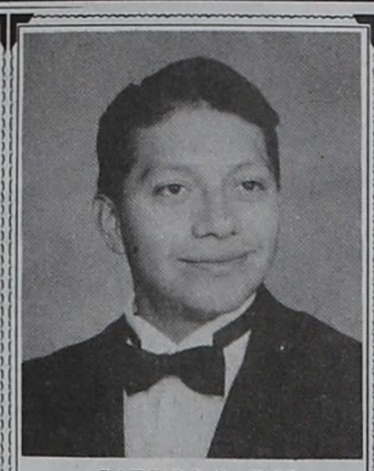
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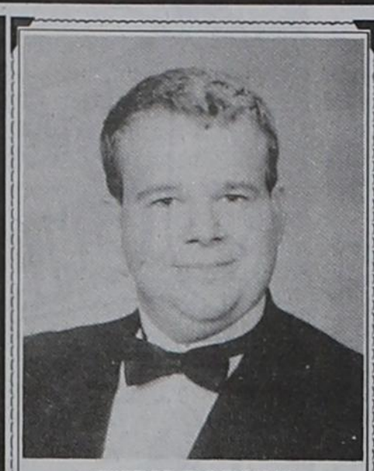


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Autopsy ordered

Rodolfo Pesqueda, 44, a resident of Coronado Acres in northern Castro County, was found dead Thursday morning in his home.

Justice of the Peace Marshall Young pronounced the man dead at 12:40 p.m., and listed the cause of death as undetermined, pending the results of an autopsy. The autopsy is being performed in Lubbock.

Young said he expected results from the autopsy the latter part of this week.

Sheriff's officials said there were no signs of foul play at the man's home.

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By Don Nelson

Robin Schulte and Carie Wethington of Nazareth will compete in girls' doubles at the state tennis tournament in Austin this weekend.

After the girls qualified for state, Robin's grandmother, Martha Schulte, called her in.

"I want you to carry this medal with you for good luck," Martha told her granddaughter. "It's the medal I won in tennis doubles."

Robin was stunned. She didn't even know her grandmother had ever played tennis. In fact, her grandmother has been in a wheelchair ever since Robin was 6 years old, as the result of a car accident in '83.

"None of my grandkids could believe I ever played tennis," said Martha, 74. "I told them, 'Well, I was young once.' They think I was just born old, I guess."

Martha's medal came from the only tennis tournament that was played in this area in 1938, her senior year at Nazareth. The tournament was in Dimmitt.

"It was the biggest thing around, and was pretty exciting for us," Martha said. "We didn't have any buses, and cars weren't that common. It was a big deal to get to go to Dimmitt and compete in the

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CINCO DE MAYO was celebrated at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School Tuesday by students in Luis Luna's bilingual second grade class. They gave a demonstration of dancing and wore colorful costumes. One of the participants was Alma Reyes, 7, the daughter of Lee and Cristina Reyes. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Officers challenge youth to keep law at Roadside

Law enforcement officials are issuing a challenge to Dimmitt youth, and are offering a reward if the challenge is successfully met.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said that if "Roadside Park" remains free of law violations from May 8 through June 10, law enforcement officers will throw a celebration party for the town's youth.

"We want to challenge students from seventh grade on up to participate in this project that we're calling 'Control Your Destiny'," Aleman said. "We want the park to be free of any arrests for minor in possession, public intoxication or vandalism (criminal mischief)."

Aleman said the celebration party will include a hamburger cookout—at Roadside—with Justice of the Peace/Municipal Judge Marshall Young volunteering to help with the cooking.

"We want to organize some outdoor type games, such as volleyball," Aleman said. "Maybe we can get permission to have a dunking board, with myself as the first one to get dunked."

Aleman said that the Chamber of Commerce also has pledged support for the "Control Your Destiny" project.

Violation of the designated laws at Roadside would cancel the reward party, Aleman said.

Dimmitt police are concerned with law enforcement at Roadside again, since the signing of an interagency agreement between the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. and the Dimmitt Police Dept. on Monday.

The agreement states that the Police Dept. will patrol the area with the consent of the Sheriff's Dept. The police agree to enforce all laws of the State of Texas. The Sheriff's Dept. agrees to investigate any felony crimes and to cooperate in any and all investigations initiated by the police.

The agreement states that it is for the purpose of controlling vandalism and unruly conduct within the boundaries of Roadside Park.

The Dimmitt City Council gave approval to the interagency agreement at their Monday night meeting.

Council approves siren plan

After canvassing the votes and swearing in two newly elected council members and two re-elected, the Dimmitt City Council gave approval Monday night for the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. to seek bids on two new warning sirens for installation in the city.

The canvassing of the votes confirmed that Henry Acevedo defeated Charles Richard in his re-election bid to represent District 3. Acevedo received 93 votes to 43 votes for Richard. Other candidates were unopposed. Incumbents Gloria Hernandez in District 2 and Roger Malone in District 4 were returned to office. Malcolm Reynolds was elected to the at-large position.

Acevedo, Hernandez, Malone and Reynolds were administered the oath of office by Mayor Wayne Collins.

Randy Griffitt of the DVFD told the council that after working with the coverage capabilities of the two present sirens in the city and that of two proposed for purchase, he arrived at a plan that would provide the best warning coverage for the city. He told the council that the safety operations officer at American Maize-Products had agreed to use the plant's sirens in cooperation with the city warning system when needed for additional coverage in the east part of the city.

He estimated the cost of two new sirens at $9,853. He said the 7-1/2 hp sirens could operate on three phase power, which would be cheaper than ones that would only operate on one-phase power. The sirens would give optimum coverage at a range of 2,500 feet. The plan calls for moving one of the two present sirens, as well.

Griffitt said there would be some additional costs in installation of the sirens. City manager Reeford Burrous told Griffitt that the city has poles available that could be used for mounting the sirens.

Griffitt said a small box to house the relay switch will be needed on each pole. Also, a transformer and phone line would have to be installed at each siren location, since the activation signal is transmitted by phone lines. He said GTE has been very reasonable about the charges in the past, since it is for the public safety.

Collins asked if adjustments might need to be made in the testing of the sirens, since they will now be

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Crime Line

Reward offered for park vandals

Castro County Crime Line is offering a reward of $100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for damage done to "Roadside Park" just south of Dimmitt at the intersection of US 385 and FM 194.

Investigating Sheriff's deputies say the damage was done sometime between April 5 and April 8. Repair costs were estimated at $143.72.

Six litter barrels and a sign post were damaged and a sign was stolen. A vehicle was driven on the grass, and a large quantity of broken beer bottles and other trash was left on the ground.

Anyone having information on the incident may call the Castro County Sheriff's Office at 647-3311 or Castro County Crime Line at 647-4711. Those calling in do not have to give their name. A number may be assigned to insure anonymity. The reward may be paid through a drop system.

Hart, Naz voters choose new faces for school boards

Hart and Nazareth voters selected new faces for their respective school boards Saturday while Henry Acevedo held off Charles Richard for the District Three seat on the Dimmitt City Council and Avery Thrasher beat write-in Anita Gauna for Place Five on the Dimmitt School Board.

The majority of Saturday's races were unopposed, but battles were waged for three seats on the Nazareth School Board, two places on the Hart School Board, and the District Three Dimmitt City County seat and Place Five on the Dimmitt School Board.

Only one of three incumbents filed for re-election on the Nazareth School Board, and voters opted to go with three newcomers—Danny Gerber, Derwin Huseman and Julius Birkenfeld. Other candidates were incumbent Carroll Gerber and Vicky Kleman. Dan Gerber was the leading vote getter with 105 while Huseman had 91, Birkenfeld picked up 87, Kleman garnered 65 and Gerber recorded 35.

Winning the two seats up for grabs on the Hart School were Roy Gonzales, who captured 212 votes; and Coy Myrick, who picked up 203. Also vying for the seats were Zenita Rowland, who picked up 136 votes; and Ismael Carrasco, who had 126.

Voters in the Dimmitt School Board Election selected Chevo Lumbrera in Place Three with 25 votes, Thrasher in Place Five with 58 votes, Debbie Annen in Place 6 with 26 votes and Steve Buckley in Place Seven with 13 votes. Gauna received 38 write-in votes for the Place Five seat, which was to fulfill an unexpired term.

Castro County voters re-elected Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey to the Castro County Hospital District board of directors, with Clark getting 310 votes and Lindsey picking up 287. Numerous write-in candidates also received votes in the election.

In the race for seats on the Dimmitt City Council, Roy Garza won the District One seat with 20 votes; Malcom Reynolds took the at-large spot with 78, Gloria Hernandez was voted into the District Two spot with 26 and Roger Malone kept his District four seat with 37 votes. In the race for District Three, Acevedo took the election with 93 votes while Richard picked up 43 marks.

Chisum resigns

DISD searching for grid coach

The Dimmitt School Board is looking for a head football coach.

The board accepted the resignation Monday night of Head Coach Danny Chisum, who has accepted the K-12 principal's job at Groom.

Supt. Les Miller said the board will accept applications through Friday, May 17.

Chisum has been the head football coach here three years, during which time his Bobcat teams won seven games and lost 23.

The school board hired two new teachers during Monday night's called meeting. They are Rosie Lopez, first-grade bilingual teacher, and Katrina Howell, elementary physical education teacher and junior high girls' coach.

Lopez, originally from Abernathy, has been teaching at Wilson.

Howell, a native of Turpin, Okla., is a 1995 graduate of Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., where she played basketball. She also attended and played basketball at Clarendon Junior College. Her husband, Kelly, is a Dimmitt native and is self-employed here.

Pray for rain

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	75	43	
Friday	92	43	
Saturday	94	45	
Sunday	92	47	
Monday	74	45	
Tuesday	94	49	
Wednesday	96	62	

May Moisture .00
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Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



TAKIN' HER FOR A DIP—Jaime Escamilla gives Vicky Arellano a quick "dip" as they give a demonstration of "Baile de Banda" dancing at the Cinco De Mayo celebration held Sunday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Other dancers are Gloria Escamilla and Eddie Arriaga. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

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FAIR has 'given farmers the shaft'

By CARL KING
President, Texas Corn Growers Association

The so-called Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act has been signed by the President, and once again, Congress and the Administration have given farmers the shaft.

The ability to plant any program crop you want on any acres may sound good to some. They see high corn prices and a chance to capitalize on it. Well, we've seen that too many times before, and in virutally every case, the fence-to-fence planting has been the first step toward depressed prices.

If the Midwest has a normal crop year, the more than 80 million acres of corn expected to be planted nationwide will result in a total crop of well over 10 billion bushels.

Now that probably won't have a major impact on this year's prices—supplies are too short. However, if a similar crop is made next year, we would have a glut of corn that could easily send prices close to the $2 per bushel level.

The only reason we have the high prices now is because of poor weather last year and low stocks. I see the only way of keeping prices strong is a higher loan rate, and that isn't written in the farm program. The corn loan is set at $1.89. It should be set at the cost of production. That would enable us to get our money out of the market.

When huge future grain stocks push prices toward the paltry loan rate, growers who have fallen for the line fed them by politicians and some farm groups will think twice about how they feel about the farm program. There won't be anything but a token payment available to them, and it will be phased out probably quicker than we think.

How many of you can make money on $2 corn? I think the same question can be asked of Corn Belt growers who don't have to irrigate. The answer is very few, if any.

At least the 1949 Permanent Law provisions are still intact. But you can be sure there are those in Washington and across the country who will continue to work to get that removed.

The election of new congressmen could help us. That's why we still have our work cut our for us. Your help in keeping TCGA and ACGA strong is what enables us to maintain one of the strongest lobbying voices in agriculture.

Cattlemen have been angry at *Oprah* over the slap her show gave American beef in a "Mad Cow Disease" segment.

Corn farmers have got just as big a gripe against the *CBS Evening News.* Last month CBS made many inaccurate statements in a report that bashed ethanol.

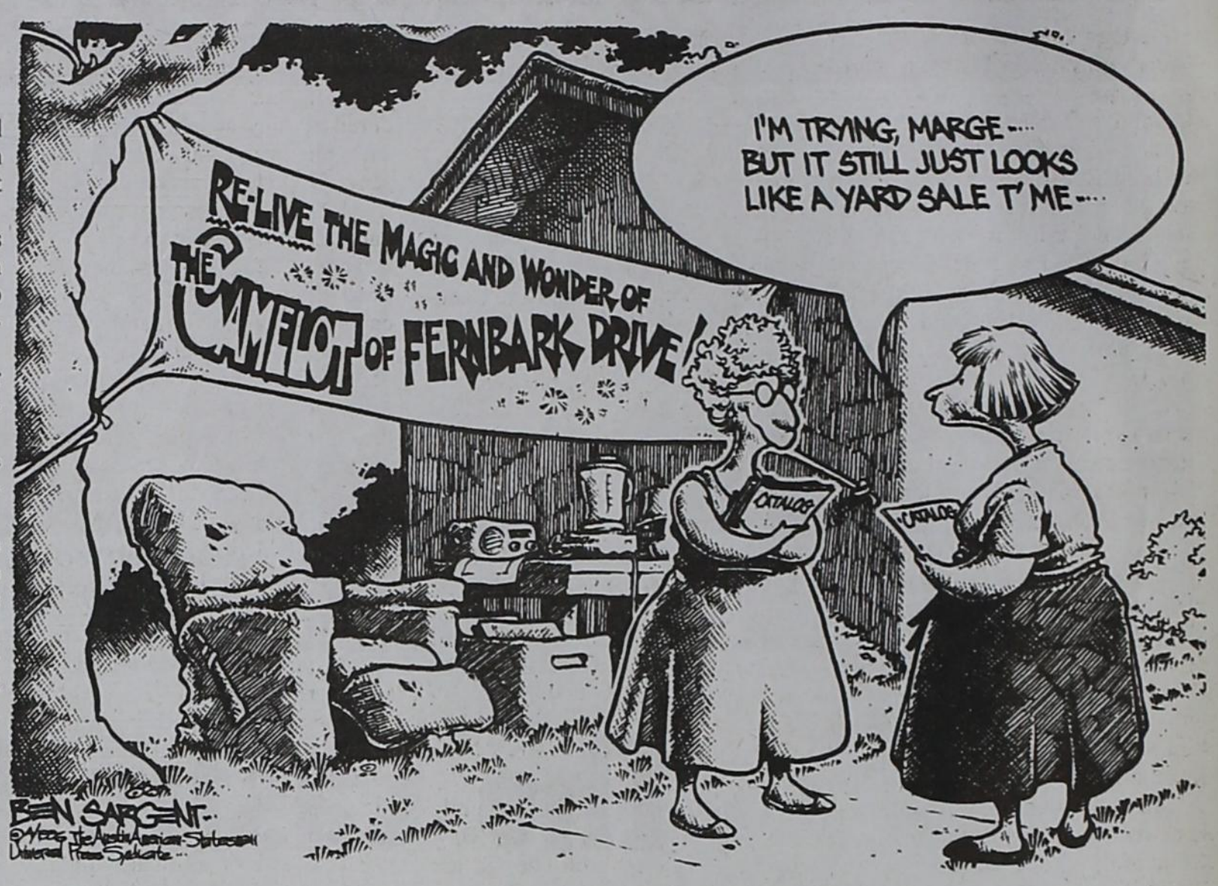
Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson sent complaint letters to Dan Rather and top CBS brass. He is president of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition, which includes Texas Governor George W. Bush.

