four years ago under the category of Health Fitness. Last year, the Health Fitness category was dropped and I continued in the Health category. This year when the Healthy Lifestyles category opened up, I fit right in.

I played t-ball in kindergarten through my second grade year and then I moved up to girls' softball and played that until it was no longer offered.

When I got into junior high, I was a cheerleader. I ran cross country, was on the track team, played on the tennis team and played basketball. I enjoyed all of them, but decided to settle on basketball as my main sport.

I attended basketball camp at Wayland Baptist University and have spent the past two summers playing on an AAU basketball team. We have been very successful this year. We placed third in a Maybe Tournament in Newton, Kan., first in a tournament in Roswell, N.M., and first at one in Canyon. With tournaments every weekend and practice twice a week, I get plenty of exercise. I also play tennis on my high school team.

During the summer I have also helped teach swimming lessons. I help with the smaller children. Those little kids are so much fun!

I did a Method Demonstration on Healthy Eating for the athletes at District Roundup. The text for the demonstration was good and the posters were awesome, but I got so nervous that I dropped my cards and they got all mixed up. It was a nightmare come true!

I started my Public Speaking project with Livestock Judging. We attended numerous practices and several meets. During my first year as a Junior I competitor our team

won district. I really enjoyed doing that, but we can't seem to get enough kids interested to keep a team going.

I then began a Consumer Education project. In Consumer Education we learned about smart shopping. Since I enjoy shopping so much, I like Consumer Judging. Our Extension agent made us give reasons on why we placed the class the way we did. We were also required to give oral reasons for the class.

Reasons were hard at first, because when I started I was a little shy, but that is no longer an obstacle.

I presented several Method Demonstrations at District Roundup as a Junior II 4-H'er.

Since I have gotten to be a Senior 4-H'er, I have taken part in Share the Fun skits. We did very well with both of our skits. We placed first in district with both and we went to state. We placed in the top 10 last year, but didn't do so well this year.

I have raised pigs for seven years and I raised lambs for four years before deciding to concentrate on my swine projects.

Pigs and lambs need to be walked every day in order to keep their muscle balance. They need to be washed regularly in order to keep their skin in good condition and they need to be fed a proper nutrient balanced ration in order for them to develop properly.

Hey! Animals are just like people. They need to be fed regularly, and they need to be washed, groomed and exercised in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

I have done fairly well with my animals. I had two first place pigs at our local stock show this year. We keep both our animal projects at the 4-H Livestock Center. Sometimes it is hard to check on them because they are out in the country and I live in town. Since there is a lot of time involved with physically taking care of the animals, it is hard not to form an attachment to them. When it is time for them to go to the packer, I always cry.

A few years ago we took my pigs to a local packing plant. My Livestock Judging team went to watch them kill it and skin it and see what it looked like hanging up. I couldn't bear to watch. It took me a long time before I ate bacon again.

Last year I helped my brother with

his steer project. It was very interesting. That steer had so much wrong with him it was unreal! We had to doctor him for everything and baby him along. Putting him on the truck was really tough!

I have also been involved in clothing projects. I made and modeled a cotton jumper in the fashion show at the county fair a few years ago. I also made a denim skirt and vest and entered it in our local fair, and modeled it in the "Make It With Denim" contest at the South Plains Fair.

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

Also, I found that if you eat too much fatty foods or candy, teenagers are prone to acne and it will clog your pores and make you break out.

I entered a Hawaiian Bread in the local food show and competed at district with a broccoli casserole. What I have learned in the Food and Nutrition Project has also helped me in my Healthy Lifestyles project.

During my 4-H career, I have been our club reporter, historian, secretary, treasurer and vice president. This year, I requested that I only be considered for County Council delegate since I am our school's FFA president this year. I didn't want to be too busy to do a good job at both positions.

Every time I help our county agent with a class, or work cleaning up at the museum or help with a fundraiser either for the 4-H Project Center or for a transplant patient, I feel good about myself. Leadership and community service are another means to maintain a Healthy Lifestyle.

Last year's awards banquet was pretty exciting. My older brother, Corey, was awarded the Gold Star Award and I was awarded the Silver Star Award. He's going to college this fall, so that was his last banquet.

I have attended Leader Lab, Electric Camp, County Camp at Brownwood, State 4-H Clothing Camp and State Roundup over the past several years. During this time, I have made many new friends. Every time I attend a camp, I find someone that I have met from a pre-

vious camp or livestock show I attended. It's been great!

For the past several years, I have helped with Vacation Bible School. Last summer, my youth group went to a poor area of Corpus Christi and worked with the children. We taught them crafts, played games and read to them. Hopefully, we made a positive impact on their lives. They came from such different environments than I have. These children will never know what 4-H is or what it is

about. Their parents will not take the time to help them sew a button on a sewing project, measure the flour for a food project, listen to a method demonstration, help them get a pig to the show ring or take a picture for a record book. The experience made me truly appreciative of the opportunities with which I have been blessed.

