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Stock show entries number 294

FFA and 4-H members are working to put the finish on their show animals for the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show, set for Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Animals for this year's show will include 194 barrows (down from 197 last year), 90 lambs (down from 95 last year), and 10 steers (the same as last year), for a total of 294 entries.

The event will be conducted by the Dimmitt Young Farmers, and president of the group this year is Greg Odom. Kennen Howell serves as general superintendent for this year's show. He is assisted by Chaun Gunstream.

This year's show will have a later start time, with the lambs going into the ring at 9 a.m. The steers will follow at 11 a.m., with the barrows slated at 1 p.m.

Judges for this year's show will be Greg Jones for the steers, Rick Whitman for the barrows, and Scott Doss for the lambs. The judge for the showmanship competition will be announced later.

The annual premium sale will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, and the Young Farmers are encouraging everyone to "come out and support all the kids."

The show rules say that the Young Farmers will auction off 125 barrows, 125 lambs and 40 steers or 75% of the total number of animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number.

Auctioneers Leslie Davis, Johnny Davis, Greg Odom, Jack Howell, Jason Wooten and Kenneth Gregg will sell the grand champion steer, barrow and lamb, followed by the reserve champions. Next will come the breed champions and then reserve breed champs. Remaining animals will be sold off in thirds until all eligible animals are sold.

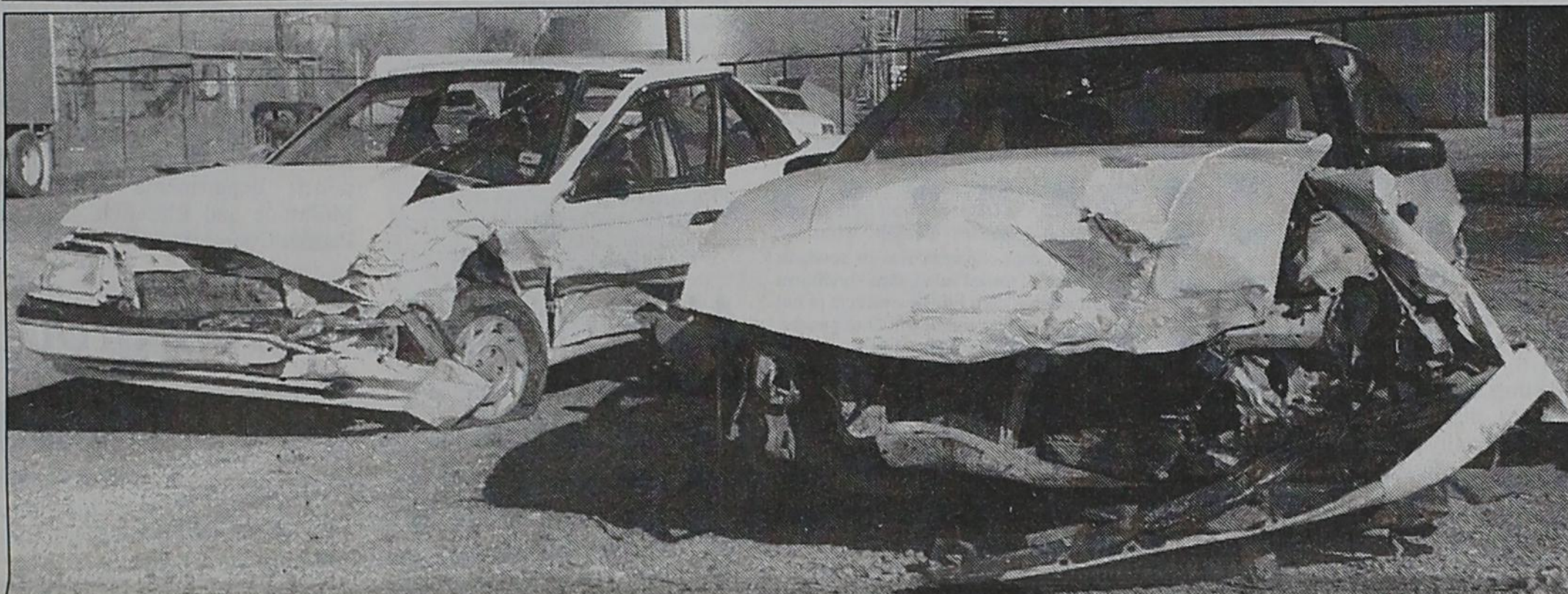
To raise money for the DYF's Dana Wall Memorial Scholarship Fund, the club is raffling off a brand new stock trailer. Tickets are \$100 each and ticket purchasers have a one in 10 chance of "getting their money back," according to an event organizer. 120 tickets will be sold and 12 drawings will be held, with 10 tickets drawn out each time, and the 10th ticket named a winner each time. The final drawing will be for the trailer. Other prizes that will be awarded to lucky ticket holders during the show and sale include \$100-worth of fuel from Dimmitt Consumers, \$100 worth of groceries from Dimmitt Thriftway, a \$100 beef certificate from Dimmitt Feedyard, a \$100 beef certi-

cate from Rafter 3 Feedyard, and \$100 worth of merchandise from each of the following: W-B Equipment, Flag Fertilizer Co., Texas Equipment, Riverside Terra, Dimmitt Market, Lextron Animal Health Products and The Village Shop. Tickets may be obtained from any DYF member.

Hart and Nazareth Buyers Clubs also are expected to hold some prize drawings for fund raisers.

After the animals were weighed and classified on Wednesday, Nazareth was scheduled to hold its club show, starting at 6:30 p.m. About 44 exhibitors were expected to show two steers, 65 barrows and 30 lambs, according to David Bownds.

Hart will hold its club show today (Thursday) at the Expo, starting at 6 p.m. with a supper. Judging for steers will start at 7 p.m., followed by heifers, lambs and barrows. Gary Patterson of Farwell, a former Parmer County Extension Agent, will judge the show. The estimated 25 exhibitors will show 50 barrows, four sheep, two steers and one heifer, according to Jim Tucker.



THREE INJURED—These two vehicles collided Monday night a mile east of Dimmitt. They are shown here in the yard of Don's Wrecker Service. The 1990 Ford Tempo (left) was driven by Sandra Durbin of Tulia, with Toni Leatherwood of Plainview as a passenger. The 1993 Pontiac Grand

Prix (right) was driven by Jessie Garcia III of Earth. All three were transported from Plains Memorial Hospital to area hospitals, but their injuries were not life-threatening, according to DPS Trooper Ron Mann. He reported that all were wearing safety restraints. Photo by Don Nelson

Three are injured in two-car collision

Three people were taken to area hospitals Monday night as the result of a two-car collision a mile east of Dimmitt on SH 86.

According to DPS Trooper Ron Mann, all three avoided life-threatening injury in the almost head-on collision because they were wearing safety restraints. He reported that Sandra Durbin, 36, of Tulia, and her sister, Toni Leatherwood, 39, of Plainview, were airlifted from Plains Memorial Hospital, with one being taken to Lubbock and one to Amarillo. Jessie Garcia III, 29, of Earth, was taken by ambulance to Lubbock.

Mann said that Garcia was driving a 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix, and was heading east on SH 86. He was attempting to make a left turn into the

Huggins Addition, and turned into the path of a 1990 Ford Tempo driven by Durbin, who was heading west. The accident occurred about 6:34 p.m.

Mann said Garcia had drifted into the west-bound lane as he attempted the left turn. He said it appeared that Durbin had tried to avoid the collision by going to the right, which accounted for the almost head-on meeting of the vehicles. The Ford ended up in the north bar ditch, and the Pontiac spun around and ended up in the roadway facing south. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage.

Mann said Garcia will be ticketed for failure to yield right of way—turning left.

County leads state in market value of agricultural items sold

Castro County ranks number one in the state in market value of agricultural products sold, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total market value of all

agricultural products sold, including all row crops, forage, livestock and livestock products (including dairies), was estimated at \$668,439,000 for 1997, with the bulk of that coming from livestock,

poultry and related products.

Of that total, \$578,642,000 is attributed to sales of livestock while the other \$89,798,000 is from crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops.

The \$668,439,000 total averages out to \$1,366,952 per farm.

size of individual farms also grew from 997 acres in 1992 to 1,142 in 1997.

According to the survey, the majority of Castro County farms are 1,000 acres or more. Here's a breakdown of the size of farms in the county:

Value of sales	No. of Farms
Less than \$2,500	64
\$2,500-\$4,999	12
\$5,000-\$9,999	19
\$10,000-\$24,999	31
\$25,000-\$49,999	41
\$50,000-\$99,999	49
\$100,000 or more	273

Those farms also incurred a combined \$529,475,000 in expenses during the year.

The estimated market value of all machinery and equipment on an individual farm in the county was up, from \$112,374 in 1992 to \$159,525 in 1997.

The number of farms has gone down over the past few years, but the land included in those farms and the average size of farms has increased, according to the survey.

From 1992 to 1997, the number of farms in Castro County has dropped from 520 to 489. The number of acres farmed in Castro County increased from 518,316 in 1992 to 558,662 acres in 1997. The average

The total acres of crop land among 441 county farms is 409,173, with 380 of those farms harvesting crops from 291,272 of those acres. The survey indicates there are 329 farms using irrigation on 226,795 acres.

Selected crops harvested

The majority of Castro County farmers raised corn, wheat, cotton and/or sorghum during 1997, while some branched out to soybeans and forage crops.

According to the survey, wheat was the crop of choice in 1997, with 317 farms sowing 100,977 acres to

wheat. Harvested wheat that year totaled 3,647,027 bushels.

Farmers also raised corn for grain or seed, with 87,536 acres of corn being raised on 218 farms in 1997. Those acres yielded 14,940,012 bushels of corn at harvest time.

In 1997, 58,330 acres was planted to cotton by 236 farms, and that yielded 84,397 bales.

Sorghum for grain or seed was planted on 142 farms and the 21,600 acres resulted in a yield of 1,408,750 bushels.

Thirty-nine county farms planted 3,579 acres of soybeans in

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DISD examining deterrent program

"A demon has come to our school district and it is drugs and alcohol," Bruce Dollar, athletic coordinator for the Dimmitt schools told the school board Monday night. He showed the board a proposal for deterring drug and alcohol use among students.

The program would require all students involved in extra-curricular activities, competitive performances and contests, student elected offices or positions, and all social or service organizations to sign a consent form for random drug and alcohol testing.

Dollar said the program points out that participation in school-sponsored extracurricular activities is a privilege, and no student would be

allowed to practice or participate in any activity until they turn in a consent form. The policy would cover students in grades 7-12.

Dollar told the school board he had viewed policies used by 13 different school systems and combined different elements of those programs to come up with his proposal. He said the program is constitutional, having been based on the program that came out of the original test case that was heard before the Supreme Court.

"I have a passion about this because I can see what is happening," Dollar said. He gave instances of

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Playoff games

Who knows where or when?

The Bobbies, Bobcats and Swifts are headed for the state basketball playoffs. But as of Wednesday morning, no one knew exactly where or when they would play.

The district champion Bobbies draw an automatic bye in the bi-district round.

"We'll advance to the area round a week from Thursday or Friday," Coach Chris Edwards said after his Bobbies completed their 10-0 district sweep with a win at Dalhart Tuesday night.

"We'll play the winner of the bi-district game between District 3's third-place team and District 4's second-place team," he said, adding, "I have a feeling it's going to be Slaton."

At presstime, Edwards was hoping to line up a practice game within a next week with a district champion or another classification.

Dimmitt's Bobcats and Tulia's Hornets are tied for the 1-AAA championship with identical 8-1 district marks and are both heavy favorites in their final district games Friday night.

So they'll almost certainly have to play each other again for the championship and the first playoff seed.

But they can't make any playoff plans yet.

"With all the playoff games coming up, nobody will allow us and Tulia to reserve a gym," Coach Alan Slaton.

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Power finally restored to homes

The lights are back on in homes across the eastern edge of Castro County, but some were without power for more than a week thanks to a severe winter storm which swept across the area Jan. 29-30.

One of the areas hardest hit by the storm was the eastern portion of the county, which is served by Swisher Electric Cooperative. SEC suffered severe damage throughout its entire service area, not just Castro County.

According to SEC officials, power was returned to the last two residential customers struck by the disaster late Monday evening.

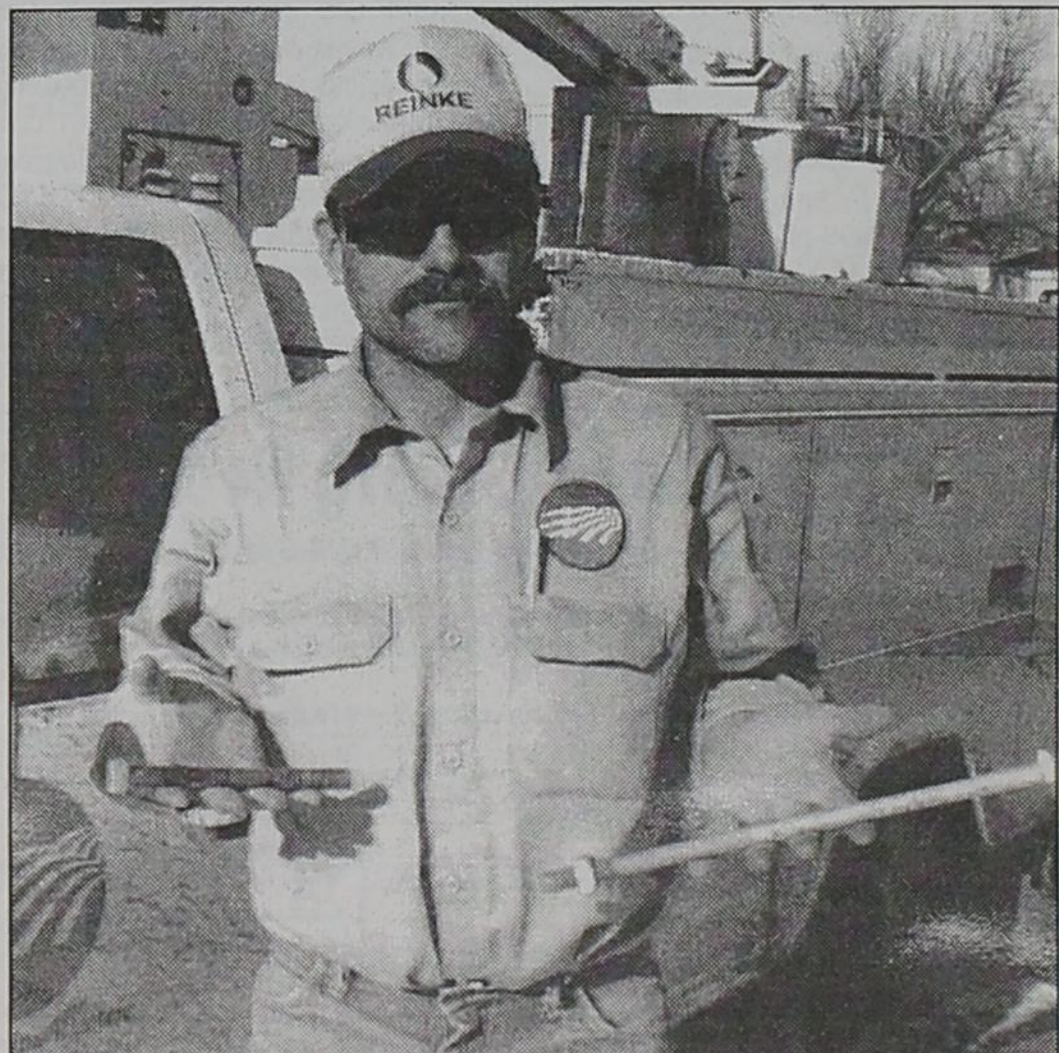
Major reconstruction of power poles and lines was necessary to restore power back to those customers, according to SEC. For one, four miles of line had to be rebuilt and for the other, about a half of a mile of line was damaged.

"With all the residences back on, we can now start concentrating on getting service restored to stock waterers," said SEC operations superintendent Lewis Cannon.

Hundreds of county residents were without power for periods following the winter storm, but SEC and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative had restored power to most of their residential customers by Feb. 1 or 2.

But the ice caused massive damage to Swisher Electric's lines and last Thursday there were still 100 of its residential customers without power.

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THE BREAKING POINT—In his left hand, Philip Pickard of South Plains Electric Cooperative holds a connector bolt that secures a cross-arm to an electric utility pole. It's 5/8 of an inch thick and 16 inches long. In his right hand is a connector bolt that was sheared off when ice-coated lines supported by the cross-arm started whipping up and down in the wind during the recent ice-and-snow storm. Servicemen had to replace hundreds of these sheared bolts throughout the county after the storm, as well as hundreds of utility poles that snapped under the force and weight. Pickard was one of many servicemen from outside the area who came in to help restore service after the storm. Photo by Don Nelson

Weather

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Monday	68	36	
Tuesday	69	35	
Wednesday	67	33	

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

Op-Ed

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Letter

Coaching is not as easy as 'experts' in stands think

Dear Editor: I would like to express my concern over what I feel is becoming a common problem in today's society. There is a select crowd of people who are showing their disapproval for a certain coach in our area.

because they are under pressure from someone who had either a personal or professional difference with them. They come in and build a strong program, take it places and keep it at a prominent level and then are forced to leave to escape the criticism of a few uneducated fans.

Editorial

ACGA questions wisdom of additional crop insurance

The American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) is addressing the current plans in Washington to focus on improvements in crop insurance to solve agriculture's price crisis.

to the current marketing system. The ACGA realizes that crop insurance will not improve or support commodity prices in any way. All the losses caused by low prices in such a system will still have to be paid by the farmers in the form of higher premiums.

More about

DISD drug deterrent program . . .

(Continued from Page 1) students involved in drugs and alcohol in the Dimmitt schools. He said those were just some of the ones he personally knew about.

help them in saying no to temptations. Dollar said that alcohol and drug abuse has a negative impact on a student's life. He said it causes them to have a disrespect for authority; failure to take responsibility for their own actions; to have a lack of self-respect; causes their grades and attendance to start a downward spiral; and causes them to lose focus on positive things in life.



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 11-19.

DIMMITT Breakfast THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: Waffle with syrup, grape juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: Teriyaki steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn, orange wedges, hot rolls and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: Choice of teriyaki steak, vegetable lasagna or ham and cheese sandwich; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn, broccoli and cheese sauce, tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or orange wedges; hot rolls, French bread or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

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

Elementary Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.

High School Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: Waffles and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk. WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: * Soft taco or pizza, lettuce, beans, pineapple, cupcake and milk or juice.

DPD team takes second The Dimmitt Police Dept. basketball team took second place in the first round of tournament action in the law enforcement series being played by five area teams.

Alzheimer's support group to meet in Dimmitt Monday Welch Home Place has organized an Alzheimer's support group and the group will hold its next meeting Monday night at 7 at the Welch Home Place Program Facility, located at 1001 Front Street (formerly Dr. Gary Hardee's office).

Last Puzzle Solution grid with letters filled in.

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55 years and older. It cares for both outpatient and inpatient individuals who have been diagnosed with either dementia or Alzheimer's.

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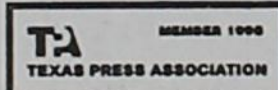
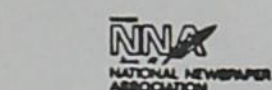


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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes crossword grid and list of clues for Across and Down.

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Just a reminder to all Senior Citizens Center members: it is time to pay dues for 1999. It costs \$15 and any new member is welcome.

The Thursday Bridge Club met and I was hostess. Lorann helped me get things together, and picked me up and delivered me back to the house. Edith Graef won high score.

To celebrate the 88th birthday of Inez Lee, lunch was served in the guest dining room at Canterbury Villa to her and her five children: Wayne Lee of Hirsch, Dorothy Sargent of Hereford, Charlene Howell and Carolyn Moke of Dimmitt, and Jack Lee of Shamrock. After lunch, Carlyle Dennis and Kathy Sargent joined the group for visiting.

Since this is their favorite thing, being grandmothers, Linda Fitzgeard and Charlene Howell went to Blanchard, Okla., to see those dear

ones. While they were there, they watched Misti and Clint play basketball and show their pigs. They stayed over Sunday as Misti was playing her flute for the special music for church.

Another grandmother from here, Ann Stroud, went to Oklahoma City to babysit her pride and joy, Brandon Black, on Friday and Saturday. Oklahoma had a lot of rain, but no snow or bad weather.

There were 27 of us who met at the Methodist Church and went to the Community Concert in Hereford. Amarillo Little Theater performed *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. It was very entertaining. It will be performed in Dimmitt in April, and I encourage all to make plans to see it.

Cheryle Pybus was hostess to a baby shower for Sharla Beth Knippa of Hale Center this past Saturday.

There was lots of good food and fun. The precious baby girl is named Kamri Beth and the proud papa is Kris Knippa. Jamie Mendoza and Reagan, Leigh Durbin and Aubrie, and Carla Humphrey and Quinton were in attendance. These girls all went to school together and they enjoyed visiting and comparing babies.

Tonya and Alex Linskyi, our friends from the Ukraine, and Betty Freeman attended the Russian National Ballet Wednesday evening. The title of the ballet was *Sleeping Beauty*. Alex showed his enthusiasm by giving several "bravos."

Jean Morris and her granddaughter, Julie Williams, were also in attendance at the ballet. As Julie, 4, expresses it, "No any boys went."

Feb. 3 was a big occasion for Bobbie Dodd. It was her 70th birthday. Harlin had stew and cornbread and cake and ice cream. Those helping Bobbie celebrate were her broth-

ers and sisters-in-law, Kent and Mary Jo Birdwell and Bill and Kathryn Birdwell; her cousins, Judy and Norvell Birdwell; Harley Dodd; her niece, Leta and Edgar Dennis; and her daughter, Darlene Stanton. Bobbie also retired last week from the grocery store.

Frank and Jamie Mendoza had the privilege of attending the inauguration of Gov. George Bush in Austin. They ate barbecue with the governor, and had a great time. Sandy and James Baker kept Reagan while they were there and Sandy told us that she is still recuperating from chasing her around.

Feb. 10 is James Baker's birthday. Sandy had all the kids home over the weekend to help celebrate early. If you see him this week, be sure to wish him a happy birthday.

David and Melissa Maxwell and little Ethan hosted a dinner party Sunday. Guests included their parents, Robert and Kathy Lowrey of

Hart and Leroy and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt, and David's siblings, Mindy and Daniel. Melissa served coconut pie as an early birthday gift for Leroy, whose birthday is Feb. 10. Kathy and Robert said they expected to have their power restored sometime that afternoon or evening. It had been out since the ice and snow storm Jan. 29.

Patton earns student honor

Rye Patton, son of Billy and Raneta Patton of Dimmitt, is the student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Patton was born June 5, 1989, in Dimmitt. He likes pizza. His favorite book is *The Lost World* and his favorite animal is Orca, the killer

whale.

He says he's a good basketball player. He wants to do better in English and he likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School.

When he grows up he wants to be a fighter pilot for the US Navy. He admires his parents.

Local students are recognized

Several Castro County students have been recognized for academic achievements at Texas Tech University and have been listed on the school's president's or dean's list.

Students making the president's list are Amy Denise Garcia and Andrew Paul Teaschner, both of Dimmitt.

Earning dean's list honors were Maria Rocio Garcia-Gonzales of Dimmitt, and Jaret Roy Schulte and Sara Jean Olvera, both of Nazareth.

Garcia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garcia and she is a freshman majoring in human development.

Teaschner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Teaschner, is a sophomore studying wildlife and fisheries management.

Garcia-Gonzales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia, is majoring in Spanish and is a senior.

Schulte is a senior agribusiness major and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Schulte.

Olvera, a sophomore majoring in multidisciplinary studies, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Olvera.

Students on the president's list earned a 4.0 (A) grade-point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the dean's list.

Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A benefit steak supper to help defray medical expenses of Regina Steffens and Lavern Wilhelm was held Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The meal was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Life Insurance.

A record crowd from Hart, Dimmitt, Hereford and Nazareth enjoyed the evening.

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Congratulations to Vincent and Toby Gerber, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They spent Thursday night at Canyon's Bed and Breakfast, then drove to Pampa to Kenny and Doretta Gerber's home. They returned home Saturday to find a party at their home. It was hosted by their family members.

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Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Frances Brockman, Regina Steffens, Greg Hoelting, Louise Braddock, Norma Schacher, Angela Acker and Evelyn Rossi, who has been moved from Amarillo to the Tulia hospital, where she is now recuperating.

Sausage meal set in Bovina

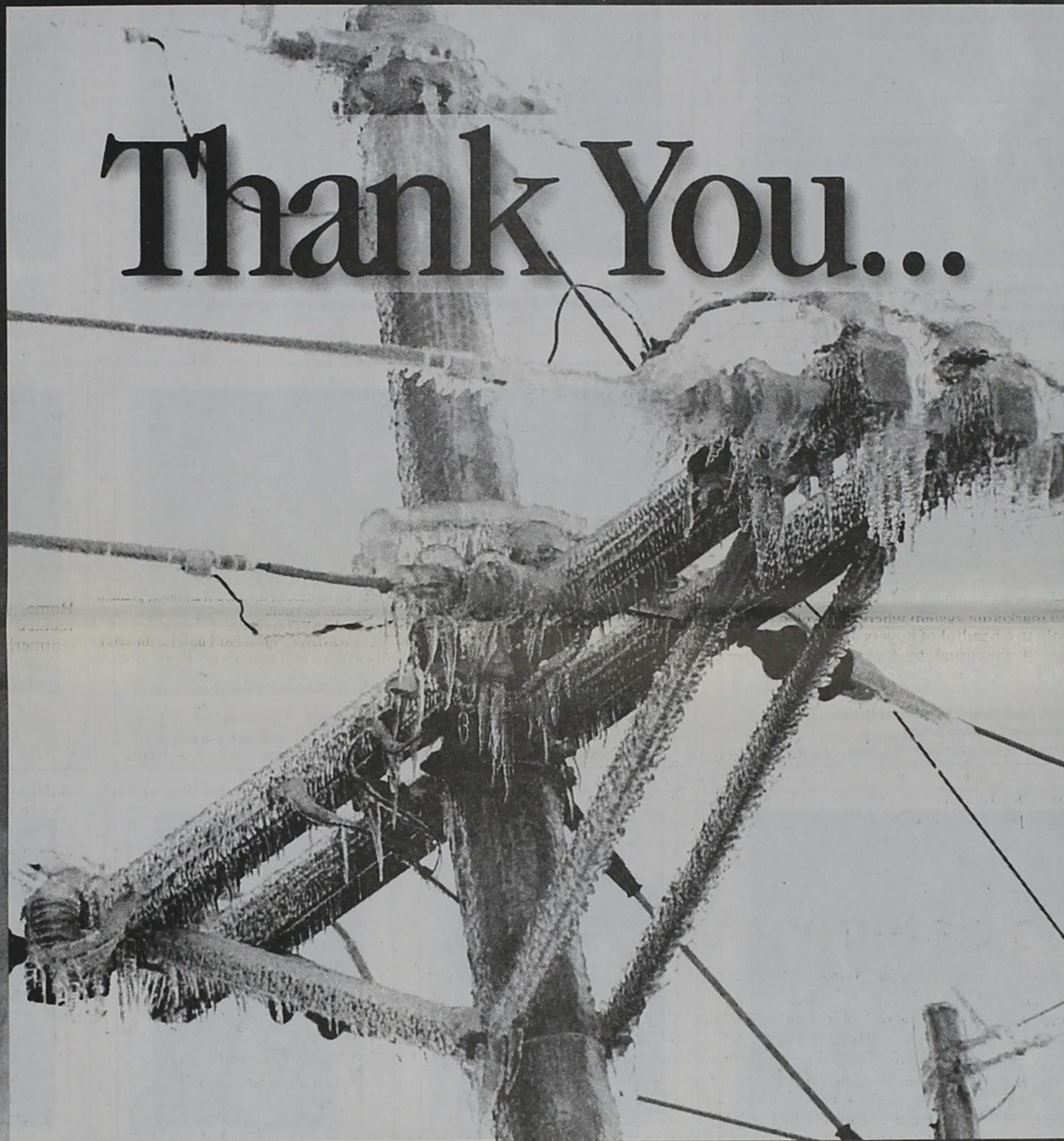
St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will hold its annual German sausage dinner Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church's parish hall on Third Street.

The menu will include German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, dessert and tea or coffee.

Cost for the meal will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 8 and under. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner, or by contacting a church member.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Schacher at 965-2389 or Vernie Schacher at 965-2743.



To Our Customers

For your patience and understanding during the ice storm that disrupted electric service to thousands of homes and businesses throughout much of the Texas Panhandle...

To Local Businesses

That went the extra mile in supplying the material and equipment our crews needed for communication, transportation, maintenance, lodging, meals and more...

To Neighboring Utilities and Co-Ops

For much-needed assistance repairing damage unlike anything we've seen since perhaps the 1940s...

And To Our Employees

For struggling through long hours and extreme conditions to serve our customers.