It's the same old story here. Big oil companies manipulated the statistics cited by CBS to make ethanol look bad. Ethanol is still a clean burning, efficient fuel that is an additional market for corn.

High prices today have put pressure on the ethanol industry, but when corn prices drop, ethanol will once again be in high demand and farmers will benefit from it.

The issue of Pantex and the potential of contaminating the Ogallala Aquifer is one that won't go away. I urge all of you to take the time to study the future operations planned at this facility. It's pretty scary. It's up to all of us to make sure the future of Pantex doesn't spell the end of our safe, clean water supply.

And speaking of water, let's hope we get that long-awaited rain very soon.



Letter
'God bless Dimmitt'

Dear Editor:

To the people of Dimmitt, I want to say thank you. Because my English is very limited, it is difficult to express my appreciation.

The first time I came to church (at the First Christian Church), it was very comforting to hear the preacher say, "welcome home."

It was very important to be welcomed and allowed the time to recover from my trip and adapt to my new surroundings. It was important to have the opportunity to spend time to gain confidence in speaking and to experience the American way of living. This was a time that gave me an understanding of Christian life and relationships.

As I waited for Alex, I stayed in the Graham home. I was given this time to relax. I had this time to recuperate from my traveling and for pondering my situation. It was frightening to realize that I was here with nothing—without a house and without any material possessions at all.

"I never think about help from people." I don't think my English is adequate to "explain the way my feels (I feel). I live in my house two weeks now, but now I write a letter to my mom. I talk about my situation. I tell her "I have now everything for normal life.'"

The things I was first given were very adequate, yet I am overwhelmed that we have been given so much more. (The words shown in the Russian/English dictionary: "object" and "magnificent" or "luxury" were pointed out as a description of what has been received from people in Dimmitt.)

It is impossible to list all our friends in Dimmitt that we would like to thank. There are too many of them and we love them all. There is another very important thing for us connected with Dimmitt. Tanya and Alex have been baptized in Dimmitt and this is a very important step in our lives. We have found our ways to Jesus, our Saviour!

I think about Serge coming and about making a home, and yet I don't know whether I will be granted a visa that will allow me to stay. As my emotions overflow, I remember hearing a Congressman on TV say "God bless America," and as I wish for everyone here the very best, I say "God bless Dimmitt."

TANYA LENSKAIA

Letter
'If you ask for donations, please spend money locally'

Dear Editor:

This is the time of the year when lots and lots of students and grown ups need donations for a variety of events—all worthy events.

If you are one who will be seeking these donations, please think about a few things first.

There is nothing wrong with asking for community support and help, but please let me challenge you to do one thing. If you ask for local support and donations, please spend those local dollars *locally.*

For example, is it fair to ask the grocer down the street to donate money to a good cause and then take that money and go to S___'s because you can buy soft drinks there cheaper? If someone out there thinks it's fair, then go to S___'s and ask for a donation. And by the way, *good luck!*

Merchants, maybe Dimmitt Dollars would make a better donation. At least the money won't leave town.

SHELLY NUTT
Chamber Executive Director

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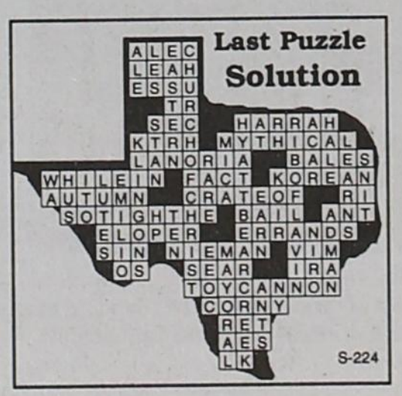
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One of the most famous magazine editors in the U.S., Sarah Josepha Hale, received credit for persuading President Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. She also wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Last Puzzle Solution



'If this is America's team, woe is America'

By PETER KING
Sports Illustrated

America's Virtuemeister, William Bennett, looks at the flagship franchise in sports, the Dallas Cowboys, and hates what he sees. Bennett is not alone in his disdain for the Super Bowl champions, but his voice ought to sound an alarm for them.

"In the old days the Cowboys were great, and you looked up to them," says Bennett, a former Secretary of Education and the author of the best-selling *The Book of Virtues.* "Now it's different. Now you look down on them. I do admire some people on their team—Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and others—but I think the Cowboys are hurting this country's morale. As one Texan said to me recently, 'If this is America's team, then woe is America.'"

From owner to coach to star to scrubeenie, the Cowboys are walking a tightrope without a net. This Michael Irvin story, the one with him being indicted on two counts of drug possession, stamps the All-Pro wide receiver as one more outlaw on this renegade club. Irvin clearly thinks he's above the law, as this 1993 quote indicates: "If you don't get caught, you're not a criminal." Typical of Irvin, three days after he cursed on national TV following the NFC Championship Game, he was asked if he was sorry he was caught on camera. No, he said, while the minicams were aimed at him again. Then he cursed some more to punctuate his point.

No rebuke. No this-stuff-won't-be-tolerated statements from owner Jerry Jones or coach Barry Switzer. "There is no moral compass with the Cowboys," says Don Beck, a sports psychologist and director of the National Value Center in Denton, who has studied the team's relationship with the community. "It's like, as long as the front office can pay off the attorneys and the other victims, everything will be okay. Their silence on these things is speaking volumes."

Jones can't play the holier-than-thou role, not with his well-earned reputation as a late-night carouser. Nor can Switzer, who as coach at Oklahoma had an affair with the wife of his defensive coordinator. "Jimmy Johnson was the choke chain," Beck says of Switzer's predecessor as Dallas coach. "Without him, there's been no one to lean on these players."

Last April tackle Erik Williams was charged with sexual assault of a 17-year-old topless dancer, who later dropped the charges and settled with him out of court. Five months later wide receiver Cory Fleming was arrested on a DWI charge. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' probation. In November defensive lineman Leon Lett was suspended for four games and cornerback Clayton Holmes for a year after violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

Then on March 3, Irvin was caught in an Irving hotel room with former Dallas tight end Alfredo Roberts, two women who called themselves "self-employed models," about three ounces of marijuana, approximately two ounces of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and two vibrators.

And while the Dallas County grand jury was hearing testimony on the Irvin incident, the Cowboys signed free-agent linebacker Broderick Thomas, who last July was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and six months later was nailed on the same charge as well as for drunk driving. At about the same time *The Miami Herald* reported that several Cowboys rented a house, which they referred to as the White House, where players could meet women for sex and avoid being caught by anyone, including their wives.

"What you're seeing now," Beck says, "is the Jerry Jones personal-value system—unconstrained, no boundaries, if it feels good do it—plus the invincibility and intoxication that comes from winning three Super Bowls in four years. Add the culture of Dallas itself, which is high-status, high-living and very fickle, and it becomes a very dangerous mix. These players see that if you have money, you can get away with anything."

Last week former Cowboys defensive coordinator Butch Davis, now the University of Miami coach, had former Dallas linebacker Thomas (Hollywood) Henderson, whose NFL career was ruined by drug addiction, speak to his team about the dangers of substance abuse. Davis was so impressed he called Jones to recommend Henderson for a consultant's job with the Cowboys. "Hey, where there's smoke, there's fire," says Henderson, who wants to work for his old team. "Because the NFL doesn't test most players for drugs in the off-season, guys will do cocaine and marijuana in that window of opportunity. And nothing happens to them. They're bulletproof. What I'm seeing lately in football shows me that no one remembers the Thomas Hendersons, the Len Biases. It doesn't take long to ruin your life."

Bennett says he read last week's story in *Sports Illustrated,* which recounted how the police came upon Irvin in the hotel room. "The most discouraging thing," Bennett said, "was Irvin's looking at the officer and saying, 'Can I tell you who I am?' It was as if he was saying because he's the superstar, he's safe."

Bennett thought for a moment. "Little boys look at TV and watch sports to see men," he said. Then his voice trailed off.

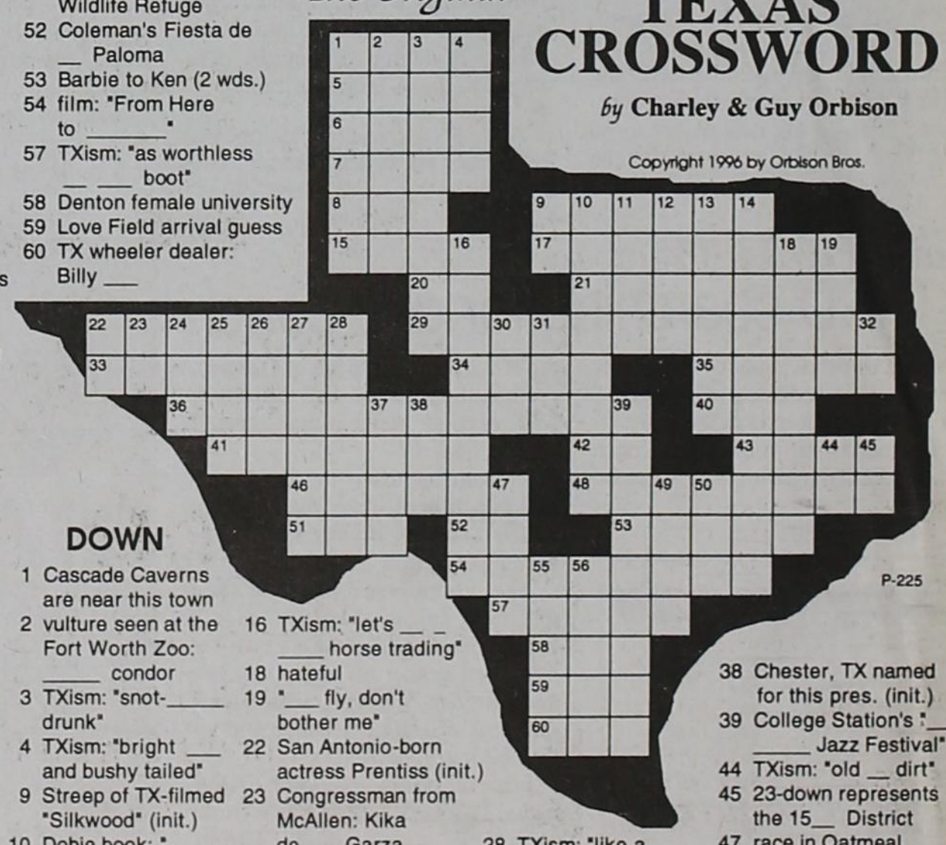
I'll finish his thought: Where are they?

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by **Charley & Guy Orbison**

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ACROSS

1 TX Ranger Clark plays first ____
5 TX Orbison hit: "___ the Lonely"
6 ___ Adams Street is in San Antonio
7 tear apart
8 TXism: "two-bit ___" (poor horse)
9 poker IOU
15 Oklahoma town
17 canned fruit is pitless and _____
20 TXism: "he's __ spring chicken" (old)
21 "Rave On" is TX Holly's _____
22 Cowboys post season contest
29 in '37 this event caused the death of students in New London (2 wds.)
33 El ___ __-Stars won 1st Sun Bowl
34 bootmaker Tony
35 TX-made V-22 Osprey tilt-____ aircraft
36 how "Giant" star Dean died (2 wds.)
40 filmed in Galveston: "Capricon ___"
41 TXism: "hungry __ _ ___ on a concrete pasture"
42 exCowboy Holt (init.)
43 TXism: "tight as a cinch on _ ___ horse"
46 salsa ingredient
48 George H's son & George W's brother
51 Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge
52 Coleman's Fiesta de __ Paloma
53 Barbie to Ken (2 wds.)
54 film: "From Here to _____"
57 TXism: "as worthless __ ___ boot"
58 Denton female university
59 Love Field arrival guess
60 TX wheeler dealer: Billy ___

DOWN

1 Cascade Caverns are near this town
2 vulture seen at the Fort Worth Zoo: _____ condor
3 TXism: "snot-_____ drunk"
4 TXism: "bright ___ and bushy tailed"
9 Streep of TX-filmed "Silkwood" (init.)
10 Dobie book: "_ ____ __ England"
11 former Duncanville state rep. Glenn
12 Cameron AM radio
13 the mechanical bull
14 TX outlet malls offer _____ priced goods
16 TXism: "let's __ _ ____ horse trading"
18 hateful
19 "___ fly, don't bother me"
22 San Antonio-born actress Prentiss (init.)
23 Congressman from McAllen: Kika de __ Garza
24 TXism: "naked __ _ jaybird"
25 TXism: "I'll slap ___ _ new hat size!"
26 horse food
27 TXism: "strong enough to ____ _ horseshoe" (coffee)
28 TXism: "like a ___ __ a pole" (natural)
30 TXism: "tear jerker" (___ movie)
31 Tex-Mex mafia: "El ___"
32 TX pitching legend Nolan (init.)
37 unconscious state
38 Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
39 College Station's "__ _____ Jazz Festival"
44 TXism: "old __ dirt"
45 23-down represents the 15__ District
47 race in Oatmeal, TX: "___-_-Thon"
49 "Texas When _ ___"
50 TX cattle fattener: feed___
55 last name of 60-across
56 TXism: "tough ___ __ hoe"

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Ed Freeman led the singing at Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning and he and Renise Blair sang a duet of *Sweet Spirit*, and Renise sang *O, the Glory*. Irene Carpenter gave the thought for the day, "Friends will strengthen and encourage you with their love." Pam Joplin gave the devotional on "Prayer." She said tell God your fears, hopes and expectations. Give Him time and He will give an answer. Answers come every time. Pray for everything from basic needs on up, for He supplies our needs—for worship and protection. Others entering in the singing were Ysleta Ball, Bobbie Baldridge, Betty Freeman and Mauzee Youts.