Through my method demonstrations, judging meets, Share the Fun skits and livestock shows, I have

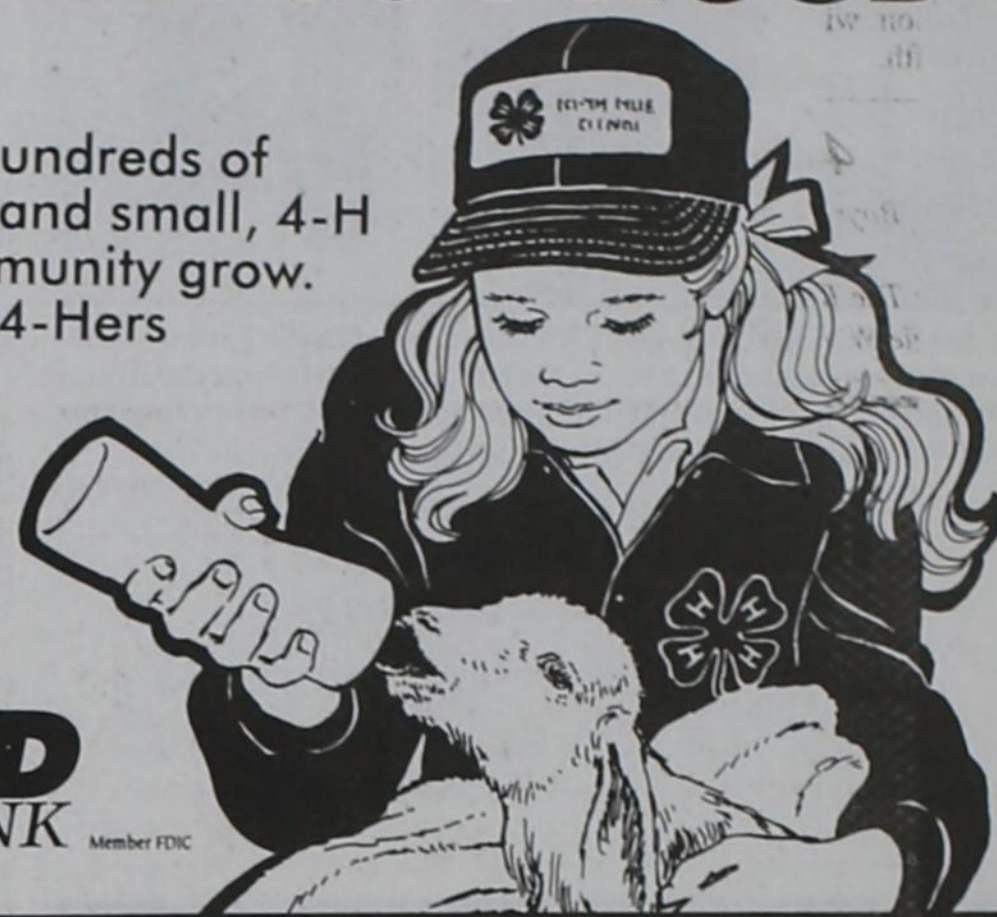
overcome my shyness and become a much more open and self-confident person. I have learned that even though you don't always win a prize with your project, you really do win because you have attempted something new and what you have learned by completing it is a prize in itself.

From my livestock projects I have developed the desire to become a veterinary assistant in the future.

4-H has truly been an education, self-fulfilling and fun experience.

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STATE RECORD BOOK WINNERS—Castro County 4-H'ers Jeremy Bishop (left) and Holly Lane presented their record books at the state level this year. Lane's presentation in the Healthy Lifestyle

open category was selected as the best in the state. Her first-place entry earned her a trip to Washington, D.C. Bishop finished fourth with his record book on Recreation. Castro County 4-H Photo

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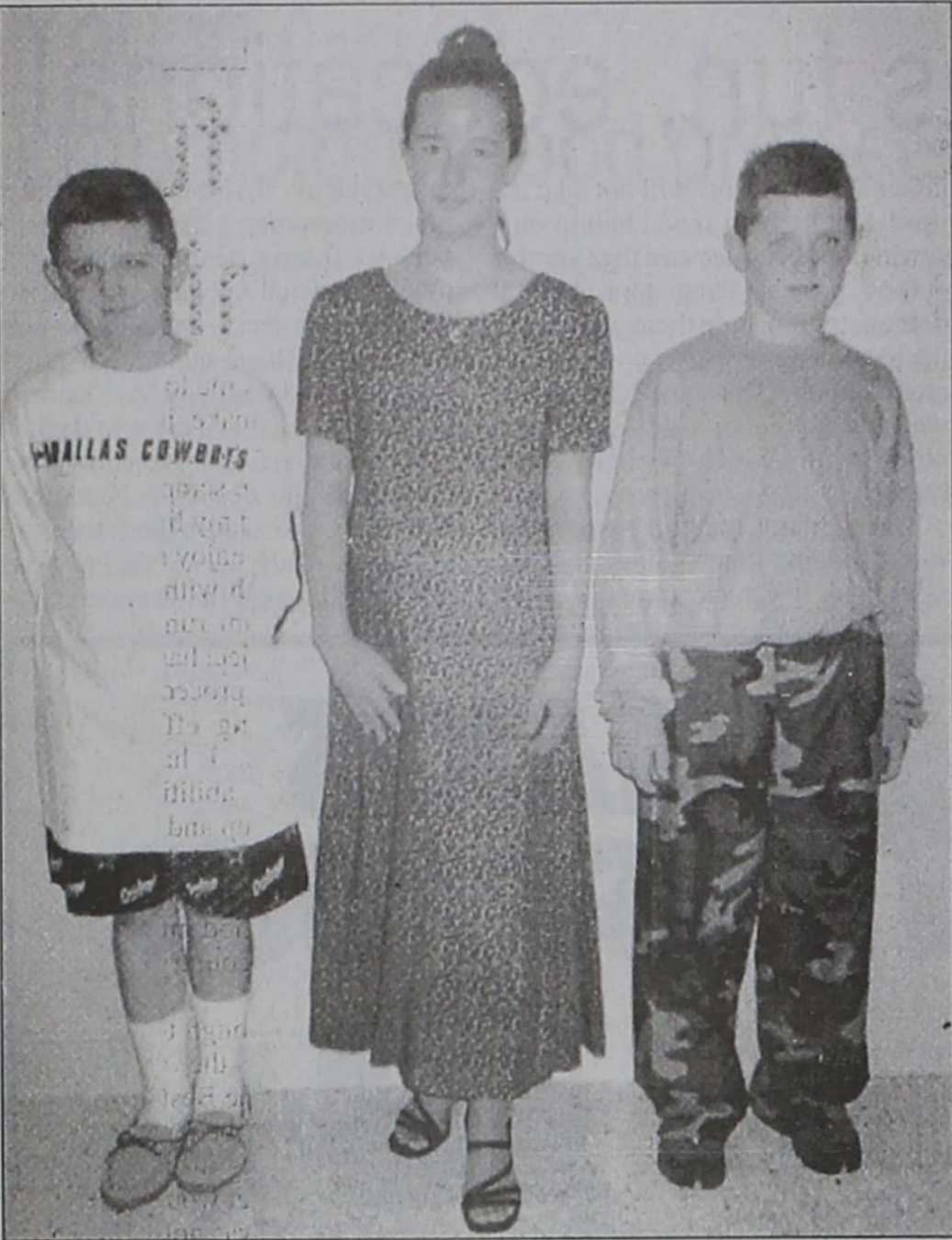
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THREE CASTRO COUNTY 4-H'ERS participated in the District Fashion Show this year and one of them, Beth Horn (center) won the Dressy Construction category in the Junior II competition. Others competing were Will Whitaker (left) and Whit Whitaker (right).