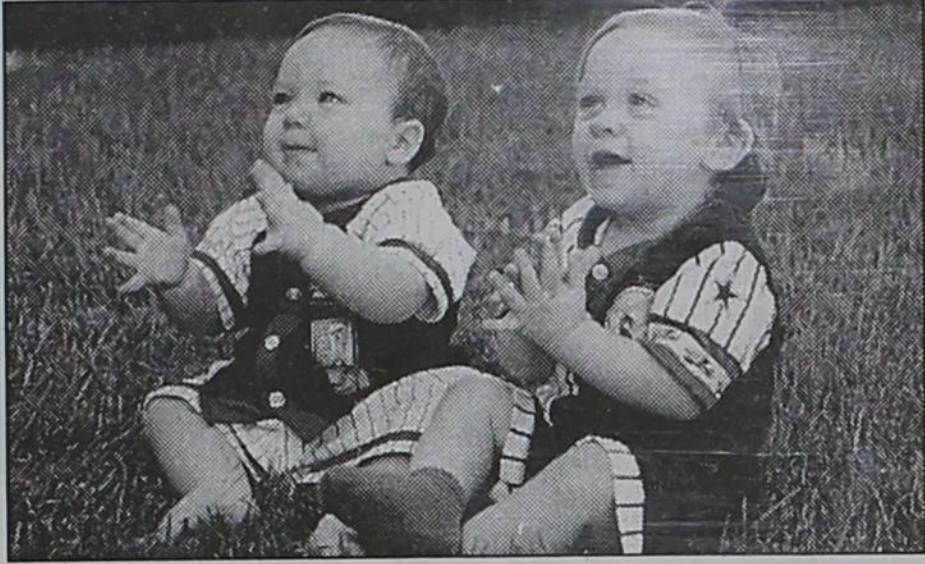
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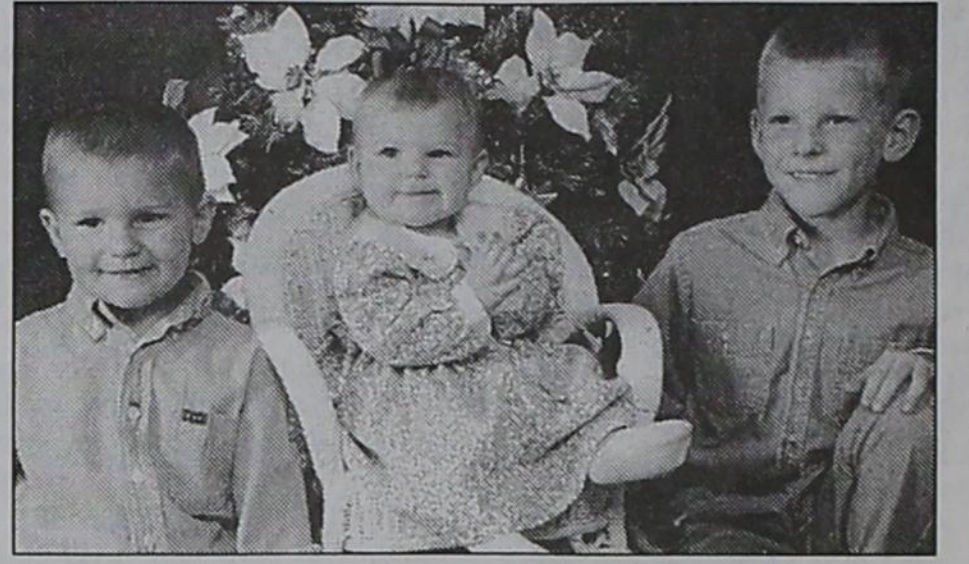
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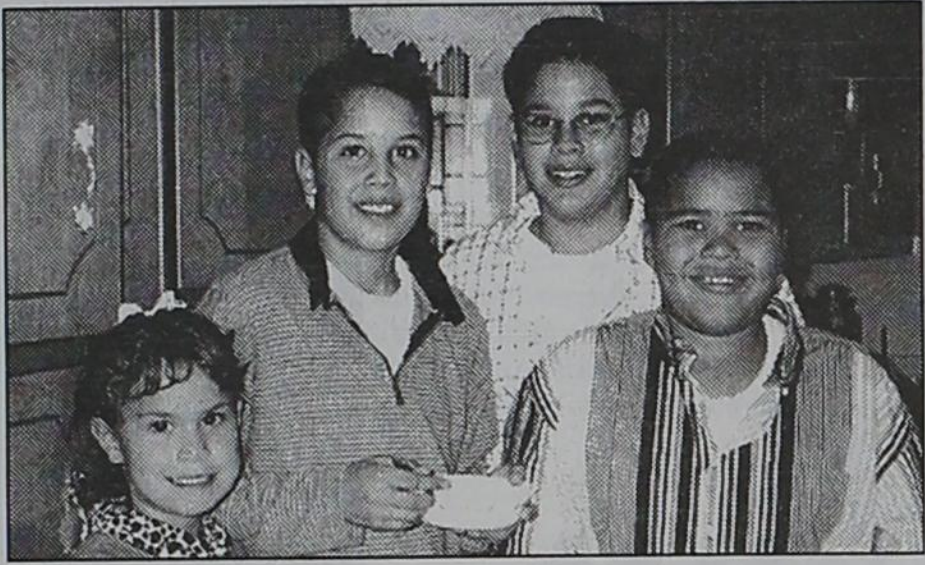
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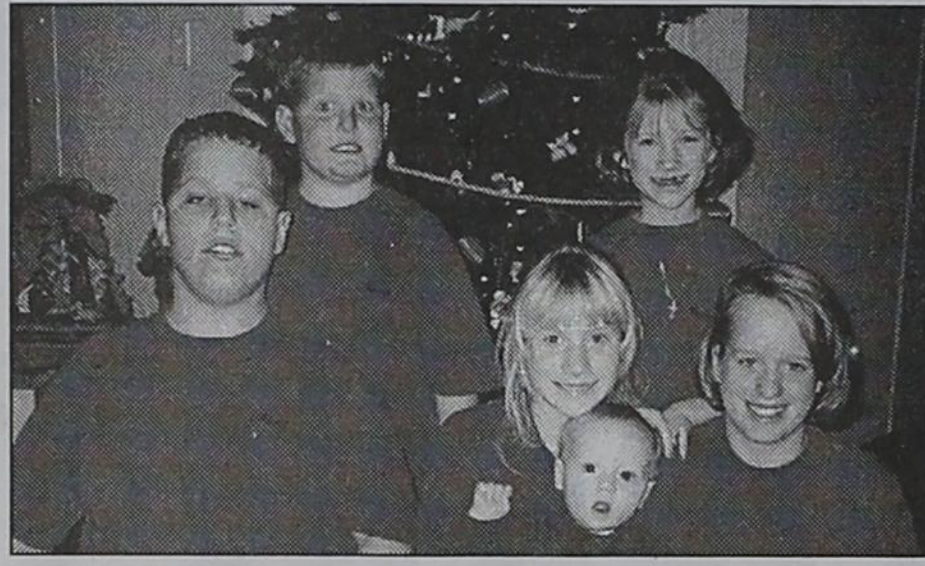
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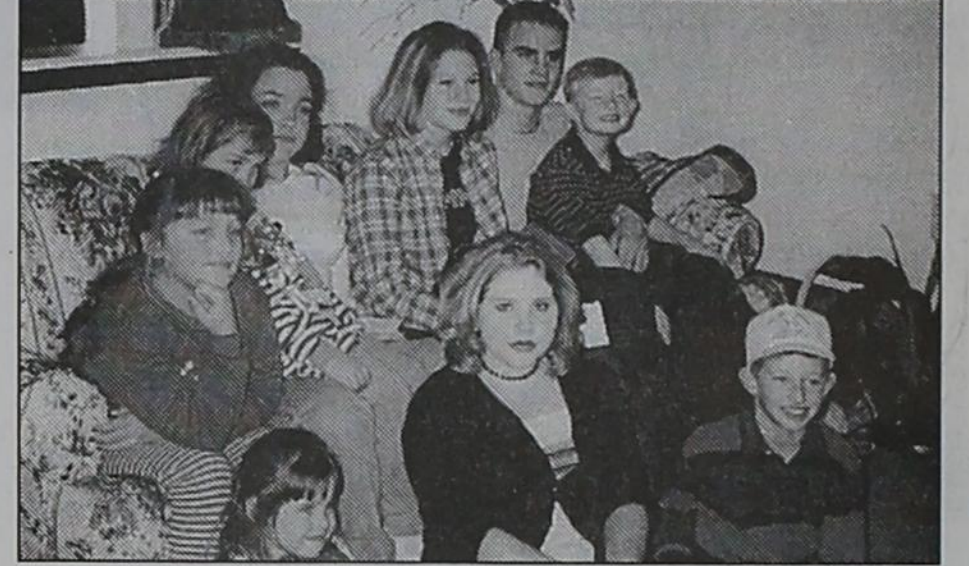
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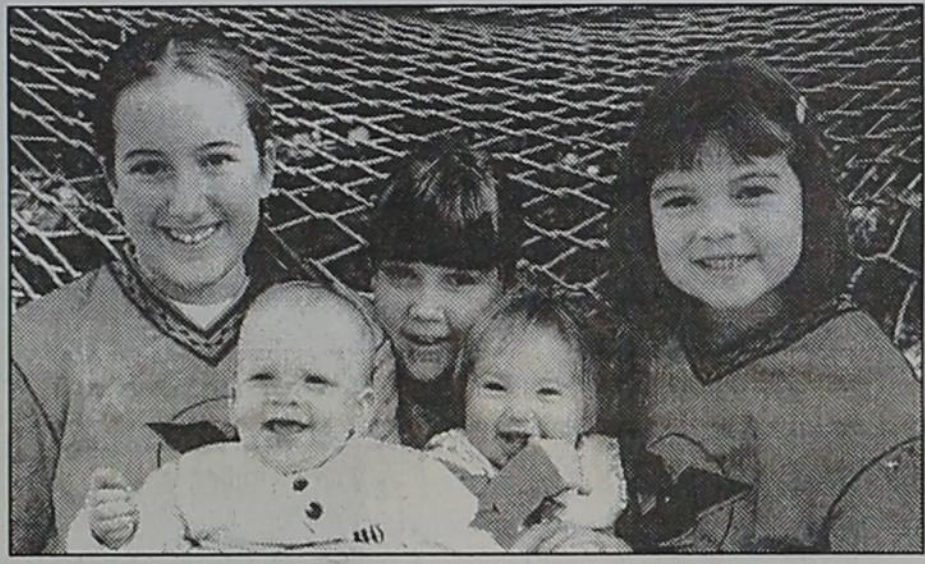
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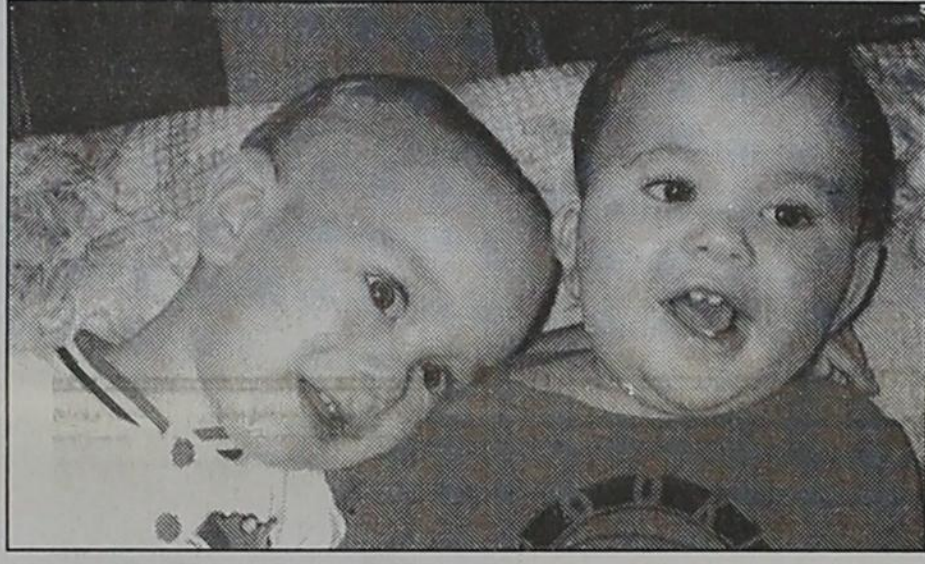
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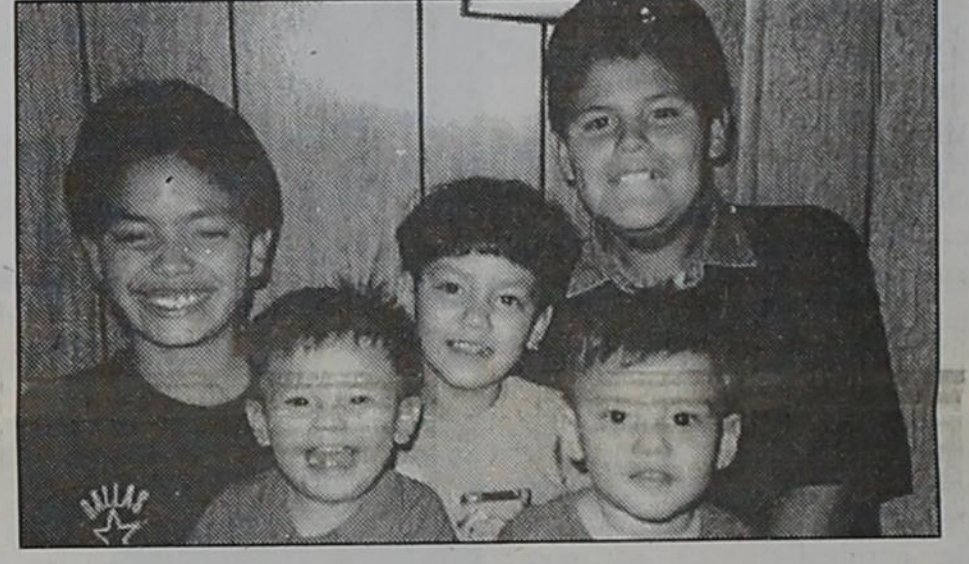
Carly, Kelce, Dennis, Chauncey, Cailee, Tegan, Kami, Keevin and David
Grandchildren of E.H. & Betty Jones



Katherine Nelson-Daniel, Jacob Nelson, Anna Nelson-Daniel, Danielle Nelson and Amanda Nelson
Grandchildren of Don & Verbie Nelson; Great-grandchildren of B.M. Nelson



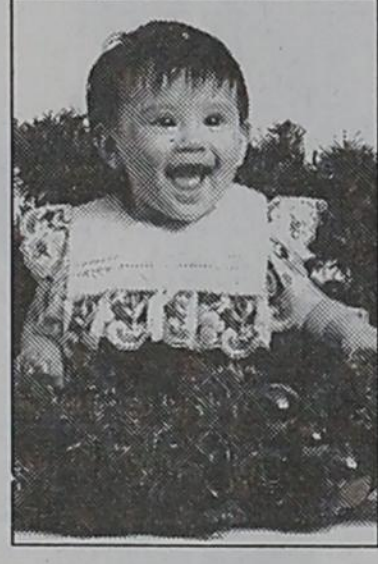
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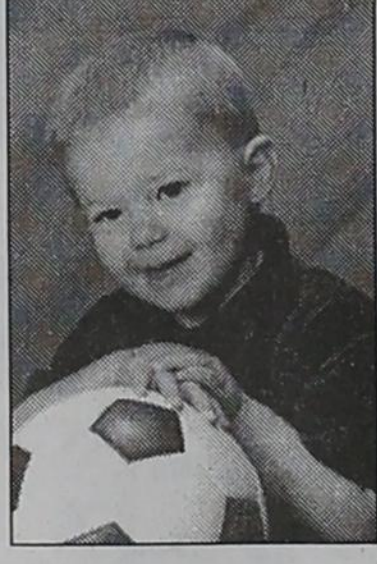
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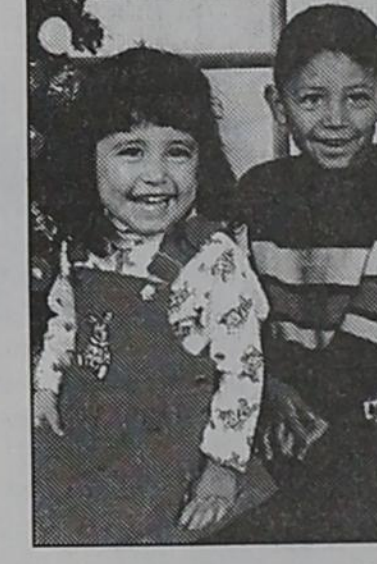
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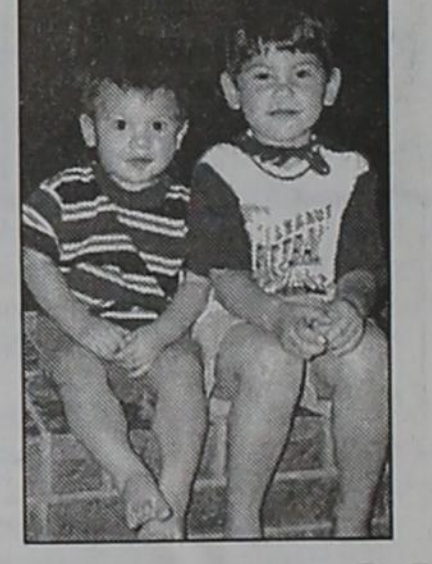
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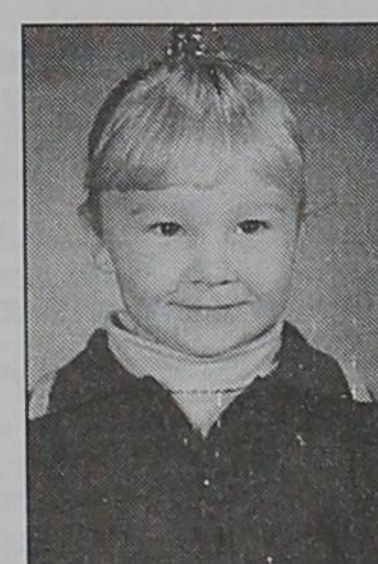
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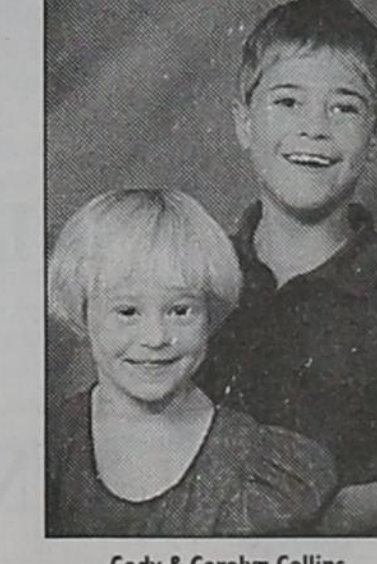
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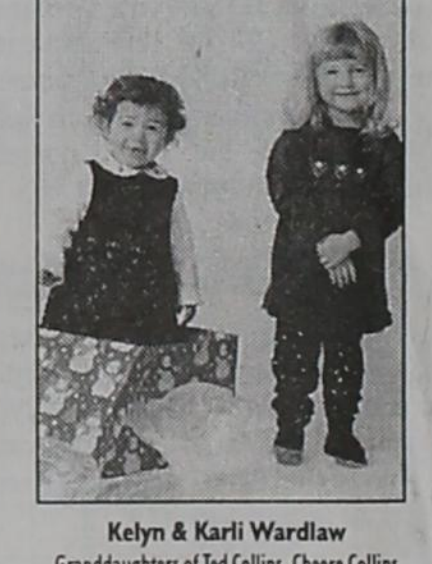
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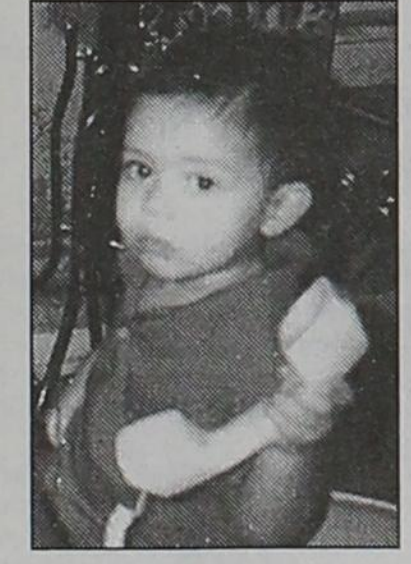
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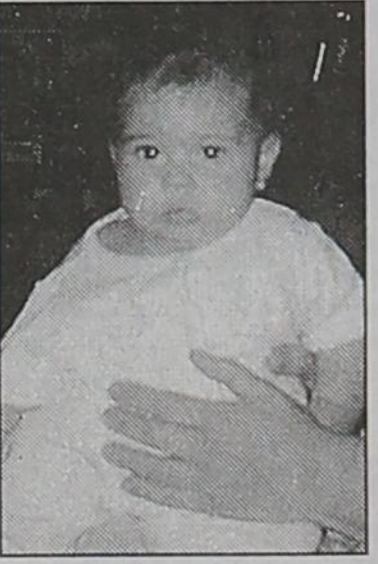
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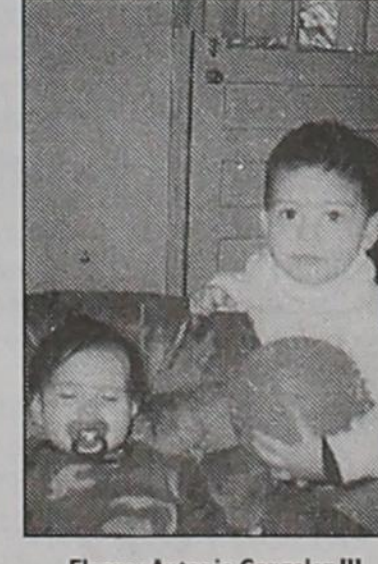
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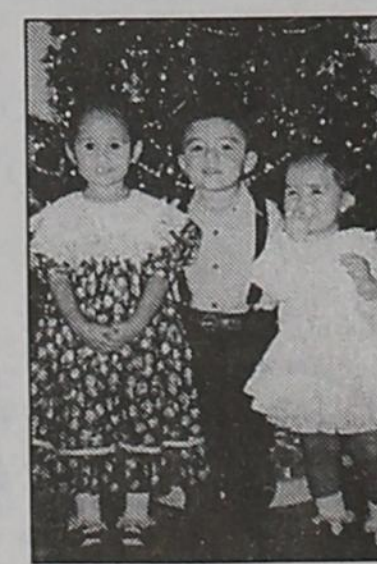
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and Antonio & Consuelo Jimenez



Kirsten Alexys Gonzalez
Granddaughter of Eleazar & Felipa Gonzalez
and Antonio & Consuelo Jimenez



**Eleazar Antonio Gonzalez III
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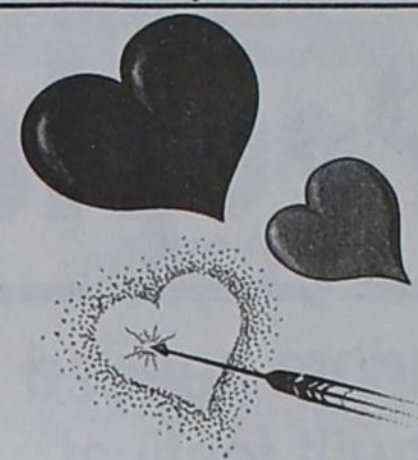


Bailee & Colton Ewing
Grandchildren of Edward & Sharon Ewing
and Tommy & Carol Thomas



Cierra Armes
Granddaughter of Francis & Bea Acker
Great-granddaughter of Clarence & Odella Schulte

Our Grandchildren!



Dylln Gage Nelson
Grandson of Joe Lynn & Mary Lou Birkenfeld,
George & Vickie Nelson and Sue Bates
Great-grandson of Edmund & Joyce Hunter,
Allena Nelson & the late R.O. Nelson, Rose Birkenfeld
and Weldon & Louise Bates



Hayden Hays
Grandson of David & Ann Hays
and Len & Garlinda Rush



Taylor Robertson
Granddaughter of Jerry & Dianne Cartwright



Brandon Banks
Grandson of Jerry & Dianne Cartwright



Coby & Dustin Venhaus
Grandsons of Eddie & Linda Campbell
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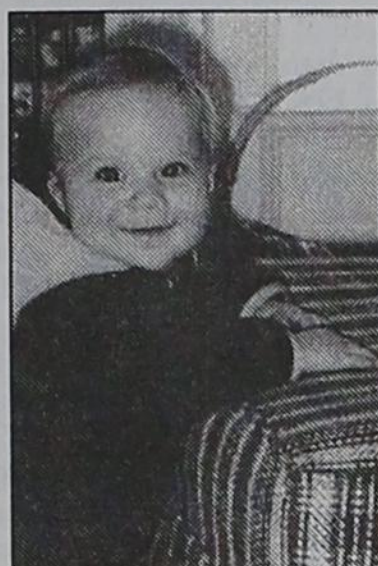
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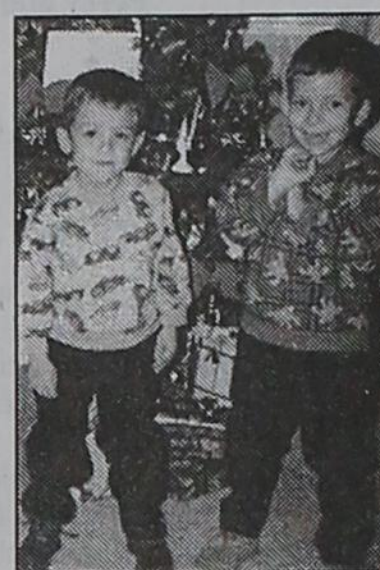
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Don Goodwin and Virginia Hoover



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Clara Bell McMillan and Mary Jo Briley



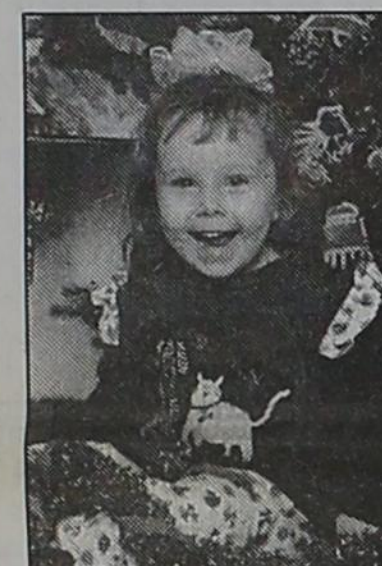
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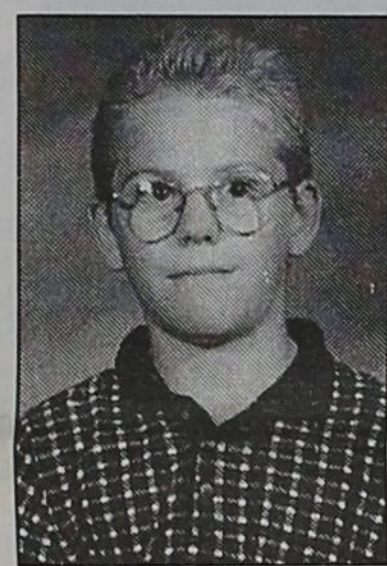
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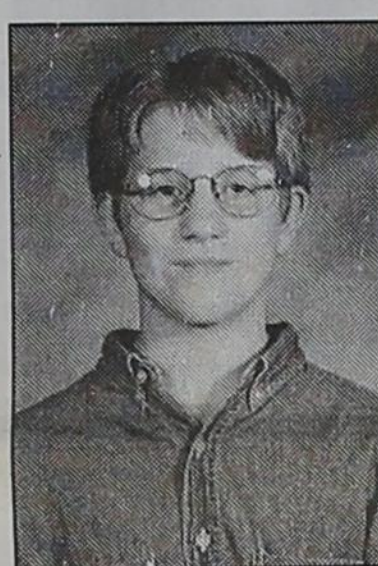
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Alexandra Kathleen Holmes
Granddaughter of Tana Young



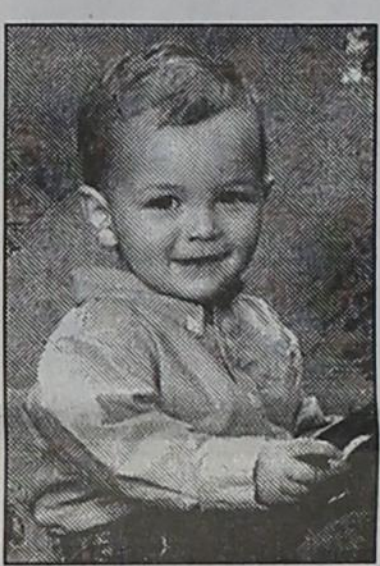
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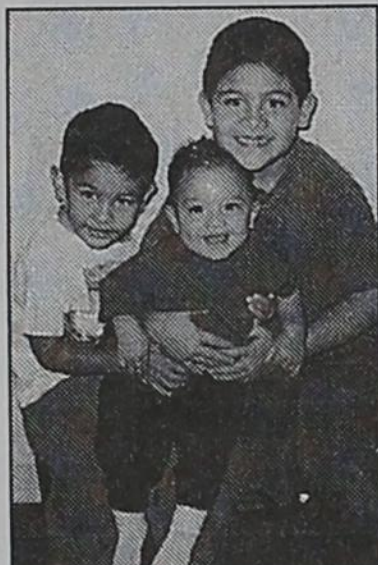
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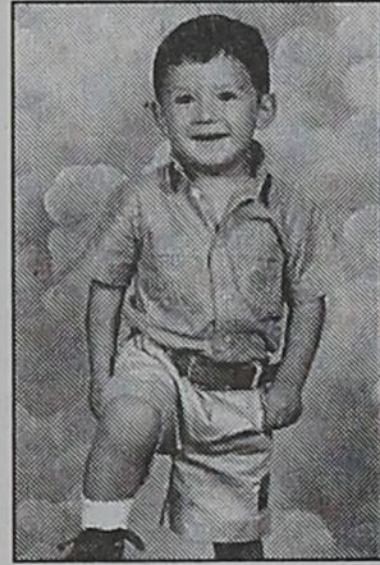
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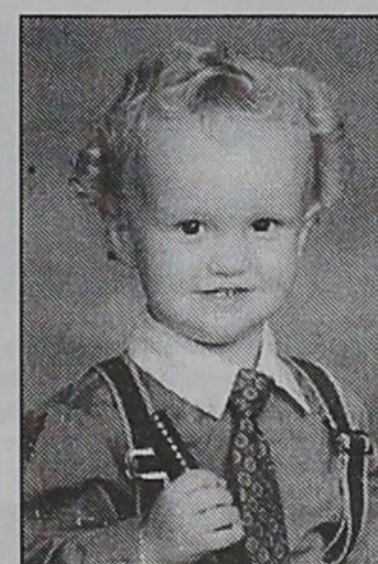
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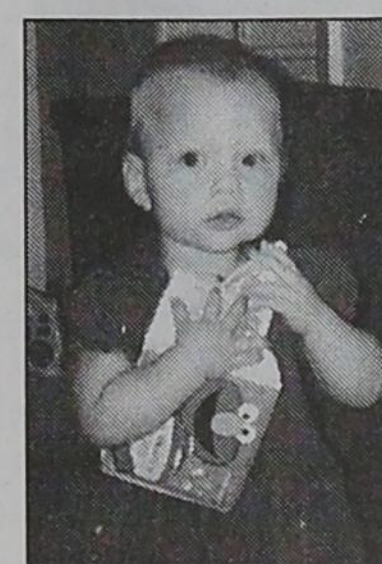
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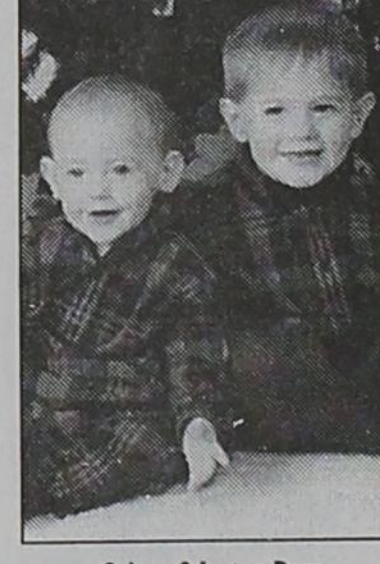
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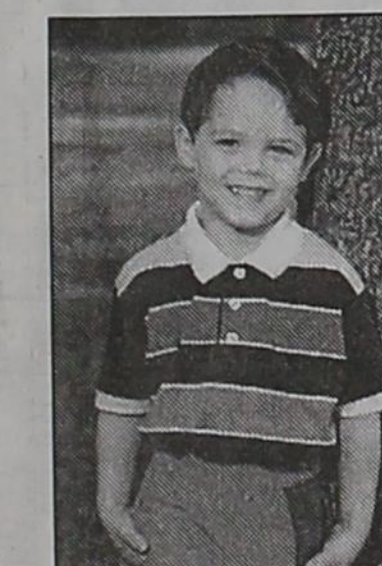
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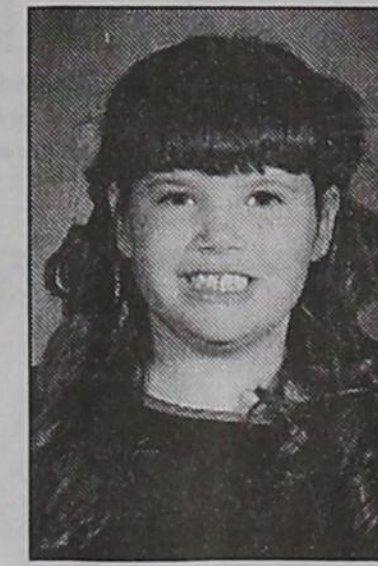
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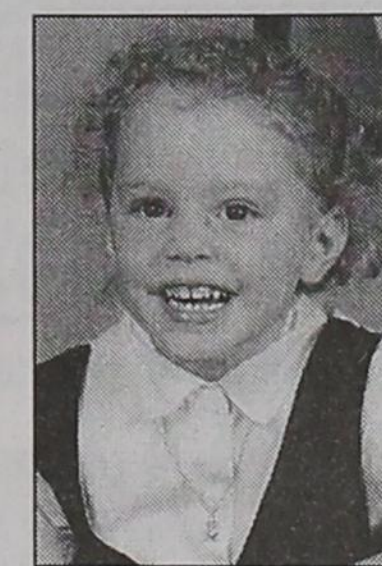
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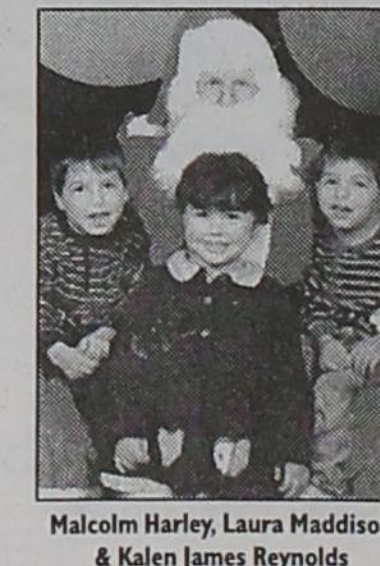
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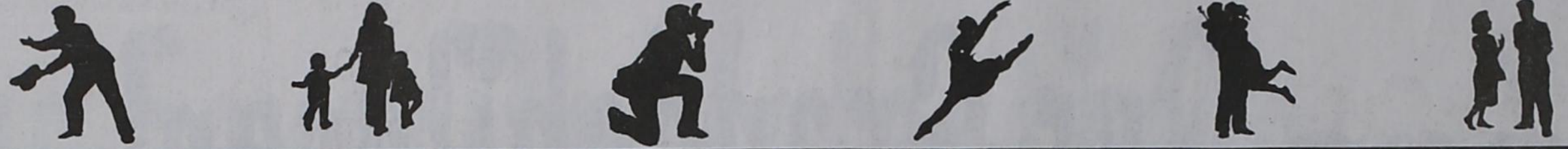


Allen Douglas Perales
Grandson of Arnold & Dalila Perales
Great-grandson of Fannie Perales



**Malcolm Harley, Laura Maddison
& Kalen James Reynolds**
Grandchildren of Malcolm & Cyndy Reynolds
and Arnold & Dalila Perales
Great-grandchildren of Fannie Perales and Dee Williams

People



Vendors needed for quilt festival

Food vendors are needed for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, to be held in Dimmitt on April 8-10.

However, vendor booths will only be available on April 9 and 10.

Organizations, groups or individuals interested in providing a food booth at the festival should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Ogallala members Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637 for forms or more information.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Antonio and Naomi Hernandez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Antonio Hernandez, Jr., who was born at 8:53 a.m. on Feb. 2 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has two big sisters, Mayra Hernandez, 4, and Amanda Hernandez, 2. Paternal grandparents are Juan and Sanjuana Moreno of Dimmitt. Maternal grandmother is Aguilera Hernandez of Mexico. Great-grandparents are Celica and Santos Alvarez of Dimmitt.



Percy and Margaret Parsons

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parsons to celebrate 50th anniversary

Percy and Margaret Parsons will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, and their children have planned a special reception that day.

The come-and-go reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall in Dimmitt. Friends and relatives of the couple are

invited to attend, and the couple asks that no gifts be given.

Percy Parsons married the former Margaret Aday on Feb. 13, 1949.

Children of the couple are Mike and J. Carol Parsons of Southlake, Dale and Amal Parsons of Dallas and Jim and Rhonda Murphree of Friona. They have 10 grandchildren.

Couple wed in California

Rebecca Geisler became the bride of Paul Engola when the two exchanged wedding vows Nov. 22, 1998, at Walnut Creek, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Anthony and Dolores Geisler of Diablo, Calif. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren of Nazareth and she is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kern of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Rufino and Rosalie Omodi-Engola of Valley Stream, New York.

The wedding was held at St. Mary's Church in Walnut Creek.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Wendy Fong, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sujata Kanudia of Montreal, Canada, Alice Chen of Redwood City, Calif., Beth Gesson of Amsterdam, Holland, and Emily Maxwell of Los Angeles, Calif.

Best man was Colin Guerra of Miami, Fla.

Ushers were Jacob Bernstein of Denver, Colo., Andrew Robertson of Mountain View, Calif., Oliver Robinson of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Stefan Vincent of Playa del Rey, Calif.

Flower girl was Holly Kern and ring bearer was Uchenna Kema.

After a wedding trip to Key West, Fla., and the British Virgin Islands, Mr. and Mrs. Engola have established their home in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Both earned S.B. degrees from MIT. The bride holds a degree from



MR. AND MRS. PAUL ENGOLA

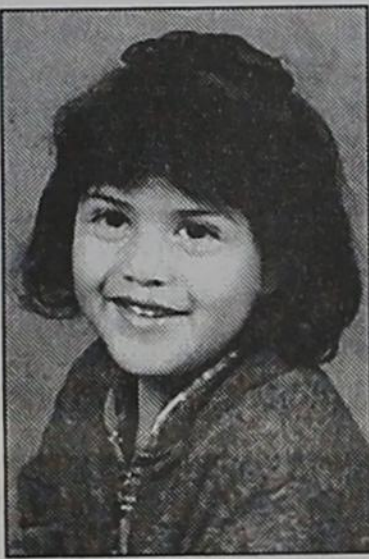
... She's the former Rebecca Geisler

UCLA and is employed as a contract attorney for Stanford University. The groom also holds a master's degree from Georgia Tech. He works as an aerospace engineer.

More Favorite Valentines Our Grandchildren!