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Members of the museum board held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening. Dale Winders presided over the business meeting and Clara Vick read the minutes. Others attending were Ralph Lambright, Madge Robb, and Rosetta Bellinghausen.

Out of town visitor at the museum last week was my nephew, Kelley Cloer of Ottawa, Canada.

The bluebonnets are in full bloom at the museum, so if you would like to see the Texas State Flower, then come to the museum.

Dude McLauren was hostess to the Thursday Bridge club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a fun day of bridge. Dude served a delicious Cajun bread pudding with rum sauce for dessert, and Virginia Crider and Loranell Hamilton served a delicious lunch of barbequed ribs, potato salad, beans and Texas toast. Helen Braafladt won high score and Dude was second high. Others playing were Neva Hickey, Alma Kenmore, Loranell, Dugan Butler, Elizabeth Huckabay, Johnnie Vannoy, Susie Reeves, Ina Rae Cates, Virginia, and Emily Clingingsmith.

I asked Dude for some news and she said she had knee surgery a few weeks ago, and Emily Ramey said she had hip surgery several months ago—so that was all the news they would give me!

Why don't YOU give me some news?

I have been amazed at the many, many sympathy cards I have received since the death of my sister, Lynna Cloer. Several have come from former Dimmitt residents who still subscribe to the Castro County News and had read the obituary of my sister. I have appreciated every card, as well as other expressions of sympathy shown to me.

The Town and Country Extension Club met on Friday morning with Oneida Hutto presiding over the business meeting. She led in the prayer and the creed. Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll with each member answering with their favorite flower. Oneida was in charge of the program, and her subject was "Private Property Rights." Members who attended the District meeting in Brownfield in March gave a report of that meeting. Oneida served delicious honey nut gingersnap cookies and coffee to Margaret Womack, Claudine Langford, Marilyn Neal, Betty Freeman, Edith Graef, Mary Cox, Mattie Seale, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix.

On Saturday, May 18, the Dimmitt Book Club will have their Spring luncheon and book review. The luncheon will be held at the new restaurant in Dimmitt, "The Borderline Restaurant," at 119 East Second Street, in the former location of Sheffy's Western Wear. Reservations for the luncheon should be made with Barbara Bain, Cindy Adams or Ina Cleavinger. Lucy Casares will be the reviewer for the club.

Ferne Jones entertained family members over the weekend. They celebrated the 50th birthday of her son-in-law, John Kovacs. His wife, Luvette, and their daughter and family, Shelley and Homer Guilliams and children, Adam, Spenser and Erin, of Midland, came up for all the celebration.

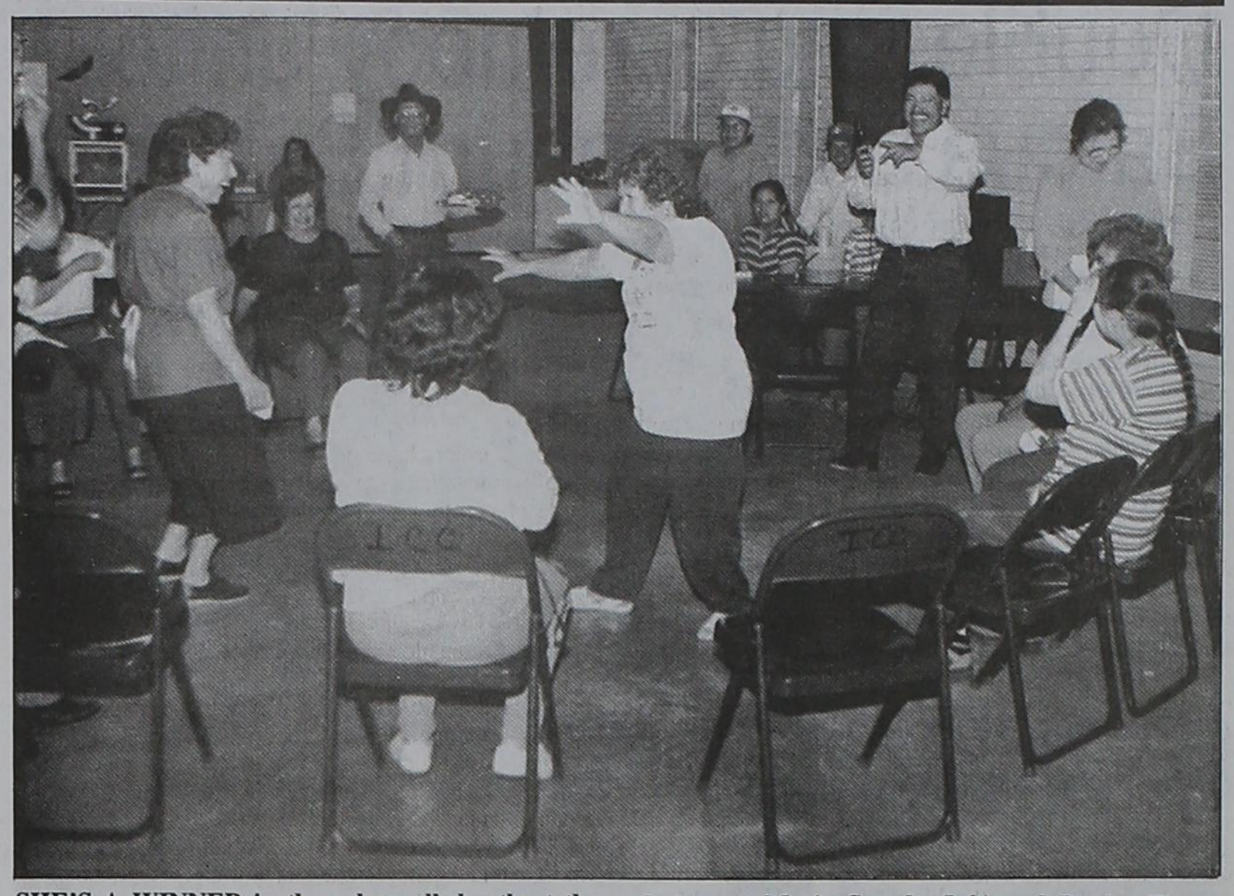
A lovely wedding shower was given on Sunday in the home of Jack and Doris Flynt, honoring Ty O'Kelly and his bride-elect, Shalea Smith. Men and women were invited to this shower and one man made the comment that he had always wondered if they would have towels, soap and water for this "shower." Jane O'Kelly was here for the shower, but Vernon was at a conference and could not attend.

Nine members of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock came to Dimmitt on Saturday as a mission task group and worked four hours on the yard of the Dimmitt Presbyterian Church. Members of the Mission task group were Peggy Anderson, Bob Covington, Louise Covington, David Covington, Allison Mhoon, Jonathan Mhoon, Patsy Wheeler, Adam Wood and Dorothy Smith. The local church served them lunch.

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Cheryle Pybus presented her Christian School students in a Spring program on Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. Jenna Steinle opened the program by playing *Battle Hymn of the Republic* on the piano, and Bro. Paul Kenley gave the welcome. An all-church fellowship was held following the program, with hostesses serving cookies and punch.

The students had a processional to *The Grand Ole Flag*, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and *The Star Spangled Banner*. A selection of nine patriotic songs followed, along with *Jimmy Crack Corn*. The recessional was *The Lord's Army*.



SHE'S A WINNER in the cake walk booth at the Cinco De Mayo festivities held Sunday afternoon at the activity building at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Standing in the circle of chairs are Maria Sepeda (left) and Bertha Flores (right). At the microphone is Andres Lopez, and handing out the cakes to his left is Juanita Gauna.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

As I write the news, a trace of rain is dropping from the roof to the ground and it has become very foggy this Monday morning.

The Loudders lost a cousin in Oklahoma City last week—Jessie Loudder. She was 82. Also, another cousin, Jack Loudder, 85, of Tucumcari, N.M. died Friday. His wife survives him, two sons and one daughter. He was the last of the George Loudder family who used to live at Happy. It was a large family of boys and two girls. There were twin boys in the bunch, too. Funeral services for Jack were set for Tuesday in Tucumcari.

Alton and Betty Rose Loudder returned home Monday from the Loudder reunion at Hubbard Creek Lake and a night at their lake house at Stamford. Patricia Powell of Canadian and Cheryl Logan and Brett and Brian of Dimmitt also attended the Loudder reunion.

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Teeny Bowden, Emma Jean King, and Clara Vick attended the annual preservation conference of the Texas Historical Commission in Amarillo Saturday. Norman Nelson was planning to go, but became ill. After registration, the group went to the hospitality room for coffee, cookies and fruit.

They attended the first session on the Seminole Indians of Bracketville, who have an old and unique heritage. It was interesting and informative.

The second session the group attended was one on preservation of textiles, a good session in which they learned a lot.

The Awards Luncheon was next, followed by bus tours. There was a choice of three tours. They took the tour of the Historic District of Route 66. It included two ornate homes, which were old but well taken care of and fully restored. The First Baptist Church current auditorium and their first auditorium which had been restored and is near the main building were viewed, too. The business manager told some of the history of the church. Lastly, the group went shopping at the antique shops along Highway 66, but Teeny stayed on the bus.

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Joan Norrell went to Lubbock Saturday to pick up her mother, who had been hospitalized. She and James will keep her until she gets back on her feet again.

Billie and Emma Jean King and Hershell and Retha Wilson attended the funeral services for a friend in Hobbs, N.M., April 24. Billie and Emma Jean spent the night with Jimmy and Jo Ann King in Hobbs. Hershell and Retha spent Tuesday night with her brother, John and Barbara Epperson. Billie had worked with the man at El Paso Natural Gas for many years. Hershell knew him through revivals. Marshall King of Earth also attended the funeral services, since he knew the kids from the camp. His name was George Nolan.

Emma Jean King attended the planning meeting of the Fair Association at the courthouse in Dimmitt April 30. She also attended the executive committee meeting for the ROW last Thursday.

Retha Wilson and the Clown Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Springlake, with help from Earth and Dimmitt, will go to the Floydada encampment grounds to perform for the Senior Adults Banquet on Wednesday.

4-H Trap Club meeting Tuesdays

The Castro County 4-H Trap and Skeet Club has opened its 1996 season, and is meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 6 p.m. at the shooting range.

All 4-H'ers interested in the sport are invited to attend.





DISD plans to serve meals during summer

Dimmitt Independent School District will offer breakfasts and lunches during June and July under the Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be provided at Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 708 W. Stinson in Dimmitt.

The meals will be served free of charge to children between the ages of 1 and 18.

Breakfast will be served between 8 and 9 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1 p.m. No meals will be offered on the weekend.

Children 18 and under qualify for the program and they do not have to apply in order to receive meals under the Summer Food Service Program.

Those participating in the program will not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

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People

Double-ring ceremony unites Barcus and Cogburn Saturday

Amy Barcus and Chris Cogburn exchanged wedding vows Saturday in an informal, double-ring ceremony at St. Joseph Church of Christ in St. Joseph, Ill.

Officiating at the ceremony was Daniel Barcus, the bride's uncle.

The bride is the daughter of David and Sandy Barcus of St. Joseph. Parents of the groom are Gaylord and Eunice Cogburn of Happy.

The church was decorated with two spiral candelabras decorated with burgundy and hunter green bows.

Music was provided by organist Carol Hillman of St. Joseph, friend of the bride, and soloist Leeanne Maulberger, who performed *Battle Hymn of Love, Long As I Live* and *Heaven Sent Me You.*

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory crepe dress fashioned with a scalloped lace-covered bodice with a vee-neckline. The gown featured mid-length poufed lace sleeves and a chapel-length train trimmed with scalloped lace.

Her headpiece was a ring of ivory flowers with an attached fingertip-length veil of tulle.

She carried a bouquet of off-white flowers accented with burgundy ribbon and heads of wheat.

Matron of honor was Stacy Whitlock of St. Joseph, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Beth Shaffer of Yigo, Guam, and Sheryl Beesley of St. Joseph, sisters of the bride.

Bridal attendants wore A-line dresses made of burgundy and cream checkered fabric and they carried small hunter green coal pails filled with burgundy flowers and green ribbons.

Clay Cogburn of Happy, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Tim Beesley of St. Joseph, the bride's brother-in-law; and Scott Whitlock of St. Joseph, friend of the bride.

Ring bearer was Brockton Maulberger of Decature, Ill., friend of the bride. Flower girl was Brenda Maulberger of Decature, friend of the bride.

Guests were seated by Bryan Pinaire of St. Joseph and Matt Shoup of DeKalb, Ill., cousins of the bride; and Galen Cogburn of Canyon and Jimmy Moore of Amarillo, cousins of the groom.