Castro County 4-H Photo

4-H provides 'non-stop action'

By Whit Whitaker

Attention! Calling all cowboys and cowgirls. It's rodeo time! Come join me as I serve as your host and describe the non-stop action and thrills of the many skills and experiences of a 4-H sheep rodeo review.

My name is Whit Whitaker, and I will bring you a play-by-play account of each 4-H event beginning with the grand entry. I am the 10-year-old son of Steve and LaNell Whitaker of Hart. Will, my identical twin brother, and Mikala, my 7-year-old sister, will be with us. This way she, too, can see what the 4-H program has to offer. Let me tell you about myself. I am active in UIL, Boy Scouts, church, and sports. My hobbies include taking old farm toys and designing new ones, drawing and painting, riding my four-wheeler, and playing the trombone.

With the introductions complete, let us begin the rodeo!

The first event is the 4-H sheep project. My love of sheep began as a young boy of 4 or 5, when my dad purchased some ewes and a buck to help keep the weeds under control in our arena. My brother and I soon had the buck, Peterbilt, tame and he became our horse, which we rode every time Daddy left the place. A neighbor soon told him what we were doing, and boy were we in trouble! However, we did manage to convince him to let us take our Christmas card picture on Peterbilt.

Show lambs, like all good horses in a rodeo, must receive good nutrition, grooming, exercise and practice in the arena before they are ready for competition. Last summer, before we got our show lambs, me and my brother and sister, had to paint all the pens that would house our new project. Not only did we paint the pens, but each other as well!

After the lambs arrived, I had to change the time I got up each morning to allow enough time to go feed. One of the first things I learned in this project was that it was MY project and not my mom's or dad's.

As I was picking up the wool from the first shearing, I asked if we could save all the wool we sheared from our lambs, and sell it to make this project more profitable. A friend was going through Ballinger and he agreed to take the wool and sell it for us. Finally the check arrived in the mail, and we thought we had won the

lottery when our dad told us it was for four fifty. Then he showed us the check. It was for \$4.50, and it had to split three ways!

I have also learned a lot about showmanship by watching others compete and attending our local and county stock shows and showmanship clinics. Participating in a livestock project gives my family a chance to spend time together and share in each other's lives as we learn responsibility.

Moving to the opposite end of the arena, the cowboys are ready for the next event, the 4-H food and nutrition project. Like all rodeo events, cooking requires skills learned and practiced many, many times. I started cooking with my grandmother when I was 4 years old. She always let me play with the extra dough when we made pie crust or breads and didn't care how large a mess I made. She shared with me the joy and pride of sharing homemade foods with friends and neighbors.

Turn your attention now to the bucking chutes where the cowboys are displaying a variety of items from the 4-H clothing and textile project. I enrolled in a beginner's sewing class and have learned how to thread the sewing machine and sew a straight seam. During the first session we made a pillow that had the pledge on it. The second class was even more rewarding as we

made laundry bags out of fabric with 4-H clovers all over it. I am looking forward to making a pair of shorts and maybe even entering something in the 4-H Fashion Design Competition.

To go along with these main rodeo events are projects that cowboys use in their daily lives. Photography has a place in making this rodeo experience complete. Taking pictures of each event helps me to record the good times and make it easier to prepare this record book. Preparing scrapbooks has made me more aware of what kinds of pictures I need to take to document my accomplishments and preserve my life's history for my children to enjoy someday.

Through each event of this rodeo, leadership makes the program run smoothly. I've gained confidence in my ability, better insight into myself and others, and the desire to always do a good job.

The 4-H leadership project has taught me that parliamentary procedure is very important in having effective and efficient meetings. I have gained confidence in my abilities when I speak before a group and want to do my best in everything I do. 4-H has made me more aware of my duty to serve God, my club, my community, my country and my world.

As the 4-H motto states, "To Make the Best Better," I am making

myself better by setting and achieving goals in my projects and school work that would not have been possible if I did not have the privilege of being in.