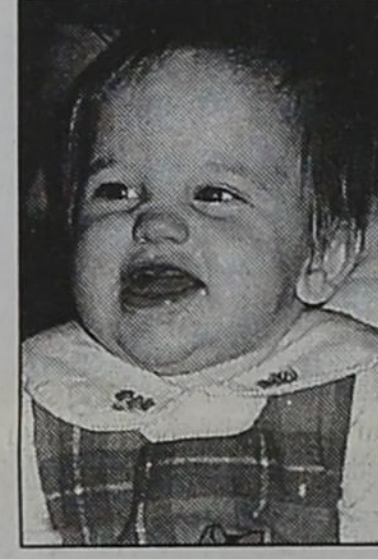
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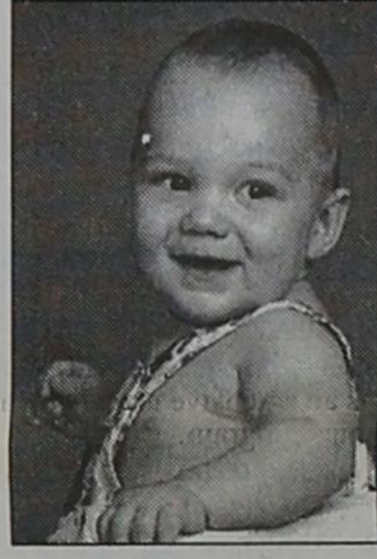
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Great-granddaughter of Julio & Lucia Gamez



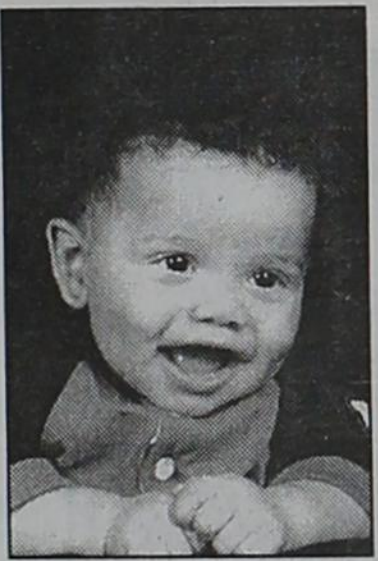
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Reagan Paige Annen
Granddaughter of Jerry & Debbie Annen
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Brandon Colby Black
Grandson of Gene & Ann Stroud, Paulette Wood and Kent Black



Ash'ton Acevedo-Smith
Grandson of Luis & Olga Acevedo



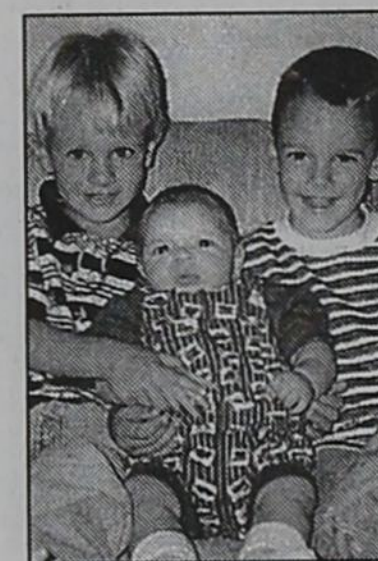
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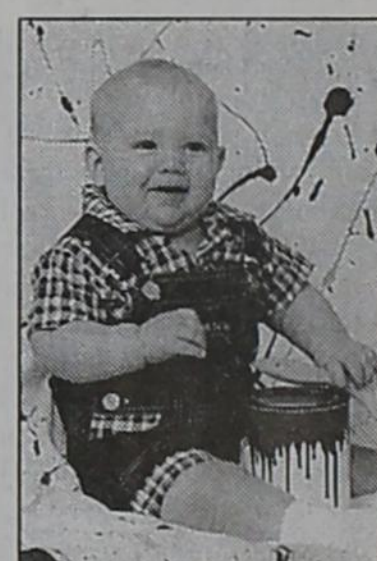
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Treva Ramsey, Tyler Ramsey & Hailey Drerup
Grandchildren of Joe & Imogene Drerup



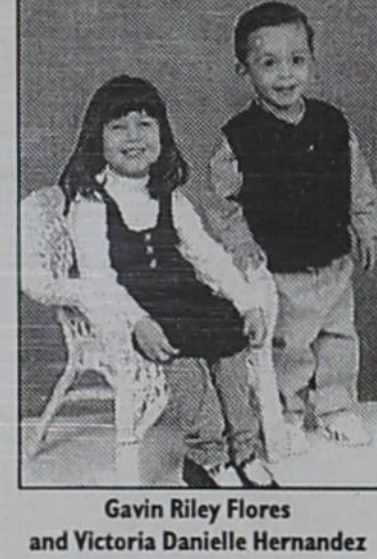
Bradley, Jared & Rodd Warren
Grandsons of Nelita Collins
Great-grandsons of Paul Venhaus



Keegan Acevedo
Grandson of Albert Acevedo and Barbara Backus
Great-grandson of Julian Acevedo



Reagan Naomi Mendoza
Granddaughter of Frank Mendoza Sr. and James & Sandra Baker



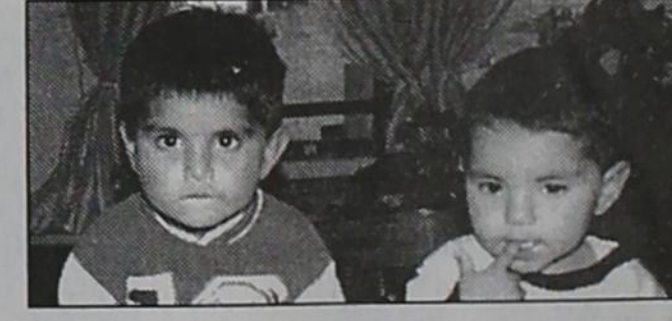
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Grandchildren of Mary Helen Flores, Rena & Harvey Lumbrera and Guillermo & Lydia Hernandez
Great-grandchildren of Julian Acevedo and Eusebio & Lucia Flores



Marcella Ann & Michelle Ann Flores
Granddaughters of Julian Acevedo & Eusebio & Lucia Flores
Great-granddaughter of Adela Garza



Angelita Rivera, Jose Alberto Rivera and Aprillee Rivera
Grandchildren of Juan Jose and Irma Rivera
Great-grandchildren of Angelita and Melchor Hernandez



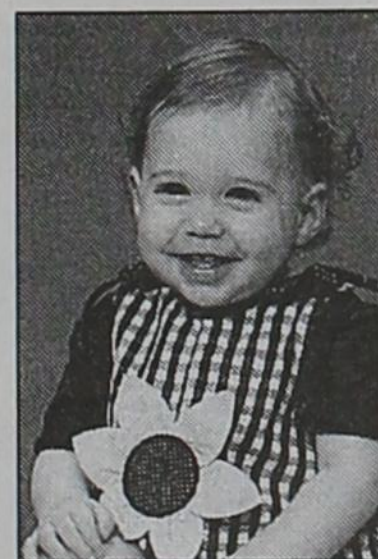
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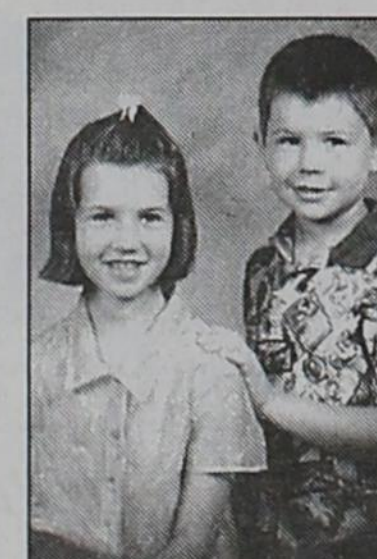
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Great-grandsons of Millicent Davis and Netta Cluck



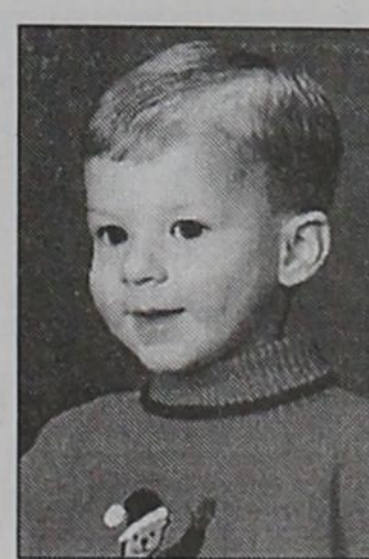
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Alicia Kay Straley
Granddaughter of Clyde & Lisa Schulte and Gery & Marcia Straley



Courtney & Eli Birdwell
Grandchildren of Bill & Kathryn Birdwell



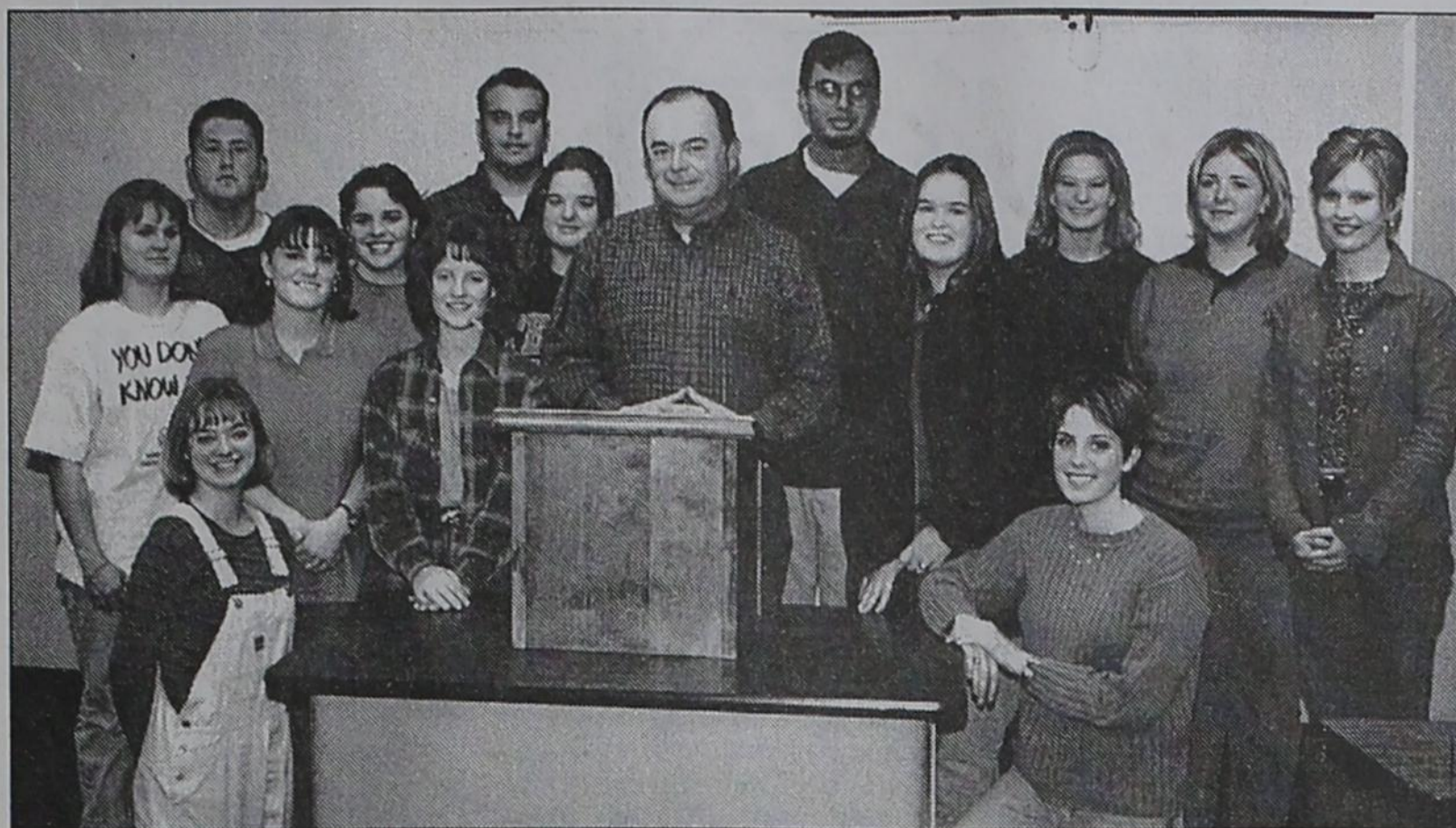
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Grandson of Doug & Cherly Pybus



Julie & Tye Williams
Grandchildren of Larry & Jean Morris



Jayden Kirby and Jordan & Blake Schulte
Grandchildren of Beth & Gerald Harder, the late Lester Schulte, Nancy Kirby, Belinda & Dean Kirby and Bud & Janice Allred



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR—Several students from Nazareth High School recently attended a program at Wayland Baptist University, kicking off the spring semester of the Doucette Leadership Program. Among those attending were (front row, from left) Susan Book, Lori Maurer and Jessica McGilvray, all of Nazareth High School, Dela Sanders of Plainview,

Jessica Kern of Nazareth High School, program sponsor James Doucette, Lauren Mangold of Lockney and Memoree Jones of Kress; and (back row, from left) Neishay Barnes, Aaron Green and Adam Springer, all of Plainview; and Vivek Patel, Mandy Milner, Kim Kiker and Heather Hurt, all of Tulia.

Nazareth students are part of leadership group at WBU

"Be true to your own beliefs" was the message Jim Doucette told 14 high school seniors as he kicked off the spring semester of the Doucette Leadership Program at Wayland Baptist University.

The course was dedicated to Doucette for his desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Doucette, First National Bank of Lockney's board chairman and owner of several cable television systems, is paying the tuition and fees for the students from Nazareth, Kress, Lockney and Plainview High Schools to enroll in Wayland Baptist University's program.

Nazareth students participating in the program are Susan Book, Lori Maurer, Jessica McGilvray and Jessica Kern.

The students receive concurrent credit at their schools and the university as the participants in the James Doucette Leadership and Scholastic Associates program, which is an extensive leadership and economics program.

"By the end of this semester, you will be your own measurement of success," Doucette told his students.

The students are enrolled in American Economics System 2304,

which is taught by Dr. Benjamin Akande, chairman of Wayland's division of business.

In this course, the students study leadership and learn how to strengthen their own skills.

"The time you are putting into this now, at an early age, will pay off for you later," Doucette said.

He told the students that a mirror test every morning is the most important litmus test, they must confront every morning.

The leadership class is built around the theme of working with students who realize that the purpose of life is a life of purpose.

"I live by my own set of beliefs, they are engraved in me, they are part of me," Doucette said.

"The inception of this program started as a dream," Dr. Akande said. "It has turned into a reality and uses economic and leadership skills to prepare student for the biggest challenge of all—life."

Local entries welcome at Ogallala Quilt Festival

Quilt entries are invited for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in

Dimmitt April 8-10. Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards also will be given.

"At last year's show, there was some confusion as to whether local people could enter, and we want to emphasize that all are welcome to enter," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt.

Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362, or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

The entry fee is \$5 per quilt and the deadline is March 5. Completed forms should be mailed to Ann Powell, Quilt Show Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 222, Canyon 79015. The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1601 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 6.

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt show.

The Ogallala Quilter's Society is an organization with other 200 members from the tri-state area.

Nelson earns degree at TTU

Brady David Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Nelson of Dimmitt, has earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

More than 1,400 students at Texas Tech received degrees during 1998 fall commencement exercises.

Taylor to give marketing tips Tuesday night

Don Taylor will present a seminar on detailed marketing and promotion related to starting a small business Tuesday at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

The seminar will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and there is a registration fee of \$5 to cover the cost of taping the seminar for future use by those who were unable to attend one of the workshops.

Taylor is with the West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center and he is author of several books, including the best seller, *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. He also writes a weekly column, *Mind Your Own Business*, in many local newspapers, including *The Castro County News*.

These workshops are co-sponsored by the Rural Assistance and Innovation Network, a micro-enterprise program of the Promised Land Network and West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center.

For more information, call (806) 364-4670.

Clothing class set next Thursday

The February clothing class will be held at 4:30 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Extension office and all interested 4-H'ers are encouraged to attend.

Poise and putting a wardrobe together will be the topics for this workshop.

"If you ever wear clothes, I'm sure you will learn something from this class and have some fun along the way," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

The class is for 4-H'ers of all ages, from Junior I through Senior. Parents are encouraged to attend the workshop.

The senior clothing activity for Castro County is approaching, too. The county contest is being planned for Monday, April 12, and the district show will be held Tuesday, April 27, at the District Office in Lubbock.

Senior 4-H'ers interested in competing in this year's clothing project should contact Neal for information and guidelines.

Clover Kids to meet Feb. 24

The Clover Kids from Castro County will meet Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m. at the Extension office.

This month's program will be on seat belt safety. All kindergarten, first graders and second graders are invited to attend.

For more information about the hour-long program, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

The first newspaper cartoon, a political caricature, appeared in the Washington paper, the Federal Republican, early in 1814.

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LOOK WHO'S TURNING 40!

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VFW Ladies Auxiliary
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Patterson earns grant funding for IPM project

A research project being conducted by Castro County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Extension Agent Johnna L. Patterson is among 22 projects approved for funding from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA).

Patterson's project, which involves testing for a fungus-resistant peanut variety, was approved for a grant in the amount of \$9,000.

"The competitiveness of West Texas peanut farmers could be enhanced by this project, which includes testing for a black hull-resistant peanut variety.

The 22 projects will share a total of \$170,000 awarded by TDA.

"Along with continuing to expand the use of Integrated Pest

Management to major Texas crops like cotton, this year's grants also seek to help other growers, including nursery operators, apple and pepper farmers and home gardeners, learn more about techniques about better controlling pests," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

Integrated Pest Management is a farming system that curbs pest populations by using a variety of practices including biological pest controls, pest-resistant crop plants, crop rotations, planting date adjustments and crop residue destruction. Under Integrated Pest Management, pesticides are used only when IPM methods fail to control problems that threaten to cause significant crop damage.



IN APPRECIATION—Johnna Patterson, Integrated Pest Management Extension Agent for Castro and Lamb Counties, presents an engraved, hand-crafted pen and pencil set to George Sides of Dimmitt, who retired last October after serving 20 years on the Castro-Lamb IPM Committee.

Photo by Anne Acker

Group to discuss plans to eradicate boll weevil at meetings here Monday

Castro County farmers can learn about plans for eliminating the boll weevil from the Northwest High Plains and about the proposed assessment to fund the project Monday at a special meeting in Dimmitt and Hart.

The first of eight meetings in the proposed Northwest High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone will be held at 12 noon Monday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. A second meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in Hart at the Golden Group Building.

Other meetings will be held in Littlefield, Sudan, Muleshoe, Friona, Farwell and Olton during the week.

While the boll weevil hasn't yet infested the Northwest High Plains area as it has others in the state, pressure is building and a few weevils have been spotted in the southern and eastern areas of the zone. Growers hope to nip infestations before they become severe.

The meetings next week will inform producers and landlords about the upcoming referendum to establish the assessment.

The Northwest High Plains Zone includes Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Bailey and Lamb Counties, which contain more than 500,000 acres of cotton production.

Information to be presented at the meetings includes the plan for eliminating the insect from the zone, explanation of the rationale for the proposed assessment structure of \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$5 per acre for dryland, and how the assessment could be collected.

Representatives of the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation will be ready to answer grower questions alongside the producers on the Northwest High Plains Zone Committee.

That committee includes Castro County residents Daniel Higgins and Kevin Riley.

In the near future the committee will be voting on a maximum assessment and must establish a budget for a "worse-case scenario,"

according to Riley. The committee will establish the assessment rate to fund eradication efforts, he added, and if it can be done for less than the proposed rate, then the assessment will be lowered.

"We know it's a bad time to try and put something together with prices like they are and with the weather we've just had to deal with, but there are two reasons we went ahead and did it now," Riley said. "First off, we've got a good chance to receive some funding help through the state. The second reason is the boll weevil is spreading.

Riley said the committee hopes the Texas Legislature will add 25 million in the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's budget appropriation for the purpose of paying for a portion of producer assessment costs in active boll weevil eradication during the current budget cycle.

Riley said the Northwest High Plains Zone committee hopes to receive up to 30% of the funds needed for the eradication program.

"If we can get this thing contained before it gets solid across the zone, it'll be a lot cheaper. It's never going to be cheaper than it is right now. We're the only boll weevil eradication zone that's ever tried to do something before the area is fully infested. We're trying to stay ahead of the game and stop the weevil before it destroys us," Riley said.

"There are some zones paying \$130 an acre over time to eliminate the weevil. We're looking at \$12 per acre, per year. That's expensive, but compared with others, it's cheap.

"We're the area with the least amount of pressure in the state (from boll weevils). We can fund eradication efforts a lot cheaper because we're not totally infested yet. We can eradicate the pest a whole lot cheaper because we won't have to spray every acre. We're spraying the southern and eastern side and other spots from Dimmitt to Friona and back to Hereford," Riley said.

Grain elevator workshop focuses on stored grain pests

Producers, ag consultants and grain elevator operators can update their stored grain management skills by attending a workshop today (Thursday) in Amarillo.

The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be held at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The workshop begins with coffee and registration at 8 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 per person.

Workshop speakers and their respective topics are:

* Joe Zotter, a USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services biologist from Canyon, will discuss rodent control.

* Pat Porter, Extension entomologist of Lubbock, will talk about stored grain integrated pest management and computer applications.

* Mike Wegman, owner and operator of M&L Equipment of Amarillo and Perry Bledsoe, owner and operator of Tierman Aeration of Amarillo will discuss temperature and aeration.

* Roy Parker, an Extension entomologist from Corpus Christi, will speak on managing stored grain insects.

* Bob Briggs, territory manager for Industrial Fumigants of Haltom City, will talk on fumigation of stored grain.

* Don Renchie, Extension associate in ag and environmental safety at College Station will discuss implications of the food quality protection act.

Producers who attend the workshop also can qualify for five continuing education units (CEU) approved by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture. Workshop sponsors include the Tri-State Chapter of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For more information, contact the Castro County Extension Service at 647-4115 or call Patrick at (806) 359-5401.

Sides is honored for service on county's IPM committee

After 20 years of service to the Castro and Lamb County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Committee, George Sides officially retired last October.

He was recently honored by the committee and was presented with a hand-crafted pen and pencil set made by Dimmitt's Jim Wright.

During his years of service, Sides held almost every office on the committee, including serving stints as chairman and vice-chairman.

He has been active in helping Extension agents with research and demonstration plots and with the IPM scouting program, according to Johnna Patterson, Castro County's IPM Extension Agent. She added that Sides' advice and technical support has been invaluable through the years.

"I don't think I could name all of the things this man has done to

support our programs, agriculture and Texas," Patterson said.

USDA rep to visit here several times

A representative from the US Dept. of Agriculture's Rural Development in Amarillo (formerly Farmers Home Administration) will be in Dimmitt the second Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November of 1999.

Office hours will begin at 10 a.m. but may vary as the field work mandates.

Appointments can be made by calling the Amarillo office at (806) 468-8600, Ext. 102.

The representative will be in the Castro County USDA Service Center.

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Keith Lowe

More about Playoffs . . .

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Steinle said. "They won't talk to us until after these final games Friday night. They don't want to book until they're certain they won't have to cancel."

Steinle said that Dimmitt and Tulia school officials "are looking mainly at Plainview, but it may be in the Canyon-Amarillo area.

"We can play the game Monday, Tuesday or Thursday night," he explained. "We'll try to work within the availability of sites and dates."

In the Class A boys' bi-district round, the District 8-A champion Swifts will play the District 7-A runner-up—either Texline or Adrian—Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 22 or 23, at a site to be determined later.

Please Attend One of These BOLL WEEVIL Eradication Educational Meetings!

Date	Time	Community	Meeting Site
Monday, Feb. 15	12 Noon	Dimmitt	Expo Building
Monday, Feb. 15	7 p.m.	Hart	Golden Group Building
Thursday, Feb. 18	7 p.m.	Springlake-Earth	School Cafeteria

Meals will be served.

Those attending will qualify for CEUs.

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FOOD CHECKOUT DAY—In honor of "Food Check Out Day," the Castro County Farm Bureau donated 100 one-pound packets of meat to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Bank, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services. Shown are (from left) Farm Bureau board members Greg Sides, Chris Cogburn, and Lonnie Robb, and PCS worker Jerry Peña. Photo by Linda Maxwell

'Food Checkout Day' shows American food is a bargain

"Food Checkout Day" was observed Feb. 9, and the Castro County Farm Bureau used the occasion to donate 100 pounds of hamburger meat to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Bank, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services.

The observance is sponsored each year by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Food Checkout Day is the day by which the average American has earned enough money to pay for

their groceries for the entire year. It fell on Feb. 9 for the second year in a row.

Farmers and ranchers make food more affordable for Americans, according to the Bureau. Actually, the percentage of disposable income Americans spend for food declined slightly from 10.9% to 10.7% in the past year.

"The fact that Americans work more than three months longer to pay their taxes than to eat for a year

is proof positive that food is a bargain," said Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau. "As farmers and ranchers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford the food they need, but we are proud of the role that Texas farmers and ranchers play in making food more affordable for all.

"Producing safe, quality food is our job. We hope consumers take note of Food Checkout Day and join us in this celebration of American agriculture's success."

Texas Corn Growers Association 26th annual meeting set Feb. 26

Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, has announced that the group's 26th annual meeting will be held Feb. 26 in Dimmitt at the County Expo Building.

Featured speakers will include Larry Mitchell of the USDA Farm

Service Agency in Washington, D.C.; David Senter, a consultant for the American Corn Growers and TCGA; Keith Dittrich of Nebraska, president of American Corn Growers; and Ray Joe Riley, local farmer.

Mitchell was recently named Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs in the FSA. He has been invited to speak on the "Freedom to Farm" bill and its disastrous consequences to farmers. He also may address the low loan rate, reduced exports, and crop insurance.

Senter will address the farm bill, deficiency and disaster payments, and concentration in agriculture. Dittrich will speak on the central concerns of the ACG. Riley will speak on banking and agriculture.

Registration for the event will start at 8 a.m., with sessions slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. The Expo building is located at 403 SE Fourth in Dimmitt. There is no registration charge and a luncheon is included. The meal is sponsored by the TCGA and prepared by local members of W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics). The menu will include brisket, potato casserole, beans, cole slaw, rolls, tea, and chocolate cake.

In addition, credit for 2½ Continuing Education Units will be offered for those who attend the Extension portion of the program in the afternoon. It will be moderated by Johnna Patterson, Extension Agent for Castro and Lamb counties-Integrated Pest Management.

Presenters for the Extension and their subjects will include: Clay Salisbury of Amarillo, Extension agronomist—weed control, new

herbicides, and herbicide tolerance; Calvin Trostle of Lubbock, Extension Agronomist—soil fertility; Leon New of Amarillo, Extension irrigation specialist—irrigation and chemigation technology; Pat Porter of Lubbock, Extension entomologist—corn borers and spider mites; and Patterson—scouting update and closing.

Scholarship applications due March 12

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals or counselors. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, Extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 12.

Disaster assistance provisions to be outlined at meeting here

A meeting outlining the disaster assistance program will be held next Thursday, Feb. 18, in the meeting room at Dimmitt City Hall.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and all producers who think they might qualify for the program are urged to attend.

The final date to sign up for the disaster program hasn't been established yet.

"If you did not have insurance and suffered a loss during the 1998 production year, you should take a production evidence form to your elevator or gin for completion and bring it with you to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at your designated appointment time," said Trish Elliott, FSA county executive director.

"If you had 1998 insurance, we will use the production evidence records downloaded to us from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) and the production evidence form will not be needed," Elliott said.

"If you are applying for 1998 cotton, then you will also need a recap showing average loan quality."

Elliott said FSA staff members will be taking appointments for the disaster program sign-up during the public meeting, but those who cannot attend the meeting should call 647-2153, Extension 2, to make an appointment.

The basic provisions of the disaster assistance program are as follows:

Types of Assistance
Farmers are eligible for compensation either for losses suffered to the 1998 crops (single year) or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998 (multi-year). Farmers can receive payments under either the single-year or multi-year provisions, but not both. USDA will make payments at the higher of the two levels.

Eligible crops
The 1998 single-year provisions of this program are as follows:

* Insured crops—crops insured with either catastrophic (CAT) or buy-up coverage of 50/100 or greater insurance.

* Uninsured crops—Crops for which crop insurance was available, but not taken.

* Non-insurable crops—Crops for which crop insurance was not available.

The multi-year provisions of this program covers both insured and non-insurable crops.

Payment calculation
For 1998 single-year losses, farmers will be compensated if their losses exceed 35% of historic yields. The payment formulas below provide greater benefits to farmers who bought insurance on their eligible crops.

Farmers with eligible losses of insured crops will be compensated at 65% of crop insurance market price elections.

Farmers with eligible losses to uninsured crops will be compensated at 60% of the crop insurance market price elections, and must agree to buy crop insurance for the 1999 and 2000 crop years.

Farmers with eligible losses of non-insurable crops will be compensated at 65% of the five-year average National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) price. Non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) area loss triggers will not apply.

Historic yields will be based on the

greater of the five-year average NASS county yield, the crop insurance yield or the NAP expected yield.

Under the multi-year provisions of this program, USDA will compensate insured farmers with losses in three or more years from 1994 through 1998 with an additional payment equal to 25% of insurance claim payments made during that period.

USDA will compensate farmers with eligible losses on non-insurable crops with an additional payment equal to 25% of what their NAP payments were or would have been had they received NAP payments. NAP area loss triggers will not apply.

Incentive to buy crop insurance
Up to \$400 million will be used as

an incentive for farmers to buy higher levels of crop insurance in the future.

All farmers will get a special 25 to 35% premium discount on buy-up coverage.

This incentive is the first element of USDA's plan to strengthen the crop insurance portion of the farm safety net for future years.

Adjustments and limits to benefits

Payments to farmers will be prorated after all applications are reviewed in order to stay within the program's requirements and budget. No farmer will receive more than \$80,000 under this program nor more than \$80,000 in crop insurance incentive.

No one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more is eligible.

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Boll weevil referendum draws near

Cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 1998 in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone are getting set to decide in a March 12 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should be initiated in the zone.

Wednesday was the filing deadline for producers who wish to represent the five-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors.

The Northwest Plains Zone is comprised of approximately 500,000 acres in the five counties of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

The election for the board member position also will be held on the March 12 ballot.

For more information on the balloting, producers may contact their local county extension service offices or the TDA in Austin at (512) 463-7593.

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Sports



Bobbies sew up district championship

Dimmitt's Bobbies wrapped up a perfect 10-0 conference run and the District 1-AAA championship with victories over River Road here Friday and Dalhart there Tuesday. Those last two for-the-record games weren't pretty, though.

You could say the Bobbies finished their district run unbeaten, but beaten up. The last two games both were rough-and-tumble affairs. At Dalhart Tuesday night, all five of the Lady Wolves' starters fouled out, the Dalhart coach was assessed

a technical foul, a Dimmitt fan was ejected from the gym, and the girls on both teams picked up new black-and-blue marks as the Lady Wolves forced the Bobbies into overtime. Dalhart junior post Shelly Lenz sank two free throws with 22 seconds

left to tie the score at 52-52 and force the Bobbies into their first overtime game of their 1-AAA schedule. The Bobbies gained control in overtime and used their free-throw accuracy to pull out a 64-57 win.

"It feels pretty good" to have won the district title outright in his first season as head coach, Edwards said. "I was pretty proud of the girls," he said. "All season, I think we've managed to give the fans their money's worth."

giving the Bobbies a double-bonus at the free throw line with each additional foul. Wise, Robertson and Kenworthy sank seven of 10 from the free throw line in the final 2:11 to seal the win. In addition to Kenworthy's 17 and Summers' 16 for the Bobbies, Robertson sank 13, Wise 9, Hinojosa 6 and Black and Fuentes 2 apiece. Swaim paced RR with 18, while Mullins had 17 and Podzemny 14.



FIGHTING FOR IT—Dimmitt's Allison Roberson (left) and Heather Black (13) battle with River Road's Chris Swaim for a rebound during Friday night's

District 1-AAA game at River Road. The Bobbies won a hard-fought 65-57 victory over the Lady Wildcats to remain unbeaten in district play.

Photo by Carter Townsend

During the overtime, Dalhart's Lenz, Kelli Reynolds and Jennifer Lang fouled out, joining teammates Rebecca White and Kristin Jessop, who had exited via the five-foul route in the fourth quarter.

By the time the game ended, the Lady Wolves were playing with their "final five" and had no eligible subs left on the bench.

Dimmitt's Stephanie Hinojosa also fouled out with 2:27 left in overtime, and teammate Carol Summers left the game with a bleeding wound with 25 seconds left.

Tonya Robertson and Shawna Kenworthy did all of Dimmitt's scoring in the overtime, outpacing the Lady Wolves 10-5.

They led off the overtime with a field goal apiece, and down the stretch Kenworthy netted four of four from the charity stripe and Robertson sank four of 10 while the Dimmitt defense was holding the Lady Wolves to a single field goal and three free throws.

Robertson paced the Bobbies with 26 while Kenworthy finished with 11.

The overtime victory Tuesday night came on the heels of a hard-earned 65-57 win over last-place River Road Friday.

"Those old bullets were coming pretty close there in those last two games," Bobbies Coach Chris Edwards said.

"Dalhart had a lot to play for," he added. "They were shooting for a third place finish."

The Lady Wolves are now in a third-place tie with Sanford-Fritch and Tulia, and will have to play it off.

Bobbies 65, River Road 57

The Bobbies had not lost a district game and the Lady Wildcats had not won one.

But that didn't seem to matter to the young River Road team, which took the Bobbies to the wall before letting them get out of RR's gym with a 65-57 win Friday night.

The Bobbies earned the victory, and have the bruises to prove it.

"It was about the roughest game I've been in this year," said junior wing Carol Summers, who scored 16 of Dimmitt's points. "They're pretty rough, but they have some good players, especially No. 22" (Carrie Mullins, 5-7 sophomore forward, who scored 17 points).

Senior playmaker Shawna Kenworthy, Dimmitt's high scorer with 17, agreed with Summers.

"It was so rough—the roughest game I've been in this year," said Kenworthy, who played with a butterfly bandage over one eyebrow.

She added, "It was a lot closer than I expected. But we're coming off of a high (their second win over Perryton). We're playing for pride right now."

After scoring Dimmitt's 64th and 65th points from the free-throw line, Kenworthy was knocked to the floor at midcourt just before the final buzzer, but the refs let it go.

"It didn't bother me" that no foul was called, Kenworthy said. "We were winning anyway."

After Tonya Robertson and Kenworthy staked Dimmitt to a 6-0 start, River Road took the lead at 8-6 and held it most of the first quarter. Summers sank a pair of free throws to tie it at 14-14 with 1:51 left in the opening period, then Larissa Fuentes popped an 18-footer with 20 seconds left to give Dimmitt the lead going into the second.

The Bobbies used balanced scoring from Robertson, Kenworthy, Stephanie Hinojosa, Summers and Heather Wise in the second period to forge a 34-29 halftime lead.

It stayed close throughout the hectic third quarter as the refs almost let the game get out of hand. Only four points separated the district's first- and last-place teams going into the final period, 47-43.

After Hinojosa opened the fourth with a 15-foot jumper, Summers scored two free throws and a trey and Kenworthy notched a driving layup to put the Bobbies up by 11, 56-45.

But the Lady Wildcats fought back to within three at 56-53, with 6-2 sophomore Sarah Podzemny and 5-9 sharpshooter Chris Swaim leading the way.

As the game got even rougher, the Lady Wildcats picked up their 10th foul of the half at the 2:11 mark,



BOMBS AWAY! — Dimmitt's Daniel Flores puts up a three-pointer against River Road here Friday night. Flores sank four of six three-point shots and finished with 16 points as the Bobcats won, 79-53.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Swifts win district title

The Nazareth Swifts captured the District 8-A championship Tuesday night with a 69-55 win over Springlake-Earth.

The Swifts finished regular season play with a 15-10 mark and won district with a 7-1 record. Nazareth's only loss in district was a nail-biter to Sudan in the waning seconds.

The Swifts will face either Texline or Adrian from District 7-A in the bi-district round of the playoffs and that game will be played either Feb. 22 or Feb. 23, according to Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough.

In the meantime, the Swifts are hoping to fine-tune their skills in a couple of practice games.

Nazareth will play Farwell in a warm-up game either Monday or Tuesday at a place and time to be determined, according to Scarbrough.

Then on Feb. 20, the Swifts will face West Texas High at 12:15 p.m. at Randall High School.

Cats ice two more

With their playoff ticket already in hand, the Bobcats notched lopsided victories over River Road here Friday night and Dalhart there Tuesday night.

Four Bobcats scored in double figures as Dimmitt creamed the RR Wildcats 79-53 Friday. Derek Buckley scored 17, Daniel Flores 16, Jerry Thomas 15 and Jacob Larra 10.

Flores led Dimmitt's rebounding with 10, while Larra collected eight and Thomas seven. Wesley Wright racked up 20 credits—most of them assists—to pace Dimmitt's floor play.

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Livestock & Poultry

There were 258 farms who sported an inventory of cattle and calves during 1997. Of those farms, 102 raised beef cows and six raised milk cows.

County cattle raisers on 261 farms sold 834,866 head of cattle in 1997, according to the survey.

The survey included eight hog farms, six sheep farms, and four producers who raised layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older.

The information was obtained during the 1997 Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years to provide a snapshot of America's agriculture. This picture is an invaluable tool for assessing trends and determining current needs of farmers and ranchers at the local level.

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194,301 farms and ranches in Texas. These farms sold \$13.8 billion worth of agricultural products, an average of \$70,852 per farm. Two-thirds of those farms sold less than \$10,000 worth of agricultural products and 35% reported less than \$2,500 in sales.

The 1997 Census showed that Texas led the nation in the value of livestock and poultry sold with \$9.5 billion. The state ranked fifth in sales of crops and second in total market value of agricultural products sold. The five leading commodities produced in Texas, in terms of market value of sales, were cattle, cotton, poultry, dairy products and corn for grain.

The Census also revealed other interesting facts about Texas agriculture, such as:

- ✓ 43% of operators considered farming or ranching their principal occupation.

- ✓ Farm and ranch production expenses totaled \$11.6 billion in 1997.

- ✓ 12% of Texas farms and ranches operated 1,000 acres or more.

- ✓ 28% of the state's farmers and ranchers operated less than 50 acres.

These facts and more for every county and state in the US are now available from the 1997 Census of Agriculture highlights table, available on the TASS website at <http://www.io.com/~tass/>.