MRS. CHRIS COGBURN
. . . nee Amy Barcus

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at the David and Sandy Barcus farm. Decorations followed a western theme and guests were served a choice of hamburger, chicken breasts and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

The wedding cake was topped with a Merry Moo bride and groom figurine and the cake and punch were served to guests.

After the reception, the couple left for a wedding trip to Georgia.

For her traveling attire, the bride chose a western print blouse and jeans.

The newlyweds will live southwest of Happy in the Arney Community.

The bride is a graduate of Ogden High School in St. Joseph and she attended Parkland College.

The groom is a graduate of Happy High School and he farms with his family in the Arney Community. He is director of the Texas Grain Sorghum Board.

I have made mistakes but I have never made the mistake of claiming that I never made one.
—James Gordon Bennett

Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater.
—Gail Goodwin

What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of May 9-17.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Lasagna with ground beef, broccoli with cheese sauce, carrot and raisin salad, fresh watermelon, garlic bread and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano, tossed salad with dressing, ice cream cups and milk.

TUESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, baked beans, potato rounds, peach cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, refried beans, tossed salad with dressing, cantaloupe, cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, potato wedges, savory green beans, banana bread squares and milk.

FRIDAY: Corn dogs, baked beans, potato salad, haystack finger salad, cherry cobbler and milk.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART

THURSDAY: Pork rib patties on a hoagie bun (elementary) or hamburger, tomato, pickles, lettuce, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Steak fingers (elementary) or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Barbecued wieners (elementary) or brisket, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, fried okra, cornbread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza (elementary) or lasagna, corn, salad, sliced bread, cookie and milk.

THURSDAY: Tacos (elementary) or chalupa with meat, Spanish rice, salad, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

FRIDAY: Submarine sandwich (elementary) or hamburger, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, olives, potato chips, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Nachos, pork and beans, rolls, applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Tater tot casserole, sopapillas, green beans, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza, corn, apple cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Manager's Choice, rolls, pork and beans, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Soft tacos, lettuce, cheese, green beans, dessert and milk.

Follies theme is announced

Return to Vaudeville is the theme for the 1996 production of the Follies, and the variety show will be performed June 29 and 30.

Open auditions for the Follies will be held May 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on May 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carlile Theater in Dimmitt.

Anyone planning to participate in the show should attend the auditions, which will be open to individuals of all ages.

For more information contact Shelly Nutt, Chamber executive director, at 647-2524.

Shower fetes engaged couple

Shalea Smith and Ty O'Kelly were honored with a couple's shower Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flynt.

Guests were greeted by Jane O'Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Amarillo and the bride-to-be's Grandmother Smith of Dumas.

Refreshments included basil tomato tortes, strawberry cheesecake tortes, feta spinach tortes, marinated cheese and fresh strawberries, and the food was served from a table accented with crystal appointments and mirrors.

Locals win awards at WTAMU banquet

Three area residents were named as winners of awards and scholarships at the 35th Annual Honors Banquet held April 27 for West Texas A&M University's Division of Agriculture.

Hugh Durbin of Nazareth, a senior agricultural business and economics major, was named Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Business and Economics.

Durbin also was named as the recipient of the C.M. Kuhlman Memorial Scholarship and of a scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Recognized as Outstanding Senior in General Agriculture was Jason Nelson of Dimmitt, a senior majoring in general agriculture.

The Orell Vise Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kristi L. Wright of Dimmitt, a junior majoring in plant science/agronomy.

DKG accepting applications for local recruitment grant

Applications will be accepted through Friday for a $500 recruitment grant, which will be awarded to a Castro County student planning to major in education.

The grant is sponsored by the Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and has been awarded each year since October 1987.

The grant will be awarded to one county student studying education, or may be divided between two individuals.

Those wishing to apply for the grant should contact Jan Bryan at 1639 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt 79027.

To qualify, a student must have attended a Castro County high school and have official verification of acceptance by the education department of a college or university.

Applicants must submit a letter of application with a verified statement from their school's education department and a current transcript to the recruitment grant committee.

The committee will review applications and then make a decision on whether the scholarship should be paid in two installments, divided between two semesters, or if all of it should be distributed in one semester.

The recipient will be notified by June 1.

County 4-H taking applications for I Dare You and Star awards

Castro County 4-H'ers interested in applying for the Gold Star, Silver Star or I Dare You awards, presented each year in October at the achievement banquet, must return an application to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 17.

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award. To qualify, a 4-H'er must meet the following requirements:

✦The member must be at least 15 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year and must have completed at least three years of 4-H, including the current year.

✦The 4-H'er must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

✦The 4-H'er must have completed projects in three different areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and must have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas: Method Demonstrations, projects, leadership labs, public relations, contests, camps, citizenship activities, other.

The I Dare You Award is offered as recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced, personal development as well as demonstrated leadership abilities. Requirements for the I Dare You Award are:

✦4-H'er must be 15 years of age as of Jan. 1, 1995.

✦4-H'er must complete a 1995-96 4-H Record Book.

✦4-H'er must not have previously received the I Dare You Award.

The Silver Star Award is presented to an outstanding Junior 4-H'er and the following requirements must be met by the winner:

✦The member must be younger than 15 as of Jan. 1 of the current year and must have completed at least three years in 4-H, including the current year.

✦The 4-H'er must submit an awards program record book in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

✦The 4-H'er must have completed projects in three different areas, including submission of appropriate record forms, and must have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas: Method Demonstrations, projects, leadership labs, contests, camps, other.

For more information or to obtain an application form, contact one of the Extension agents at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Masons plan open meeting

The Golden Trowel Award presentation will highlight the open meeting at the Castro Masonic Lodge 879 A.F. & A.M. tonight (Thursday) in Dimmitt.

An assortment of snacks will be served to those attending the 7:30 p.m. meeting and award presentation.

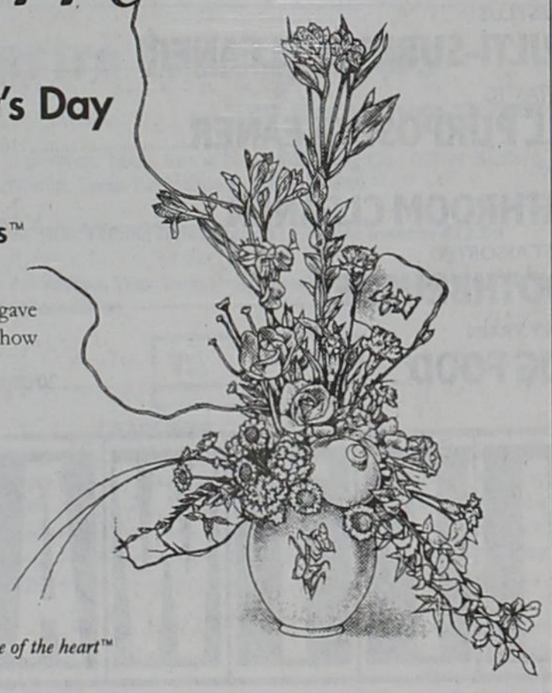
The meeting is open to members, ladies and guests.

DHS art students to show work

Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt is exhibiting works of art by Dimmitt High School students and the public is invited to view the exhibit.

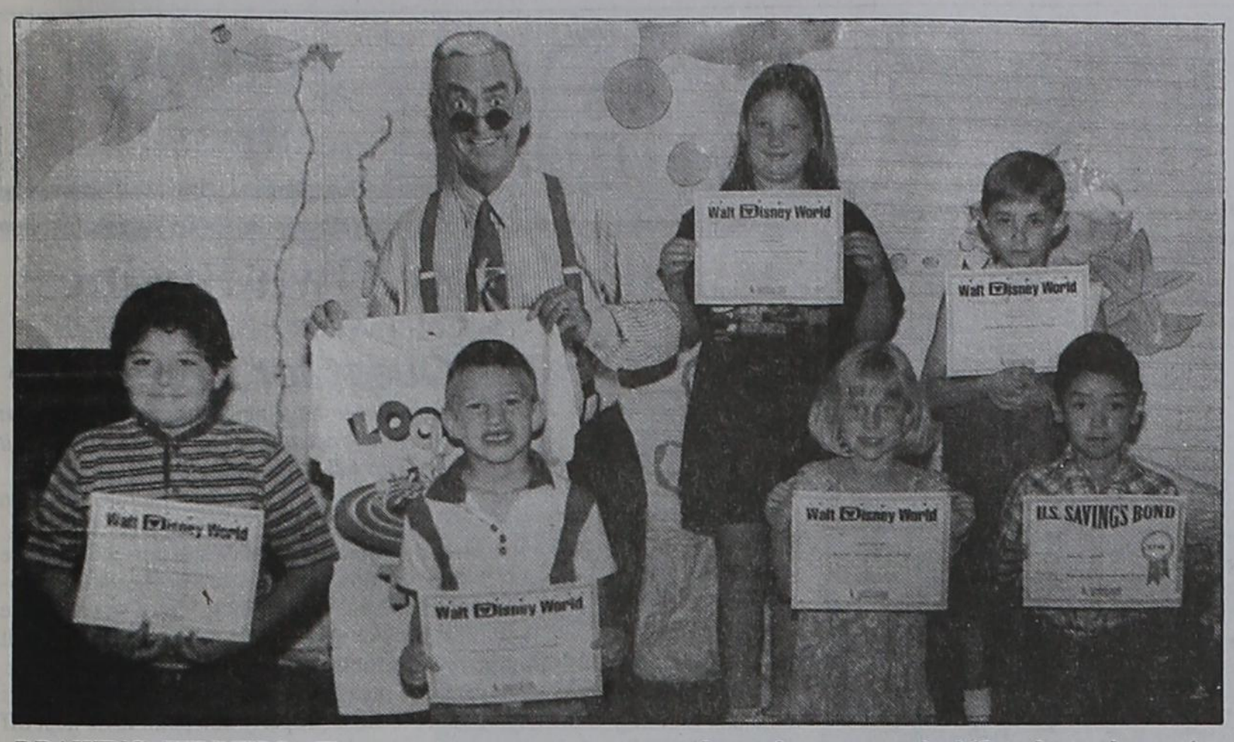
The spring student art show opened Monday and will continue through Friday, May 17. Exhibits may be viewed during regular library hours.

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DRAWING WINNERS—These students at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School were the winners in two drawings in the "Computers for Education" program. Standing with a cardboard cutout of Earl Ridenour, "Mr. Grand Prize" for the contest, are finalists (back, from left) Nicole Heard and Chris Perez; and (front, from left) Isaac Aguilar, Ryan Mixson and Chelsea Buckley; and Omar Soto, winner of a $250 US Savings Bond. The students' names were drawn from among the 265 students who participated in the program. The school earned 1,847 points to be used toward the purchase of computers, software or educational materials, and received an "Excellence in Technology" award. The points were earned through signing up people to receive solicitations for magazine subscriptions. Finalists' names were entered in a nation-wide drawing for a chance to win a family vaction to Disney World.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Local band and music students win at Greater Southwest Music Festival

Students from Dimmitt and Hart won several honors at the Greater Southwest Music Festival, held May 2-4 in Amarillo.

Three groups from Dimmitt Middle School earned recognition as "Outstanding" in the Vocal Solos and Ensembles division in Friday's competition. They are "The Maidensingers," "The Songstress Six," and the Sixth Grade Girls Choir.

Taking a first division award in Vocal Solos and Ensembles was the Sixth Grade Boys Choir from DMS.

In the Instrumental Solos and Ensembles competition, Hart students won "Outstanding" designations, as well as first division awards.

Named Outstanding were soloists Brandi Key, Lucy Salas, Lyndy Mitchell, Stephen Dotson, and Chris Dotson. The ensembles of the Chia Woodwind Quintet and the Dotson Trumpet Trio also received the top designation.

Earning first division honors were soloists Julia Cisneros, Melissa Martinez, Vanessa Carrasco, Amy Carrasco, Brenda Diego, Chris Martinez, Geneva Finch, Lacretia Robinson, Lindsay Martinez, Vanessa Chia, Ashley Law, John Mark Bennett, Lindsey Montemayer, Marcos Flores, Tiffany Sanders, Rachel Wall, Daniel Dotson and Christopher George.

Ensembles earning a first division were the Marquez Woodwind Quartet, and two Seventh Grade Mixed Ensembles.

Kiwanis plan first Dimmitt kite festival on May 18

The longest, coolest, highest flying, best and worst kites created by Castro County children will be launched on Saturday, May 18, during a kite festival sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club.

The first of its kind in Dimmitt, the festival will be held on the vacant lot west of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Activities are slated to begin with a kite-making class for children from 9 to 10 a.m. There will be 25 kite kits available for those who wish to take the class.

Then at 10 a.m., the festival will begin with a professional kite flying demonstration by Eddie Miller of Dimmitt and his Clovis Kite Flying Friends. The event is free and open to the public.

Several awards will be presented to youngsters making kites, including honors for the Best Homemade Kite, The Ozone Layer Kite (the kite that flies the highest), the Crash and Burn Kite Award (for a kite that is great looking, but won't fly), the Longest Tail Kite and the Cool Kite.

A concession stand will offer soft drinks and hot dogs during the festival.

"The Kiwanis urge everyone to come out and enjoy a day of community fellowship and festivities," said John Wagner, Kiwanis member. "Bring your own kite or there will be a limited number of kites available free of charge for the kids."

Proceeds from the kite festival will benefit Castro County Child Protective Services.

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New Hope Church rally, softball game to feature Dennis Gentry

Dennis L. Gentry, former Chicago Bears wide receiver, will be featured at a rally and softball game sponsored by New Hope Baptist Church of Dimmitt on May 17-18.

The rally will be held May 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 300 NE Seventh, with the theme, "You Can Make a Difference—The Choice is Yours." Everyone is invited to attend.