As the bull riding begins, the clown's role in the rodeo becomes more obvious. Not only do they provide safety for the cowboys, but they also entertain the crowd. Each event we participate in, whether it is in the rodeo arena, or just an everyday happening, needs to proceed using safety and caution.

In the recreation project, I have learned how to be safe but also have fun at the same time. Roller-blading at the city pavilion has made other kids in our community aware of what fun can be for everyone. We even came up with a totally new approach—4-H on Wheels. It covers every form of recreation that involves a wheel, and has been quite exciting. The highlight will be when we all gather our wheels for the Hart Day's Parade.

As the arena clears at the end of this rodeo review, I look toward the future with great anticipation. It is my goal to attend the United States Naval Academy and study engineering. I know the future holds many education and career possibilities for me because of my skills, experiences, and leadership ability gained through my 4-H career.

4-H Historical Highlight

1942: President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the Week of April 5-11 as National Mobilization Week for farm youth. He said, "Let your Head, Heart, Hands, and Health truly be dedicated to your country which needs them now, as never before."

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CARE CHAIN—Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Rose Wilhelm, Jaci Bishop, Susan Kern, Whitney Mitchell and Jeremy Bishop, who is state president, show off the monstrous paper chain, created by 4-H'ers and local youngsters in September at the District 4-H meeting in Lubbock. The chain was created in support of the victims of terrorist attacks on New

York and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11. Green links were created by 4-H'ers from 20 counties in the Panhandle and the rest were created by others. Each paper link has a message and the name of its creator, and the completed chain was forwarded to the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

Photo by Suzanne Gibbs



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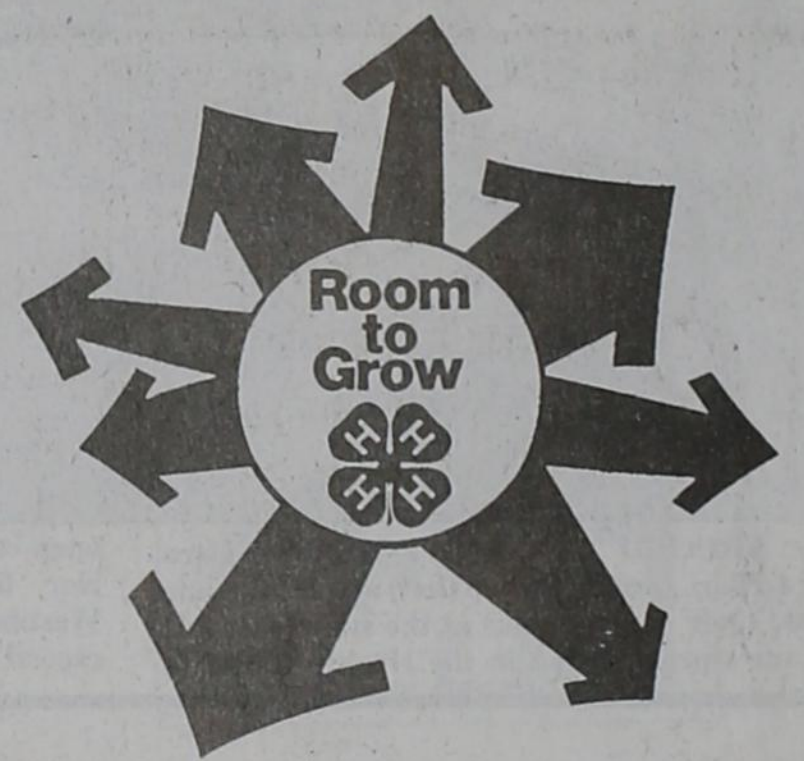
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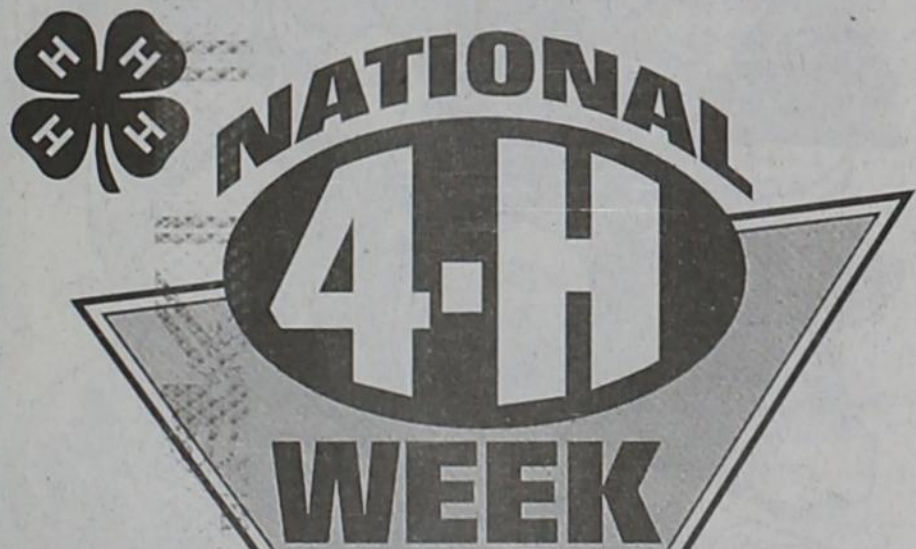
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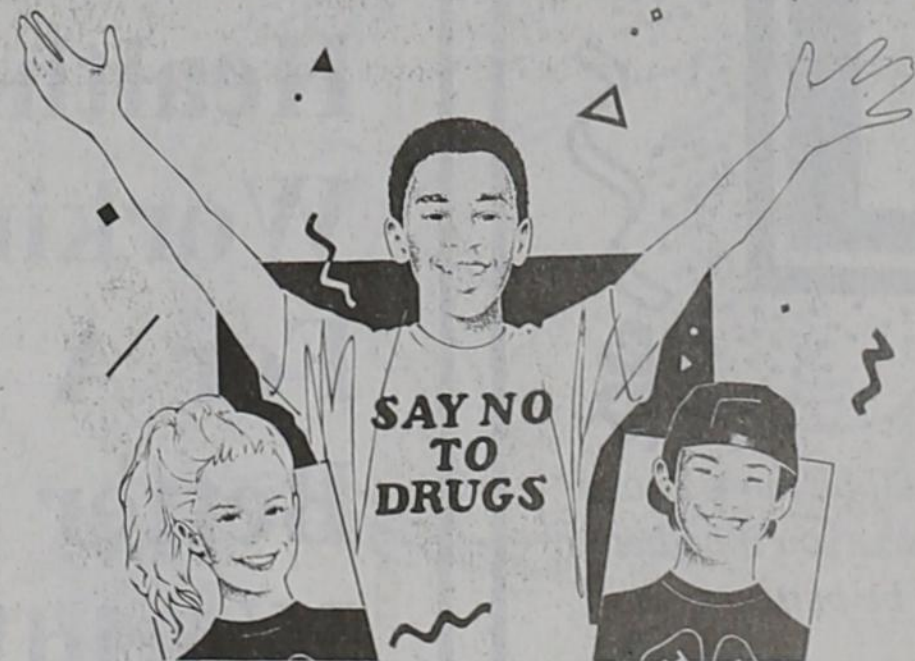
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4-H offers 'recipe' for fun, excitement and learning