TIGHT DEFENSE—Daryl Pohlmeier (32) of Nazareth tries to force Hart's Keith Finch (33) toward the baseline and Finch complies, although he manages to drive inside and score during second-half action of a District 8-A game in Hart. The Swifts claimed a playoff berth with a 53-32 win. Nazareth wrapped up the district championship Tuesday night with a win over Springlake-Earth.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Scoreboard

FEB. 1		Dimmitt—Anthony Oltivero 23, Phillip Lumbra 12. Record: Dimmitt Freshmen 15-7, 9-0.	
Freshman Bobcats 45, Dalhart 24	Dimmitt 12 16 9 8 —45		
	Dalhart 6 12 2 4 —24		
Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 15, Matthew Wright 10. Record: Dimmitt Freshmen 14-7, 8-0.			
FRIDAY			
Swiftettes 73, Lady Horns 28	Nazareth 18 19 22 14 —73		
	Hart 4 11 4 9 —28		
Nazareth—Whitney Hoelting 20, Shawna Gerber 12, Jayme Schmucker 11. Hart—Veronica Gonzales 12. Records: Nazareth 18-9, 3-4. Hart 14-13, 1-7.			
Swifts 53, Hart 32	Nazareth 15 12 9 17 —53		
	Hart 14 4 8 6 —32		
Nazareth—Ky Wilcox 23, Kade Wilcox 11. Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 18. Record: Nazareth 14-10 6-1, Hart 11-14, 5-3.			
Bobcats 79, River Road 53	Dimmitt 25 19 18 17 —79		
	River Road 13 11 14 15 —53		
Dimmitt—Derek Buckley 17, Daniel Flores 16, Jerry Thomas 15, Jacob Larra 10. River Road—Morales 18, Chancler 15. Record: Dimmitt 21-9, 7-1.			
Bobbies 65, River Road 57	Dimmitt 16 18 13 18 —65		
	River Road 14 15 14 14 —57		
Dimmitt—Shawna Kenworthy 17, Carol Summers 16. River Road—Chris Swain 18, Carrie Mullins 17. Record: Dimmitt 19-9, 9-0.			
MONDAY			
Freshman Bobcats 71, Tulla 57	Dimmitt 19 21 14 17 —71		
	Tulla 17 14 10 16 —57		
		Bobcats 60, Dalhart 48	Dimmitt 16 11 20 13 —60
			Dalhart 9 10 12 17 —48
		Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 23, Jacob Larra and Daniel Flores 9. Dalhart—Garland Swecker 13, Clay Jessop 11. Record: Dimmitt 22-9, 8-1.	
		JV Bobcats 68, Dalhart 58	
		JV Bobbies 65, Dalhart 44	
		JV Swiftettes 48, Springlake-Earth 23	

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—William Hazlitt

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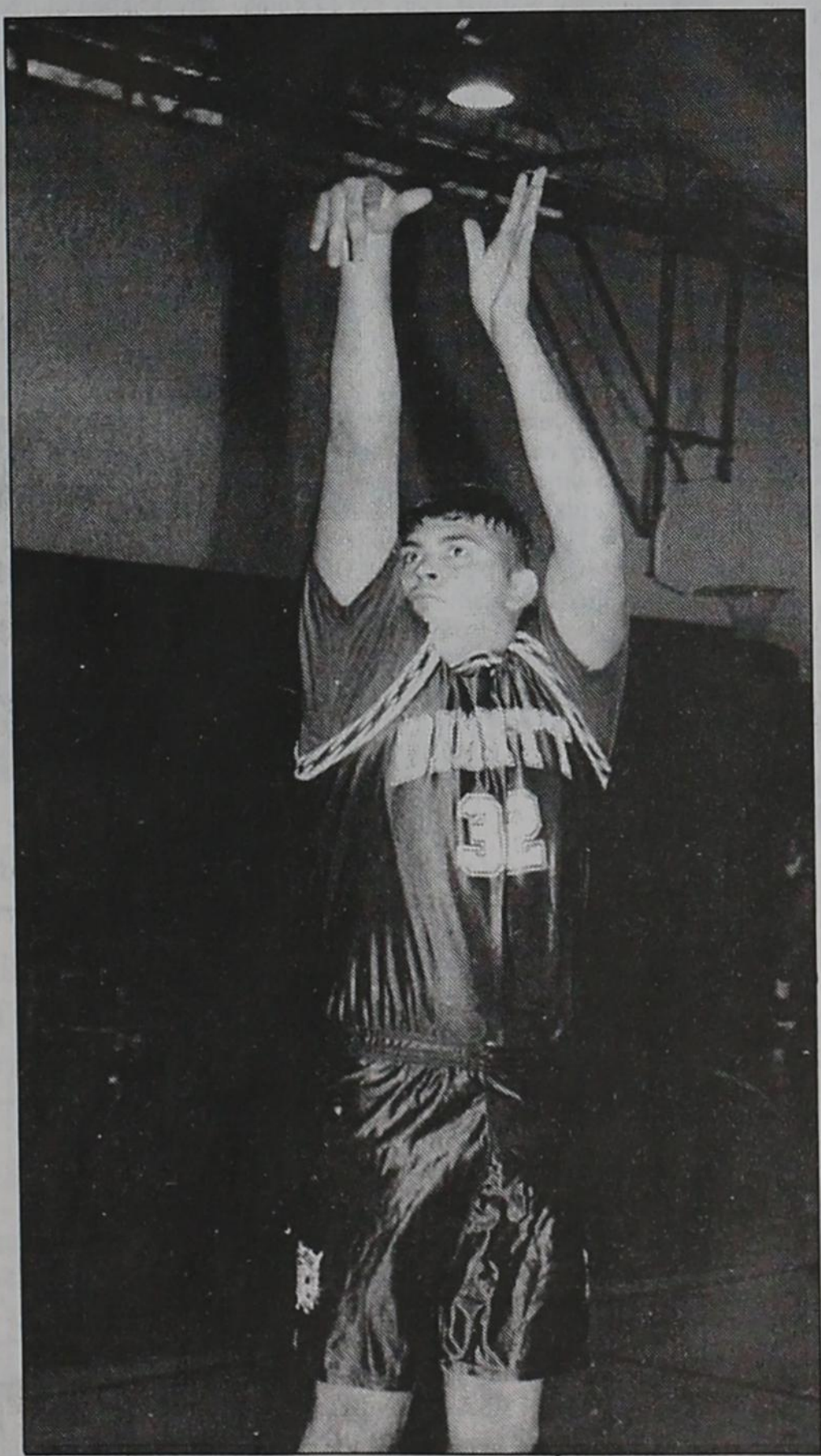
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FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. Perryton, Here

Schedule and Scores

Feb. 12—*Perryton (Boys), Here

Bobbies	Bobcats
22, Randall 42	61, Randall 69
32, Levelland 52	81, Levelland 72
56, Borger 49	61, Borger 43
Queen's Classic	67, Farwell 48
58, Lockney 66	49, Hereford 54
80, Ray 75	Pioneer Classic
72, Vega 62	59, Lubbock High 61
Consolation Champions	67, Lubbock Estacado 44
43, Hereford 32	75, Rialtoview 48
54, Amarillo High 66	47, El Paso 52
57, Muleshoe 42	70, Muleshoe 62
Seminole Tournament	Seminole Tournament
87, Hobbs 76	50, Denver City 62
66, Andrews 38	77, Andrews 53
63, Seminole 66	71, Pampa 57
Second Place	Consolation Champions
54, Friona 43	56, Friona 37
52, Coronado 90	44, Coronado 54
Caprock Tournament	Caprock Tournament
38, Whiteface 49	62, El Paso Bowie 51
74, Lubbock Estacado 80	66, Lubbock High 61
72, Trinity Christian 48	58, Frenship 60
50, Littlefield 38	65, Trinity Christian 70
35, Slaton 52	60, Littlefield 56
58, Perryton 48	76, Slaton 42
60, Tulla 45	74, Muleshoe 70
60, River Road 43	54, Tulla 45
58, Sanford-Fritch 46	71, River Road 45
75, Dalhart 56	62, Sanford-Fritch 56
57, Tulla 37	71, Dalhart 50
86, Perryton 80	35, Tulla 59
53, Sanford-Fritch 34	64, Perryton 60
65, River Road 57	66, Sanford-Fritch 64
63, Dalhart 57	79, River Road 53
District Record: 10-0	60, Dalhart 48
Season Record: 20-9	District Record: 8-1
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Swifts earn post-season bid, shattering Hart's hopes Friday

The Nazareth boys clinched a playoff berth Friday night while Hart saw its chances of qualifying for post-season play slip further away as the Swifts posted a 53-32 win in Hart.

Hart held a 4-3 lead early in the game, and was tied with Nazareth at 11 in the first quarter, but the Swifts used an intense defense to hold the Longhorns at bay over the second through fourth quarters and never trailed again.

Hart struggled from the field Friday, hitting just 12-of-55 shots for the game. Nazareth made 20 of its 48 attempts, including five three pointers.

Ky Wilcox of Nazareth led all scorers with 23 points while twin brother Kade finished with 11. Hart's leading scorer was Jeremiah Velasquez, who finished with 18.

With the win, Nazareth improved to 14-10 overall and 6-1 in district play. That placed the Swifts in control of the district race with one game to go (which was against Springlake-Earth Tuesday night, and Nazareth won, 69-55). Sudan was holding down second place in district with a 5-2 mark.

Hart's last district game was against Nazareth, and the loss dropped the Longhorns to third place in district with a 5-3 mark. Hart finished its season with an 11-14 mark.

After Friday's loss, the Longhorns' only hope of landing a playoff spot was for Vega to beat Sudan Tuesday. That would have thrown Hart and Sudan into a tie for second. But Sudan handled Vega, 47-42, eliminating Hart from post-season play.

Velasquez was hot in the early going, scoring 11 of Hart's 14 points in the opening stanza. But foul trouble hampered him over the next three quarters and he was only able to tally seven more points against the Swift defense.

He gave Hart its only leads of the game in the opening period, first at 2-0, then at 4-3 after Kade Wilcox connected on a three-pointer between Velasquez' efforts.

An offensive rebound, layup and bonus free throw by Ky Wilcox with 4:14 left put the Swifts in control, 6-4.

Nazareth took a five-point lead on a trey by Kade Wilcox before Velasquez nabbed his own offensive rebound after missing a three, then

scoring a short jumper to trim the deficit to three with 3:22 left.

Nazareth would go up by five again before Velasquez tied the game at 11 with 1:14 left, first nailing a shot off the dribble then hitting a pair of free throws after he was fouled.

Over the last minute, Nazareth was able to regain the lead and never trailed again.

A shot by Stanton Wethington started things rolling, then Ky Wilcox followed with another with 32 seconds left for a 15-11 Swift lead.

A three by Velasquez seconds later made it 15-14 at the end of the period.

The Nazareth defense took over in the second quarter, holding Hart to

1-of-14 shots from the field and 2-of-5 attempts from the free throw line for four points.

Meanwhile, the Nazareth offense pulled away, turning a one-point first-quarter edge into a nine-point halftime lead with the Wilcoxes accounting for nine of Nazareth's 12 in the stanza.

Hart's lone field goal came on a third-time's-the-charm play under the goal with 1:20 left in the quarter. After misses and rebounds by Keith Finch and Chris George, Richard Gonzales finally got a shot to fall inside, making it 24-18, Nazareth. But the Swifts used a free throw by Wethington and one of Ky Wilcox's baskets to take the 27-18 lead at half. Finch started off on fire in the

third, hitting back-to-back shots to pull Hart within five, 27-22, before Nazareth called a time out just second into the half.

Ky Wilcox and Velasquez traded baskets after the 20-second break, then Nazareth went on a 7-0 run over the next five minutes to claim a 36-24 lead with 1:12 left.

Finch scored on a smooth baseline drive to pull Hart within 10 at the end of the period, 36-26.

A three-pointer from the top of the key by Ky Wilcox started the Swifts in the fourth quarter, then Cameron McLain made 2-of-4 free throw attempts to give Nazareth a 41-26 advantage.

Velasquez finally found his mark again, scoring with 6:19 left, then Jared Aven made a free throw to trim the Swift lead to 41-29.

That's when Nazareth's Mitchell Brockman took over.

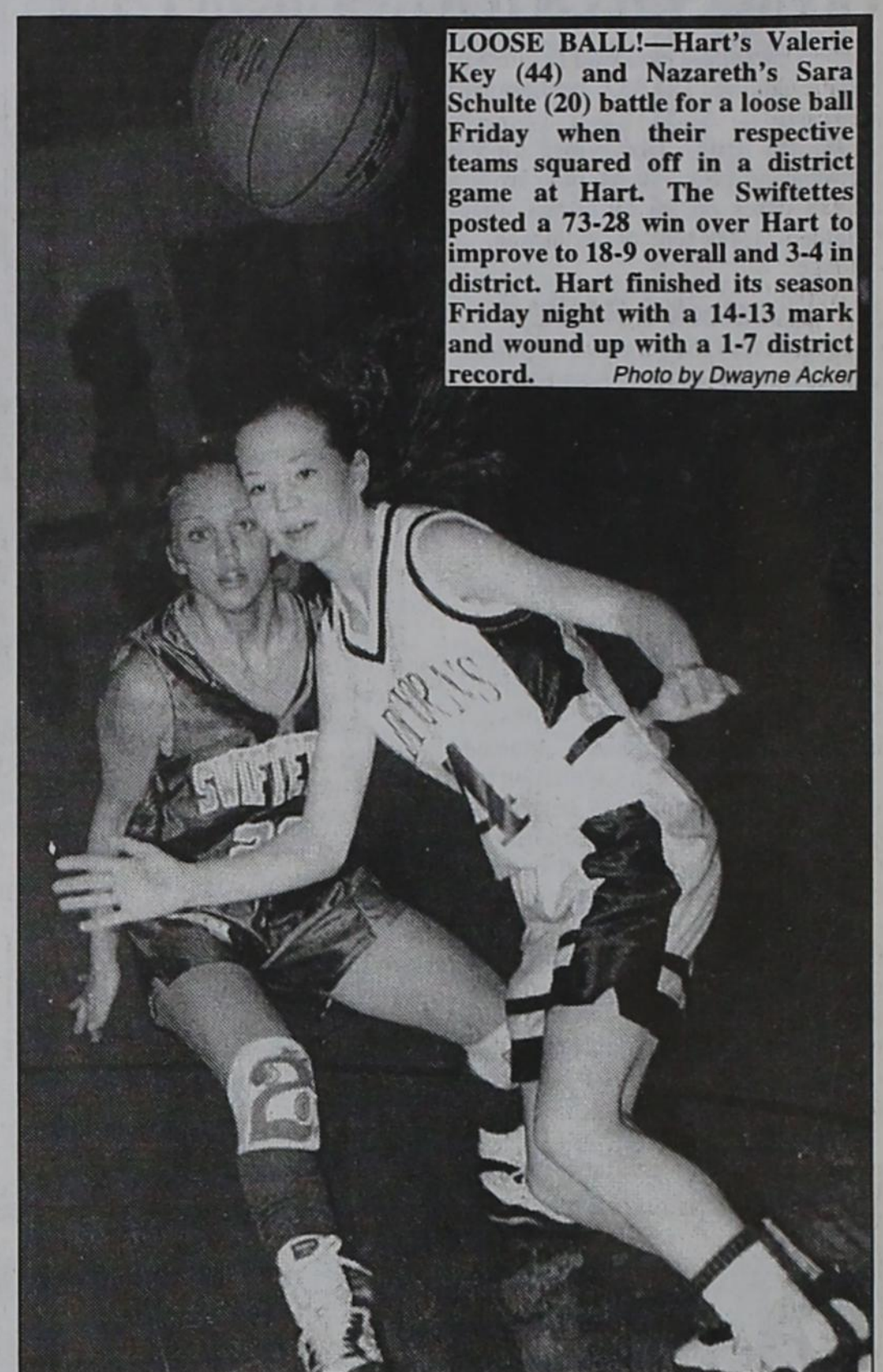
The senior made a pair of free throws, then picked up four more points, scoring on an inside move, then off of a steal and coast-to-coast layup to give the Swifts a 49-29 lead. Ky Wilcox capped the spurt with another steal and layup seconds later to make it 51-29.

Hart's final points of the game came with 1:37 left when Joel DeLaFuente made the first of two free throws. As he missed the second shot, Finch was there for the rebound and put-back.

A pair of free throws by Jase Merritt in the final minute made it 53-32.



HART'S JEREMIAH VELASQUEZ (5) drives around Nazareth's Kade Wilcox (22) and nails a jumper off the dribble despite the defensive help offered by Swifts Cameron McLain (40) and Daryl Pohlmeier (32) Friday. Hart hosted the Swifts in a game with playoff implications. The Swifts won the game, 53-32, to claim a playoff berth. With the loss, Hart watched its hopes for a playoff berth dim. Sudan extinguished those hopes Tuesday when the Hornets beat Vega to nail down the second berth.



LOOSE BALL!—Hart's Valerie Key (44) and Nazareth's Sara Schulte (20) battle for a loose ball Friday when their respective teams squared off in a district game at Hart. The Swiftettes posted a 73-28 win over Hart to improve to 18-9 overall and 3-4 in district. Hart finished its season Friday night with a 14-13 mark and wound up with a 1-7 district record. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swiftettes wrap up Lady Horns, 73-28

Nazareth didn't have to venture too far from the paint in order to rack up points Friday night, rolling up a 73-28 win over the Hart Lady Horns with fast-break layups and short jumpers.

Going into Friday night's showdown at Hart, neither team had a shot of making the playoffs. The Swiftettes had been eliminated from the chase after two losses to Vega

and two to Sudan in district play. The Lady Horns had posted just one win in district.

Friday's win improved Nazareth's mark to 18-9 overall and 3-4 in District. Hart finished its season with a 14-13 overall mark and wound up 1-7 in District 8-A.

Hart turned the ball over 22 times Friday and had trouble getting its shots to fall.

The Swiftettes suffered from the same butterfly complex, losing the ball 20 times in the game, but they hit 51% of their shots and that was the difference. Nazareth attempted just two three-pointers and came up empty both times.

Three Swiftettes finished in double figures, led by Whitney Hoelting's 20-point performance. Shawna Gerber added 12—all in the second half—and Jayme Schmucker finished with 10. Hart got 12 points from Veronica Gonzales.

Nazareth went inside from the opening tip, using two strong post moves by Hoelting to take a 4-0 lead with 6:15 left in the first quarter.

Geneva Finch worked her way around the Swiftette defense for an inside hoop of her own with 4:26 left to cut the Swiftette lead to two, but Hoelting answered that hoop seconds later, starting an 11-0 run. After Hoelting's shot, Jayme Schmucker picked up her first points of the game on an inside jumper, then added another on a fast-break layup to put the Swiftettes up 10-2.

A turnover by Hart's Veronica Gonzales led to a three-pointer by Cassie Birkenfeld with 2:03 left, then another Hart turnover resulted in a layup by Lesley Brockman for a 15-

2 Nazareth lead. Hart finally broke the spell with a steal and layup by Raquel Garcia with 1:24 left.

Birkenfeld nailed a jumper off the dribble and was fouled by Angelica Perales on the play. She made the free throw for an 18-4 first-quarter final.

After Stephanie Thiel opened scoring in the second, Perales picked up her first points of the game.

Finch and Hoelting traded baskets inside before Nazareth started another long run and the Lady Horns were stymied.

With 5:22 left in the half, Hoelting hit a free throw to start a 9-0 run.

Gonzales broke the streak with a pair of free throws at the 2:55 mark to pull Hart within 21, 31-10.

The Lady Horns got a three from Gonzales with 1:47 left, then Finch made a pair of free throws with 1:14 to go, but before they scored, Nazareth got two more fast-break baskets and by halftime it was a 37-15 game.

Hart didn't pick up a single point in the third quarter until Vanessa Carrasco connected from the baseline with 1:36 left in the quarter. She added Hart's other two points of the stanza 24 seconds later, making a pair of free throws.

But by the time Gonzales got her shot to fall, the Swiftettes had taken complete control of the game, reeling off 18 unanswered points for a 55-15 lead.

Over the fourth quarter Hart managed to hold Nazareth to 14 points, but the Lady Horns would get just 9 themselves—two by Carrasco and seven by Gonzales.

**Good Luck, Swifts
as you prepare
for bi-district!**

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Water management course offered in Hart

The Dryland Agriculture Institute and the Continuing Education Center at West Texas A&M University will utilize the Panhandle Information Network (PIN) on three evenings—two in February and one in March—to present a course on water management.

"Agricultural Water Management" will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, and again on Feb. 23 and March 2 at Hart High School through PIN, an Internet consortium that links dozens of Panhandle school districts to the information superhighway. The course also will be available at high schools in Spearman and Sunray. It will originate from the Hastings Electronic Learning Center of WTAMU's Cornette Library, and may be attended there as well. Participants at each site will be able to communicate via PIN's interactive televisions.

Cost of the course, which will focus on basic principals of water conservation and water-use efficiency, is \$45. The first session will deal with the relationship between soil and water. The second will pertain to the relationship between crops and water, and the final one will be aimed at soil fertility. Participants must sign up for the course in its entirety, even if they are unable to attend all three sessions.

Continuing education units will be awarded to participants attending the course, which is particularly valuable for crop advisors who need periodic re-certification in Texas.

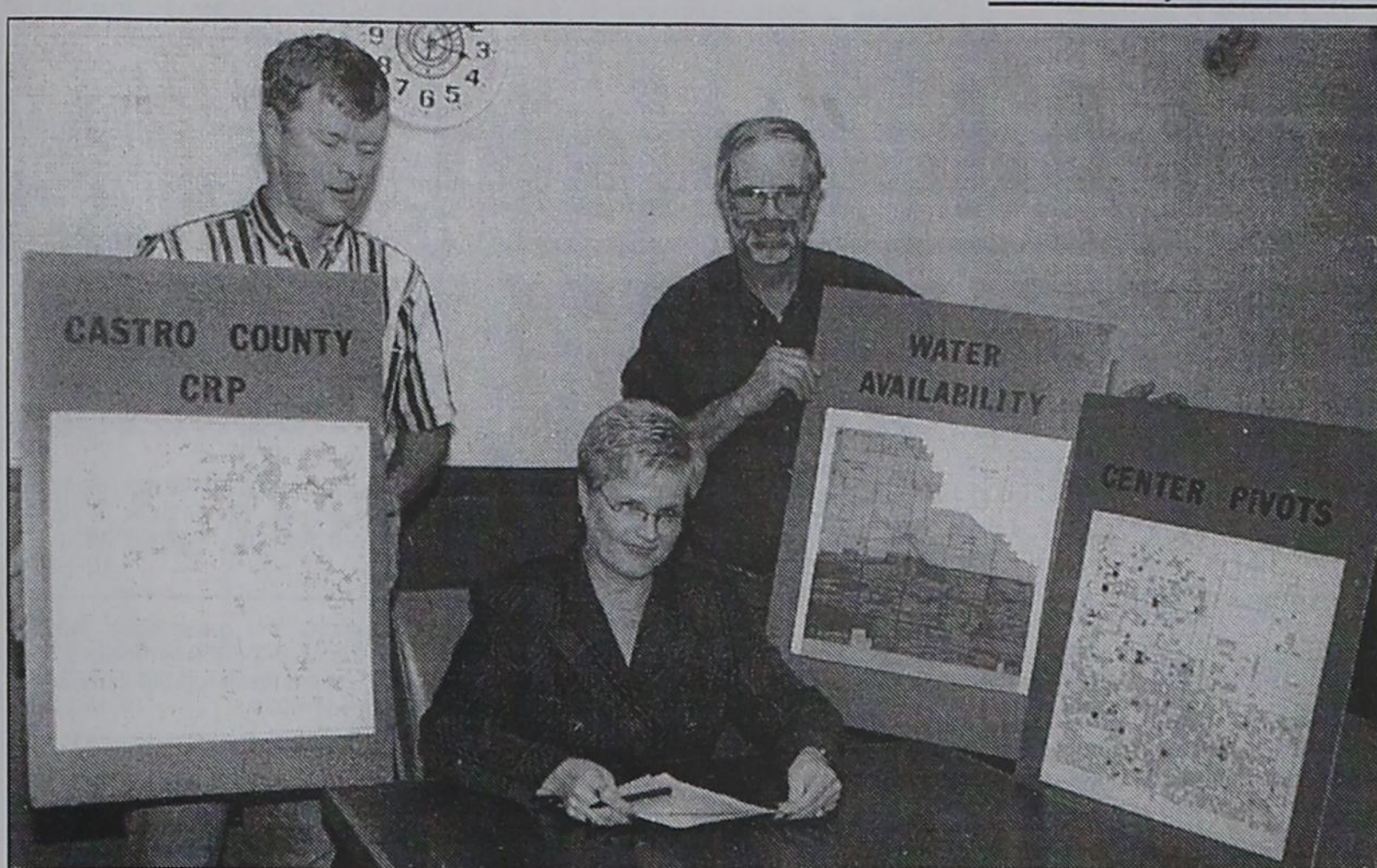
The course will be taught by Dr. Bob Stewart, distinguished professor of agriculture and director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute, and by Dr. Clay Robinson, assistant professor of plant science.

"It is critically important to use our water efficiently," Stewart said. "As our water table declines, the irrigation portion of our agriculture is going to continue to decline. We've got to better manage what we've got left and utilize our rainfall. Rainfall is the only source of water for dryland farmers. If you are an irrigation farmer, rainfall is still your most important source of water."

Farmers, county agents, resource conservationists, crop consultants and other professionals interested in maximizing the use of precipitation and limited irrigation resources are encouraged to enroll in the course.

This is the university's fourth year to offer the course, but it is the first time it will be presented through PIN.

For more information or to register, call the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.



TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WEEK was declared for Feb. 7-13 in Castro County in a proclamation signed by County Judge Irene Miller (seated). The observance is also intended to give recognition to employees of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which includes Earl Behrends (left) and Gary Hunter (right), who work in the Castro County office of the NRCS. They are holding posters about water resources in the county. Photo by Linda Maxwell

SEC offering scholarships

Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc., will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and employees of the cooperative.

Applicants may be high school graduates, currently enrolled university students, or persons wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Recipients will be chosen based upon character, community activities and service work, and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or from Swisher Electric's office in Tulia. Applications must be received by Friday. Awards will be presented at the Swisher Electric Annual Meeting on March 25.

Cotton Talks

Boll weevils are definitely on the minds of many folks in Austin as the Texas Legislature gets to work during its 76th Legislative session.

An emergency proclamation by Gov. George W. Bush and reported plans by other legislators to introduce legislation that would appropriate additional monies for the 2000 and 2001 biennium are all positive signs for Texas cotton producers.

Gov. Bush issued his emergency proclamation this month. It included a call to add \$25 million in the Texas Dept. of Agriculture budget appropriation for the purpose of

paying a portion of producer assessment costs in active boll weevil eradication during the current budget cycle.

Proposed legislation affecting the 2000-2001 biennium is expected to total between \$50 and \$70 million. Under the current law, state appropriated monies cannot be used to pay already existing debt. That means without a change in the current law, debt already incurred in the seven counties removed from the South Texas/Winter Garden eradication zone and the Lower Rio Grande Valley would remain unresolved.

Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT

FSA County Executive Director

We will continue to accept applications for the Small Hog Operation Program through Friday.

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) recently authorized the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to assist small hog producers with approximately \$50 million in direct cash payments.

The payment amount will be up to \$5 per slaughter weight hog or feeder pig equivalent.

Sign-up for this program will be through Feb. 12. Interested producers should call the FSA office at (806) 647-2153, Extension 2, for an appointment. When producers apply, they must bring documentation such as a sales receipt that shows the number of hogs marketed between July 1, 1998, and Dec. 1, 1998.

To be eligible, producers must meet the following qualifications:

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- * Marketed less than 1,000 hogs during the last six months of 1998.
- * Gross 1998 income must not exceed \$2.5 million.

* Did not market hogs on a fixed contract or a "cost plus" contract.

Once the sign-up period has ended, all applications will be transmitted to USDA in Kansas City. Based on the total dollars of applications, a factor may be applied in order to keep funds within the \$50 million allocated for the program.

The sign-up period has been extended for the livestock assistance program.

The exact final date for sign-up is not yet known, but if you think you are eligible for this program and would like to sign up, call Edna at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at 647-2153, Extension 105, for an appointment.

For more information, call the Farm Service Agency office.

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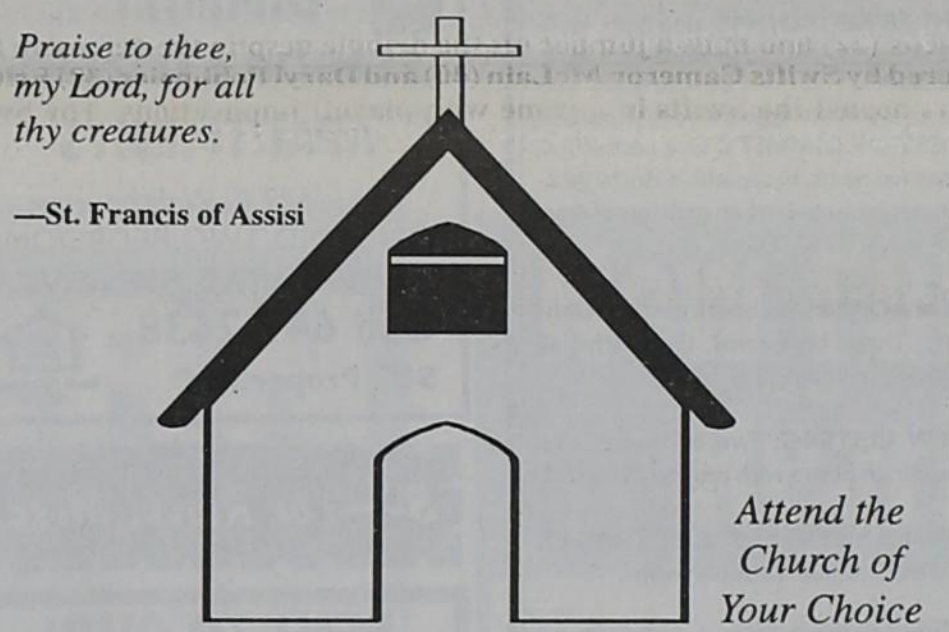
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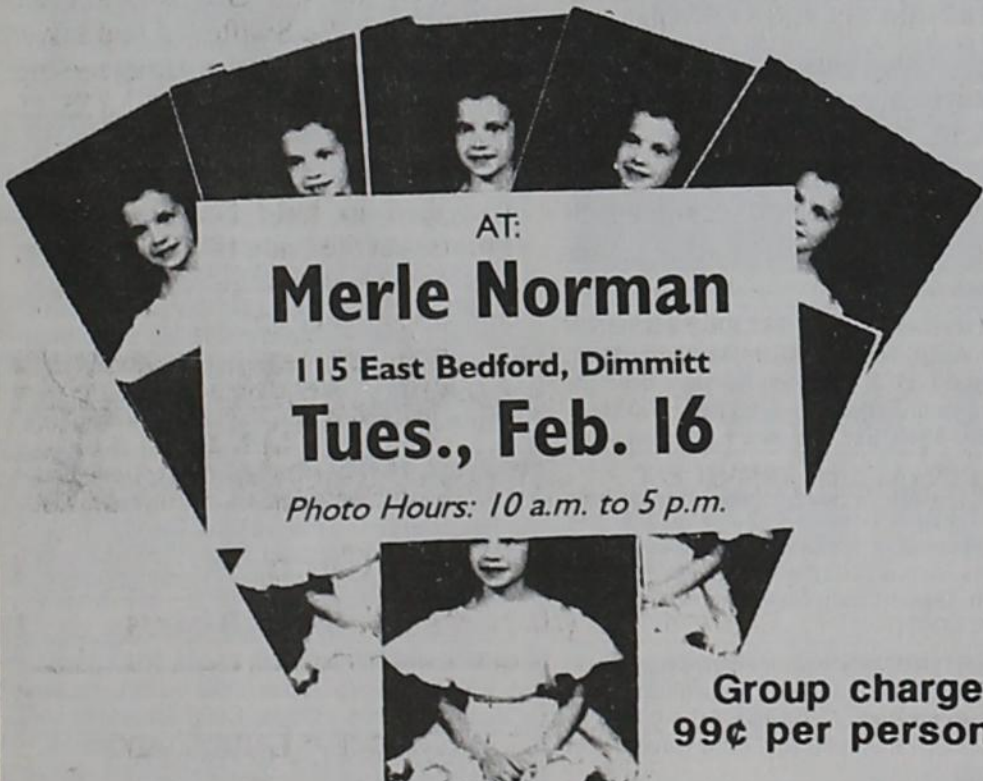
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We would like to express our sincere thanks to those who sent cards, food, flowers and other expressions of sympathy at Uncle Richard's death. A special thank you to the staff of Canterbury Villa for your care and kindness over the last nine years. Thank you Roy Barringer, Walter and Tammy for the nice service, and to Ron, Mack and Margie for all you did for us. We appreciate each one of you.

RICHARD WOOTEN FAMILY
24-44-21p



THREE GOING TO STATE—Members of the Business Professionals of America chapter at Dimmitt High School competed at regional contests in Amarillo, and three will advance to state. Those who competed are (front, from left) Christina Fierro, Stephanie Flores, and Olivia Rodriguez; and (back, from left) Moses Lugo, Isaac Johnson, and Ebony Swain. Not shown is Brenda Arce. Advancing to state will be Fierro, Rodriguez and Johnson. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Dimmitt BPA students win at regional, advance to state

The Business Professionals of America chapter at Dimmitt High

School sent seven students to the BPA Regional Contest Friday and Saturday in Amarillo, and three qualified to advance to the state contest.

Those who qualified for state are Christina Fierro, who took first place in administrative assistant and first in proofreading/editing; Olivia Rodriguez, who won first in computerized accounting and sixth in proofreading/editing; and Isaac Johnson, first in spreadsheet.

Others who participated in the regional competition were Moses Lugo, desktop publishing; Ebony Swain, document formatting; Stephanie Flores, banking concepts; and Brenda Arce, application/interview.

The competition includes events in computer, accounting, office, and speaking.

Sponsors of the chapter are Kathy West and Becky Book.

More about

Power restored . . .

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Crews had all but 11 residences back on-line early Sunday morning.

"Swisher Electric Cooperative lost over 400 poles and over 200 crossarms in the storm," said cooperative member service advisor Mike Ferguson. "A crew is able to put up as many as 15 poles in a long day of perhaps 15 to 16 hours. That's when they haven't had to contend with the extremely muddy roads we had over the first weekend following the storm, all the way through the latter part of the following week (Feb. 1-4)."

Cannon estimates that some 200 poles have been put back up so far, but there are still more than 200 that still need to be replaced.

On Sunday, one cooperative crew spent the day trouble shooting, chasing down service calls where people had reported they were out of cattle water or their fence charger wasn't working.

There were several false alarms. One customer had a blown fuse in a panel, the fence charger was hot and the stock tank was full. In some cases, a reset button just needed to be pushed on a panel.

Customers can help the cooperative get service back on faster to those that are actually still without power if they would recheck their stock tanks and fence chargers, making sure it's not just a blown fuse or something simple.

SEC Manager Charles Castleberry

said that maintenance was not the problem.

"For the past two years, SEC has contracted with Osmose Wood Preserving, Inc., to inspect all of the cooperative's 2,500-plus transmission poles and over 1,700 distribution poles were tested in 1998. Many of the poles that broke were brand new poles," Castleberry said.

"Poles and cross-arms can only carry so much weight. In this case ice caused the problem, especially when the winds start the lines moving from side to side. This caused the cross-arm to start twisting back and forth. If it doesn't break from this type of twisting force, the same force can snap the top of the pole or topple the pole completely. Once a pole goes down, a domino-like action can bring down several poles in a row."

Castleberry expressed appreciation for everyone's patience and understanding, as well as those who either helped pull cooperative and contractor trucks out of the mud. In some places, they actually pulled trucks all the way down muddy road with tractors, or loaned for those purposes. Those SEC knows about include Keith, Bob and Greg Birkenfeld, Alvin Klemm, Don Brown, Don Ebeling and Eddie Bryan. Bill Pearson and Frank Venhaus also extended offers to loan their tractors to pull trucks out, as well as others.