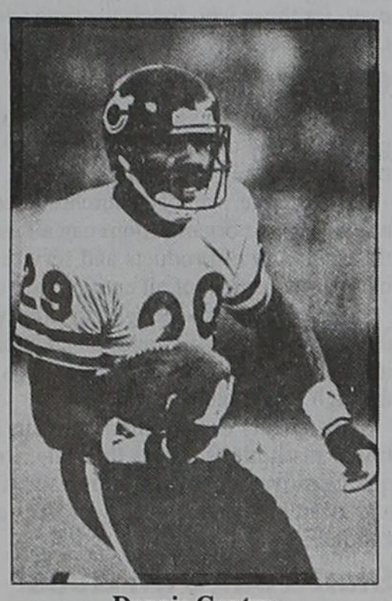
Gentry will give a short talk. Rev. Benjamin Roberts, minister of a church in Amarillo, will be the main speaker. Music will feature a choir from his congregation, as well. Following the service, refreshments will be served.

On May 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a softball game will be played at the Dimmitt High School baseball field, and all students of Dimmitt High School are invited to play. The public is invited to watch.

There is no charge for playing or for watching, and the first 100 people at the game will receive a free T-shirt printed with "New Hope Baptist Church, Softball '96".

A team composed of adults and students from New Hope Baptist Church, along with members of Immanuel Baptist Church and Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, will be the challenging team.

Organizers of the event said Gentry will serve as score-keeper, and that all students who come out for the game will get a chance to play. A concession will be available and there will be an intermission for lunch.



Dennis Gentry

Gentry is a graduate of Baylor University and a retired NFL player for the 1985 Super Bowl XX Champion Chicago Bears. He played for the Bears for 11 years as a wide receiver and special teams player.

He was the all-time leader in kickoff return yards with 4,458 yards and three career kickoff returns for touchdowns. He led the NFL with a 28.8-yard average kickoff return.

Gentry and his wife, Jay, reside in Waco.

Promise Keepers training planned

The Regional Promise Keepers Task Force will conduct a men's Key Man and Ambassador training session Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church at 1608 Wolflin in Amarillo, according to Task Force co-chairman Greg Canada.

Key Man training will begin at 8 a.m., continuing through noon. Ambassador training starts at 1 p.m., ending at 4 p.m. Preregistration is not required and there is no fee for the training, Canada said. No lunch will be served.

Men from the Texas Panhandle and South Plains areas and from Eastern New Mexico are invited to the training. Those wishing to RSVP may call the Trinity Baptist Church office at 806-372-2421.

Within the Promise Keepers' (PK) volunteer structure, a Key Man acts as a liaison between the PK organization and his congregation.

"A Key Man's responsibility is to support the pastor and his vision, and to help support and lead in the development of a small group ministry within his church," said Canada.

A PK Ambassador acts as a liaison between the Promise Keepers organization and several local churches, distributing information and helps to Key Men within those congregations.

Men who may not be certain about serving as Key Men or Ambassadors can still attend and glean some valuable training from the sessions, Canada said.

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RIBBON CUTTING—The Dimmitt VFW Post hosted the District VFW Convention this weekend, and held ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new RV Park on the Post grounds Saturday evening. Those present for the ceremony include: (holding the ribbon) Dimmitt VFW Auxiliary President Sylvia Stubblefield (left) and Mildred Huseman (right); and (middle, from left) Betty Dykes, Marie Goheen, Jessie Ebeling, VFW District Commander Bob Clark, Melba Clark, State VFW Rep. for VFW Dist. 13 and Past State Commander Charlie Pearson, Dimmitt VFW Post Commander Ted Stubblefield, District VFW Auxiliary President Anita Vardell, John Duke, Sam Hardy, Colleen Scheffer, and Deana Duke; and (back, from left) Tom Goheen, Roy Busey, Gene Bond, Jim Sweeney, Joe Bob Mann, Tixie Forbus and Dale Mann. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

County 4-H'ers shine at District Roundup

Castro County 4-H'ers put their talents on the line against other 4-H'ers in the area this weekend at the South Plains District 4-H Roundup, and several Senior 4-H'ers will represent the county at State Roundup at College Station in June.

Among the Seniors faring well were Tawnee Matthews, who placed second in Clothing; the county entomology team of James Wilhite, Matthew Kern and Mitchell Brockman, which finished second; Kaci Schulte and A'llyn Garza, who placed second in Housing and Environment with a presentation on aerosol cans; Rusty McDaniel, whose horse program earned second place; and Susan Book, third high individual in Consumer Decision Making.

Junior 4-H'ers from Castro County also fared well, earning many top placings.

Bryce Pohlmeier, Melanie Book, Jennifer Wilhelm and Jeremy Bishop took third in the Junior II Consumer Decision Making. Thomas Brockman was overall high individual in Junior 2 Consumer Decision Making.

The Junior I Consumer Decision Making team of Jaci Bishop, Holly Lane and Elizabeth Cartwright also fared well.

Stacy Finch earned first place with her talk on the US Flag. Rachel Wall's talk on uniform dress codes was also voted first in the Clothing competition. Aaron Hart finished first on his talk about natural resources. Jody Stovall's talk on pork—the other white meat, was judged first. Kellie George earned third place with her talk on horses.

Aaron Kern participated in Junior Entomology and Timothy Braddock was third high individual in Junior I Entomology.

Adrienne Hart was a first-place winner in safety and accident prevention. Corey Lane's illustrated talk on scuba diving received second place recognition. Melanie Davis spoke on tornadoes and that earned her a first place medal in the Open Class.

Also receiving an award at the annual 4-H Parent Leaders Luncheon, which was held in conjunction with the District Roundup, was Scott Bagley of Dimmitt.

Bagley received the Distinguished Leader Award for his outstanding leadership in Castro County. He has been an active 4-H leader in the Horse Club for the past 11 years, and also served as coach for the horse judging team during that time.

For more information on the 4-H program and its various youth activities in the county, contact Neal, J.D. Ragland or Pammy Millican at the Extension office at 647-4115, or stop by the office in the courthouse basement.

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Scholarship applications from WTPA due June 17

The West Texas Press Association is accepting applications for two $500 scholarships, which will be awarded to a high school senior or college junior or senior.

Application forms may be picked up at the *Castro County News* office at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt. Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

The applications will be presented to two future journalists in print media whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Deadline for applications is July 17. One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other will be presented to a student who is already attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major.

Through the Bob Craig Memorial Scholarship program, two students will be presented with $500 scholarships. The award is named in honor of longtime *Hamlin Herald* publisher Bob Craig, who died in 1981. Craig served 18 years on the WTPA board in all offices, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from 1969.

The scholarship will be divided into payments of $250 per semester for two semesters. Winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Last year's winners were Leslie Weeks of Canadian, a senior journalism major at Texas Tech University, and Jennifer Comedy, a graduate of Haskell High School, who entered Texas A&M last fall as an agriculture journalism major.

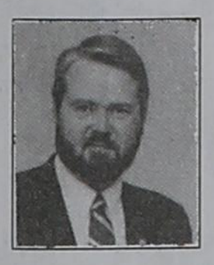
Applications and essays will be forwarded to M. Gene Dow, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Drawer 1200, Seminole, 79360, and must be postmarked on or before June 17.

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By DON TAYLOR



The Quest for Excellence

It is reasonable to have perfection in our eye that we may always advance toward it, though we know it can never be reached.

—Samuel Johnson

Recently the topics of quality and perfection came up as I was visiting with a friend. She was disappointed with the quality workmanship of an extensive remodeling project underway on her home. She felt that she was paying the contractor a lot for the shoddy work she was getting.

"I didn't expect it to be perfect," she said. "However, I did expect the colors to match, molding to fit snugly, doors to close properly and paint to be kept off my new carpet."

She told me how the contractor had cut her carpet to put in a new wall and left an ugly seam in the doorway. In addition, there were visible cross-grain brush and stain marks on the door, nail holes were left unfilled, and hardware was installed incorrectly.

"When I complained about the workmanship, the contractor denied there was any problem and said I was expecting too much. He told me that no one did that quality of work anymore," she said. By the time she finished telling me about her project, I could see that she was really upset. She wanted exactly what she was paying for: quality work.

I understand her frustration, because I see and hear of similar examples every day. All around us the value of enduring excellence is being thrust aside in favor of cheap and quick. The unfortunate final result is usually a dramatic drop in customer satisfaction and the loss of good will and repeat business.

Ben Franklin said, "The best is always the cheapest." Please note that Ben didn't say the "cheapest is always best." Quality always pays in the long run. Sometimes we get immediate paybacks, but more often it takes time.

It also takes commitment. Few companies or organizations are willing to pay the price to achieve real success in the ongoing quest for excellence. However, for those who invest the time and effort, the pay off is big. More importantly, the quality reward is available for all.

One Size Fits All

Though businesses most often apply Total Quality Management (TQM) principles and the Kaizen philosophy of continuing improvement, other entities can reap big dividends as well.

For example, schools, churches, medical facilities, governments, universities and non-profit organizations can all use the "quality first" approach to improve their delivery of products and services. However, despite all the quality talk, only a few percent of all entities who could use TQM and Kaizen actually do.

Some states are recognizing the value of quality programs in economic development activities and job creation. Texas, for example, started its "Quality Texas Foundation" three years ago with the intent of creating an advantage through excellence.

This quality organization draws its leaders from private, public and educational institutions across the state. Its mission is to involve everyone in the quality movement by rewarding significant achievement, providing education and awareness on the quality process and providing help to interested organizations.

Start Your Own Quest

You can start your own quest for excellence by attending Quality Amarillo's Spring Conference on May 23. You'll learn quality principles and practical application strategies from some of America's great quality leaders. Among the speakers will be three Malcom Baldridge National Quality Award recipients.

In addition, the board will announce the 1996 Northwest Texas Quality Award Winners. You will want to meet these local company representatives who are making progress on the journey toward excellence.

The conference fee of $49 covers lunch, refreshments and all course materials. Seating is limited so call Cindy Kile today at 376-4722 to confirm your reservation.

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

City-wide garage sale planned June 1

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is making plans for its annual city-wide garage sale, which will be held on June 1 this year.

On that day, residents throughout Dimmitt are urged to plan their own garage sales opening at 8 a.m.

"This annual event has become one of the Chamber's most popular activities, drawing people from miles around and adding money to our local economy," said Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Chamber. "There will be more than 100 garage sales in Dimmitt on June 1."

Those planning to hold a garage sale on June 1 should register with the Chamber. For a $10 registration fee, each sale will be featured on a map, which will be handed out to shoppers at the traffic light in downtown Dimmitt. Maps also will be offered at other locations around town. Those registered with the Chamber also will receive a yard sign designating their sale as an official participant of the "Original Garage Sale Day."

Booths will be available around the courthouse square for $15, and each space is 15 x 15 feet.

Those wishing to sign up for the event should contact the Chamber at 647-2524.

Local merchants will be participating in the day's festivities by having sidewalk sales on June 1.

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The 52nd celebration of May Crowning was held May 1 in Holy Family Church with Deacon Jerome Brockman presiding.

Robin Schulte was elected to have the honor of crowning the Virgin Mary, Queen of May. It was a beautiful ceremony featured all of the classes of students in kindergarten through 12th participating.

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Fritz and Julene Gerber, Mary Gerber, and Dorothy McQuilliam drove to Dumas last weekend to visit the Stanley Gerber family and celebrate Caleb's fourth birthday. On their return trip they visited the Jon and Lori Wych family in Amarillo.

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Imogene Drerup and Tracy and Treva Ramsey spent several days visiting with Tammy Drerup at College Station. Tammy showed them through St. Joseph's Hospital, where she is employed. They also enjoyed some time at the crawfish festival and going through antiques at spring.

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Congratulations to Sister Cordelia Lange, who celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday at St. Joseph's Convent in Amarillo. Several relatives attended a brunch in her honor, then later that day, Sister Cordelia was surprised by a large group of family members with a party at the convent.

Helping her celebrate were Al and Mary Lange, Edgar and Betty Dirks, Ann Frail and children, and Dorothy and Clint Lininger, all of San Antonio; Jerry, Eleanor and Jamie Dirks of Canyon; Tom Lange and girls, Bob and Grace Chism and Kendra, Jerry and Judy Lange and children, Vern Brown and boys, Mary Lou and Joe Lynn Birkenfeld and family, Martha Schulte and Bernita Hoelting.

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Kenny and Cince Schulte hosted a luncheon on Sunday for their relatives from San Antonio.



THE MAY DAY PIONEER HISTORY WALK held Friday at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt featured many booths manned by second grade students portraying the activities of the area's pioneer children. Acting out the branding of cattle are Daniel Perez (left) and Ross Hunter. In the background is "the outhouse." Classes participating in the Pioneer Walk are taught by Mary Jo Brown, Darlene Collins, Pat Evan, Sue Rita Myatt and Cathy Thames.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Memos from Marilyn



By Marilyn Neal

CEA-Home Economics

Now that we are experiencing some warmer weather, we all seem to be suffering from a case of spring fever. Not that it's all bad, but it would help if we didn't have these little lags of concentration during the morning rush hour.

While the toddler and preschooler are dawdling over their morning routine, Mom is having an intense stress attack. Sometimes just a little planning will help relieve some of the problem.

Begin by asking yourself, "What can I take care of the night before?" With the help of your toddler or preschooler, set out the next day's clothes, make lunches and set the table for breakfast. Having eliminated some of the morning's tasks, identify the remaining hassles and consider the following tips:

✦Get up 30 minutes earlier to enable you to get ready alone without having to get a child ready at the same time.

✦Serve a nutritious quick breakfast, including fruit, yogurt, juice, frozen waffles, bagels, etc. Save more elaborate meals for weekend mornings.

✦Set a morning routine. A familiar pattern of activities such as eating breakfast, brushing teeth and getting dressed gives a child a sense of control by letting him know what will happen each day. He is not at the mercy of Mom's daily dash.

✦Create a routine to get the day started on a positive note. Favorites include a silly song, special hugs or a short game.

✦Add extra time in the morning for a slow-to-wake-up child. These children benefit from a little cuddling and positive attention.