By WILL WHITAKER

I just love the mouth-watering smell and taste of hot, fresh baked cookies. Don't you? I can almost smell and taste them right now.

To make homemade cookies I follow a recipe to be sure they turn out the way I plan. Come share a cookie as I describe the fun, skills, and experiences of the 4-H food and nutrition recipe review.

My name is Will Whitaker and I want to share with you a recipe for fun, excitement, learning and success in 4-H.

I am the 10-year-old son of Steve and LaNell Whitaker of Hart. Whit, my identical twin brother, and Mikala, my younger sister, will be with us.

Let me tell you about myself. This fall, I will be in the fifth grade at Hart Elementary School. I am active in ULL, Boy Scouts, church and sports. My hobbies are drawing and painting, riding my four-wheeler, playing the guitar, and redesigning new farm toys from old ones. Let's prepare a recipe for success!

Mix together the first ingredients of a 4-H food and nutrition project and beat well. The food and nutrition project requires skills practiced many times. I started cooking with my grandmother when I was 4 years old. She always let me play with the extra dough when we made pie crust or breads and didn't care how large a mess I made. She shared with me the joy and pride of sharing homemade foods with friends and neighbors.

Crunchy Romaine Toss is a favorite salad recipe I have prepared numerous times for competitions and special church gatherings. I really like to eat different kinds of salads so I usually volunteer to tear the lettuce and prepare the salads for family meals. Once I decided to cut the lettuce with a knife instead of tearing it so the salad didn't look very pretty, and guess what? It was for a dinner at church!

I learned first-hand the importance of good nutrition after I broke my arm this summer. In my food project group, I had learned about the value of nutrition and eating properly, so I knew I needed to eat plenty of protein and calcium so my body could heal.

Next in my recipe I need to add a

4-H sheep project.

Show lambs, just like people, must receive good nutrition, grooming, exercise and practice before they are ready for competition. Always thinking of making an extra buck, we decided to save all the wool we sheared from our lambs, and have a friend sell it for us. Finally the check arrived in the mail, and we thought we had hit the jackpot when our dad told us it was for four fifty. Then he showed us the check. It was for \$4.50, and I had to split it three ways!

I have also learned a lot about showmanship by watching others compete and attending our local and county stock shows and showmanship clinics. Participating in a 4-H livestock project gives my family a chance to spend time together and share in each other's lives as we learn responsibility for taking care of animals.

Now it is time to stir in a 4-H clothing and textile project. It is always fun to shop for clothes that express my personality and interests while filling a need in my wardrobe. This fall I shopped for casual outfits that would mix and match and be versatile for school and church. I purchased several shirts, shorts, and pants that could be mixed and matched for a casual or dressy look. However, the most exciting thing I have done is enrolling in a beginner's sewing class. During the first session we made a pillow that had the pledge on it. The second class was even more rewarding as we made laundry bags out of fabric with clovers all over it. Now I go to sleep at night, dreaming of all the fun ways I can clear my head and still be of larger service to my family, other than doing the laundry!

Now combine 4-H photography with the other projects and mix well. Taking pictures of each project and

club meeting helps me to record the good times and make it easier to prepare this record book. It has also been fun to prepare scrapbooks and learn how to record my life's history for my children to enjoy someday.

Shape the dough with leadership to help the program run smoothly. The leadership project has taught me that parliamentary procedure is very important in having effective and efficient meetings. I have gained confidence in my abilities when I speak before a group and want to do my best in everything I do.

4-H has made me more aware of my duty to serve God, my club, my community, my country and my world.