25—Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District will accept proposals to purchase one (1) gasoline- or diesel-powered school bus. The proposals shall be in the Dimmitt School District's business office at 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, no later than 3 p.m. on Feb. 26, 1999. Proposal envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner, "School Bus Proposal."

Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, at the School Administration Office.

Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities.

25-45-21c

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is in the process of electing a minority representative to fill a position on its board of directors. The meeting is to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse, Hereford, Texas. All minority citizens of Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Swisher counties are invited to attend this meeting. Information regarding this election may be obtained from Rebecca Rusk at PRPC, (806) 382-3381.

25-45-11c

BID NOTICE

Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids for banking services. Sealed bids should be delivered to the CEO of Castro County Hospital District at 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027, by 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999. Bids should explain investment methods available for reserve funds, all interest rates to be paid by bank, any charges to be assessed by bank and method of securing the funds deposited. In addition, all services available such as, but not limited to, checks sorted in number order, overdraft protection, and free checks should be explained. The Castro County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

25-44-21c

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Castro County in the following cases on the 27th day of January, 1999, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11 a.m. on the 2nd day of March, 1999, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courtroom of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. B6957-TX-0895, Castro County vs. Garibaldi, Silvester. All of the South Seventy Feet (S 70') of Lots Number Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), in Block Number Nineteen (19), of the Miller Addition, to the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 94-04-B-6767-CV, Castro County vs. Glover, Nadine, as Executrix of Cornelius Garfield Estate. All of Lot No. Two (2) in Block Number Fifty-one (51) of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 97-10-B7257TX, Castro County vs. Hernandez, Robert, IND/DBA Chief Welding & Repair and 5678 Castro County vs. Hernandez, Robert. Lot No. Seven (7), Block No. Sixty-Two (62), Original Townsite of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. B7023-TX-1295, Castro County vs. Hinojosa, Andrea, and 89-12B-6083-TX, Castro County vs. Hinojosa, Andrea. All of Lot Number Three (3) and the South Two Feet (S 2') of Lot Number Two (2), in Block Number One Hundred and Thirty-Three (133), Original Town of Dimmitt in Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. B7037-TX-0196, Castro County vs. Martinez, Johnny & Mary. All of the West Fifty Feet (W 50') of Lots Number Five (5) and Six (6), in Block Number One Hundred and Three (103), of the Original Town of Dimmitt in Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. B6963-TX-0895, Castro County vs. Martinez, Jose P. All of Lot Nos. Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) of a Subdivision of the Northeast part of Section 84, Block M-7, lying North of US Highway 385, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 97-06-B-7219-TX, Castro County vs. Rogers, Lelther, Malissa Rogers. All of Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Five (5) of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. B7965-TX-0895, Castro County vs. Rosa de Sharon Church. All of Lot Number One (1), Block Number Twenty-Eight (28), Original Town of Dimmitt, Addition to the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. B7049-TX-0196, Castro County vs. Salinas, Donato. All of Lot Number Four (4) in Block Number One Hundred and Fifty-Two (152), Original Town of Dimmitt in Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. A7010-TX-1295, Castro County vs. Cordova, Juan. TRACT 1: All of Tract No. 80, of Coronado Acres, a Subdivision of 436.46 acres out of the Southwest part of Section 84, Block M-7, lying Southwest of US Highway 385, in Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 29th day of January, 1999, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above-styled and numbered causes, together with interest, at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit, in favor of CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CASTRO COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND CASTRO COUNTY.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 29th day of January, 1999.

CD FITZGEARLD,
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas

BY JERRY W. JANS, Deputy
25-45-31c

Police Calls

Tuesday morning, a 27-year-old Tucumcari, N.M., man was stopped for speeding and was subsequently charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of methylphenidate.

County/District Attorney Jerry Mathews reported to deputies Feb. 2 that a livestock blow dryer and hair clippers were taken from the FFA project barn on the north edge of Dimmitt. He valued the items at \$1,100.

Three Dimmitt High School students reported to police that personal items were stolen from the locker room at the high school gym on Friday sometime between 4 and 5:30 p.m. All four items were recovered at the location, including two watches, a pair of Nike shoes, and a pair of hiking boots, valued at a total of \$280.

Miguel Velasquez, manager of the Azteca Complex, told police Mon-

day afternoon that someone entered one of the apartments at the complex and put graffiti on three walls and vandalized a wooden chair, valued at \$30.

A 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Feb. 3 for assault/bodily injury surrender of surety.

A suspect was stopped in the 600 block of East Bedford Sunday evening and charged with driving while license suspended.

A Dimmitt woman told deputies

Saturday that she has been receiving harassing phone calls from a young child the last three weekends.

A 45-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed early Monday on charges of DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants were: —Last Thursday, a Lubbock woman, 40, on warrants for forgery and theft by check.

—Monday night, a 17-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500.

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HOW DO YOU COPE WHEN MOM FORGETS YOUR NAME?

Growing older is not always a golden time for all seniors, or for their families. The changes caused by Alzheimer's Disease can be as traumatic for family members as for the patients themselves.

An Alzheimer's Support Group

... has been formed for the families of Alzheimer's victims. The next meeting of the group will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, in the Welch Home Place program facility, 1001 Front Street (formerly Dr. Hardee's office). The program will be "Coping With Alzheimer's Disease and How the Family Deals With the Patient." It's an open forum meeting, and a free service of the Castro County Hospital District.

Call 647-2191 for more information.

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DISD seeking bids on athletic projects

The Dimmitt School Board voted six to one to give approval for seeking bids on improvements for five athletic facilities, as recommended by athletic coordinator Bruce Dollar.

Dollar suggested that four new tennis courts, a new weight room, renovations to the fieldhouse, resurfacing the track and building an inner curb, and building a new baseball field should be included in the bids. He estimated approximate costs at over \$450,000 for all five projects.

The four new tennis courts would cost an estimated \$175,000. Building a new 50'x75' weight room onto the field house and then renovating the present field house to include a girls' locker room is estimated at \$172,000. Dollar estimated re-surfacing the track and constructing the inner curb at \$60,000. The figure for a new baseball field was set at \$71,000.

Board members asked that an alternate bid be included for just putting up a higher back fence at the current baseball field, which has been estimated at around \$21,000.

Dollar told the board that the costs may be less, due to possible volunteer labor on the dirt work for the baseball field, and possible cost-sharing from the City of Dimmitt for the tennis courts.

DISD Supt. Les Miller told the board that the money would have to come out of available reserve funds. He said that roughly \$738,000 is available.

Voting against seeking bids was Avery Thrasher. Those in favor were Debbie Annen, Earl Behrends, Steve Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbraera and John Nino.

In another matter, the board voted to call for bids for a new 71-passenger bus. Its cost is estimated at \$52,000, with a delivery date in the fall. Miller said the cost of the bus would be paid out of the 1999-2000 budget, but it must be ordered now for timely delivery.

The board gave approval for setting the school board election for May 1. Terms are expiring for Chevo Lumbraera in Place 3, Debbie Annen in Place 6, and Steve Buckley in Place 7.

The board heard a report from Darlene Collins and Clint Seward on an Academics 2000 Grant for Richardson Elementary. The board voted approval of the grant application. Collins said the amount of the grant could be as high as \$150,000, which would be used for an increased phonics program and a software program to provide individualized reading assessments.

Following an executive session, the board returned to open session to vote on personnel matters.

The contract of DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill was approved by a five to two vote, with Thrasher and Behrends voting against. All other administrators were approved in a single motion, with a unanimous vote. Those included Lyman Schroeder, assistant high school principal; George Rasor, middle school principal; Julie Sawyer, middle school assistant principal; Clint Seward, elementary principal; Darlene Collins, alternative campus principal; Johnny Hill, business manager; Kay Gfeller, special education director; and Doricell Davis, curriculum director. All contracts were extended through the 2000-2001 school year.

The board also accepted the resignations of Monty and Nina Gothard, effective at the end of the school year. The couple are moving away, and Monty intends to go into private business. He teaches elementary P.E. and is a high school coach, serving as an assistant for football and baseball, and head coach for power lifting. Nina is the computer lab manager at Richardson Elementary.

The first raincoat was made by Francois Fresnau, Chief Engineer at Cayenne, French guinea, who discovered rubber trees growing at Aprouage in 1747, and waterproofed an old overcoat by smearing it all over with latex.



WATCH OUT FOR USER-LOSERS—Ed Ainsworth spoke to Dimmitt students Monday through Wednesday on sexual purity, emphasizing the need for abstinence until marriage. He read from student letters asking for advice or praising his program. Some of the letters revealed that local students are sexually active even at the junior high level. He spoke to students from fifth grade through high school in multiple sessions.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

Bobcats ice . . .

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Dimmitt's first two baskets were treys by Buckley, and Flores added three in a row from downtown later in the first as the Bobcats moved out to a big 25-13 first-quarter lead.

"On my first three-point shot, we took the ball inside but they kicked it back outside and I was wide open, so I just took it," Flores said. "Once I started making them, I just kept shooting."

Flores finished with 67% shooting from three-point range, hitting four of six.

Those early threes were important as the Wildcats put up a fight.

"They came out pretty good, but we hit some big shots, some big threes, and that gave us a lead and we kept it," Larra said. "That's what helped us."

"They played us pretty tight on defense," Flores said. "They started on us man-to-man, then when they went into a zone is when we started hitting all our shots. So they moved back to man-to-man and pretty well shut us down outside after that, and we just went inside and tried to get as much as we could there."

By halftime it was 44-24, and the Bobcats coasted to a 62-38 lead going into the fourth.

In Friday night's late-late game at Dalhart, Thomas netted 21 points and Larra 11 to pace the Bobcats to a 60-48 win.

The Bobcats had a cold shooting night, hitting only 37% of their field shots (21 of 57) and 52% of their free throws (13 of 25).

But that was adequate as Dimmitt built a 16-9 lead in the first quarter

and stayed ahead by five to eight points through the second.

Flores and Buckley opened the second half with treys, and the Bobcats stretched their lead to 47-29 by the end of the third. Seven different players scored for Dimmitt in the third, with Thomas netting six.

The Bobcats now own a 22-9 season record and an 8-1 district mark with one more regular-season game left (Perryton here Friday at 6:30), plus a probable championship playoff game against Tulia.

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Election filing starts Monday

Elections have been called for local cities and school districts for May 1.

Candidates wanting to fill the positions that are expiring may begin filing on Monday, continuing through March 17.

Each governmental entity may begin receiving applications for early ballots by mail on March 2, and early ballots may be mailed out starting March 17.

Early voting will be held on April 14-27.

Persons who are not registered voters may register to vote by April 1 and still qualify to vote in the May 1 election.

Terms that are expiring for the various governmental bodies are listed below.

Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins, and at-large council members Trish Elliott, Lyman Schroeder, and Clint Seward.

DISD: Terms are expiring for Place 3 representative Chevo Lumbraera; Place 6, Debbie Annen; and Place 7, Steve Buckley.

Hart

City: Mayor Tony Leibel's term is expiring, as well as the terms for Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez.

HISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Coy Myrick and Roy Gonzales.

Nazareth

City: City Commissioner Glen Ehly's term is expiring.

NISD: Terms are up for Rex Ramaekers, who had been filling one year of an unexpired term; and Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber.

Hospital District

Information was unavailable at press time.

A halophyte is a plant that grows in salty soil where most plants would die. Asparagus is a halophyte.

The first laundromat was the Washateria opened at Fort Worth, Texas, by J.F. Cantrell on April 18, 1924. It had four washing machines that charged by the hour.

Obituaries

Joe V. Ebeling

Joe V. Ebeling, 77, of Mesa, Ariz., a former Dimmitt resident, died Feb. 5 in Mesa.

Private family services were handled by Carr-Tenney Mortuary of Tempe, Ariz.

Mr. Ebeling was born in Austin. He was a veteran of the US Navy, where he achieved the rank of First Class Fireman. He served during World War II. He was a retired County Sheriff, and he was a member of the Senior Citizens Center.

He is survived by a son, Joe Ebeling of Mesa, Ariz.; a brother, Jack Ebeling of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Ila Hayden

Graveside services for Ila Hayden, 86, of Sunnyside, were held Monday afternoon in Memory Gardens Cemetery of Weatherford. Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Hayden died Feb. 4 at 9:45 p.m. in Dimmitt.

She was born Dec. 28, 1912, in Vera. She married Buford Hayden. He preceded her in death in 1968. She was a Methodist and had lived in Castro County for 53 years. She was a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home for the past three years.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Otis Sipes.

She is survived by three nieces, Myrna Luna and Cathy Pearson, both of Belen, N.M., and Patsy Ottmers of Dallas; and three nephews, Eddie Hayden of Sunnyside, Milburn Hayden of Farwell, and Randy Hayden of Weatherford.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Dr. Morris Webb

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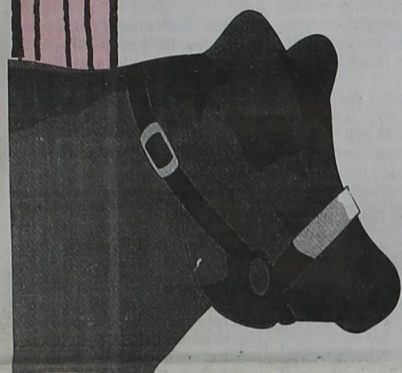
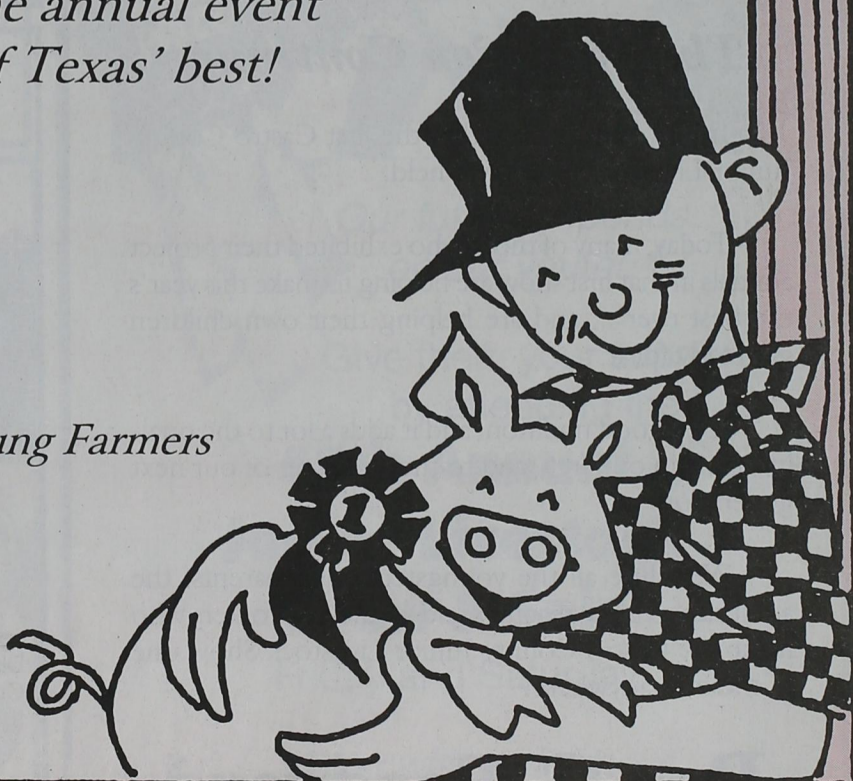
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Buyers' clubs seeking donations for stock show

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

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

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

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

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

Donating to a buyers' club is ideal for a person who wants to participate

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

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

Dimmitt Buyers' Club: Greg Odom, Scott Morris, Bob Anthony, Becky Stovall, Chaun Gunstream at First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch or at the First United Bank of Dimmitt.

Hart Buyers' Club: Sandy Farris at 938-2135 or HCR 1, Box 105, Hart 79043; B.J. Jones at 938-2111 or 938-2561, days; or 647-5220, evenings, PO Box 322, Hart 79043; or Rhonda Aven at 938-2111.

Nazareth Buyers' Club: Dwayne Acker at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt, Dwayne Schulte, Jimmy Kern, Jerry Kern, Dennis Kern, Jerry Lange, Virgil Huseman, Dale Brockman or Walt Pohlmeier; or mail to Nazareth Buyers' Club, PO Box 192, Nazareth 79063.



REECE HALES of Nazareth shows off his 1,220-pound cross steer that was named reserve grand champion of the Castro County Junior Livestock Show in 1998. Hales' steer was purchased by the

Nazareth Buyers' Club for \$1.50 per pound. Representing the Nazareth Buyers' Club are Virgil Huseman and Dennis Kern. Photo by Anne Acker

Steer feeding is an 'art'

By SPENCER D. TANKSLEY
Bailey County Extension Agent

Steer feeding is an art based upon scientific principles. Nutrient requirements are specific, but they can be met through an endless array of combinations as long as the tool management program is planned to end up with the desired end-product—a steer at the proper weight, size and condition to satisfy the judge.

Feeders that have been successful don't have any magic ingredients, they are just better managers who are observant and work harder.

Feeding is a family project. I don't mean the whole family does the work, I mean the whole family must enjoy it. Half of the value of the project is lost if the parents don't attend the show.

Junior livestock projects should never be sold as a money-making project. It is a teaching project, and should be sold as such.

Here's what youngsters can learn from livestock projects:

1. It teaches youngsters to get

along with people. Showing animals, winning, getting beat and so forth helps youngsters to get along with others.

2. Livestock feeding teaches responsibility. It is the feeder's responsibility to hear the alarm clock and obey it. If they learn nothing more than that, feeding is worthwhile.

3. Junior projects teach youngsters to attend to details. In feeding, and especially through life, it is often the little things that count. The person who goes the extra mile gets the job done.

4. Decision making is the most painful task that a teenager has. The good animals shown this year didn't just happen to be here. Somebody planned it that way.

Outstanding show steers are born every year, but champions are made with dedication, hard work and proper techniques.

Many feeders work with calves all year and then take them to the show to find out that the calves are in the wrong weight class, won't eat, won't

drink and won't show. Proper conditioning of show cattle can make the difference between a champion and just another calf.

Every calf is a different individual and must be programmed to bring out the strong traits of each steer.

Calves are creatures of habit. Develop a routine and follow it every day. A daily routine makes chores much easier. For example, exercise your calf, then set him up and make him stand properly. Brush him and feed him last.

Feed your calf twice a day and try to feed him at the same time each day. Clean the feed and water trough daily. Remember, your mother always washes the dishes from which you eat and drink.

Keep the calf comfortable and clean and provide an exercise area for steers.

Exercise is important. By nature, cattle are travelers, and too little exercise may alter soundness of feet and legs. A lazy, unexercised calf may become too fat, too quick.

Bloat is top problem when feeding steers

Bloat is the number one problem you will face while feeding steers. Many remedies have been tried. Sometimes they work, and sometimes they will not.

One cup of mineral oil mixed in the steer's ration daily will help.

One cup of dry detergent (Tide) mixed with the feed daily will help.

Bloat blocks and bloat liquids are helpful.

Every steer feeder should keep one gallon of mineral oil on hand at all times so that he may drench the steer with a gun or with a long-necked soft drink bottle in case he bloats. After giving the calf mineral oil, the feeder should walk his animal or let him out to exercise until the bloat goes down.

Follow show procedures

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR.
and W.B. THOMAS

Extension Swine Specialists
Texas A&M University System

When you take your pigs to a show, follow the correct procedures and rules.

In addition, find your pen and place approximately 1 to 2 inches of wood shavings or grass hay in your pen. Avoid placing too much bedding in the pen.

Let the pig rest. Before feeding or watering, check with your county agent, club leader or teacher. Follow the directions of your leaders on feeding and watering.

Avoid overfeeding. Feed approximately half the normal ration at the show. Dehulled rolled oats (feeding oatmeal) is an excellent feed to use at the show. Hungry pigs rarely become sick.

Take your pigs out of the exhibition pen morning and night. Give them ample exercise and permit them to relieve themselves. Do this just before feeding time. Then feed them outside their pen. This will conserve bedding and help maintain a more attractive exhibit.

Do not leave feed or water in your pen.

Keep your pen and surrounding area clean. Stay close to your pen.

Before show day, get your agent or leader to watch your pig eat and decide when he looks the best. Too much feed before show time can cause a heavy, wasty middle. A pig fed too little and/or too late may appear gaunt.

Feed ration supplements may change

By THE BOGGS FAMILY

For our lambs, we have ammonium chloride added to the ration to aid in the prevention of kidney stones.

We do not add salt or mineral in the ration because we like to feed it free choice and have the option of removing it from the pen during the show season.

We suggest you use loose salt and mineral rather than the block, because the block could be damaging to the lambs' temporary teeth. Use a wheat pasture mineral or a mineral formulated for sheep. Many minerals contain a level of copper that is not safe for sheep consumption.

Approximately two weeks before your first show, remove the salt and mineral from your pen and do not return it until the show season is over. This should cut the consumption of water by the lamb and help to get his middle in shape. Whatever ration you decide to use in the beginning, we strongly suggest it be at least 16% protein.

The Boggs Family of Cyril, Okla., contributed information for an article in the October 1984 issue of Show Ring Magazine.

Meeting set for major stock show exhibitors

The Castro County 4-H will hold a meeting today (Thursday) for all parents of youngsters planning to enter livestock in the San Antonio or Houston Stock Shows.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Expo Building after weigh-in and during the Hart Stock Show.

"We will be determining how much trailer space we will need, who is hauling what and more," said Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall. "We will also cover several other details which include when we are leaving, supplies we will need, etc."

See the Lambs at the Junior Livestock Show & Sale Friday & Saturday

We're proud of our 4-H & FFA members!

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The Tradition Continues

It was 45 years ago that the first Castro County Junior Livestock Show was held.

Today, many of those who exhibited their project animals in that first show are helping to make this year's the best ever ... and are helping their own children get ready for it.

It's a good tradition, and it adds a lot to the quality of life in our area, and to the character of our next generation.

We salute all the youngsters, their parents, the adult supervisors, teachers and volunteer workers who make the Castro County Junior Livestock Show one of the best anywhere!

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Come out and see
Castro County's future
at the Junior Livestock Show and Sale!

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Congratulations

... to our FFA and 4-H youth, to their sponsors and parents, and to the Dimmitt Young Farmers for making the Castro County Junior Livestock Show the best in Texas!

Hart Producers Co-op Gin

Grooming of animals takes time

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS

**Extension Swine Specialists
Texas A&M University System**
Fitting of a show pig should be started during the feeding period.

The thing to seek in any fitted animal is a natural, attractive appearance. It is secured through cleanliness and proper trimming and grooming of the hair coat.

Brushing and washing

The correct path to a good hair coat is clean, dry, well-bedded sleeping quarters, good nutrition and good grooming. Brush the hair daily the last 30 days. This will train the hair to lie down properly and adds bloom to the hair coat.

The pig should be washed at least twice before the show. The first washing should take place about one or two weeks before the show. This is done so you can carefully check for lice, mange or other skin disorders and get them corrected prior to show time. The other washing should take place the day before the show (either at home or at the show).

Follow these four steps, being careful not to get water inside the ear:

—Wet the pig over the entire body.

—Lather the pig with ample soap (liquid detergent is fine) and use a stiff brush with plenty of "elbow grease" and thoroughly scrub the entire body.

—Rinse completely to remove all soap.

—Brush hair until thoroughly dry. This is tremendously important because it trains the hair to lay properly.

Concession stand work schedule set

The work schedule has been set for the 4-H Concession Stand at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Chairperson for the concession stand is Lucy Pohlmeier and she will be assisted by officers of the Castro County Parent/Leaders Association.

On Wednesday, the Nazareth 4-H members were slated to work during the Nazareth Stock Show. They also will have control of the concessions from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Thursday). The Hart 4-H Club will operate the concession stand during the Hart Stock Show today (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

On Friday, the Consumer Club will work from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., then the County Council and Horse Club will lend a hand from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Members of the Flagg 4-H Club will work from 1 p.m. until closing on Friday.

Saturday's schedule starts with members of the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club operating the stand from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Genesis Club will work from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Hart 4-H Club will chip in from 1 p.m. to close.

All workers must be 4-H members or leaders.

Work assignments are as follows: Junior I—Clean tables and front area; Junior II—Pour drinks, wait on windows and wash dishes; Senior—Collect money and help prepare food; Adults—Prepare food and take care of food shortages.



SELLING THE FLOOR—Auctioneer Jack Howell (right) works for a top bid on the floor price for steers, barrows and lambs, kicking off the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Sale. Howell was one of four auctioneers who sold youngster's animals Saturday. Others were Leslie Davis (left) and Greg Odom. Not pictured is auctioneer Coby Schacher.

Photo by Anne Acker

4-H Concession Stand Menu

Available during the Castro County Junior Livestock Show

Breakfast Burrito	\$1.50
Cinnamon Rolls	75¢
Donuts	50¢
Barbecue Plate (Beef, Sausage, Beans, Slaw, Onions)	\$5.50
Barbecue Sandwich	\$2.00
Sausage Sandwich	\$2.00
Hamburger	\$2.00
Frito Pie	\$1.25
With Cheese	\$1.50
Bowl of Chili	\$1.50
With Cheese	\$1.75
Nachos	\$1.25
With Chili	\$1.75
Chips	50¢
Pickles	50¢
Pie	\$1.25
Cookies (Rice Krispies, Brownies, etc.)	25¢
Candy Bars	50¢
Suckers	2 for 25¢
Cold Drinks (Coke, Dr. Pepper, Diet Coke, Sprite, Tea)	50¢
Hot Drinks (Coffee or Hot Cocoa)	25¢
Ice	10¢

How do you join 4-H?

Contact your local office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. An Extension agent working with 4-H will be able to guide you to 4-H opportunities in your area.

The Castro County Extension Office is located in the basement of the county courthouse in Dimmitt at 100 E. Bedford. You can call the office at 647-4115 and talk to any Extension agent—either J.D. Ragland, Marilyn Neal or Pammy Millican.



The Price Is Right

We commend the floor buyers and premium bidders who make our annual Junior Livestock Sale one of the best in Texas. You're underwriting a great program for our youngsters!

Dimmitt Equipment Co.

Show day preparation necessary

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS

**Extension Swine Specialists
Texas A&M University System**
When showing a pig, check the catalog and judging schedule to find out when your animal is to be exhibited. Keep a close check on how fast the show is moving, so that you will have everything ready at the correct time.

Most shows have specific rules against using anything but water as hair dressing. No oil or powder is allowed.

About 15 to 20 minutes before your class is to be called, brush the sand or shavings from the pig. Remove the dust using a rag saturated with water.

Brush the pig with a fine-bristled brush and use a fine mist from a water spray bottle to obtain the desired "sheen" to the hair.

When the class is called, be prompt and drive the hog quietly and carefully into the show ring. Try not to get your hog unnecessarily disturbed or confused. Carry a small brush in your pocket and a short whip in your hand.

Cattle raisers' group to offer scholarships

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation (TSCRF) has announced that it will make six scholarships worth \$9,000 available to students planning careers related to the cattle industry.

Funding for the \$1,500 scholarships is provided through the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's (TSCRA) participation in the Ivomec "Generations of Excellence" program.

The 121-year-old Association created its foundation in 1979 for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes connected with preserving the history of the cattle industry.

Nothing is more important than providing a sound education for tomorrow's producers, according to Bradford S. Barnes, president of the foundation.

"Those planning to work in the changing cattle industry into the next century will need to be more proficient in animal and crop sciences, business economics and communications," said Barnes.

"That's why TSCRA is providing through our foundation the six \$1,500 scholarships to help deserving young cattlemen and cattlemen," said Coney Burgess, TSCRA president.

The scholarships will be awarded based on the applicants' interest in the industry, leadership, academic achievement, organization involvement and financial need. Applicants must be juniors or seniors attending universities within the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University or Oklahoma State University.

Interested youths who are US citizens residing in Texas or Oklahoma should request application forms directly from TSCRF. Complete application must be postmarked on or before Feb. 15.

In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the Ranch Management Program at Texas Christian University. Merit Limited is providing the funding for this scholarship through its Ivomec Generations of Excellence program.

For more information about the scholarships, contact Judith Davis, TSCRF Ivomec Scholarships, 1301 West Seventh Street, Fort Worth 76102 or call (817) 332-7064.

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Give them your support by attending the

45th Annual Junior Livestock Show & Sale

Friday and Saturday

Best wishes from

Dimmitt Feed Yards, Inc.

We have confidence in our youth and community!

Our confidence is strengthened by the interest and top quality projects of our FFA and 4-H Club members!

Congratulations on a sound program and a well planned Junior Livestock Show and Sale!

B&W Aerial Spray

Lambs require some equipment

By THE BOGGS FAMILY
We highly recommend you build individual feeders for lambs. Each lamb eats at a different pace and requires a different amount of feed. Run a board through the front of the feeder that will slightly elevate the lambs (18 inches) off the ground. Don't overdo the elevation, as you could cause the lamb to gradually break over the loin. We can't over-emphasize the importance of the individual feeder to a successful program.

We like to start jumping the lambs about four weeks prior to the first show. Start slow, 50 to 75 jumps per day, and gradually increase to 150 to 200 jumps twice each day. The jumps should be approximately 18 inches high. A lot of people overdo the amount of jumps and the height of their jumps. Consistency is the key. Jump the lambs twice a day, every day, seven days a week. You don't build muscle with jumps. You are just toning and hardening the muscles that the lamb already has.

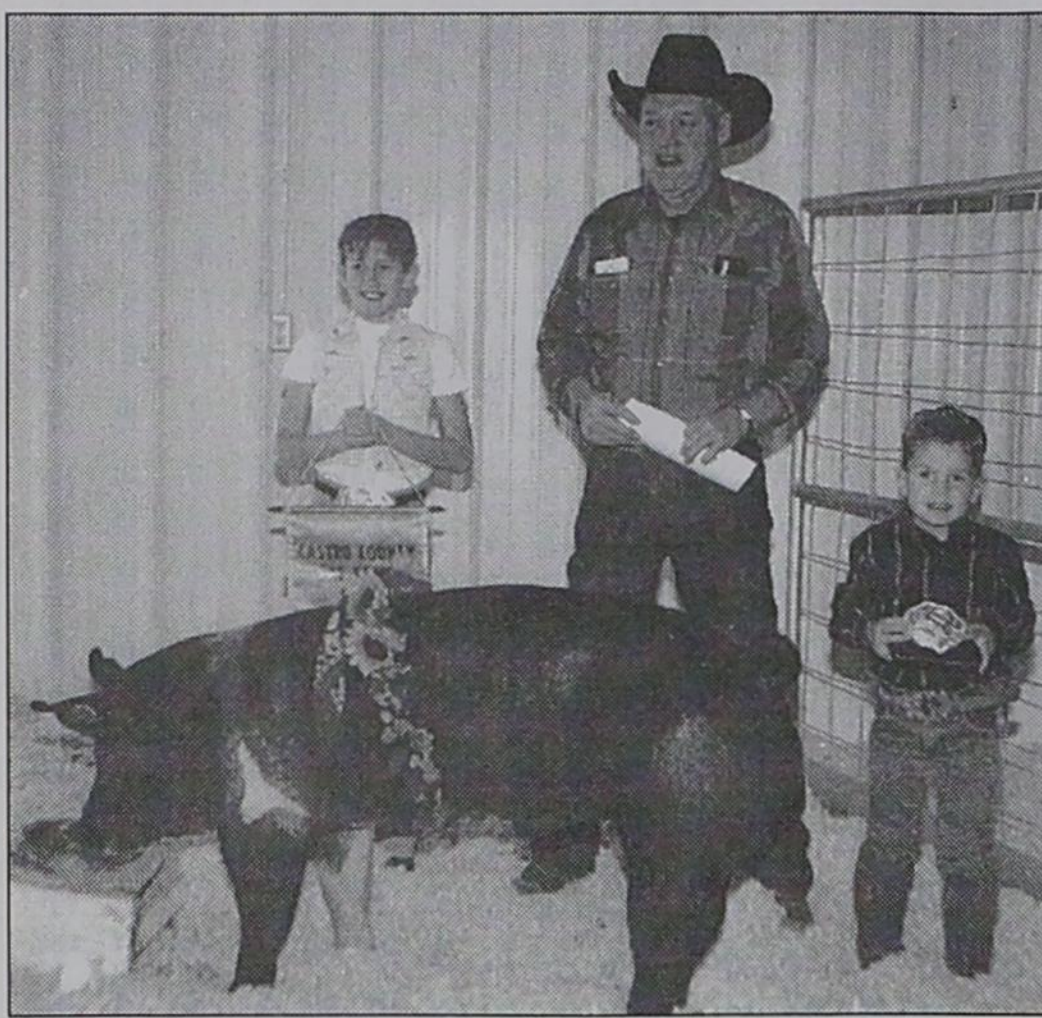
We really like the use of a walker. It will in no way replace the jumps. However, it is great to put the lambs on after they have been jumped to cool them down. We usually leave them on about one hour each day. It's part of a consistent exercise program and will aid in getting a lamb's

middle into shape. If you have a set of scales or access to the use of scales, we suggest weighing your lambs once each week. Record the weights and keep a log of their progress. This is another method of helping determine the amount of feed each lamb should be getting. We suggest you keep full water out for your lambs at home and continue to feed the double handful of alfalfa to each lamb every day.

The time you begin your exercise program is also a good time to start setting your lambs up and getting them used to being held. Just a couple of minutes each day, per lamb, is sufficient. It is important to get them setting up and being still before you ever teach them how to brace. Don't use a hot shot. Use your hand, a ping pong paddle, or something that will make a lot of noise but won't really hurt the lamb.

Finally, we believe it important to keep the lambs sheared close during the summer months. Also worm the lambs once each month during the summer and keep the hooves trimmed as necessary. Combat the flies and keep your barn and pen as clean as possible year round.

The Boggs Family of Cyril, Okla., contributed information for an article in the October 1984 issue of Show Ring Magazine.



THE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW at the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was driven by Keli Schulte of Nazareth (left). The grand champion barrow, a 260-pound heavyweight cross, earned Schulte a bid of \$10 per pound from her uncle, Marvin Schulte (center) and Tulia Livestock Auction at Saturday's premium sale. Also pictured is Keli's little brother, Landon. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Selection of lambs important first step

By THE BOGGS FAMILY
Buy your lambs from reputable breeders. We don't suggest you buy all your lambs from the same breeder, or that you spend all of your money on one or two lambs. Be diversified. Decide how much money you can spend, and if possible, buy several lambs with it. Buy some different age lambs, select different breeds, and shop among various reputable breeders.

If you like to be competitive in the fall show season, you will want to purchase older lambs that will have the maturity needed to win in the fall. Fall-born Southdowns (born after Sept. 15) and fall-born Dorsets (born after Oct. 1) are tough to beat. Also, January and early February black-face lambs seem to have the edge in the fall.

If you are primarily interested in the spring stock shows, then we would suggest you not buy any lamb born before Feb. 1. It is important to remember that a January-born lamb will most likely not hold his teeth through March of the following year.

By the way—what qualities does a reputable breeder possess? We believe a reputable breeder is one who will be honest with you about the place of birth, age and breeding behind a lamb.

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Are you bored, lonely or looking for excitement?

Join 4-H

Call the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115 to join today!

Castro County youth are #1!

Best wishes for another successful Junior Livestock Show!

Ed Harris Lumber Co.
Hart

Tanner Self to compete in Houston calf scramble

Tanner Self, a 14-year-old member of Dimmitt FFA, will be competing in the 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble on Feb. 20.

This matinee performance also will feature entertainment by Neal McCoy.

Self, the son of Sharon and Brent Self, will be scrambling for one of 360 calves to be awarded at the 1999 show. In addition to the seven championship PRCA rodeo events, the calf scramble is an exciting part of each rodeo performance.