✦Help your preschool age child get ready by teaching her to dress herself and by placing breakfast foods and utensils at a level she can reach. Out of habit we often do for children what they can do for themselves.

✦Ask older children for help with constant problems. "I hate having to nag you out of bed. Any ideas?" Children often amaze us with their ability to solve problems and when they have had a say in the solution they're more likely to cooperate.

✦Help your child to remember the important blanket, stuffed animal or even homework by placing a note on the door with a picture of the tiem and "Please remember me."

✦Designate a launching place for coats, hats, keys and everything else needed for a quick exit.

✦Keep an extra set of keys in a convenient place (just in case).

Remember that mornings set the stage for how the rest of your day will go. If your morning routine leaves your children in tears and you in a rush, it's time for a change. Whether you need to make serious changes or just minor adjustments, your family can get off to a better start.

For more information on time saving tips, contact Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent, at 647-4115.

Cotton Talks

Planting time has arrived and High Plains cotton producers will be looking for Mother Nature's help in getting the 1996 crop off to a healthy start.

According to Lubbock's Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), the majority of the area's dryland cotton acreage appears to have good sub-soil moisture. The situation of most concern right now is the moisture contained in the top six to 12 inches of the soil profile.

Producers are waiting for a "planting rain" to help them get the crop established. The majority of cotton on the High Plains is typically planted during the month of May. It is expected that the majority of the area's irrigated acreage will be planted during the optimum planting period.

Dryland producers have less leeway, but should be able to stretch the planting window. Hopefully, the rainfall they need will come in the next 30 days. According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, dryland cotton planted through the end of May can maintain most of its yield potential.

"The majority of our area has received only about one half of an inch of precipitation during the first four months of 1996," said Donald Johnson, PCG executive vice president. "We need rain and we need to get it before the end of this month to take full advantage of the deep moisture that we have."

Planted cotton acreage for the area is estimated to be close to last year's 3.2 million acres. Approximately 50% of the area's cotton acres are now considered irrigated. This shift from dryland to irrigated is the result of an upswing in the utilization of higher efficiency pivot irrigation systems.

So far it appears less than 15% of the area's crop has been planted, to date. The majority of this acreage is concentrated in the southern half of the area. The next week to 10 days should bring out even more planters, according to TAEX Cotton Specialist Kater Hake.

"Right now I am fairly optimistic about the 1996 crop's yield potential," explained Hake. "In the dryland areas south of Lubbock we have a much better subsoil moisture situation than we did one year ago. Irrigated acreage should continue to have good potential, barring an outbreak of detrimental weather or higher than expected insect pressure."

Hake cautions that the area still has a long way to go before the end of the season.

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Sign-up for the newly-enacted Market Transition Program will begin May 20. Acreage which has been signed up in the program in at least one of the past five years is eligible for inclusion this year. This one-time sign-up period for the next seven years will end July 12.

Producers signing the seven-year contract with USDA are guaranteed fixed, but declining, payments on contract acreage through the year 2002. Specific provisions are still being developed by USDA and should be ready by the start of the sign-up period.

Details about the program will be published as they become available.

4-H clubs must elect new officers

Each 4-H club in the county must hold officer elections prior to June 3, and the names of the new officers must submitted to the Extension office by 5 p.m. that day.

The president and council delegate from each club must be at least 14 years of age by the date of the election. If there is no club member who is 14, then 12 and 13 year olds may be considered for the offices.

The 4-H Council will meet four times a year at the discretion of the current council. If more than two council meetings and/or events are missed by a council member, that member will be subject to a review, and could possibly have his position terminated.

For more information contact the Extension office at 647-4115.

Horse Club plans full list of events

The Castro County 4-H Horse Club will host the Dimmitt Llano Estacado Horse Association Show Saturday at the Dimmitt Roping Arena, and is planning to attend several other shows through May and June.

Members of the Horse Club ride each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the county arena. Those interested in riding should call Suanne Bagley at 647-2149 or 647-4780.

Club members competed at the Randall County Big 5 Horse Show Saturday and have the Dimmitt show planned this week. Other upcoming events include the Swisher County Big 5 Horse Show on May 18, Lamb County LEHA Show on June 1, Parmer county LEHA Show on June 8, District Horse Show on June 14-15, and Deaf Smith County LEHA on June 22.

Work is of two kinds; first, altering the position of matter at or near the earth's surface relative to other matter; second, telling other people to do so. —Bertrand Russell

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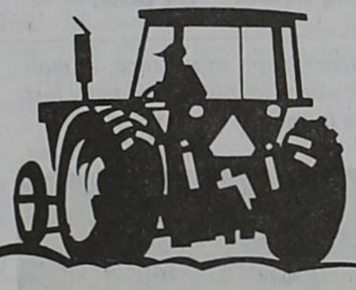
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Sports

Runners, netters ready for state challenges

Gold medals could be draped around several Castro County students this weekend as they battle for the state championships in track and tennis.

Nazareth will send one girls' doubles team to the Class A state tennis tournament and will have two individuals and the girls' mile relay team competing in the track meet. Among those qualifiers are Casey Hoelting in the boys' mile and two-mile events; and Melinda Schmucker in the girls' 400. The Swiftettes' mile relay team are the defending state champions and team members include Schmucker, Misti Ball, Tanya Wethington and Trina Johnson.

Dimmitt is pinning its hopes for a state championship this year on junior Joey Flores, who hopes to regain the state championship in the 800 at the Class AAA state track meet.

Wethington and Schulte finished second at the Region 1-A tennis tournament, advancing to state after winning a playback match. The two will open tournament play Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the Intramural Courts in Austin. If the girls win their first-round match, they will play at 2 p.m. in the semifinals. The girls' doubles finals will start at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Intramural Courts.

Flores, Schmucker and the Swiftettes' mile relay team will compete Saturday afternoon beginning at 12 noon. Hoelting will compete in the 3,200-meter run Friday evening, then will run the mile Saturday afternoon.

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Flores captured the Class AAA state championship in the 800 when he was a freshman, and competed in the meet last year, but came up short in his quest for a second gold medal. He hopes to recapture the medal this year. He qualified with a first place finish at regional and was clocked at his year's best of 1:57.62.

Hoelting, a veteran distance runner, has left many opponents in the dust this year, including all Region 1-A foes. He captured the regional championships in both the mile and two mile events, winning the first with a time of 4:39.23 and the second in 10:26.94.

Nazareth's mile relay was clocked at 4:13.13, and that was good enough for second at regional behind Shamrock's relay at 4:13.07.

Schmucker took the regional title in the quarter, breaking the minute mark with a time of 59.9.



HE'S GOT FIRST—Luis Nino of Dimmitt (43) races across the first base bag after singling to right field Saturday against Muleshoe. He stole second, then went on to third on a sacrifice fly by Zeke Nino before a double play ended Dimmitt's inning. The Bobcats dropped the see-saw District 2-AAA battle to the Mules, 5-4. *Photo by John Brooks*

Bobcats' playoff hopes shatter Saturday with 5-4 loss to Muleshoe

Dimmitt's chances at the baseball playoffs evaporated in the wind and heat of Muleshoe on Saturday in a 5-4 loss to the Mules.

Dimmitt gave up just five hits on the afternoon, but three crucial errors accounted for four of the five Mules runs.

The Bobcats were rattled by the second scheduling snafu in as many weeks involving game officials. Only one of the assigned umpires was on hand at the appointed game time of 1 p.m. After coaches wouldn't accept other alternatives, another umpire was called from Clovis. He arrived at 2:35 p.m.

Starter Zac Matthews was sharp much of the way for the Bobcats, as he went the distance to drop to 4-3. John Embry went the distance for the Mules to pick up the win.

Embry was a little shaky early but he, and the rest of the Mules were picked up by a questionable double play by the Bobcats that turned the game's fortunes.

Dimmitt was up 3-1 in the fourth when the Bobcats seemed posed to add to the lead with a runner on first. Instead, the Mules got an easy out at second for the lead man on the double play. On the throw to first, the first baseman was clearly off the bag by almost a foot, but the Mules picked up the out call to end the threat.

The Bobcats seemed to be bothered at times by the unkempt condition of the Muleshoe diamond. Several players stumbled on the base paths, which were littered by rocks, pebbles and everything except small boulders. Second baseman Conrado Saucedo was unable to get to one ball which fell in for a hit as he hit a raised lip about six feet back of the skin portion of the diamond.

Dimmitt took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second. Richard Carpio started the inning with a solid single to center and stole second. He went to third when Jason Wooten legged out an infield single. Wooten then stole second, and he and Carpio scored on a double to right by Manuel Velasquez.

Muleshoe came back to make it 2-1 in the bottom of the frame on a walk, an infield single and a sacrifice fly.

Dimmitt went back up by two in the third when Luis Nino singled to right. He stole second, then went to third on a sacrifice fly by Zeke Nino, then scored on a hit by Carpio for the 3-1 lead. That set the stage for the double play that ended Dimmitt's chances at a big inning.

In the bottom of the frame, the Mules ran themselves out of the inning when the Bobcats snuffed out the "hustle play." With a runner on third, Embry drew a walk from Matthews. Embry kept running around first, and was apparently hoping to get caught in a rundown and stay in the pickle long enough to allow the runner to score. Instead, the Bobcats masterfully solved the dilemma, nailing Embry on just one throw.

Muleshoe eventually took a 4-3 lead into the sixth. In the top of the frame, Nino reached and went to second on a bad throw, stole third, and stole on a single to left by Ramiro Gauna for a 4-4 tie.

In the bottom of the inning, Muleshoe used two bunts to get a runner to third. That man scored on a single to right center to give the Mules a 5-4 lead. Dimmitt went down in order in the top of the seventh for the Muleshoe win.



DIMMITT'S DEWAYNE ESPINOZA (20) is all concentration as Muleshoe's pitcher comes out of his wind up Saturday afternoon in Muleshoe. Espinoza and the Bobcats couldn't break their losing streak, and watched their playoff hopes fly out of the park Saturday with a 5-4 loss to the Mules. The Bobcats held leads in the game, but couldn't stop Muleshoe at the plate. *Photo by John Brooks*

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Lady golfers win scramble

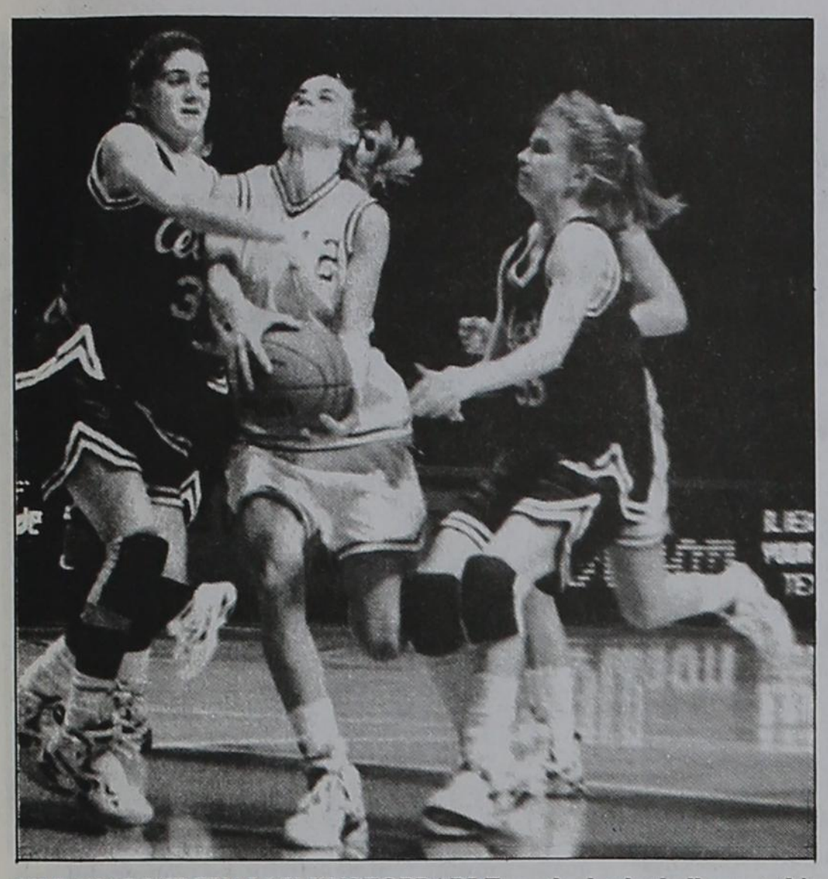
The team of Kellie Proffitt, Jerrie Horton, Amy Jepson and Neva Hickey fired a 35 to win the monthly scramble sponsored by the Ladies Golf Association of Dimmitt.

Play Day winners for April include Cyndy Reynolds, Audrey Shottenkirk, Mozelle Lilley, Tina Maurer and June Parker.

The next monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28, with the scramble starting at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should call the Pro Shop.

"Flubber/Dubber" competition started Tuesday.

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SHE WAS VIRTUALLY UNSTOPPABLE on the basketball court this season, and now the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has honored Melinda Schmucker's (12) efforts by naming her Miss Basketball for 1996. Schmucker, the 1996 Class A Player of the Year and MVP of the Class A state championship game, which was won by the Nazareth Swiftettes, was honored Saturday with the Players of the Year from each classification, then was announced as recipient of the top honor over all classifications.

Photo by Anne Acker

Bobcats end season with victory

Dimmitt closed out its baseball season Tuesday with a 9-5 win over Shallowater at George Howell Park.

The win left Dimmitt at 14-14 on the year and tied for fourth in District 2-AAA at 4-6.

The win came easy for the Bobcats, who jumped out to a 7-0 lead, then held on for the four-run win.

Dimmitt starter Jason Nino went four strong innings for his fifth win of the year. Dan Matthews, a senior in his last game, went three innings to pick up the save.

Dimmitt chased Shallowater starter Adam McDonald in the second after scoring two runs in the first and two in the second. Reliever Chris Shannon got out of the jam in the second, but was rocked for three runs in the third. It could have been worse, but a Bobcat baserunning error saved his bacon.