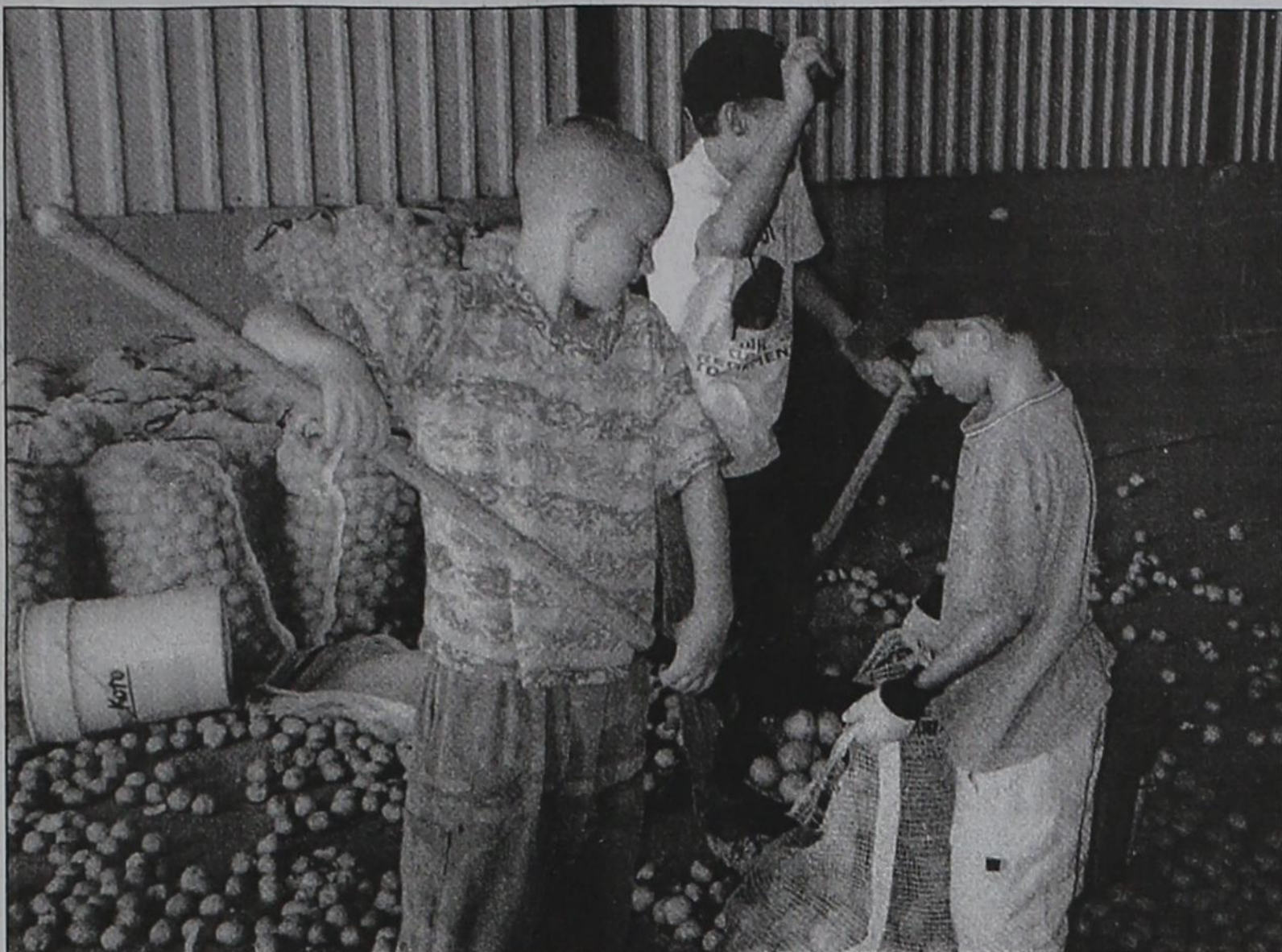
Now bake the dough to finish all the projects. As the 4-H motto states, "To Make the Best Better," I am making myself better by setting and achieving goals in my projects and school work that would not have been possible if I was not in 4-H.

While the cookies are baking, it is time to reflect on all the fun times and lessons learned from our 4-H recreation project club.

Roller blading at the city pavilion has made other kids in our community aware of what fun can be for everyone. We even came up with a totally new approach, "4-H on Wheels."

As the cookies cool, I look forward to next year and the exciting experiences will offer me. After high school I want to go to Texas A&M and become a dairy farmer. I know that I can use the skills, knowledge and leadership abilities I have gained through 4-H to help me through school and life.

The delicious smell of these cookies prepared with the recipe for success in 4-H was worth waiting for, but the mouth-watering 4-H taste is even better than the smell. Would you like another cookie?



PICKING UP THE POTATOES---Castro County 4-H'ers (from left) Dusty Horn, Brad Lane and Carter Hill sack potatoes at an Olton potato shed as part of a cleaning project this summer. County 4-H'ers

sacked the potatoes which were then given to food pantries. Some 4-H'ers even helped deliver food to the elderly and those less fortunate.

Castro County 4-H Photo

State 4-H'ers elect Dimmitt's Jeremy Bishop as president

There are 1,170,365 members of Texas State 4-H, and Dimmitt has been the home to two state presidents in the last four years.

The most recently elected president, Jeremy Bishop, is the 17-year-old son of Mickey and Carole Bishop. He has two younger siblings, Jaci and Jeffrey, who also attend Dimmitt schools.

Bishop joined 4-H seven years ago at the encouragement of one of his friends. After having such a good time at the meeting he then led others to join in the fun.

"I have learned some very useful skills over the last few years and have had fun while doing it," he said.

Bishop has held numerous positions and titles while being a member of 4-H. The most recent was that of District 2 president which allowed him to be eligible for the state presidency.

He has been active in community projects throughout his membership in 4-H. These projects help him to build knowledge, skills, and attitudes he'll need to be a strong productive adult.