The picture is painted with 28 kids scattered around the 1,86-acre Astrodome arena in a determined quest to catch one of the 14 calves, each of which are equally determined not to be caught and haltered by a young 4-H or FFA scrambler. The result is a fun, entertaining but somewhat chaotic 10 minutes before these calves have been properly haltered, then often tugged in, pulled in, pushed in or coaxed into the winners' square.

Although the calf scramble is exciting and heart warming, the serious side of the event begins once the show ends. Each of the students who catches a calf is awarded a \$1,000 certificate, donated by an individual or a company, to purchase a registered beef or dairy heifer. In addition to the winners, two youngsters at each performance are presented "hard luck" certificates for their efforts in attempting to catch a calf.

The heifer then becomes the basis of a year-long project in which the scrambler must personally raise the animal, groom, fit, feed and care for it. The project is closely supervised by a county Extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

During the year, the scrambler must keep financial records and a detailed journal chronicling the animal's progress, and submit this to both the show and the donor. The following year, the scrambler returns to the Houston Livestock Show to participate in special show ring competition.

Since the calf scramble was added to the show's agenda in 1942, \$5,402,000 has been awarded to scramble winners who have raised 14,605 animals.

The calf scramble program is just one of the show's educational opportunities for Texas young people. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's commitments to Texas students for 1999 exceeds \$7.7 million. These take the form of scholarships, endowments, research grants and various other educational programs.

Training important for shows

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS

Extension Swine Specialists Texas A&M University System

Too many pigs come to shows and fairs without ample training. Training should begin during the feeding period. A pig cannot be controlled through fear—you must win his confidence. Kind treatment during the hand-feeding period provides an excellent opportunity to gain his trust.

Gently scratch or brush him at each feeding period, but do not make a pet of him. A "pet pig" is difficult to show.

There are at least three signals that you need to teach your pig.

—Tapping him firmly on the side means for him to move forward.

—A gentle pressure with your stick, quirt or open hand on the right side of the head indicates a left turn.

—The same slight pressure against the left cheek indicates a turn to the right. Do not be disappointed if you are ignored at first. Results come with training.

Drive the pig often. A pig should be driven at least once a day the last 15 to 20 days of the feeding period.

Let your parents serve as judges while you practice moving the animal around as you would in the show ring. Study each pig from many angles to see how he should be shown to make his most favorable appearance.

Usually, your pig looks best to a judge when he is 10 to 15 feet away moving at a slow walk.

All dressed up

Our youngsters and their project animals all look their best during the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Best of wishes to all of you!

The Company Store
and
The Hart Beat

In our book, you're all winners!

Castro County youth have record of excelling in the raising of livestock, and we are sure that your skill in that endeavor will again be proven this year as you exhibit your club animals in your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

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Best Wishes

to our FFA and 4-H youth and to the Young Farmers in the annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Mr. Burger

219 S. Broadway, Dimmitt 647-3688

Best Wishes to the FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs and their sponsors as you hold your **Junior Livestock Show and Sale** this Friday and Saturday!

Gary's Engine & Machine

Our future is well in hand, thanks to the dedication and commitment to agriculture that encompasses the work and ideals of today's FFA and 4-H Clubs. We're proud to congratulate these organizations for the progress and promise that they offer to us all. Show your support by attending the Annual Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday!

George's Service Station

Premium stock sale is highlight of show

Youngsters who care for, tend to and exhibit animals in stock shows do so with one goal in mind—qualifying that animal for a premium sale after the stock show.

Animals that place within established limits qualify for the premium sale and each exhibitor is guaranteed a good price above market value for the animal.

Last year, buyers shelled out \$190,389 for lambs, steers and barrows making the premium sale at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Included in that total was \$2,350 donated for expansion of the 4-H Project Center and another \$600 for the Aaron Wilcox memorial Scholarship Fund.

Floor prices at last year's sale were set by Rafter 3 Feed Yard, which bid \$63.25 per hundredweight for steers; and Dan Cure of Olton, who purchased the floor on pigs for 31¢ per pound, and also won the floor bid for sheep with a bid of 66.5¢

Castro County businesses and others with local interests provide bids on the animals that make the sale each year, but they can't purchase all of the animals and that's where the buyers' clubs come in.

Stock show supporters in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for buyers clubs each year and those volunteers go to local businesses and solicit donations. From the money collected, the buyers' clubs are able to purchase animals owned by youngsters in their community.

Here's how the premium sale works.

Commercial bidders set the floor prices, which are usually based on the day's market price.

If a youngster makes the sale with his animal, he will be going for a premium bid above floor prices. These premiums help pay expenses of raising show animals, including feed, medicines and other supplies.

If a younger's animal doesn't seem to be drawing a top bid, the buyers' clubs step in and try to insure that each youngster gets a good price and can make enough to pay expenses and make a little profit.

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

Building on Saturday.

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

If the floor price on lambs is 70¢ a pound, the auctioneer may call for an opening bid of \$2 a pound. If you want to buy a particular animal that weighs 100 pounds and you want to bid \$4 for it, get a friend or a buyers' club bidder to help you bid it up to that price. If you win the bid at \$4, then you pay the difference between the floor price and your bid. The floor price on the 100-pound lamb would be \$70, so your total cost would be \$330. The youngster would receive the full \$400.

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

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

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

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

The Young Farmers spend numerous hours working on the show, starting with drawing up show rules, organizing entries and readying the show barns and show ring for the annual event. They direct the show on Friday, then run the sale on Saturday. After the sale, they tally totals, then issue checks.



THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB at the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was shown by Travis Crow of Dimmitt (left). The 126-pound medium wool lamb was purchased by Castro Co-op Gin, represented by Randy Small, and Dimmitt Consumers, represented by Danny Rice, for \$8.50 per pound. Holding Crow's banner and buckle is Raynee Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker

Lamb feed options vary during growth

By THE BOGGS FAMILY

For our lambs, we like a beginning ration of one part whole oats, one part whole barley, one part coarse ground corn and one part cotton seed meal. Add wheat bran and enough molasses to make it moist.

When you bring the lamb home for the first time, give him an over-eating vaccination. For about the first three months, feed the lamb all he will eat. Also, once each day, feed a double handful of good leafy alfalfa hay. Keep fresh, cool water out at all times. We suggest rubber or plastic buckets that can be easily turned over each day and refilled with clean water.

After the first three months, it is time to begin feeding the lambs separately and twice each day. The amount you feed each lamb will depend on what shape he is in.

For example, if the lamb is still thin and coming, he may require 4

pounds a day. If the lamb is in fair condition and just needs to be gotten into shape, he may need 3 pounds a day. If the lamb is fat and soft and must be brought down, he may require only 2 pounds per day. Of course, the amount required will also depend on the breed of the lamb.

We like to use a 1-pound coffee can to measure the feed. If you are going to feed the lamb three pounds per day, give 1½ cans in the morning and 1½ cans in the evening.

Feed as close to the same time each morning and evening as possible. Lambs are creatures of habit and like to be on a regular schedule. At this time, you will have to decide for yourself whether to keep the corn in the ration or take it out. We do not completely agree among ourselves about this point. But again, keep the ration at least 16% protein.

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Best Wishes

to the young people of Castro County as you hold your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

In your work in the FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs, you are preparing for the future. When you are in business on your own, remember we specialize in furnishing concrete for feed yards.

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

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647-3161

Feeding is key to show success

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS

Extension Swine Specialists Texas A&M University System

There are no magic diets or feeding programs. Excellent results are obtained by feeding a nutritionally-adequate diet that meets the nutritional requirements of the pig and provides the desired weight and condition at show time.

Ideally, you would like the age and genetic background (breeding) of the pig to permit him to remain on a self-feeder until two or three days before the show, but this combination is extremely difficult to obtain.

Although there are several good feeding programs, there are a few basic guidelines that should be followed:

—Animals should be fed for rapid growth and development on a self-feeder as long as possible. The only reasons for limit feeding (restricting energy intake) are: to prevent the pig from developing excess fat, or to obtain the desired weight at show time.

—The diet must contain adequate protein that supplies a good amino acid balance, adequate energy, minerals and vitamins for pigs to make maximum growth and muscle development. Ground grain (corn or sorghum) plus a high-quality commercial protein supplement can be mixed on the farm or commercial starter, grower and finisher diets can be purchased.

An 18% protein starter diet can be fed successfully throughout the growing-finishing period, but it is more costly and contains excess protein. The extra protein is not harmful (the NH₂) group will be hydrolyzed and excreted in the urine; the carbon skeleton will be used for energy).

—Most successful agents feel that a pig shows to its best advantage if it has been brought along steadily without any drastic "holding" or "pushing" for weight. Weighing each pig every seven to 10 days during the last six to eight weeks of the feeding period enables you to plot a course for each pig to have him at the right weight and looking his best on show day.

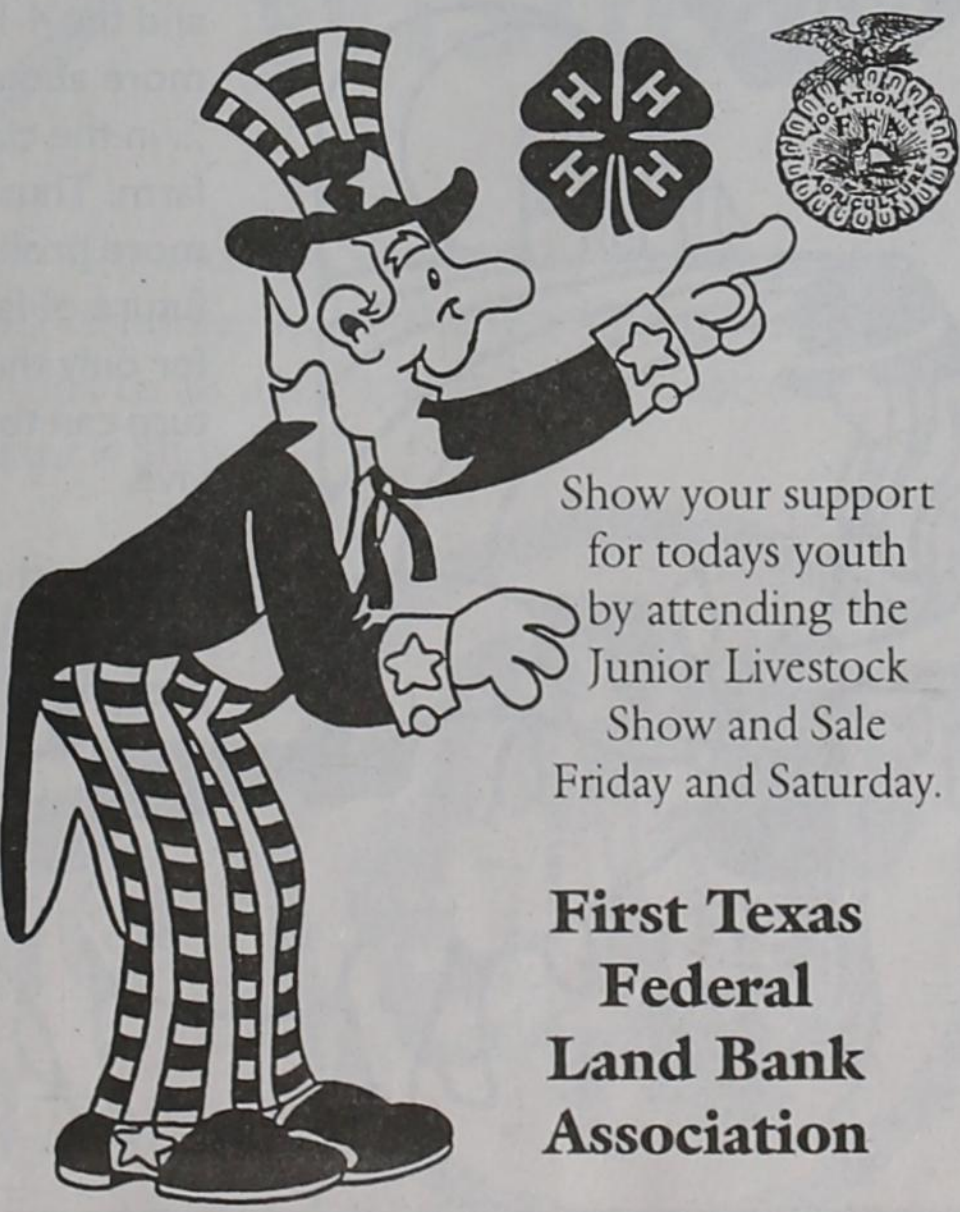


Great Reception!

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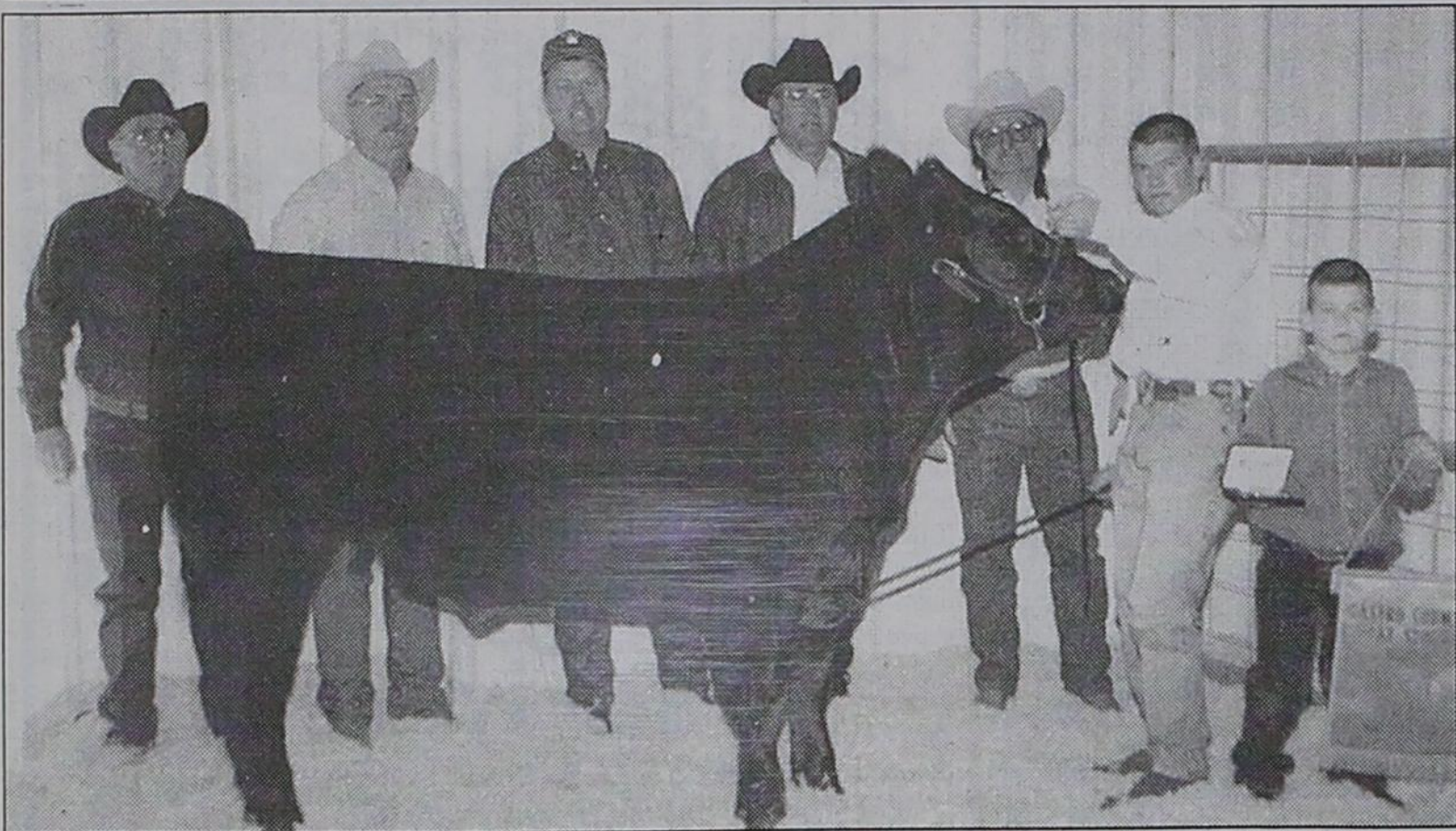
We're proud of our Castro County youth and of their accomplishments. The annual Junior Livestock Show is one of many areas in which the youth of our county excel.

It takes commitment and dedication to excel in anything. It takes a committed teacher, a dedicated student, a supportive family, a worthwhile project or goal. And it takes a lot of hard work.

We want you young livestock raisers to know that we appreciate the work and long hours you've put in, preparing for the show. You could be spending your time in a lot of other, less productive, ways. We're glad you chose this wholesome, worthwhile route. Whether you win or not, we're proud to be part of a community that supports its youth the way ours does. Our Junior Livestock Show and sale represent a big undertaking—and it's done almost entirely by volunteers, who have the common commitment of helping our kids.

Ours is a great county. And we're proud to be a part of it.

Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc.



THIS 1,250-POUND HEAVYWEIGHT CROSS steer shown by Justin Sutton of Dimmitt, was named grand champion of the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Sutton's steer earned a bid of \$3 per pound from North Gin, Dimmitt Motor Co., Summers Seed Company, Texas Equipment and

Andy Rogers. Representing the buyers are (from left) Gerald Summers with Texas Equipment, Charles Summers of Summers Seed Co., Jim Bradford of North Gin, Andy Rogers, and Stan McDaniel of Dimmitt Motor Company. Holding Sutton's buckle and banner is Houston Sutton.

Houston Livestock Show draws 99 county youngsters

Castro County youngsters will be on the road to Houston later this month, hoping judges will prefer their animals over some of the best in the state at the Houston Livestock Show.

The show is slated Feb. 19 through March 7 in the Astrodome in Houston, and there are 99 youngsters from Castro County who have entered animals in the show. Included in those 99 are 35 4-H members and 64 FFA members from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

4-H'ers who will be exhibiting steers in Houston this year are Meggie Lemons, Shawn Nelson and Adam Hunter.

Market lambs will be shown by 10 county 4-H'ers including Adam Acker, Lacey Acker, Mary Bradley, Raynee Bradley, Thomas Brockman, Chauncey Gilbreath, Corey Lane, Holly Lane, Lemons and Carol Summers.

The market barrow show includes 27 county 4-H'ers including Raynee Bradley, Chase Foster, China Foster, Clifford Gerber, Clay Hoelting, Evan Huseman, Chandra Jordan, Aaron Kern, Matthew Kern, Jessica Kern, Brandi Kern, Garrett Klemm, Karis Klemm, Corey Lane, Holly Lane, Brad Lane, Lemons, Matt Martin, Charley Nutt, Luke Price, Wade Price, Keli Schulte, Jill Schulte, Adam Schulte, Macee Schulte, Brady Schulte and Ross Schulte.

Members of the Dimmitt FFA who will be driving pigs in the Houston show are Mary Bradley, Deacon Buckley, Tyler Cornett, Ashley Davis, Michelle Davis, Chauncey Gilbreath, Tanner Griffith, Lyndsey Heard, Ky Kirby, Heather Lindsey, Van Lindsey, Kris Lindsey, Taylor Mathews, Zack McClure, Wesley Nutt, Whitney Nutt, Shae Odom, Eric Odom, Bryce Parker, Jake Porsch, Landon Porsch, Shantell Self, Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Jeremy Simpson, Jonathan Stevens, Dennis Underwood, Jinna Wright, Cliff Wright, Wesley Wright, Adam Wright and Matthew Wright.

Dimmitt FFA youngsters who will be showing steers are Taylor Matthews, Russell Rickert and Dennis Underwood.

Lambs will be shown by Dimmitt FFA members Tineke Casneuf, Kirsti Edwards, Ky Kirby, Shae Odom, Jinna Wright and Cliff Wright.

From the Nazareth FFA, four barrows and one lamb will be shown by members. Pig showmen will be Elizabeth Olvera, Matthew Olvera, Rebecca Olvera and Trinity Robb. Bryce Pohlmeier will show a lamb.

Hart FFA members will show one lamb, one beef heifer and 24 pigs in Houston.

Zachary Smith will show the beef heifer while Adrienne Hart will exhibit the lamb.

Barrows will be shown by Jared Aven, Timmy Barnes, Trent Barnes, Trevor Barnes, Jeff Bennett, John Emery, Meagan Farris, Zach Farris, Zane Farris, T.R. George, Christopher George, Aaron Hart, Adrienne Hart, Justin Hawkins, Zach Jones, Blake Jones, Lindsay Martinez, Whitney Mitchell, Brittany Nelson, Jorge Rey, Jordy Rowland, D'Neise Smith,

Zachary Smith and Jaime N. Villarreal.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition—the junior show. The first week of the show, professional breeders and ranchers compete for top dollars and global recognition in the livestock industry.

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

Representing approximately 930 Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show will have close to 150,000 entries this year. A variety of animals are shown in the junior and open divisions of livestock competition: market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as a food source. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. The 1998 junior market

sales totaled \$5,344,300.

"We are extremely excited about our show this year. In our effort to continually improve the junior show, we are adding a junior breeding gilt competition," said John Sykes, assistant general manager of the agricultural exhibits and competition department. "Texas 4-H'ers and FFA members have worked countless hours on their projects learning specific life skills such as responsibility, time management and financial management. We are proud to present their work to the city of Houston and our show will forever encourage such growth in young people."

Ticket prices for the 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are \$12 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association events), livestock show, carnival, all commercial and educational exhibits, special attractions and the rodeo. Tickets are available at the Astrodome Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Foley's, Fiesta and Kroger Food Stores. Tickets also will be sold on the Internet at www.ticketmaster.com.

Good home, good start are important

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS
Extension Swine Specialists
Texas A&M University System

In providing a good home for your pigs, facilities do not need to be expensive, but they need to provide comfort and adequate space. Select a pen location that is well-drained.

A 12-foot x 50-foot pen for two barrows is adequate, but a pen twice that long would be more desirable. A small (8-foot x 12-foot) shed open to the south is needed to keep out cold north winds, rain and snow.

If possible, place a wood floor in the shed to keep the pigs from rooting deep holes and to permit the area to be cleaned more easily.

The most critical need the first few days after purchase of an animal is for comfortable, dry, draft-free quarters. The stress of hauling and change of environment and friends require special care and attention during this period. If the animals have had unusual stress, many people give an injection of antibiotics to prevent secondary respiratory problems.

Check for lice and treat immediately if required. Tiguvon, a liquid systemic compound, has proven highly successful. A second treatment 14 to 21 days after the first may be needed to completely eliminate the problem.

After your pigs are doing well (usually after seven to 10 days), they should be treated for roundworms and re-treated 21 days later (to eliminate the migrating larvae). Atgard and Tramisol have proven highly effective in Texas A&M tests when used as recommended. Follow the manufacturer's directions carefully.

We don't want to HOG the spotlight, but we want to speak out and say that you should come on out to the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Don't be shy! Join the fun!

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The Best Anywhere!

That's what we think of our Castro County FFA and 4-H youngsters and their show animals. We urge you to attend the annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale, and give them your support.

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We're behind our youth all the way!

Technology is an amazing thing! Our 4-H and FFA youth are learning the latest skills and newest techniques, developing a sense of responsibility and growth, learning by doing, on the farm and in the classroom.

Congratulations as you hold your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.



RAFTER 3 FEEDYARD, INC.

Body volume, frame important in pig choice

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS
Extension Swine Specialists
Texas A&M University System

In choosing an individual pig, the club member should select a pig with good body volume, a wide heavy skeleton, sound skeletal structure, thick muscle structure, and a frame size to grow to a heavy weight.

Know the parents and history of the herd. The potential for growth and efficiency of gain, frame size and soundness, and having a well-muscled carcass with little fat is determined by the parents of your pig (sow or boar). If possible, select prospects from a herd that has demonstrated the ability to produce top individuals. Chances for success are even greater if you can obtain a pig from an individual sow and/or boar that has produced outstanding pigs in previous litters.

Body volume. Body capacity (length x width x depth) is the best indicator of gaining ability known. Adequate body volume should be your highest priority. Select a pig with good width of skeleton, a deep chest and rear flank, and adequate length of body. Be sure the frame size is large enough to enable the pig to grow to heavy weights (260 to 270 pounds) and remain free of excess fat. If volume is present, stoutness of features (head, bone, foot and tail) is an added plus.

Soundness of skeletal structure. Sound feet and legs are tremendously important to obtain satisfactory performance from breeding swine in confinement. Animals must

have adequate slope to the shoulder with good "cushion" for both the front and hind legs in order "to get up and down" successfully on slotted floors. The first and perhaps most important step in obtaining skeletal soundness is for the animal to have a reasonably level topline.

Muscle structure. Thick "loose" muscle structure is desired. Avoid tight, round or "bunch" muscling. Ham volume is very important. Look for extra length of rump, "squareness" and thickness through the rump, and depth from the tail to the base of the ham. Avoid pigs with short, steep rumps and narrow, thin hams. Prominence of the forearm plus width and depth of ham are probably the two best indicators of muscling in a young pig.

High lean-to-fat ratio. Attempt to select pigs that will have less than 1.30" of fat (average of 3 backfat measurements) at 250 pounds. Look for a clean, well-turned top and a clean, trim crotch when viewed from the rear, and a prominent, clean shoulder and underline when viewed from the side.

Avoid pigs with serious faults, such as crooked hind legs, hind legs which are too straight (post-legged), "bucked" knees, weak behind the shoulders, short-bodied, stiff-gaited, kickers, etc., because they characteristically become worse with increased age and weight.

Chances are you will not find a perfect pig, but search for one that comes nearest to the ideal. Do not start with an inferior animal.

We believe in the future of farming and ranching!

The Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Clubs are learning more about farming and ranching ... in the classrooms and on the farm. Thus they are becoming more proficient in farming and the future of farming is in safe hands ... for only through a strong agriculture can this nation hope to survive.

Support the Annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale with your presence!



Texas Corn Producers Board

Here are some tips for feeding swine projects for stock shows

(Editor's Note: This article by Dale Schaffner was printed in the September 1998 issue of Purple Circle magazine.)

By DALE SCHAFFNER

I would like to share some of my ideas on feeding show pigs. 15 years of experience has taught me that no matter how long you are associated with this industry, one will never learn all that you need to know about feeding swine.

Everyone has their own ideas about each aspect of feeding swine, and all of these are good, but you need to learn to combine all of these ideas into your own way and stick to it.

Everyone enjoys winning and I hope that some of the things that I have to share in this article lead you to success in the show ring.

Facilities

I am a firm believer that facilities are very important in feeding swine for show. A warm, draft-free building is necessary to minimize sickness. A large pen is needed for the pigs to get plenty of exercise and this will help keep part of the pen dry at all times.

A self-watering system is very important. Pigs require access to clean, fresh water at all times. Clean, fresh water is the most crucial thing that a pig must have in order to be the best it can be.

Many swine feeders like to use

heaters or heat lamps in the building for heat on the pigs. Over my years of experience I have come to the conclusion that these heat lamps may cause more harm than good.

I feel that this change in temperature may cause more sickness and danger of fire than it helps in the long run. There again, one must learn from experience on what works best for them.

A self-feeder is important when beginning a swine project. When the animal is on unlimited intake of feed, this feeder will keep the feed clean and dry. This is important for the health of the animal and for economic reasons for you. There is less feed waste.

A set of weighing scales is vital when feeding swine for show. You must monitor weight until the animal reaches its desired weight and maturity. It is much easier to keep a pig on track with scales than to let it get overweight and then try to pull the excess pounds off or the reverse.

When feeding white colored hogs for show, these animals need to be in a shaded area or out of direct sunlight at all times (white-colored pigs will sunburn very easily). This will prevent the pig from getting sun burned and will make the skin whiter and prevent skin flakes. Remember, show pigs need to be as pretty as possible.

Selection

Selecting show pigs is a

challenging experience. Everyone has an opinion of what they think the ideal pig is. I like to feed pigs that range from 5-1/2 to 7 months of age at show time. I like to show pigs with as fresh of appearance as possible.

First, I select pigs with eye appeal. I like pigs to be pretty when they are babies. I select pigs that are long-bodied, with width of chest, sound moving and with the most amount of muscle that the frame can carry.

I try to select pigs that are tall and long-fronted. The legs need to be set on the pig's corners.

A high tail setting with a long, expressive muscled top is extremely important. The pig should have a square, thick ham with ample stifle muscle. A long-rumped pig is also very important to make the animal look as long-bodied as possible.

Do not buy a pig that has a problem. Chances are it will not go away, it will only get worse.

Care

When buying a show pig, always transport the pig in a warm, dry place. Keeping the pig as healthy as possible is extremely important in transportation.

The less stress on a small pig, the better off you are. I always start pigs off on a self-feeder so they will have access to plenty of clean, dry feed.

This feed intake can be changed when you think the pig is getting too fat or too heavy in weight. As a general rule of thumb, I like to keep a pig on a self-feeder until it reaches at least 180 pounds.

I like for a pig to grow as much frame size as possible, as early as possible. Pigs need to be checked at least twice a day for sickness, feed and water.

A healthy start is vital for show pigs. Pigs need to have clean, dry bedding at all times during the growing season. I like to start pigs on a 19 to 20% protein feed with 4 to 5% fat. Again, this is a personal preference.

Here are some tips for halter breaking steer

When halter breaking young steers for shows, here are five tips young showmen can follow.

Select a good quality nylon-type halter that will not swell on the calf's head when it gets wet.

Tie the calf with its head up. Be sure to tie him short enough so he will not hurt himself.

Be gentle, but make sure the calf knows who is boss.

Rub and brush the calf. Let him know you are not there to hurt him.

Lead the steer to feed or water. He will be leading before he realizes it because it will become a habit.

Our solar system is located about 30,000 light years from the center of the galaxy.

I think that this protein and fat content tends to start pigs off real well.

After the pig has been home for two to three weeks, I like to take care of internal and external parasites. It is a must to keep your projects free of lice, mange and worms. At this time, we also perform castration on our male pigs. Remember, this is a very stressful time in the life of a male pig, so try and make the environment as stress-free as possible.

The protein level will be decreased to 18 to 19% during the growing season and the fat content will decrease so the pig will stay as lean as possible. After the pig reaches a desired weight, hand-feeding will begin.

I like to use a ration that contains 19 to 20% protein feed and feed rolled oats.

The oats serve as a filler and prevent the pig from gaining weight too quickly. No two pigs are exactly alike. Each animal will have to be fed individually with the correct amount of feed and oats it requires.

Feed additives can be used as a feeder sees fit.

I think that brushing the hair and adding conditioners throughout the growing season are extremely important. I feel that all the time you spend grooming and working with your pig will pay off later in the show ring.

Fitting

Fitting of show pigs is a major factor in showing pigs. As I mentioned earlier, I think that hair care during the growing season is very important.

I realize that the hair will be clipped off, but the skin (and remaining hair) will be pretty from this extra care.

I feel that the length of the hair should be done on an individual basis. Remember, no two pigs are alike.

Pigs should be washed with soap and a conditioner to give the hair as much shine and body as possible. When washing your pig, do not let him drink the dirty water in the wash rack.

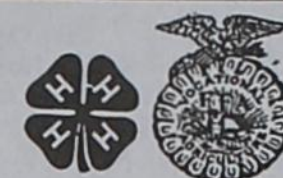
Clip and wash your pig as close to show time as possible. This will give the animal a fresher look.

The proper fill on a show pig before entering the ring is crucial. Experiment with your pig before show day. Do not over fill the

animal, as this tends to make the pig look fat.

Fit your pig according to what you

think the judge is looking for. Remember, all judges are different, just like pigs.



Best wishes for another successful Junior Livestock Show and Sale!



Roger's Repair

Roger Gerber

Nazareth



That Personal Touch

That's what our youngsters have given their show animals as they've prepared them for the ring. And that's what makes our show, and our youngsters, so special.

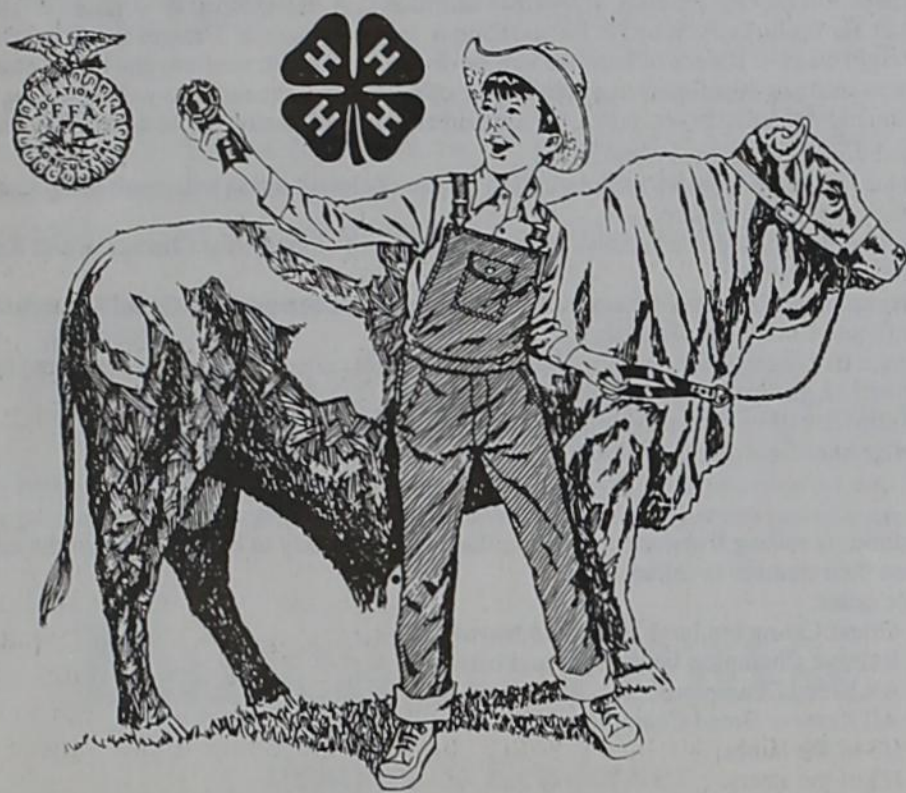
GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!

Production Credit Association

Ann Armstrong, Manager

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WELL DONE!

We congratulate the Dimmitt Young Farmers, our FFA and 4-H youth, their adult leaders, the County Extension Office staff, our vo-ag instructors, and all who have a hand in making the Castro County Junior Livestock Show one of the finest of its size in Texas.

We also commend the buyers, auctioneers, Young Farmers and their wives, who make the sale such a success every year.