Dimmitt scored two runs in the first with just one hit, but a couple fielder's choices and two walks set up the inning for the Bobcats.

Luis Nino had tne only hit of the inning, a ringing double. Zac Matthews scored the game's first run on a fielder's choice by Zeke Nino, when the throw home was late. Luis Nino then scored after Richard Carpio and Jason Nino walked forcing him home.

In the second, Dwayne Espinosa banged a one-out single before Zac Matthews poked a home run over the left field fence for a 4-0 lead.

Luis Nino and Zeke Nino then reached, chasing McDonald. Shannon got two infield outs to put out the fire.

In the third, the Bobcats hit the ball out of the infield just once while scoring three runs—and that ball resulted in a double play.

Jason Nino reached on an error to start the inning, then Manuel Velasquez was hit in the arm by a pitch. Ramiro Gauna then beat out a bouncer in the infield to load the bases.

After Espinosa struck out, Zac Matthews hit into a fielder's choice, scoring Nino. Luis Nino then hit a grounder that was misplayed by the second baseman, scoring Velasquez to make it 6-0. Zeke Nino then rifled a shot to center field, but the ball was gathered in and Matthews was doubled off second. Gauna scored before the third out was recorded, however, giving Dimmitt a 7-0 lead.

Tony Ortiz scored Shallowater's first run, reaching on a single to left. He advanced to third on a passed ball and a wild pitch, then scored on an error by Zac Matthews on a ball hit by McDonald. Nino then picked McDonald off first, and struck out Todd Jordan to end Nino's year.

Matthews came off the bench to record two quick strikeouts in the top of the fifth, but then gave up a single and two walks. That loaded the bases for Ortiz, who blasted a 2-0 pitch over the center field fence and onto the second fairway at the Country Club of Dimmitt, making it a 7-5 game.

Matthews allowed only one more baserunner the rest of the day to pick up the save.

Dimmitt added two more runs in the fifth and threatened to add more. Espinosa, Zac Matthews and Luis Nino hit consecutive one-out singles, and Espinosa scored on a fielder's choice by Zeke Nino. Carpio reached on an error, scoring Matthews. Wooten then hit a rocket to short, and Zeke Nino was doubled off the bag to end the frame with a 9-5 lead for the 'Cats.

Hundred-year-old-eggs, a delicacy in China, are preserved duck eggs. They are cured in the shell for about six months in a mixture of ashes, lime, salt, and tea. The curing makes the eggs taste like cheese.

Schmucker is named TABC's Miss Basketball

Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker has achieved the ultimate honor in Texas girls' basketball—she is the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' selection as the 1996 Miss Basketball.

Schmucker was presented with the top honor Saturday at the TABC awards banquet in San Antonio. Schmucker was named the Class A Player of the Year by TABC earlier this year. That qualified her for the Miss Basketball competition. Miss Basketball is chosen from among the five Texas Players of the Year.

Schmucker, a four-time all-stater, was selected over Class AAAAA's Marla Brumfield of Alief Elsik, Class AAAA's Edwina Brown of Lockhart, Class AAA's Jennifer Boniol of Dallas Bishop Lynch and Class AA's Keesha Randle of Edgewood.

In addition to being recognized as Miss Basketball, Schmucker played in the TABC All-Star Game and scored six points on 3-for-5 shooting for the victorious North squad.

Hart athletes honored at awards banquet Monday

Hart's Tylene Garcia was recognized as the Most Versatile Athlete among girls Monday night at the Longhorn Athletic Banquet.

Coaches did not name a Most Versatile Athlete for boys.

Garcia was a starter on the Ladyhorns basketball team this year and she was active in cross country and track.

The presentation of the Most Versatile award capped off a full slate of presentations to Hart athletes.

Coaches recapped the year's successes and recognized each student who participated in a sport.

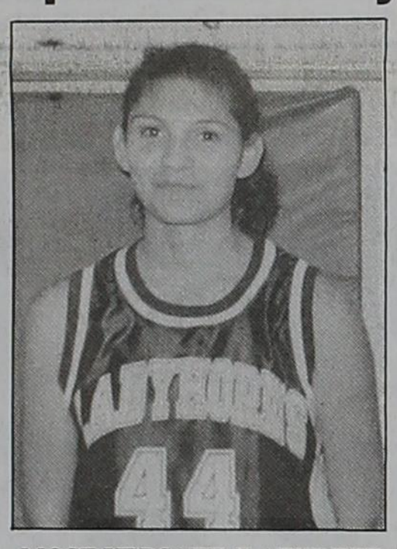
J.R. Lee was a big winner among boys, earning Most Valuable Offensive Player in football and Most Valuable Player honors in basketball. He also was named Longhorn Basketball King.

Longhorn Football Coach Blair Brown presented several awards in addition to Lee's. The Most Valuable Defensive Player was Armondo Minjarez, the Down Lineman Award went to Juanio Romero, and the Fighting Heart Award was presented to John Welps.

Members of the football team elected Esmeralda Cortez as this year's football queen, and she was crowned during the banquet Monday.

In girls' basketball, Charbra Lee was named the Best Defensive Player while Gayla Reyna captured the Fighting Heart Award. Tiffany Bradford was Most Valuable Player and was crowned Basketball Queen.

The top award winner in boys' basketball was Lee, who was named MVP and Basketball King.



MOST VERSATILE ATHLETE . . . Hart's Tylene Garcia

Brandi Key and Raynea Garcia were named Most Valuable Players in tennis by Coach Rachelle Wilcox.

Cross country MVPs were Isela Minjarez and Mario Guzman.

Charbra Lee and Armondo Minjarez were named MVPs in track, while John Welps and Jennifer Martinez took the honors in golf.

Scholar awards were presented to Eric Montemayor and Key for achieving the highest grade point averages among Hart boy and girl athletes during the year.

Canterbury Villa to observe national nursing home week

Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt has planned several events next week in observance of National Nursing Home Week.

Corsages will be made for all the ladies residing at the home in honor of Mother's Day.

Next Thursday, May 16, an open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all friends and relatives are invited to stop by and visit with the residents and see the improvements which have been made in the home.

Special musical programs are being planned that week, also.

"Our residents are really enthused when out-of-the-ordinary events are planned," said a spokesperson for the home.

Extra snacks will be served during the week and residents will be able to enjoy some time outdoors as the spring flowers begin to bloom.

Kids, Inc. sets coaches meeting

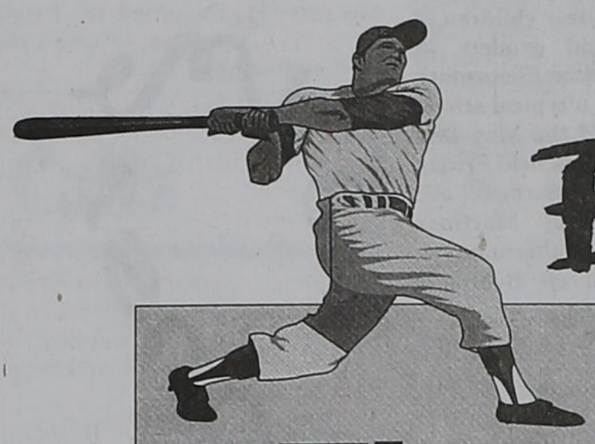
The Dimmitt Kids, Inc. baseball program will have a meeting for coaches for T-ball, minor and major leagues, and girls' softball.

The meeting will be held Monday at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford. T-ball coaches will meet at 6 p.m., minor league at 7 p.m. and major league at 8 p.m. Girls' softball coaches will meet at 6 p.m., unless notified otherwise.

Participants were to have signed up by Wednesday, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at Richardson Elementary and from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chamber office.

Coaches also are required to have signed up by Wednesday. Teams will not be given to anyone who has not signed up.

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Bobcats

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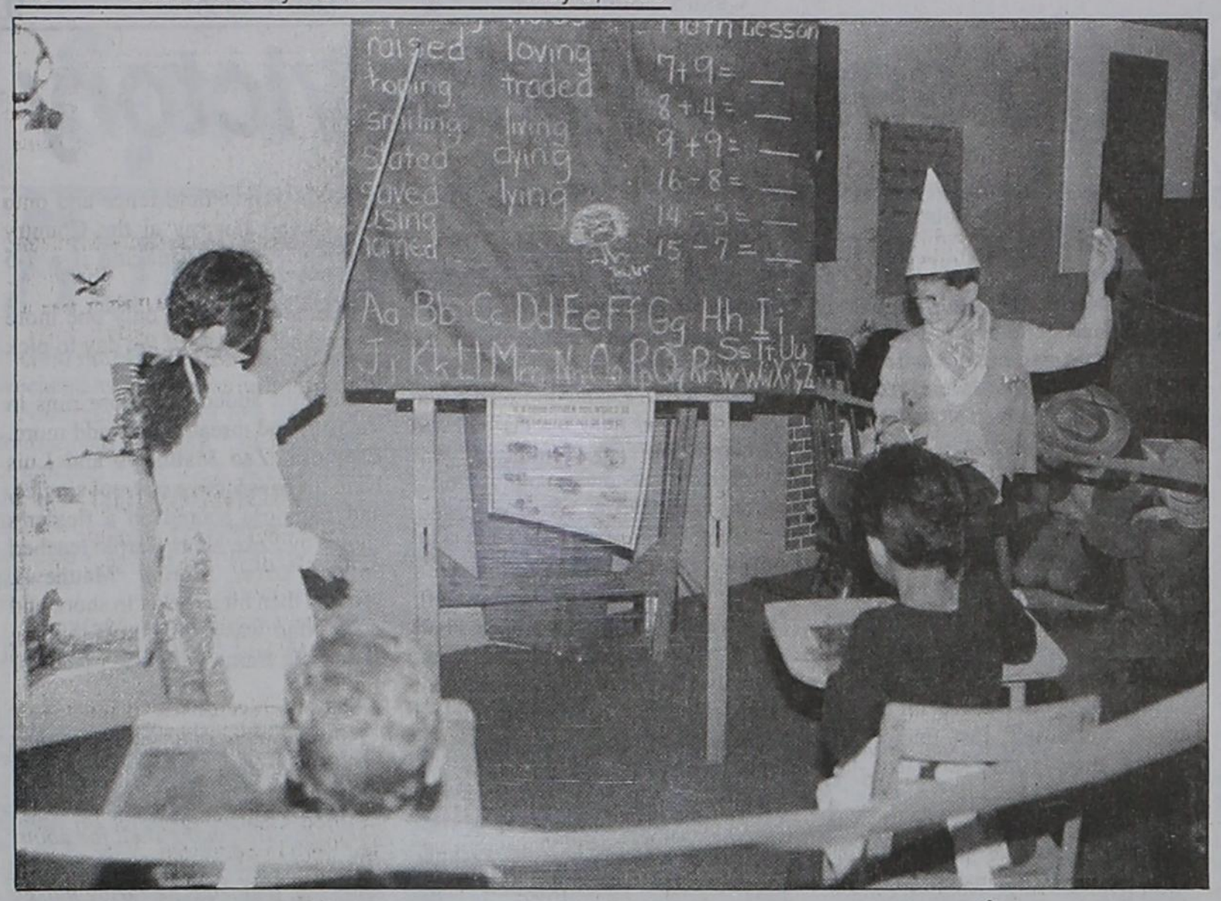


GO, 'CATS!

Coach Bobby Feaster (46) gives pep talk to the Bobcats in pre-game huddle before they face the Muleshoe Mules there Saturday.

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GOING TO SCHOOL was a part of the lives of pioneer children of this area. Second graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School portrayed a typical school scene as a part of the May Day Pioneer History Walk held Friday morning. In the "classroom" are (from left) Krystal Martinez (teacher), Zjhon Smotherman, Ivy Sanchez and Garrett Behrends (with "dunce" cap).

Photo by Linda Maxwell



GRAB YOUR PARTNER AND DO-SI-DO—These Richardson Elementary School second graders are dancing as a part of the May Day Pioneer History Walk that was held Friday. Students also manned 25 booths showing typical activities of pioneer children, and recited some of the history of this area. Dancers include (from left) Nicholas Ortiz, Shelley York, Aaron Herrera and Hayli Wise. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



GATHERING EGGS and feeding the chickens were some of the chores youngsters had to perform in the early days of Castro County and these Dimmitt second graders at Richardson Elementary School have a booth in the May Day Pioneer History Walk showing how it was done. The special event was held Friday. They are(from left) Desiree Sanchez, Shenea Wright, and Jessica Ortega.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Celebrations!