Bishop likes working with children and recreation, therefore; many projects he works with combine the two.

He enjoyed the position of children's recreation coordinator for the July Jubilee a few years ago. Children decorated the sidewalks with chalk, hula-hooped and got to talk to the Amarillo Rattlers.

"I entered my record book in Recreation because I have a passion for sports, like kids, and I have no animals," he said.

"Most people think you have to show animals to be a member. That is just one aspect of the many different projects involved with 4-H," he added.

Bishop divides the rest of his time between football, student council, National Honor Society, Spanish club and countless other organizations.

Bishop will get to travel to Brownwood and to the Texas State Fair during his term as president. In June, he will go to College Station for State Round-up and to celebrate the 100th birthday of 4-H.

After graduation from Dimmitt High School, he hopes to attend Texas Tech University.

4-H Historical Highlight

1921: The State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held at College Station. County teams were trained intensively for one week and then the contest was held at the end of the course.

Building A Brighter Future

The future, the potential, the hopes and aspirations of any community lie with its youth. We are lucky to have 4-H, an organization that works with our young people and gives them many valuable ideas and ideals to go by. Their projects in agriculture are just a part of it all. What they learn about working with others; striving to reach a goal, making decisions and caring about things not only builds character in them, it provides a strong foundation upon which to build a community. We're proud to honor 4-H, and the fine work they do.

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Brockman and Bishop earn Gold Star awards

Jeremy Bishop and Thomas Brockman of Dimmitt took home the top honors at the Castro County 4-H Achievement Banquet in August, accepting the Gold Star Awards for 2001.

In addition to their Gold Star Awards, Bishop and Brockman were honored for their numerous achievements during the past year. Bishop was given special recognition as the new District 2 and State 4-H President.

Holly Lane is this year's recipient of the *I Dare You* Award and she was presented a copy of William P. Danforth's book with the same name.

The Silver Star Award was presented to Michael Horn, the top Junior 4-H'er for the year.

Castro County 4-H'ers also honored Walt Hansen as the 2001 Friend of 4-H, and Bill Sava as this year's Outstanding Leader, and Walt Pohlmeier as the 2001 Distinguished Leader.

Also receiving a special award Monday was Sharon Brockman, who has served as an adult leader for 20 years.

County Extension 4-H Agent Suzanne Gibbs and Extension Agent Marilyn Neal also presented project awards to numerous 4-H'ers, and honored those youngsters who took their projects to the district and state level.

Gold Star

Jackie Odom announced Bishop and Brockman as this year's Gold Star winners, and she outlined the accomplishments of each through the years.

A seven-year member of the 4-H, Bishop has participated in many activities and completed several projects through his involvement in 4-H.

His projects have included Consumer Education, Food and Nutrition, Health, Public Speaking, Safety and Recreation.

Bishop's record book on Recreation has placed in the top 10 in the state for three years.

Through 4-H, Bishop has honed his leadership skills through various workshops such as Electric Camp and Leadership Camp, and he served last summer as a teen counselor at Leader Lab. He has served as master of ceremonies at several District 2 4-H Events.

He has held many offices, including president of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club. He has been the third vice president for the District 2 4-H Council and currently serves as the district president. But his biggest achievement in 4-H is his most recent—being elected as state president of the organization that boasts a membership of more than a million.

The second Gold Star recipient, Brockman, also has been active in 4-H for many years, participating in Consumer Decision Making, Share-The-Fun competitions and Sheep projects.

"He is a great team player, as evidenced by his success in advancing to state competition in Consumer Decision Making and Share-The-Fun Poetry," Odom said.

Brockman's record books have been among the top 10 in the state for two years.

He has served as president of the county's 4-H Consumer Decision Making Club and is the newly-

elected president of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club.

Silver Star

Horn is a member of the Nazareth 4-H Club and has been an active member for five years.

His projects have included Beef, Public Speaking, Gardening, Sheep, Woodworking, Leadership and Poultry.

Through 4-H, he has attended Electric Camp and participated in food shows, stock shows and the county fair.

He earned Rookie of the Year honors at his first food show and was the "gardening grand champion" at the county fair. His livestock project also made the stock show sale.

He also has presented Method Demonstrations, earning two first-place honors with his work at the district level.

Horn has volunteered for many radio spots as a public relations project and has presented Method Demonstrations for civic and church groups.

I Dare You

As Lane was announced as the *I Dare You* winner, presenter Patrice Hill described her as a "4-H member who shows great determination in accomplishing the tasks before her with a positive attitude."

Lane has been an active 4-H'er for eight years, working in Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Swine, Sheep, Public Speaking, Consumer Education and Veterinary Science projects. She has participated in Share-The-Fun, food shows, stock shows, fashion shows, Method Demonstrations, Leader Lab, County Camp, Electric Camp and the State 4-H Roundup.

She has held many offices including Election Committee chairman, Family Night Committee chairman, Harvest Days Committee member and Dunking Booth Committee member. She has served as vice president, secretary, historian and reporter for her club and serves as a County Council delegate.

Her most recent accomplishment was having her record book on Healthy Life Styles selected as the best in the state.

Friend of 4-H

Hansen was described as "not only a friend to 4-H, but also a friend to all in the community."

"His willingness to help the 4-H Parent-Leader Association with fundraisers like concession stands, luncheons and bake sales by ordering food and giving generous donations has benefitted many 4-H'ers through the years," said presenter Carole Bishop.

Outstanding Leaders

Sava and Pohlmeier each assisted 4-H'ers with different projects, and their volunteered service was appreciated by many this year.