Cornett Equipment

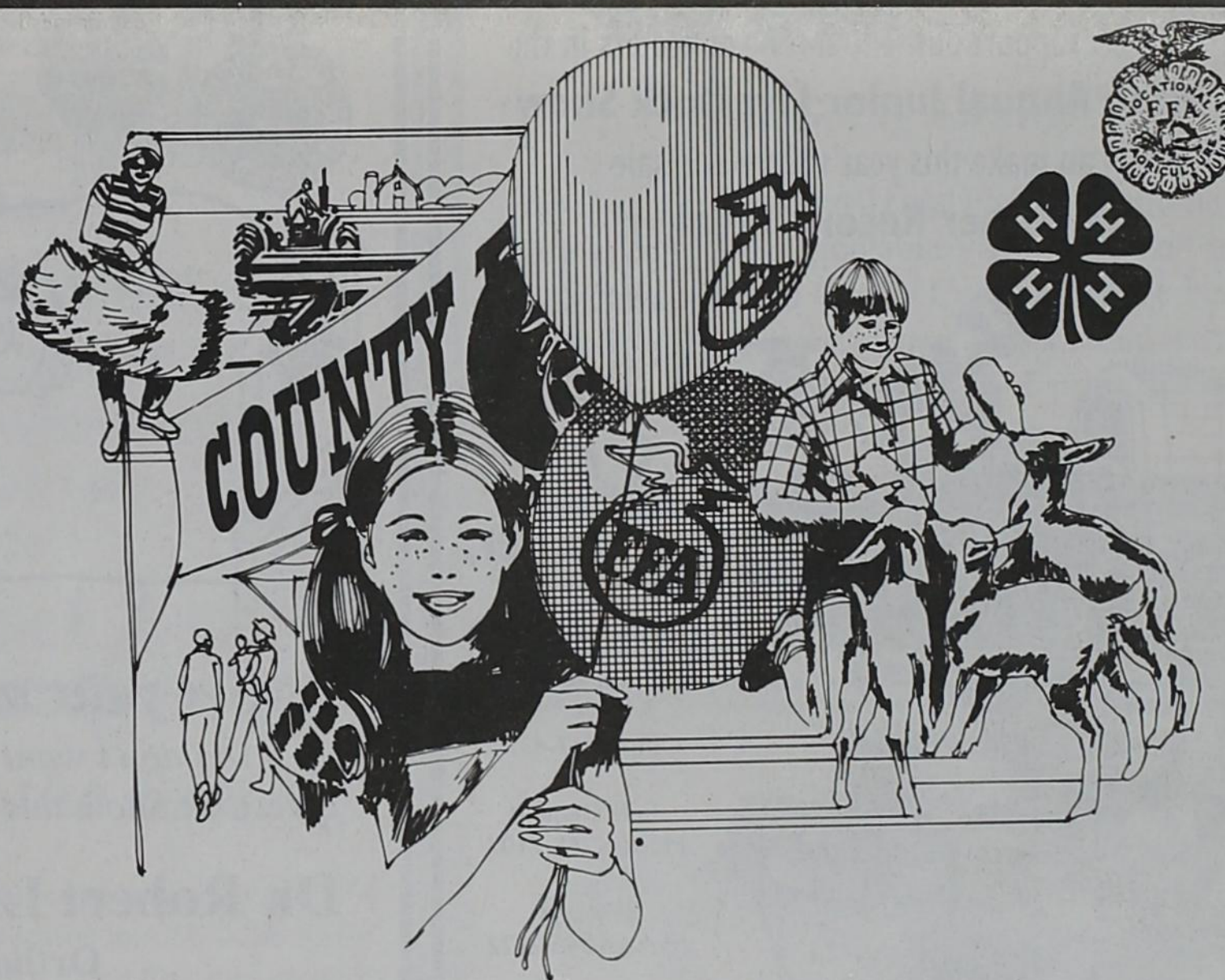
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Best Wishes!

Because of what our 4-H and FFA youngsters are learning today, our nation will continue to be the best-fed on earth tomorrow. Best wishes to all participants in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show!

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You're All Winners!

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

Congratulations for trying. And good luck this weekend!

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

Here are the junior livestock show rules

Here are the rules for the 1999 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, scheduled Feb. 11-13, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

OFFICIALS

Young Farmers President	Greg Odom
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Vice President	Chaun Gunstream
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Swine Division Superintendent	Todd Hatla
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Public Relations Liaison	Greg Odom
Floor Buyers Committee	Dimmitt Young Farmers
Judges:	
Steers	Greg Jones
Barrows	Rick Whitman
Lambs	Scott Doss

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

- All entries must be sent to the Young Farmers, Vo. Ag Dept., Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive, by 5 p.m. on Jan. 29. Any incomplete, unsigned or late entry will be fined \$25.
- Entry fee—To be used for bedding, show expenses, etc.: \$15.
- All livestock must be in place by noon, Thursday, Feb. 11, and no earlier than noon

Wednesday, Feb. 10. Weighing will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 11. Entries must be ready by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

- Steers and lambs must be weighed at the time of entry by the officials. Only one weigh back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limit set. This weigh-back must be within one hour of the first weighing or at the discretion of the superintendent.
- All animals must receive state validation from the county agent or ag teacher.
- Each exhibitor will not be allowed to enter or show more than two steers, two barrows and two lambs. An exhibitor will be allowed to sell no more than three animals. If an individual shows more than three animals, he must notify the superintendent immediately after judging as to which three animals he will place in the sale.
- The number of animals that will be sold through the auction will be as follows: 125 barrows, 125 lambs, 40 steers or 75% of the total animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number.
- The percent of the animals to be sold will be figured on each class. If an animal eligible to sell is pulled, the next animal in line from that class will sell. This will be at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Animals that make the show but do not make the sale will be sold with the floor animals, unless the exhibitor pulls the animals by one hour after showing.
- All livestock will be sifted by weight. Sifted animals will be the responsibility of the owner and must be removed from the barns by 10 p.m. on Thursday.
- Two showmanship trophies will be awarded for steer, swine and sheep. The senior showmanship trophy will be for the exhibitors aged 14 and older, and the junior showmanship will be for the exhibitors aged 13 and younger. The animals must have been owned, fitted and groomed by the exhibitor for the exhibitor to be eligible for a showmanship award.
- No steer will be allowed in the show that has not been owned as of July 1, 1998. Barrows and lambs must have been owned as of Dec. 1, 1998.
- Only active 4-H and FFA members are eligible to show. All livestock entered in the show must have been fed under the supervision of the Castro County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher of Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth High Schools and must be so certified by one of the above on the entry card.
- To be eligible to show, all 4-H Club members must be enrolled in a Castro County 4-H Club under the supervision of the Castro County Agent. All FFA members must be enrolled in a Castro County School. All exhibitors must reside in Castro County, be at least nine (9) years of age, or in the third grade, and be enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school located within Castro County. Any exceptions must be approved by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.
- All animals must be reasonably dry and clean before weighing. Any animal not so may be declared ineligible to show by the committee in charge of the division.
- Animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the truck. Any animal left in the barn after trucks are loaded are the responsibility of the seller.
- The Dimmitt Young Farmers shall reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or animal for any reason that is deemed necessary. Also, the Young Farmers will not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property arising from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.
- Exhibitors and show officials will be the only persons allowed in the showing ring.
- Any animal sold on the floor must have been entered in the show.
- Any exhibitor found violating the rules may be subject to a fine of up to \$200 and suspension from the county show for a period of one year. The person signing the entry card may also be fined up to \$200. Entry cards will not be accepted from the offending organization until the fine is paid.
- All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the livestock show management immediately after occasion for such protest. The protest committee will consist of the Young Farmer officers and the various division superintendents. All committee decisions are final. The Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale and the Dimmitt Young Farmers are indemnified from any and all liability for all legal and other proceedings which may ensue from the committee's decision.
- No animal may leave the stock show premises from the time of weigh-in until after the show without the approval of the superintendent. All take-home animals must be checked out of the barns by noon on Saturday, Feb. 13.
- Each club will be responsible for cleaning their pen. If pens are not cleaned, a fine of \$200 will be levied. Checks will be held until the fine is paid. All pens must be cleaned by 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.
- No change in the pattern or highlighting of any animal by painting or dying in all three barns will be allowed (water only).
- No adults in show ring during show or classification.
- Exhibitors ineligible to participate at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show due to the "no pass, no play" rule cannot have another or others exhibit the animal or animals in question.

II. CLASSIFICATION

Lambs will be weighed and classified at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday in the show ring. Steers will be weighed upon arrival at the show and classed by weight. Steer classes will be determined by the superintendent. Hogs will be classified by owner. Any animal not classified at the proper time must wait until last to be classified.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

- Lambs—9 a.m., Friday, Feb. 12.
- Steers—11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 12.
- Barrows—1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12.

III. STEER DEPARTMENT

- Only steers are eligible to show.
- All calves in the show must weigh at least 900 pounds; however, 1,350 pounds is the top pay weight.
- Awards:
Placings—Ribbons.
Grand Champion—Banner.
Reserve Grand Champion—Banner.
- If there is not enough of any one class to be placed in a separate class, they will be classified with another class.

IV. LAMB DEPARTMENT

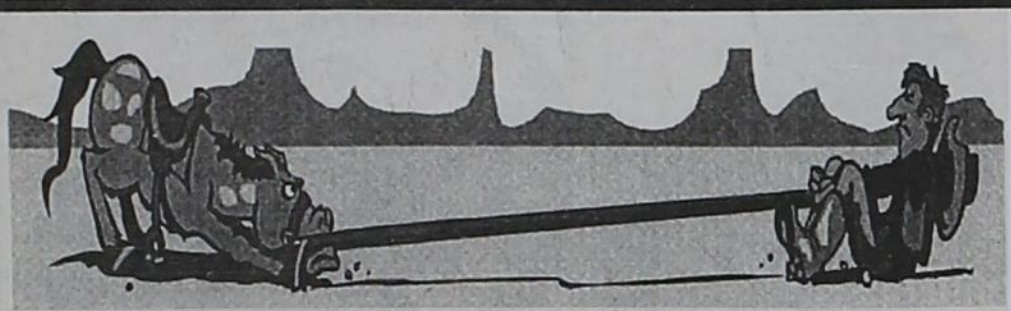
- Both wether and ewe lambs are eligible to show.
- There will be a possibility of four breeds only. Definitions of breeds are as follows: A. Fine Wool—This breed shall include only purebred Grade Rambouillet or Delaine or a cross between these two breeds; B. Fine Wool Cross—This will include lambs sired by Suffolk, Hampshire, Corriedale or Columbia Rams and out of Fine Wool ewes. Lambs that carry more than 50% Medium Wool breeding will go into the Medium Wool. The decision will be left to classifiers; C. Medium Wool Class—This shall include only purebred or Grade Hampshire, Suffolk, Corriedale and Columbia or other Medium Wool Cross; D. Southdowns—This is only for purebred Southdowns or lambs that exhibit predominant Southdown characteristics.
- Weight Classes: Breeds of lambs will be divided into light, medium and heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class; otherwise a light and heavy class will be used. The minimum weight will be 80 pounds. There will not be a top weight, but the maximum pay weight will be 130 pounds.
- Lambs will be classified in show ring according to breed before weigh-in. A classifying judge will assist the superintendent in placing the animals in the proper class. Classifier's decision will be final. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the superintendent will break the breed into four classes: light, medium, medium heavy and heavy.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Lambs wool should be uniform in length and no more than 1/4 of an inch in length. Top knots are permitted.
- Where four animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavyweights will be grouped into a single breed class.
- Awards:
Placing—Ribbons.
Grand Champion—Banner.
Reserve Grand Champion—Banner.

V. SWINE DEPARTMENT

- Only barrows are eligible to show.
- Barrows weighing less than 200 pounds or more than 260 pounds will be sifted from the show. A weigh-back may be done on any barrow at the discretion of the Dimmitt Young Farmers. A 10-pound variance up or down will be allowed from write-in weight. Any barrow not meeting the weight will be disqualified.
- No feeding in aisles. All feed will be dumped outside south of the barn.
- It takes five head to make a breed. Those not making a breed will be shown in the Cross class. There will be eight breeds of barrows as follows: A. Berkshires; B. Chester Whites; C. Durocs; D. Hampshires; E. Spots; F. Poland Chinas; G. Yorkshires; H. Crosses and Other Breeds.
- Weight classes: Breeds of barrows will be divided into light, medium and heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class; otherwise, a light and heavy class will be used. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the superintendents will break the breed into four classes: light, medium, medium heavy and heavy.
- At the judge's discretion, any obvious violation of classification will result in disqualification of the animal in question.
- First- and second-place barrows from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Where five animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavyweights will be grouped into a single breed class.
- Barrows will be sold at weigh-in weights.
- Minimum floor weight will be 220 pounds (no exceptions).

VI. SALE

- Exhibitors selling livestock must have their animals ready to be brought into the auction ring when their number is called.
- Sale order:
A. Grand Champion lamb, steer and barrow.
B. Reserve Champion lamb, steer and barrow.
C. All Breed Champions.
D. All Reserve Breed Champions.
E. 1/3 of the lambs.
F. 1/3 of the steers.
G. 1/3 of the barrows.
- All animals that are to be sold as take homes must be listed on the sale sheet prior to the sale.



Aw, C'mon!

No matter how busy you think you are, take time to attend and support the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Our kids deserve our support!

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Let's all support our 4-H & FFA youngsters in the 45th Annual Junior Livestock Show and make this year's show and sale Another Record Breaker!



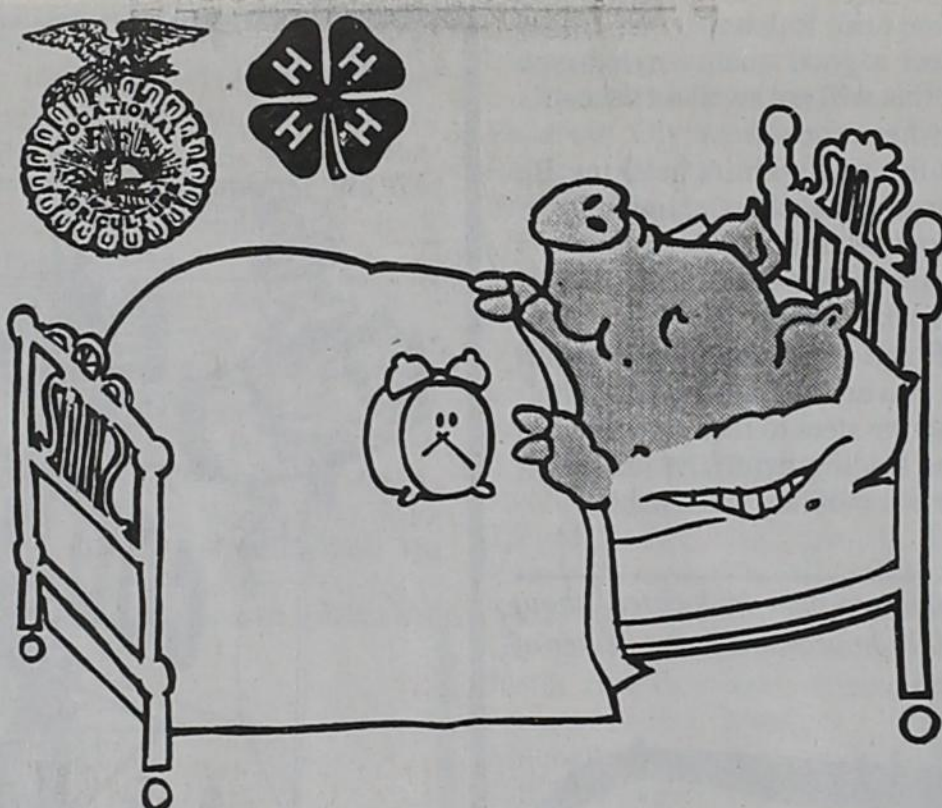
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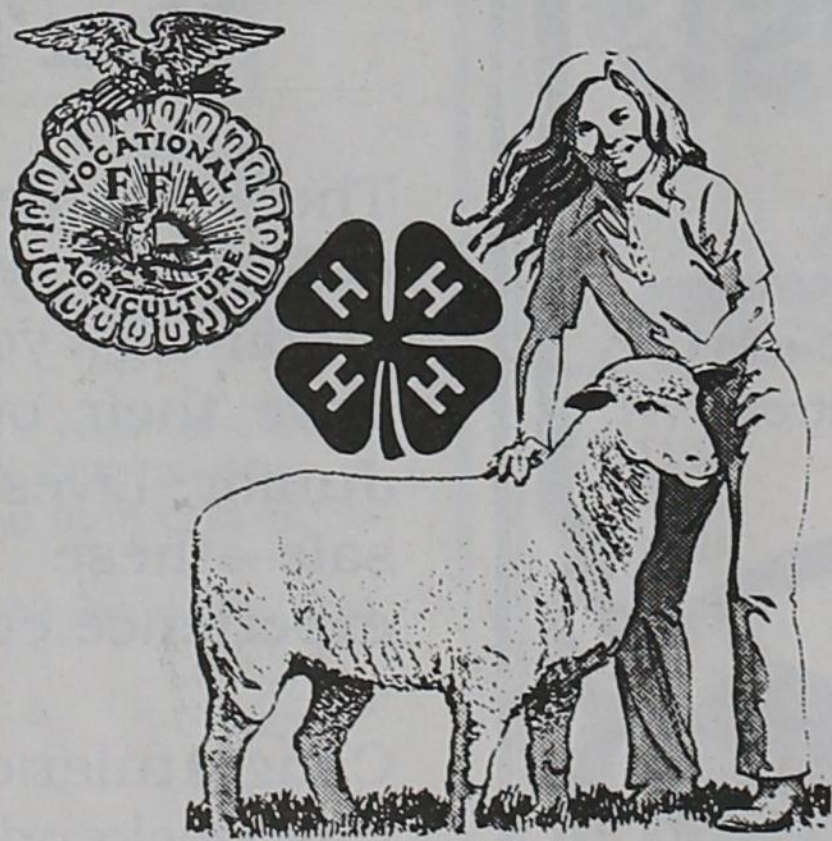
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Pig selection important part of show process

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS

Extension Swine Specialists
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4-H Club members generally must select barrow prospects when they are 8 to 10 weeks of age and weigh 30 to 80 pounds. As pigs get older and larger, a better selection job can be done, but most pigs must be selected at an early age because of competition from other buyers.

Before considering what to look for in selecting individual pigs, let's consider some important decisions that should be made before purchasing your pig.

Many of these decisions will be influenced strongly by the show or shows where you plan to exhibit your pigs. Become completely familiar with the classes available (which breeds and/or crosses show together, etc.), the weight limits, how the various weight classes are divided and the prize monies and "normal" sale opportunities at the shows. Some county fairs allow gilts to be shown in market swine classes. If this is the case, gilts may be the best buy because of less competition. This information will greatly influence the age, breed and price of the pigs you se-

lect. Let's look at each factor individually.

Age

The rate of growth expected from the pig and the weight limits at the show dictate the age of pig to purchase. The growth rate will be determined by the pig's genetics (growth rate of his parents) and your nutrition, management and health programs.

Ideally, we desire to keep a pig on a self-feeder until a day or two before the show. Since the weight limits for most shows range from 200 to 250-260 pounds, we need to select a pig that will be approximately 6 months old at show time. Pigs 5½ to 6½ months old should work well, but you need to be very careful in going younger than 5 months or older than 7 months. Many pigs will reach 220 pounds at 5 months of age, but if the pig is sick for a few days or is a "poor doer" you may not make the minimum weight limit.

Most feeders prefer a slightly older pig over a young one, because it is easier to hand-feed a pig and control his weight toward the end of the finishing period than to push a young pig to make the minimum weight.

Pigs more than 7 months of age at show time may require limited feeding to such an extent that they become "coarse" and "stale." hopefully, such animals will be downgraded since judges give consideration to "freshness" when placing barrows.

Breed

Study the show rules carefully to know which breeds show separately and which breeds show together. Also, know the rules for your cross-bred entries. The competition is usually strongest in the Durocs and Crossbreds, followed by the Hampshires and Chester Whites. If your show provides classes for one of the other breeds, there may be fewer entries, but remember that most of your grand champions come

from divisions with the strongest competition.

Price

Obtain a good knowledge of the prize monies and sale possibilities for the shows where you plan to exhibit. There is tremendous variation throughout the state. Some communities and counties have excellent

local sales, while others have none.

There is also variation in sale policies and prices at the major livestock shows. The price that you can afford to pay should be a decision reached by you and your parents after consulting with your 4-H leader and county agent.



CLIFF WRIGHT of Dimmitt shows off his pig before bidders at the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Sale. Last year's sale brought \$190,389 to county youths exhibiting animals. This year's stock show and sale are slated Friday and Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

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The deadline for Castro County seniors to apply for the State 4-H Scholarship is Friday, Feb. 19.

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For more information about the scholarship or for help filling out the application, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.



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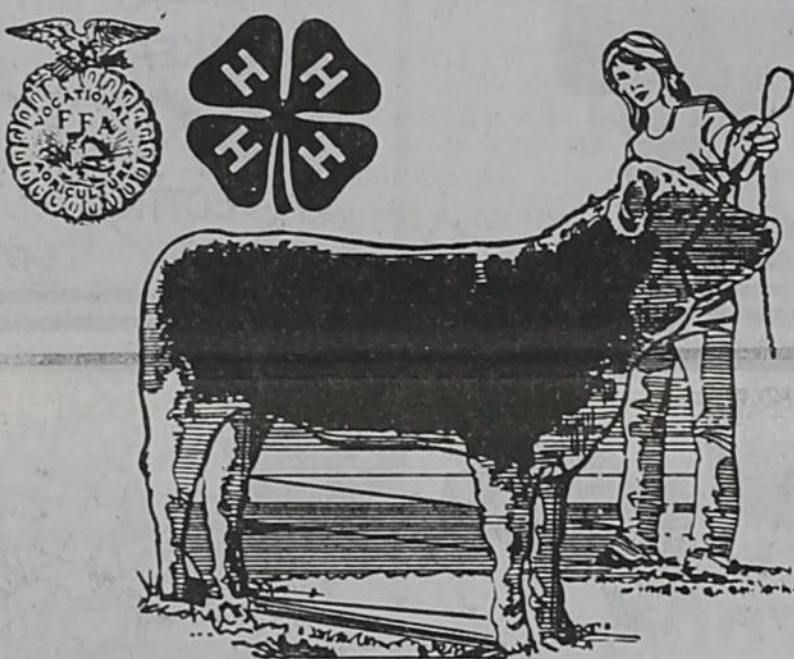
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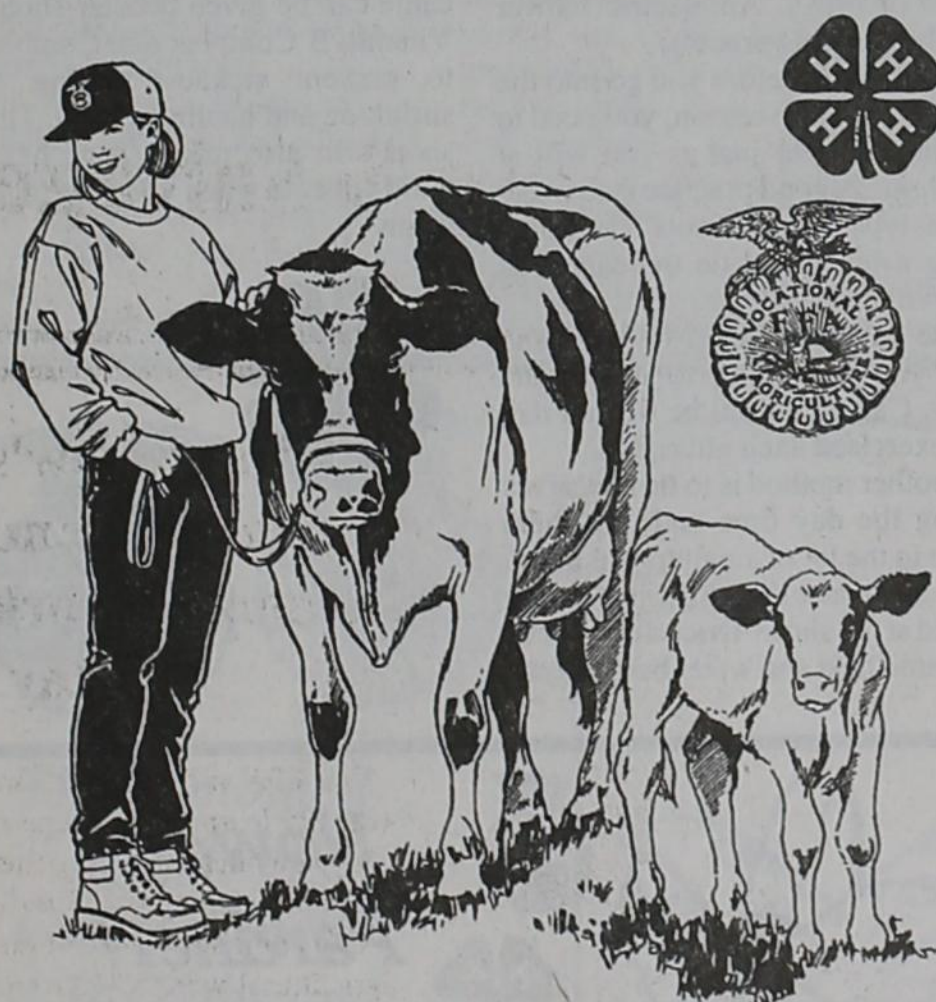
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Lamb appearance guide to potential

By THE BOGGS FAMILY
 In selecting a prospective lamb, the first item to consider is general appearance. The lamb should have good length of body, a long extended neck, a high neck setting, good length, levelness and squareness between hooks and pins, and good set of feet and legs.

It is important to select a tight-hided, thin hided lamb. If you are interested in a lamb at a sale, but he has a few pin wrinkles over his entire body, we wouldn't worry too much

about it. It's probably due to stress or weather, and he will most likely grow out of them. Don't select a lamb that is thick-hided or has an excess amount of hide, because it is hard to get this type of lamb to look fresh and feel with a good, hard touch.

A lamb needs to be clean up front with a good wedge to his shoulder and no excess brisket. He should be sharp, not flat, over the top of the shoulders. When viewed from the side the lamb should be slightly taller

in the front than in the rear.

In other words, do not select a lamb that runs downhill, because this type of lamb will usually turn out to be deeper through the chest and brisket area and flat over the top of the shoulder. The lamb should be deeper in the rear flank than he is in the fore flank or heart area.

We also believe you should select a lamb that has some bone. Good bone shows stoutness, as opposed to looking frail, and is an indication a lamb has some meat in him.

After you are satisfied with the general appearance of the lamb, you need to go in and handle him. Check the length of loin from between the 12th and 13th ribs back to the hooks. Then measure the length of rump from the hooks to the pins. Being able to tell difference in length from one lamb to the next takes experience. One thing is for sure—if you measure the lamb from the base of the neck to the pin bones, 2/3 of the length needs to be from the 12th and 13th ribs back. The loin and leg are the two easiest parts of the lamb carcass to sell, while the ribs, neck and brisket are the hardest to move through the meat counter.

As you handle the top of the lamb, you should find him to be narrow over the point of the shoulder and

begin to widen and thicken progressively as you handle over the loin back to the rump. Predicting the amount of muscle a lamb will have in his leg also requires experience. However, as you handle the leg, you should be able to feel some expression of muscle both on the inside and outside of the leg. You should shy away from a lamb that has an indentation or dimple on the outside of the leg where your thumbs meet.


We highly recommend if you purchase a lamb that has been docked too long, you take him to your veterinarian and have him redocked. Any extra length of tail will cause the lamb not to appear square and level in the rump as is desired.

A couple of items we would suggest you watch for, and select against, would be lambs that are off in their mouth and those that have a short (or extra) rib on one or both sides. An off-mouth lamb may not grow as well as he should, and he will obviously have one strike against him, from an appearance standpoint, when he enters the show ring. If a lamb has a short rib on both sides, he will naturally feel one rib length shorter in his length of loin.




TRAVIS CROW OF DIMMITT exhibited the top lamb at the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. His 141-pound heavyweight medium wool lamb brought a bid of \$13 per pound from Gene Bradley (back row). Pictured with Crow and Bradley are Houston Sutton (center front) and Raynee Bradley. Crow also exhibited the reserve grand lamb and was named the top senior showman in the lamb division.

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Conditioning cattle for show

By SPENCER D. TANKSLEY
 Bailey County Extension Agent
 The importance of the condition of a show steer can be compared with that of a superior athlete who becomes an Olympic champion.

Show cattle must be trained and fed with a definite purpose in mind in order to obtain a championship banner. There are many different methods used by experienced feeders in Texas today.

A calf should be taught to stop and lead with his head up. A good daily practice is to pull the animal's head up to stop it so both front feet are placed squarely under the front end.

Youngsters should teach a steer the use of a show stick by stroking its underline while it is tied to a rail. You should use a show stick with a blunt point on the end.

Stroke the animal, then place the foot in the correct place. After the calf moves his feet well when tied, then he is ready to be led and have his feet placed while being held.

Teach the calf to keep his top level and to lead and walk freely. Work each day for several minutes at a time, rather than a few long, drawn-out periods. To be a good showman, you need a well-trained calf.

When training calves or working and brushing their hair, it is best to tie them to a high rail rather than putting them in a block chute. Working cattle in this manner tends to make them easier to handle and more used to strange movements at the show.

Before washing the calf, remove dirt and manure from the hair with a comb or brush. An electric blower will help in this process.

Two weeks before you go into the first show of the season, you need to handle the steer just as you will at the show. A good practice is to make some type of "tie outs" at home along a fence and tie the calves as you will at the show.

The bedding should be the same type you are going to use at the show. Calves should be tied all day and exercised each afternoon.

Another method is to tie the calves during the day time and turn them loose in the lot or small trap at night. Feed and water the calves just as you would at the show—twice a day out of the same feed and water buckets you

will use at the show.

Some feeders add small amounts of black strap molasses to the water to get the steers accustomed to drinking sweet water. The molasses will hide the taste of chlorine in the water.


Each steer should be conditioned before going to each show, based on the weight class in which you want to show the steer. Calves are limited on the amount of feed and water. During this period more hay should be fed to help keep the rumen working.

The length of time needed in this shrinking period depends on the amount of weight loss desired and amount of outside fat covering found on the steer.

After the steer has been shrunk, you should always fill him up very slowly. Feed small amounts of feed, hay and water until the correct visual appearance is regained. Most of these feedings will be two to four hours apart.

Don't overfeed at the show. Keep the cattle hungry. A good thumb rule is 1,050-pound or less steers should get six pounds of feed at a feeding. Steers that weight over 1,050 pounds should get eight pounds of feed. Some feeders will make the ration more bulky by adding 5% more cottonseed hulls.

Cattle that have to be hauled for longer distances should be taken off grains for 12 to 24 hours prior to leaving and fed only small amounts of grass hay and limited water. Hauling calves to stock shows produces a great stress on the animals. Show cattle can be given booster shots of Vitamin B Complex and Combiotic to prevent sickness during this shrinking and hauling period. These shots will also make steers have a good appetite when you start to feed again.



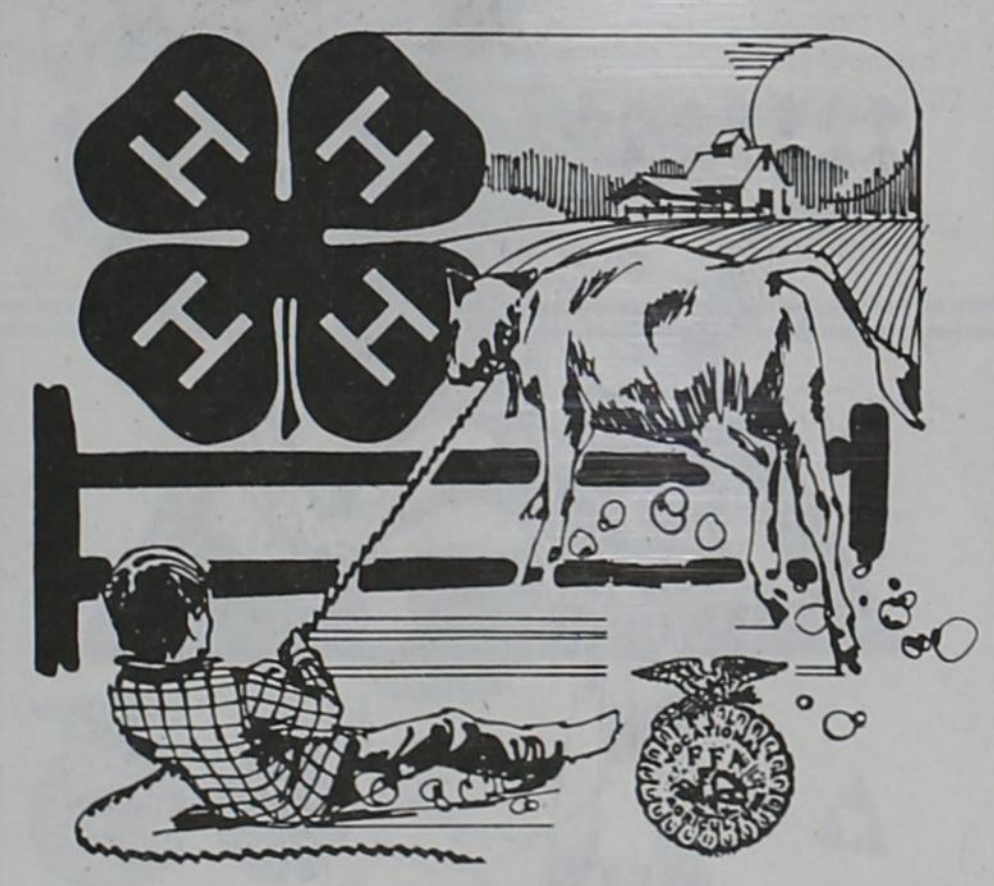
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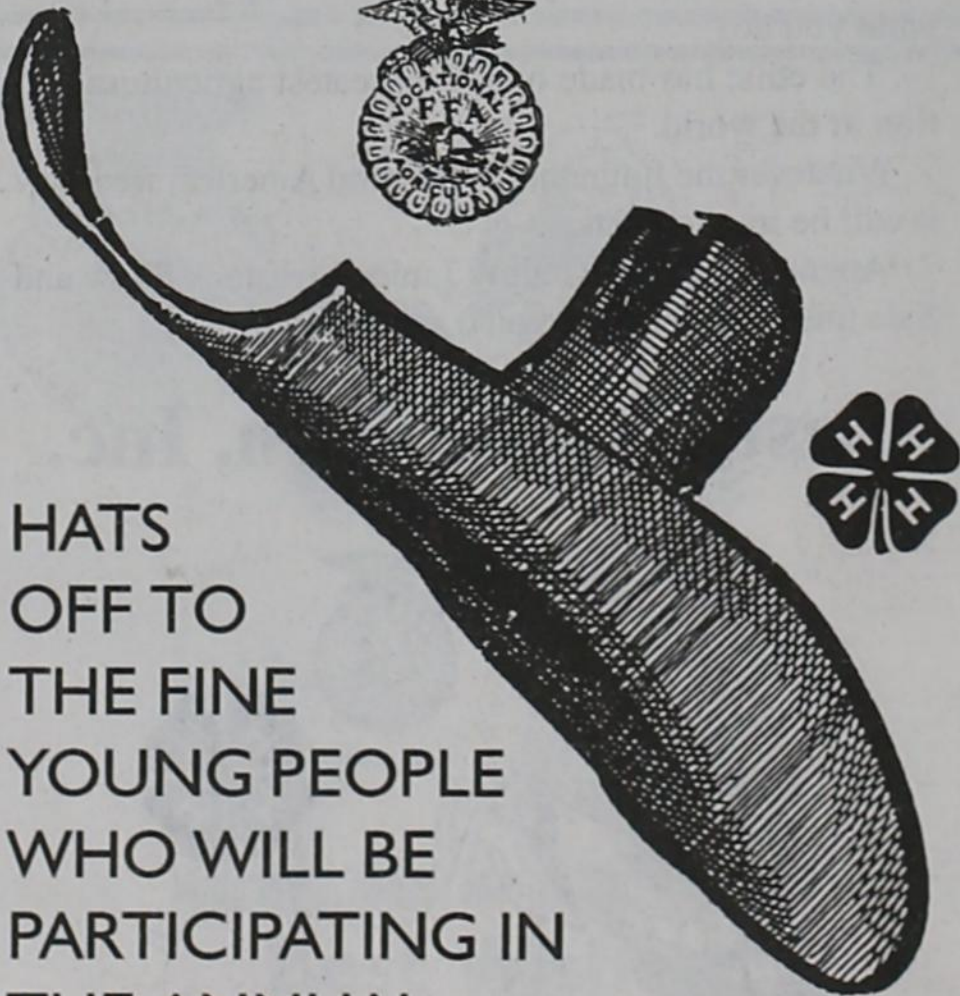


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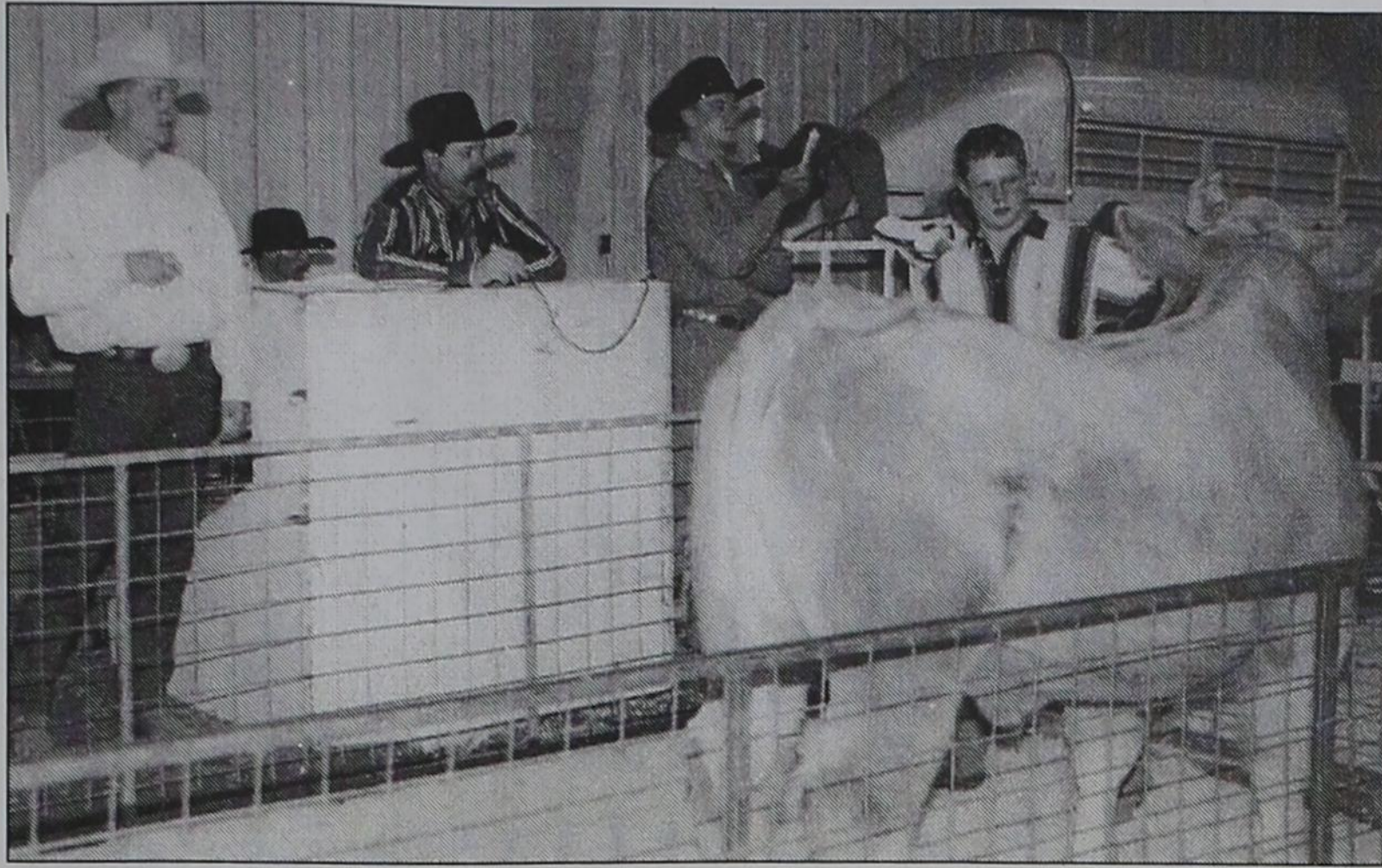


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LOOKING FOR A PREMIUM BID ON A STEER

... Shawn Nelson leads his steer into the sale ring at the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Sale

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Succeeding in showmanship

By AMANDA CARAWAY

(Editor's Note: This article was taken from the January 1999 issue of Purple Circle magazine.)