Neal praised Pohlmeier for his willingness to help 4-H'ers with livestock projects, especially when she was the county's only Extension agent who by her own admission, knew very little about the stock show projects.

Sava volunteered to coach a group of 4-H'ers in the Share-The-Fun skit this year, and the group advanced to the state contest for the past two years.



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H GOLD STAR WINNER ... Jeremy Bishop (right) accepts award from Suzanne Gibbs
Photo by Anne Acker



2001 GOLD STAR RECIPIENT FROM CASTRO COUNTY ... Suzanne Gibbs presents plaque to Thomas Brockman
Photo by Anne Acker

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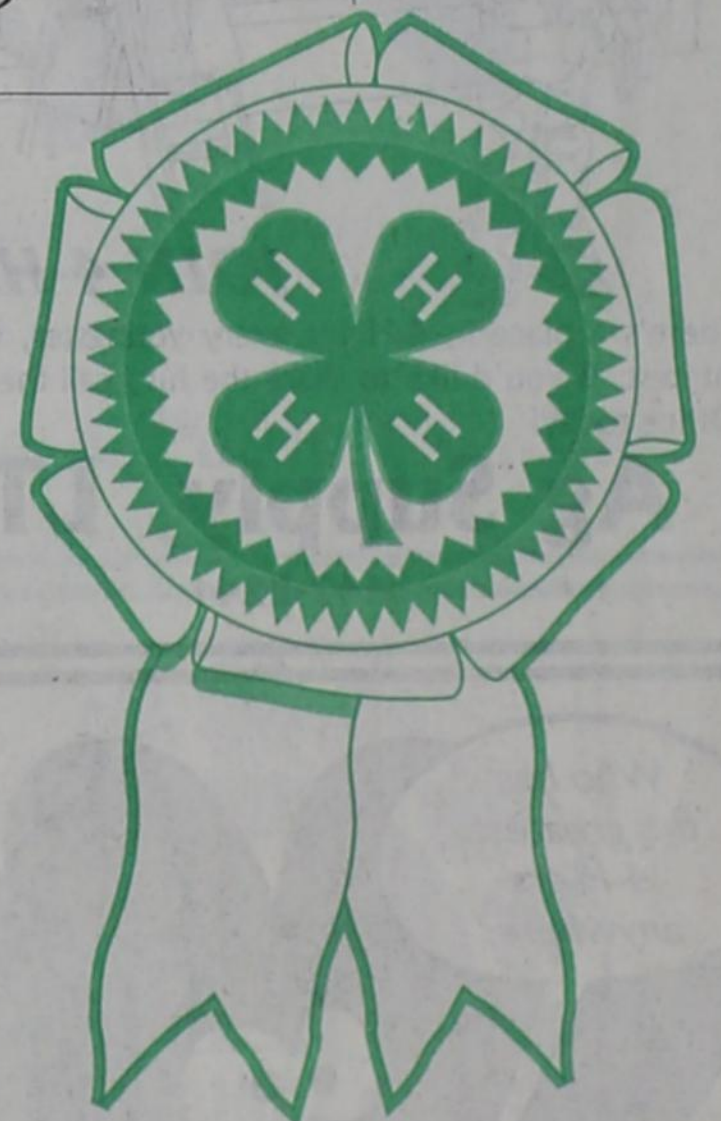


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All across the nation, 4-H is becoming an integral part of our communities, helping young people to become aware, active and concerned with their environment and the world.

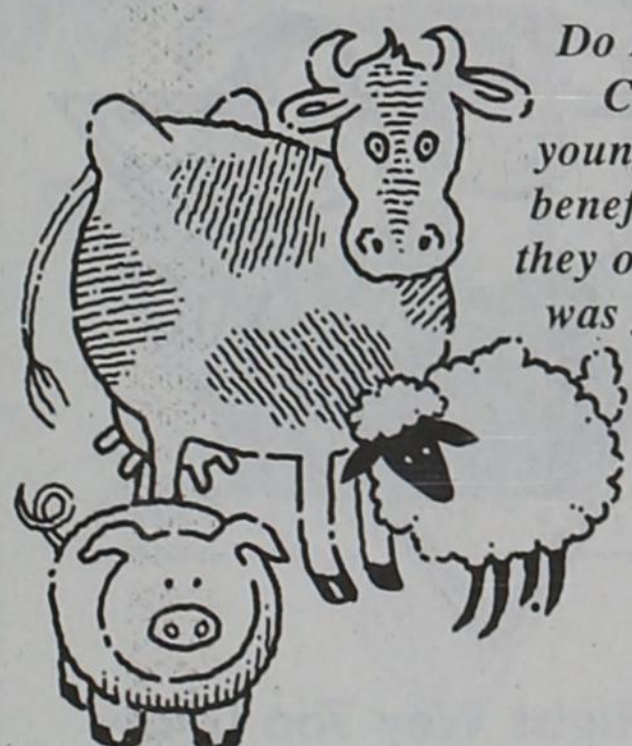
The skills and knowledge they learn as 4-H members will go a long way in helping them to develop into self-assured and responsible adults.

It's an organization that we're proud to support and happy to applaud for their continual achievements. Thanks to 4-H, and the work they do, we feel that this community's a little richer ... a little brighter.



4-H Historical Highlight

1920: Home Demonstration Girls' Educational Encampment was held at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 18-22. Girls who won the highest places in 4-H club work in their respective counties. Three scholarships were given to winners of the exhibits by the following companies: L.H. Lewis Company, Tutche-Goettinger, and Sears-Roebuck Company.



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