Showmanship. According to the Livestock Showman's Handbook, showmanship means the ability to show; a class in junior livestock shows which judges the ability of the exhibitor to present and show the animal in the ring.

This word has had many different meanings to people in the junior show industry over the years. You can ask one person who has been involved with the show circuit for 15 years their opinion on showmanship and it will be totally different from another person with the exact same credentials.

Although there are several different opinions on showmanship, some things do remain constant.

These are what I like to call the ABCs of showmanship: *Appearance. Be Ready. Courtesy.*

I like to think these things are just basic principles that can be followed with any animal.

Appearance

Many judges feel very differently about how a person should look in the show ring, but for the most part, they all look for one thing: neatness.

According to Warren Beeler of Kentucky, who has judged pigs for several years now, "Having an overall clean and neat appearance is preferred. I don't like sloppy."

He also comments, "I usually pay little attention to attire because some simply can afford more than others."

Common sense usually tells a person what is neat and clean. Some things a person needs to be conscious of are wearing clothes that look nice but do not draw too much attention.

Usually, modest and clean scores more points. Shirts that need to be tucked in should be, while your clothes should all be clean and ironed, not stained and rumpled.

Also, remember that combed hair and a shower will go a long way. Girls with long hair should not have it hanging in their faces.

Your appearance is affected by your attitude. A smile and a look of confidence can really go a long way towards how you come across to the judge and how you feel about yourself.

Another important point is eye

contact. A judge will remember a showman who looks him or her directly in the eye. According to Coni Ross, a goat judge from Texas, "judges are impressed with showmen who are straight, still and have a professional look about them."

Being comfortable will also contribute to a good attitude. When you are comfortable and relaxed, your animal will sense this and you will feel ready for the show.

Comfort is the key.

Dr. Terry Dumas, who judged market lambs at the National Western Livestock Show in January, said that, "Exhibitors should be neat and dress comfortably."

"Be yourself and try not to put on a front," said Steve Nichols, a swine judge from Indiana.

Attitude is also affected by the next part of our ABCs—Be Ready.

Be Ready

If you are prepared for a show, your attitude will automatically improve. Being prepared for a show includes several elements. First of all, work with your animal.

Dumas reminds exhibitors to "know the rules, know the weight of their lamb (animal), be courteous and pay attention to what is happening in the ring."

Preparing also means knowing your animal's strong and weak points. Do not lead your pig towards the judge by the front if that is the hog's weakest point.

Eddie Smallwood, a judge and ag science teacher from Texas says, "Judges want exhibitors to present their animal to its best advantage."

Be ready for questions.

Many times a judge includes questions in the search for a showmanship champion. Remember to stay calm. Most of the questions will be over material you know, but often a person gets so nervous they can mess up on answering a question on the most basic information. Think through the questions carefully and have confidence in your knowledge on the animal.

Organization can really help in this situation. Being able to stay calm is usually tied to how well you have prepared for show day. Do not forget the little things. Pack your show box and suitcase in advance and remember to give yourself time to prepare before you enter the show ring.

Call the show office to make sure you have the right check in time for

your animal. Know what time your animal is supposed to go into the ring so that you have plenty of time to take care of last-minute preparations. Taking care of these things will allow you time to relax and help you have a better attitude.

Expect surprises. This is a big part of being prepared. No matter what situation you are in, it is inevitable that something unexpected is going to happen. Often times an animal who has always been calm will get scared.

Coni Ross points out that she is impressed when a showman can "calm the animal down smoothly without distracting the judge."

Part of being ready for the show is knowing how showmanship will be judged.

Courtesy

The last part of the ABCs of showmanship is courtesy. Sportsmanship is extremely important in all aspects of life and this remains true in the show ring.

In other words, play nice.

Eddie Smallwood says he "likes animals to be brought promptly, shown to me, then after I have looked it over, allow other students their equal opportunity."

"Showing your animal in a judge's face is not going to do you much good. Be nice to the other showmen and you just might even make yourself a new friend. Friendship is one of the main aspects of the junior show program."

Many times this unsportsmanlike conduct can be noticed in a lamb show. Often a person will go out of their way not to line up with the other animals so that their animal sticks out of the line the most. If your animal is truly the best, this is not necessary. The judge will notice your animal, but he will probably take note of your rudeness more. Not only will being courteous score you showmanship points, but you will feel better about yourself.

Showmanship has changed over the years, but some concepts—the ABCs of showmanship—will always remain true.

"Most of all, exhibitors should have a fun and educational experience while exhibiting their lamb (animal)," Dumas said.

Everyone involved in the junior show program should keep this thought in mind: The program was designed to instill responsibility and values in our young people and showmanship is closely tied to teaching these values.

Hand feeding schedule needs sound management

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS

Extension Swine Specialists Texas A&M University System For managing the hand-feeding period of pigs, feed at least twice per day on a regular schedule.

Four pounds of feed per day will usually produce about 1 pound of gain (6 pounds per day will give about 1½ pounds gain, etc.)

Try not to feed less than 4 pounds of feed per day for more than three to four days. If you do, the pig may develop "looseness" or deep skin wrinkles that will be hard to correct.

If a drastic holding action is required for two to four weeks, one program that has worked well includes:

—Mix a one-pound coffee can of 18% protein starter diet with three cans of rolled oats or feeding oatmeal. Then add three cans of water. Mix thoroughly. Feed half of the mixture at the morning feeding, the other half at the afternoon feeding. Add one raw egg (without shell) at each feeding.

—Limit the daily water intake to the amount mixed with the feed. (During the summer months, more

water must be provided.)

Provide daily exercise. (Some exhibitors try to walk pigs at least ½ mile each day the last 20 to 30 days before the show.) This improves muscle tone and develops stamina. Remember, you are developing this pig to participate in an athletic contest. He must have stamina to hold up under the stress and rigors encountered in the show ring.

Provide all the fresh, clean water the pig will drink unless you are in a weight holding program as described

above. A pig requires about 2 pounds of water for each pound of feed consumed.

Provide a diet and feeding management program to give "freshness" and "fullness" when the pig is exhibited.

Plan your "holding action" early so that the pig can be fed about 8 pounds per day the last 5 to 7 days before the show.

Plan your feeding program so that you can feed and water the pig at the show to obtain the desired "fill."



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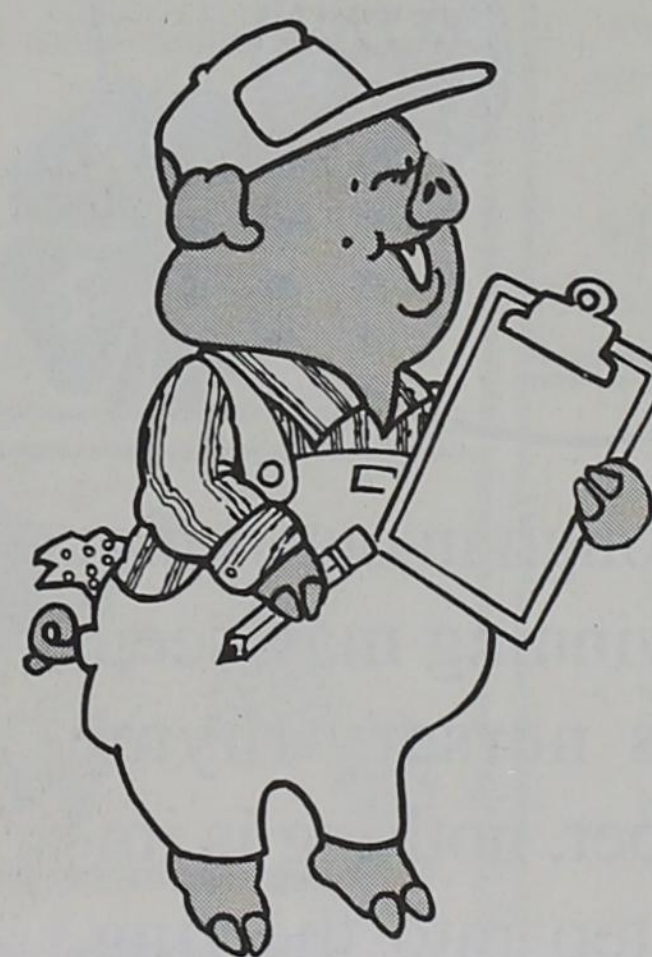
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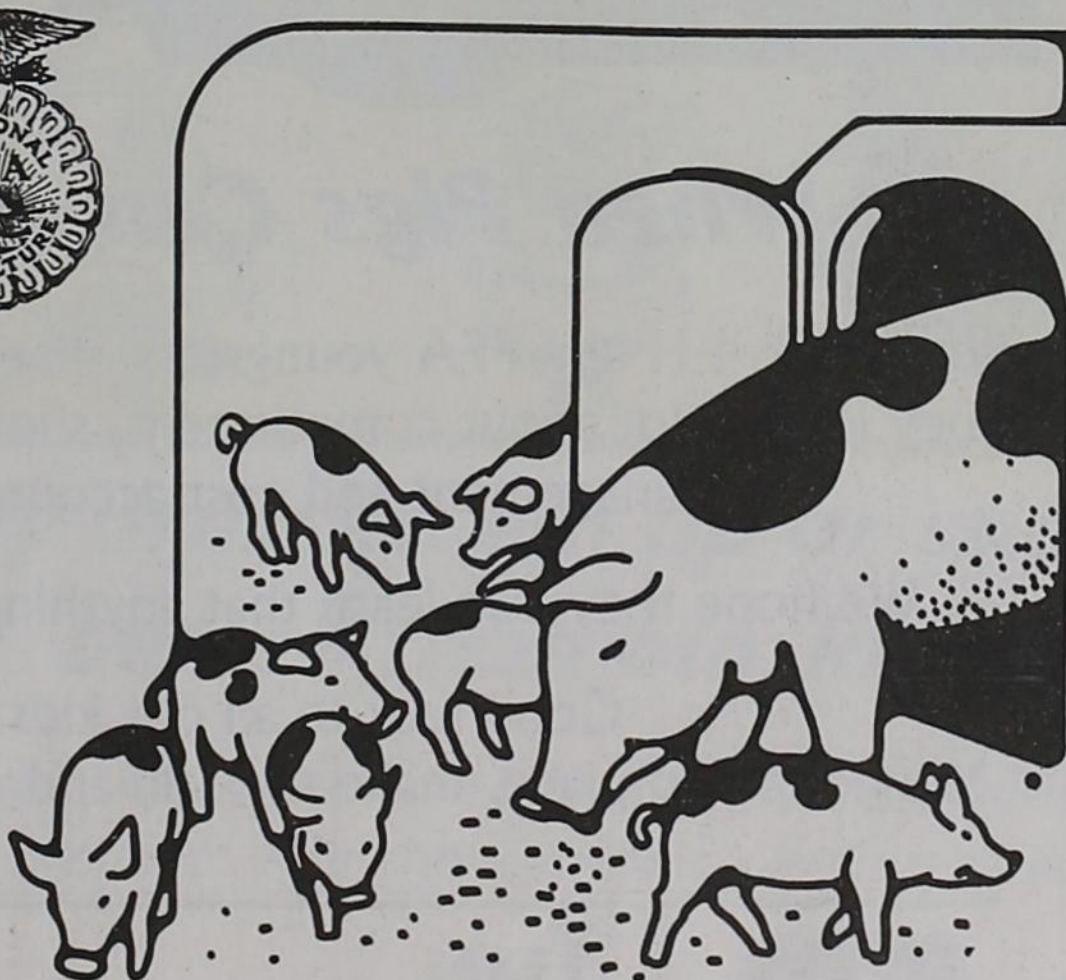


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Animals selected should yield quality cuts of meat

By REBEL L. ROYALL
and
BENNY JOEL MARTINEZ
Castro County Extension Agents

In theory, in all market species you are trying to pick the animal that most closely fits the consumer's preference in terms of meat cuts.

A stock show judge is trying to find the animal that will hang the best carcass and produce the best quality cuts of meat. There are a lot of things that play into judging a live animal, but these carcass aspects should be the driving force behind any judge's decision.

There are several other aspects of judging live animals that do not involve the customer's table. These things tend to involve the commercial industries needs. These include structural correctness, balance, general appearance, etc.

With this background, we will now go into each species and describe a few things a stock show judge is probably looking for when he or she is judging market animals. One thing to remember is that every judge is

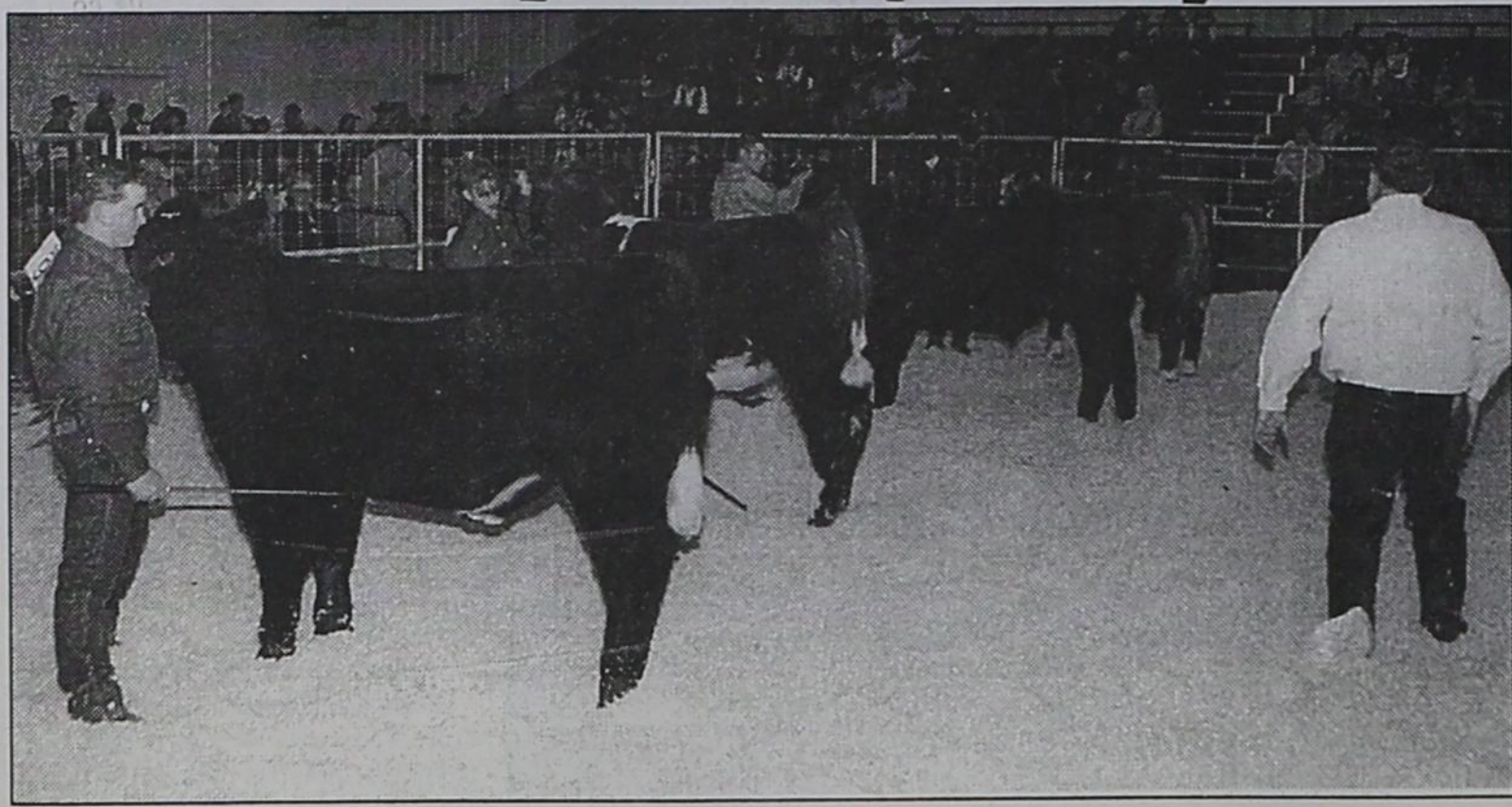
different, and each one may place his emphasis differently for each trait.

Market swine

When selection market swine for a show, you should look for muscle and leanness, structural correctness and balance.

A market swine judge is probably looking for several different traits during a swine show. He or she will definitely be looking for muscle shape and definition. The places we look for this will be down the top (through the loin region) and in the center and lower portion of the hams. Another good place to look for muscling in a pig is in the forearm region.

Leanness is another carcass trait that is very important in judging market swine. With today's health conscious consumer, leanness of meat has become increasingly important in market animals. Places in which judges determine the leanness or fatness of a hog include the jowl, the ham-loin junction, the twist, the flank, over the loin edge, in



HOPING TO CATCH THE JUDGE'S EYE
... Young exhibitors show steers before judge at 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show

Photo by Anne Acker

the shoulder pocket, and in the lower 1/3 of the pig's body.

Next, a judge will be looking for a pig that is structurally correct. The animal must be able to walk correctly without a flaw. A judge will look at each pig to make sure his legs are straight (without being too straight) and plant squarely on the ground.

The animal must be very free in its movement. The pig needs to have a heavy muscled and will forfeit a little structural correctness and balance to get that extremely muscled carcass animal.

Market steers

When selecting market cattle for show, one should look for muscle and finish, structural correctness, balance and eye appeal.

Market cattle are probably the most prestigious species in the show circuit. They are also probably the most watched judging event. Cattle, however, are also judged by a few traits, just like sheep and swine.

In a market steer class, a judge is trying to determine which animal will produce the best carcass for the consumer. He or she is looking for indications in muscling. In cattle, those places include the top (loin area), in the round (top, middle and bottom), in the stifle area and in the forearm.

In terms of leanness, cattle are a

little different. Some fat is preferred in the beef consumers are ordering. Cattle that are too lean will not place well in a stock show. However, cattle that are too fat will not place well either.

A market steer must be fat enough to be in the choice quality grade to place high at a major livestock show. He must be full in his flank, and have fat deposited smoothly and evenly from his first to his 13th rib. He also must be reasonably full in his brisket. A steer that is too fat will take on a square appearance and will probably not show as much muscle expression.

Cattle also must be structurally correct. They must be square on all four corners and be correct in their leg structure. The shoulder should set in so that the front leg is correct and not too straight. The steer should be able to travel well in the show ring.

Balance and eye appeal are probably more important in cattle than anywhere else. A well-balanced, eye-appealing steer will be level topped and ramped. He will be long-necked and very smooth in his shoulders.

In shows where we still have hair, the animal should have a well-groomed coat that is pleasing to the eye. Frame length and size is also very important in steers.

Market lambs

When selecting market lambs for show, one should look for muscle, balance, structural correctness and

trimness.

In a market lamb class, a judge is looking for an attractive lamb that will offer a quality carcass for the consumer.

Muscle is very important when selecting market lambs. After all, this is the main reason why we raise market lambs.

Shape down the top is a good indicator of muscle as well as having an adequate leg.

A good show lamb should be at least 60% hindsaddle (from the last rib back to the dock) since this is the area of the highest-priced cuts in a market lamb.

Balance and structural correctness is also very important. A good show lamb will be very stylish and fairly high tail set with adequate levelness and squareness in that rump region. The pig should also be level in his loin and behind his shoulder blades.

A judge also will be looking for a very well-balanced, eye-appealing pig. The pig should be long-fronted. This is read by analyzing the pig's length from the base of the neck to the top of the nose.

The length from the base of the neck to the ear is most important in this trait. Length of total body and frame size also play into this aspect.

People are always talking about judges who use "pretty pigs." We would describe those pigs as ones who may not have a tremendous amount of muscle, etc., but combine

several good traits, and are very balanced and eye appealing. Other judges prefer pigs that are extremely attractive. A lamb should also be clean fronted with a tubular body shape. The feet and legs should also set straight and square and the lamb should be able to travel without fault.

The third element is finish. This refers to the amount of fat that a lamb has. Ideally, we want a market lamb to be lean, however, we want it to have enough finish to be desirable for market. Usually about .12 to .20 of an inch of fat is appropriate. One of the best areas in which to look for finish is over the ribs or over the edge of the loin.

Other market animals

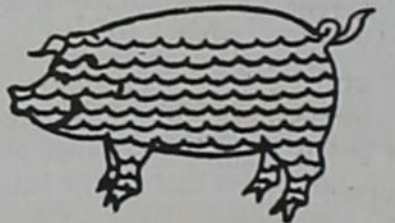
There are several other market animals shown in today's rings. In terms of what judges look for, traits will be similar to the above species.

Trends tend to be similar in each barn from time to time. Basically, we are looking for the best market animal that will cut the best carcass in all species.



Water

Water is considered a nutrient because it is essential for life. A 50-pound pig will drink about one gallon of water per day. A 150-pound pig will drink about two gallons of water per day. Therefore, clean water should be available in adequate amounts at all times.



Minerals are necessary for hog's chemical reactions

Minerals are necessary for many of a pig's body's chemical reaction.

Unlike carbohydrates and proteins, which are needed in large quantities, minerals are needed only in small amounts, but they are just as important for growth and reproduction.

Mineral requirements for hogs still are being studied, but at present it is believed that hogs require at least 14 different ones—calcium, phosphorous, sodium, chlorine, iodine, iron, copper, potassium, manganese, sulfur, cobalt, zinc and selenium.

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Friday and Saturday

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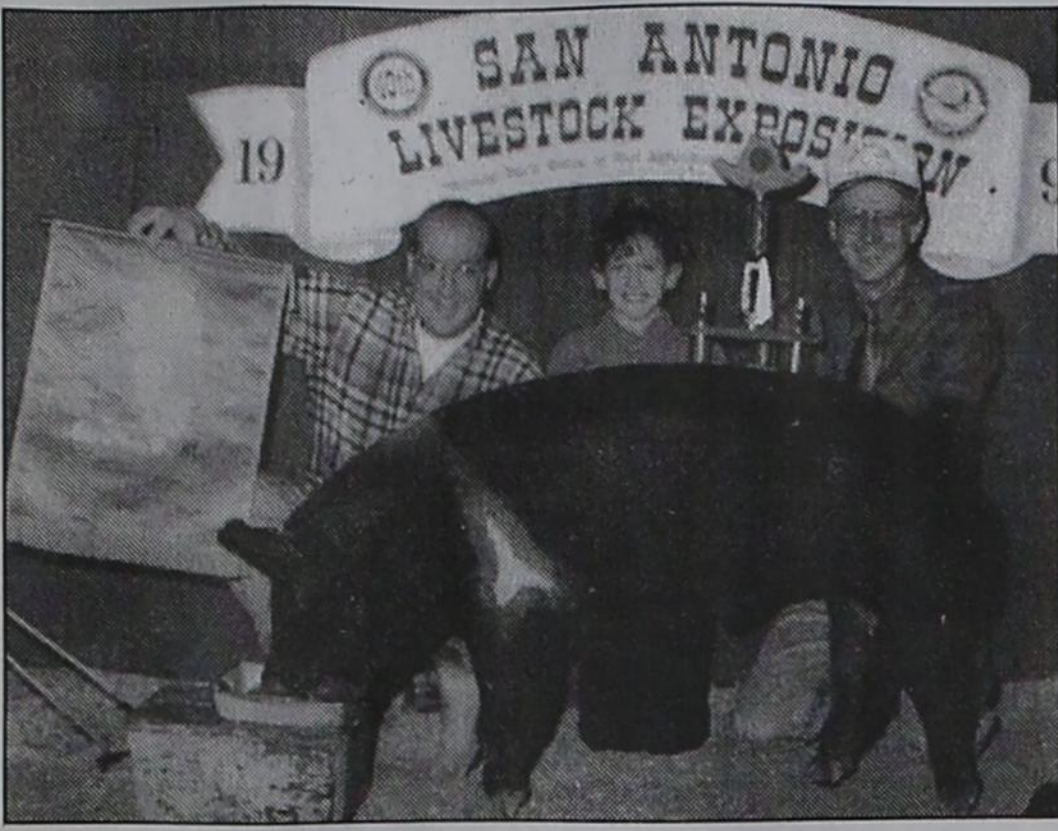
When our 4-H and FFA youngsters raise project animals, they learn a lot about commitment, showmanship, time management and cost accounting.

We hope they also learn that anything is possible.

Good luck to all our kids.
We hope you place, make the sale and get a great bid!

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KELI SCHULTE of Nazareth (center) drove her 272-pound pig, **Hotlips**, to the grand championship of the San Antonio Livestock Show last year. Schulte, 11, exhibited the same pig in the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and also granded there. **Hotlips** was purchased in San Antonio for \$37,500. Pictured with Schulte are the barrow show judges, **Bryan Anderson** (left) and **Dr. Jerry Hawton**.
Courtesy Photo

Schulte enjoys banner year with pig, 'Hotlips'

Not many 4-H and FFA members ever experience the thrill of granding a stock show with their animals, but even fewer can say they've granded one of the state's major shows before their 11th birthday.

Nazareth's Keli Schulte can. Schulte was only 10 in the spring of 1998 when she earned grand champion honors with her pig at the Nazareth Stock Show, then the Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

She was more than thrilled with those achievements, but then a week later, her enthusiasm and love for her pig, "Hotlips," grew by leaps and bounds.

Hotlips caught the eye of the judge at the San Antonio Exposition and Livestock Show and Schulte drove him into the winner's ring, capturing grand champion honors of that show as well.

Hotlips, a 272-pound Hampshire, brought \$37,500 at the sale in San Antonio, and that broke the old sale record by \$1,500. The pig was purchased by HEB, Rush Enterprise, Cardell Cabinets, Budco Ltd., and one other buyer.

When the judge, Bryan Anderson, slapped Hotlips on the rump and

announced to the crowd that it would be grand champion of the show, Schulte's father, Olen Schulte, ran out into the ring, picked up his daughter and hugged her. Both were in tears.

"It was one of the best hogs I've seen in some time," Anderson said. "He was a good one."

There were approximately 4,800 barrows entered in the San Antonio Livestock Show and Schulte said the sift was hard. Two-thirds of the pigs were eliminated during the sift, but Hotlips remained for the final round.

"This was a once in a lifetime thing," said Barbara Schulte, Keli's mother. "It took Keli a little while to realize what happened, but she realizes that it may never happen again. She will forever remember Hotlips and granding in San Antonio."

"We know that this may never happen again, but we are so excited that it happened this year. The support of our family and friends has been wonderful," Mrs. Schulte said.

The money Keli made from her pig last year was used to establish a college fund and helped fund this year's livestock projects.

Exhibitors must win their pig's confidence

A pig cannot be controlled through fear—you must win his confidence. Kind treatment during the hand-feeding period provides an excellent opportunity to gain his trust. Gently scratch or brush him at each feeding period, but do not make a pet of him. A "pet pig" is difficult to show.

Teach your pig to show well using a minimum of equipment. When you go in the show ring, you need only a short stick, leather quirt (12 to 14 inches long) or a small (1-inch x 3-inch) brush.

You use the stick, quirt or your open hand to convey your wishes to the pig. It will run at first. You will have a tendency to become irritated, but have patience and keep trying.

There are at least three signals that you need to teach your pig.

Tapping him firmly on the side means for him to move forward.

A gentle pressure with your stick, quirt or open hand on the right side of the head indicates a left turn.

The same slight pressure against the left cheek indicates a turn to the right.

Do not be disappointed if you are

ignored at first. Results come with training.

Drive the pig often. A pig should be driven at least once a day the last 15 to 30 days of the feeding period.

Do your training just before feeding time. Turn the pigs out for exercise and return them to the pen at feeding time. Employ more of your training methods each day until you can control the pigs. Then start turning them out one at a time.

Let your parents serve as judges while you practice moving the animal around as you would in the show ring. Study each pig from many angles to see how he should be shown to make his most favorable appear-

ance. Usually, your pig looks best to a judge when he is 10 to 15 feet away, moving at a slow walk.

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We wish you well with your show animals—and on all your future projects!

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Day in and day out, our FFA and 4-H youngsters have been working hard, feeding and grooming and working with their show animals, getting ready for the Junior Livestock Show & Sale. And now the time has come for them to bring their cattle, sheep and pigs in and

PIG OUT

on all the awards and a great feeling of accomplishment! Let's all come out and support their efforts!

Don Hargrove

Contractor

Crow, Schulte and Sutton win in 1998

Keli Schulte, Justin Sutton and Travis Crow earned top honors at last year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show, with each claiming Grand Champion honors with their respective animals.

Sutton won the steer show with a 1,250-pound cross and he earned a bid of \$3 per pound from North Gin, Dimmitt Motor Company, Summers Seed, Texas Equipment Company and Andy Rogers.

Schulte drove her 260-pound heavyweight cross to the grand championship of the barrow show, then went on to win junior showmanship honors last year. Marvin Schulte and Tulia Livestock Auction provided a bid of \$10 per pound for Keli Schulte's champion barrow.

Crow's grand champion lamb earned a bid of \$13 per pound from Gene Bradley. Crow's grand cham-

panion was a 141-pound heavyweight medium wool. He also exhibited the reserve grand champion, which brought \$8.50 per pound from Dimmitt Consumers and Castro Co-op Gin. Crow also was named the top senior sheep showman.

Reserve grand champion barrow was a 220-pound lightweight Hampshire shown by China Foster. She earned a bid of \$8 per pound from Westway Trading Corp., DeBruce Grain and the Nazareth Buyers' Club.

Reece Hales' reserve grand steer, a 1,220-pound cross, earned a bid of \$1.50 per pound from the Nazareth Buyers' Club.

Other showmanship winners last year were Meggie Lemons, junior steer showman; Jinna Wright, junior lamb showman; and Stacey Schulte, senior barrow showman.



CHINA FOSTER OF NAZARETH (center) drove her 220-pound lightweight Hampshire hog to the reserve grand championship at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show in 1998. Foster's pig earned her a guaranteed bid of \$8 per pound from Westway Trading, DeBruce Grain and the Nazareth Buyers' Club, represented by Dennis Kern (left) and Virgil Huseman. Photo by Anne Acker

Daily grooming of animals needed for successful projects

Clean animals are naturally more comfortable and less liable to spread infection or parasites to others around them.

Good grooming frees the coat and skin of dirt and dandruff. It stimulates blood circulation and cuts down

the chance of serious skin diseases.

While grooming your animal, you will also have the chance to examine the skin for superficial (surface) cuts and bruises.

Daily grooming will enable you to keep a closer check on its health.

**Good Luck
4-H and FFA Members
at the
Junior Livestock show
Friday and Saturday**

Everyone of you deserve an award!

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Every youngster who has raised a project animal for the Castro County Junior Livestock Show has gained valuable experience and learned some worthwhile lessons. They're all winners in our book!

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Showing strategy makes difference

By T.D. TANKSLEY JR. and W.B. THOMAS
Extension Swine Specialists
Texas A&M University System

In the show ring with your pig, be courteous to other showmen and officials. Win or lose fairly and gracefully. Do not be a disgrace to your club.

Keep your pigs out of the corners, away from the fence and out of large groups of hogs. Drive to the "open area."

Keep one eye on the judge and one on the hog at all times and keep the hog between you and the judge.

Drive your hog slowly and keep him under control at all times.

Keep the hog in the open about 15 feet from the judge.

You should move about quietly, but be quick and "catlike" in keeping

your hog in position.

Keep brush and hands off the pig's back.

Hog is tapped lightly on the side if he needs to move. Never hit a pig on his rump. If you do, it causes him to straighten his tail and have a steep-rumped appearance.

A poor job of showing can ruin your chances of winning. A good job may enable you to place two or three notches higher.

Good pigs are born; champions are made. Good luck!

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Choose proper environment for show lambs

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You need a barn or shed that will open at both ends to provide good ventilation through the summer, yet can be enclosed during the winter. Chat or sand should be used as a floor to provide good drainage, as the floor should certainly remain dry year round.

If at all possible, place your barn and build your pen around some good shade trees. Haul in sand and spread around the trees. Wet the area each morning during the summer months, shut your barn and force the lambs to lay outside in the shade. In addition to enclosing the barn in the winter, we suggest you hang a heat lamp or two to aid in keeping the floor dry.

John Keim, Scoutmaster and co-op meter technician, helps Scout Kauray Edwards with a knot-tying project.

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