SHOEING A HORSE wasn't often done by children in pioneer days, but they sometimes helped out in the blacksmith shop. Casey Maurer (right) portrays a blacksmith putting a shoe on "horse" Juan Buskirk. The demonstration was one of the booths second graders made for the May Day Pioneer History Walk at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt Friday morning. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



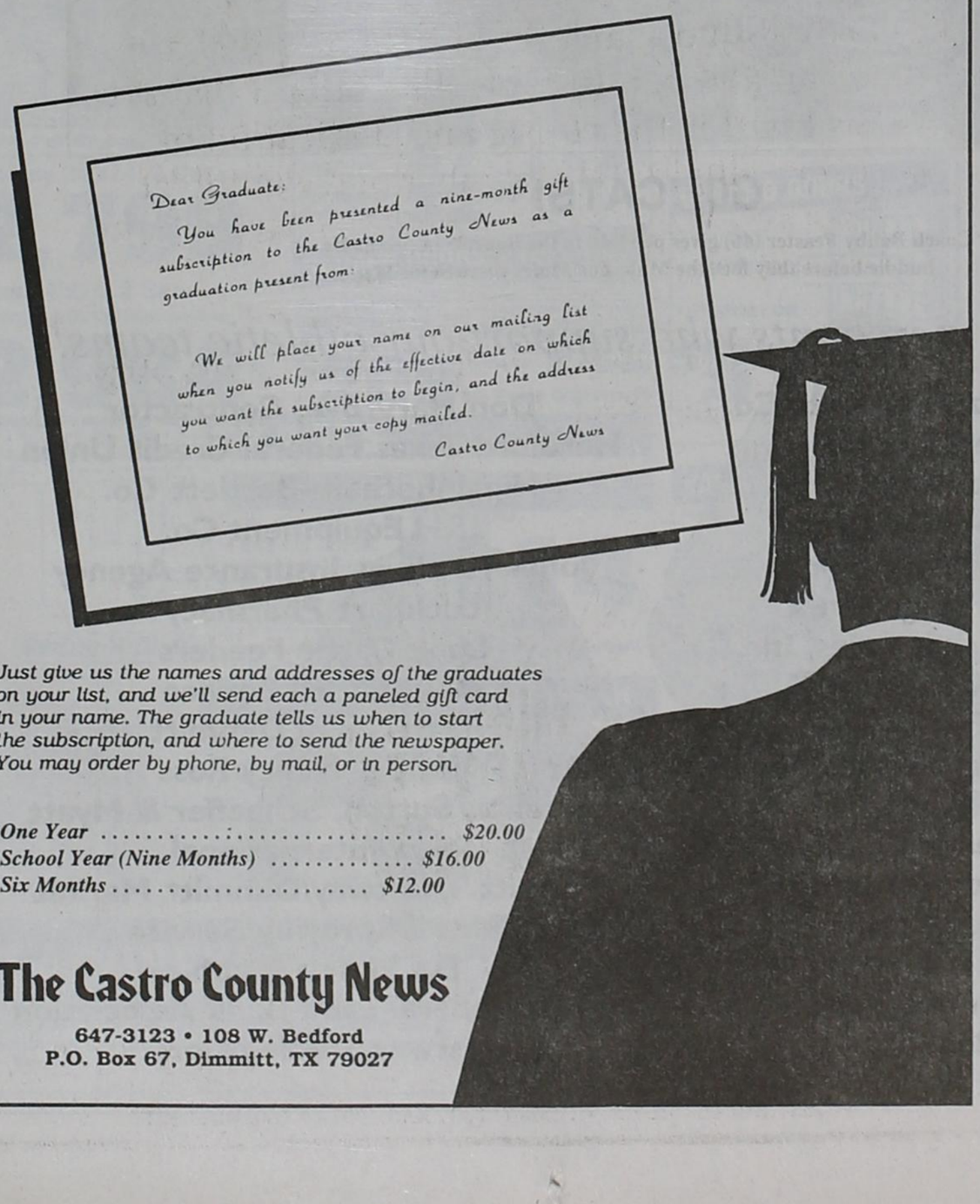
TAKING A SWING AROUND THE FLOOR—Lots of people had fun swinging their partner through the rhythms of several different styles of music played at the Cinco De Mayo celebration held Sunday in Dimmitt. Shown here are (from left) Brandon Jones, an unidentified young man, Danielle Prieto, Marissa Jones, Gloria Hernandez and Rosalinda Amador. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



BUYING SOME GOODIES at the Cinco De Mayo celebration held Sunday afternoon at the activity building at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt are these unidentified young ladies at the booth of Carmen Flores. Organizers of the event said the turnout was very good. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

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Naz students win medals at state UIL

Justin Bingham and Jessica Kern, both of Nazareth, brought home medals from the University Interscholastic League's state academic meet, which was held last week in Austin.

Bingham captured a silver medal for his second-place finish in News Writing while Kern placed third in Editorial Writing.

Also competing at state was Jimmy Bryan, who made it through three rounds in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, before bowing out of the competition.

DISD board picks Garcia

The Dimmitt School Board elected Paul Garcia as its new president Monday night.

Garcia, a long-time board member, was elected by a 4-3 vote over incumbent president Debbie Annen.

The trustees elected Steve Buckley vice-president by acclamation and Annen as board secretary, also by acclamation.

Monday night's meeting was called to canvass the vote of Saturday's school trustee election, swear in new members and elect officers.

The canvass confirmed that Avery Thrasher had defeated write-in candidate Anita Saenz Gauna, 58-38, for the open Place 5 seat on the board. Votes received by uncontested candidates were Chevo Lumbrera, Place 3, 25 votes; Annen, Place 6, 26 votes; and Buckley, Place 7, 13 votes.

Thrasher and Lumbrera are new to the board; Annen and Buckley are incumbents. Completing the new board are carryover trustees John Nino, Place 1, and Earl Behrends, Place 2. Garcia represents the Place 4 voting precinct.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill administered the oath of office to the four newly elected trustees.

School board members were to attend a Region XVI orientation and training seminar Wednesday at West Texas A&M University. They also will attend a four-day workshop in Houston this fall to fulfill state requirements for school board member training.

Schulte earns academic honor

Lori Schulte has been named a United States National Award winner in science and Student Council.

Schulte, who attends Dimmitt Middle School, was nominated for the national award by Rose Ball, science teacher at Dimmitt Middle School, and Carla Miller, DMS Student Council sponosr.

Schulte's picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Schulte is the daughter of Beth and Lester Schulte and the granddaughter of Clarence and Odelia Schulte of Nazareth and Philip and Dora Pohlmeier of Nazareth.

Lamb camp planned in June at Howard College

A lamb camp will be held June 9-11 at the Howard College Agriculture Department, and the first 200 paid entries will be accepted.

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THE DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK STAFF has dedicated its 1996 edition to Jerry Durham (right) and he was presented the first copy of this year's annual Monday afternoon by yearbook advisor Sara Hill. DMS students performed a short skit which gave hints about Durham's selection as honoree. Durham has 26 years of teaching experience and moved here in 1971. He was a junior high coach for 14 years and taught math for 22. He also taught history for four years. He also was praised for his years of dedication to the Kids, Inc. program.

Photo by Anne Acker

Police Calls

Police had two reports of assaults in the vicinity of the Candlelight Club in Dimmitt in the past week.

Saturday night, a 22-year-old Dimmitt man told police that someone shot at him with a pistol in the course of an argument in the parking lot of the club. The victim was not struck by the bullet, which was recovered at the scene. No arrest had been made as of Tuesday afternoon, but investigation into the incident is continuing.

Sunday night, a Dimmitt man, age 52, told police that someone at the club punched him in the face. Investigation into the Class C assault is continuing. The victim told police the incident stemmed from an argument.

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Three Dimmitt men, ages 20, 18, and 17, were jailed April 30 on charges of criminal trespass.

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Mary Birdwell of Dimmitt told police April 20 that someone ran into one of the garage doors of the West Tex Mini Storage.

Sheriff's deputies received a report from Bryce Dowell that someone broke into a storage building south of Dimmitt sometime Sunday and took tools valued at $250. Investigation is continuing.

Clyde James Birkenfeld of Nazareth told deputies Saturday that someone stole his mailbox 1 ½ miles east of Nazareth.

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A 24-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed early Sunday on charges of violation of probation.

A 23-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed last Thursday on charges of theft by check.

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A Dimmitt man, 37, was jailed on charges of DWI, third offense, and driving without a license after he was involved in an accident Saturday night. Police reported that the man was driving a Chevrolet pickup south in the 600 block of Northwest Seventh, when he struck a parked, unattended Ford pickup belonging to Henry Rivera. No injuries were reported, and damage to both vehicles was rated heavy.

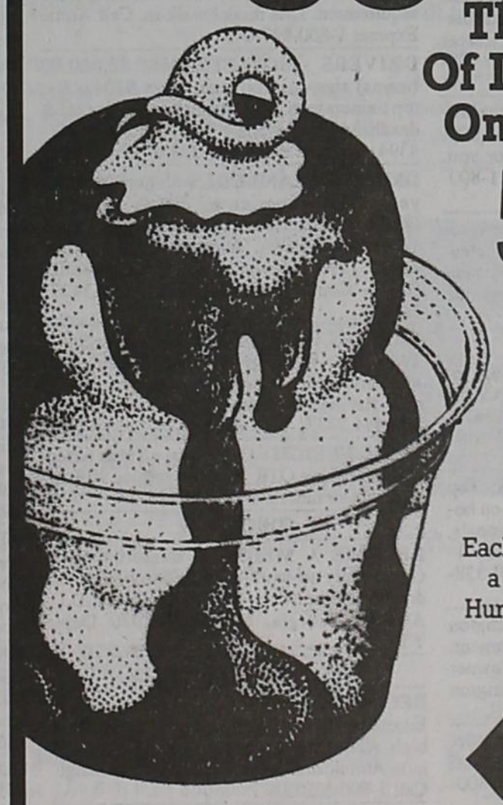
Chamber is making plans for July Jubilee

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a July Jubilee celebration again this year, and several individuals are working to make this year's celebration a crowd pleaser.

This year's event will be held on Wednesday, July 3.

Max Ellison is working on getting live musicians to perform at the gazebo that day, and Sandra Clark and members of the Retail Merchants Committee have planned a variety of kids' games. Hot dogs will be served for lunch. A dunking board on the square will be a featured attraction, with many local celebrities offering to "take the plunge."

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Obituaries

L.H. Lookingbill Jr.

Services for L.H. Lookingbill Jr., 68, of Friona, will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hereford with Rev. Terry Cosby, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Lookingbill died Monday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born June 4, 1927, in Summerfield. He married Betty Craig on Nov. 17, 1949, in Hereford. He was a member of the Summerfield Baptist Church, and he was a US Navy veteran of World War II. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dick Lookingbill of Las Vegas, Nev., and Craig Lookingbill of Friona; three daughters, Judy Richards of Dayton, Wyo., Jan Betzen of Hereford and Cathy Gaffor of Spearman; a sister, Mary Winkler of Baton Rouge, La.; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Rodolfo Pesqueda

Funeral services for Rodolfo "Rudy" Pesqueda, 44, a resident of Coronado Acres in Castro County, were held Saturday afternoon in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Jessie Guerrero, deacon at San Jose Catholic Church of Hereford, officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pesqueda died last Thursday.

He was born in Charlotte and moved to Hereford in 1968. A graduate of Hereford High School, he attended Amarillo College and Texas State Technical College. He was self-employed in the automobile body repair business, and he was a Catholic.

He is survived by two sons, Benjamin Pesqueda and Nicholas Pesqueda, both of Amarillo; his mother, Herminia Pesqueda of Hereford; three brothers, Manual Pesqueda Jr. and Oscar Pesqueda, both of Hereford, and Reuben Pesqueda of Fort Worth; and two sisters, Santos Gonzales and Delmira Soto, both of Hereford.

Z.D. Williams

Services for Z.D. Williams, 64, of Crosbyton, father of Lois Fleeks of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday at Crosbyton First Baptist Church with Rev. H.L. Phillips, pastor of Crosbyton's Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Rev. C.C. People, officiating.

Burial followed in Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Williams died Saturday at St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Oct. 27, 1931, in Crosbyton, and married Emma Jean Florence on July 31, 1991, in Dickens. He was a member of the Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he was president of Brotherhood and assistant superintendent of Sunday School. He was a former treasurer of the church. He lived in the Crosbyton area all of his life. He was a farmer and worked for Bob Perkins and Brooks Ellison Farms.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; the mother of his children, Delores Williams of Crosbyton; nine sons, Bobby Joe Williams, Johnny Williams and Bill Williams, all of Crosbyton, Willie Williams and Roy Williams, both of Garland, Dale Williams and Paul Williams, both of Columbus, Ga., Otis Williams of Sweetwater and Gregory Williams of Lubbock; three stepsons, James Lester of Arlington, Edward Lester of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Bobby Lester of Beaumont; seven daughters, Linda McCoy of Sweetwater, Fleeks, and Martha Potts, Annie Williams, Roxie Elliott, Donna Williams and Shirley Hightower, all of Lubbock; a brother, L.C. Williams of Lubbock; two sisters, Mary Francis Harris and Dorothy Terrell, both of Crosbyton; 45 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. James Wohlgemuth

Dr. James E. Wohlgemuth, 72, of Dimmitt, died last Thursday after a lengthy illness.

Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Dr. Wohlgemuth was born Nov. 8, 1923 in Burkburnett, and had lived in Memphis, Tenn., before moving to Dimmitt in 1954. He married Charlie Jameson on Sept. 15, 1946 in Seminole.

He served with the US Navy in World War II, and was a member of the VFW and the Masonic Lodge. He was a past president of the Jaycees and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, and he served as the first president of the Castro County Recreation Association. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church. He was an optometrist in Dimmitt for 33 years until his retirement in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Mikeal of Burleson, Mark of Austin and Max of Deer Park; a sister, Jody Davis of McKinney; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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—Malcolm Cowley

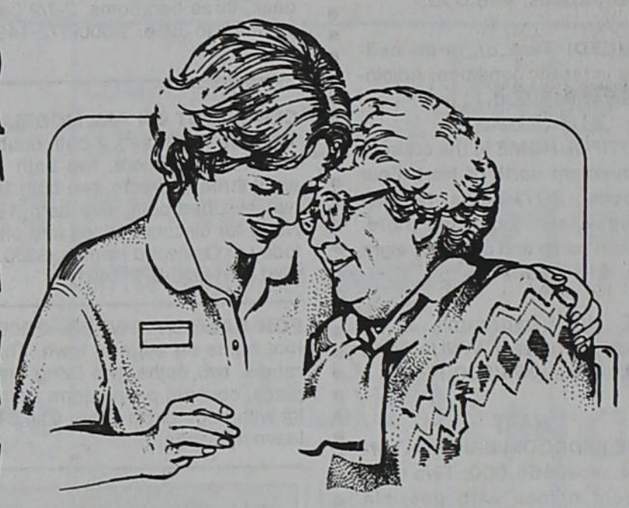
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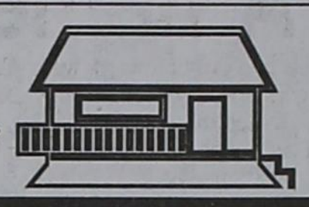
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Dimmitt FFA names winners

Dimmitt FFA members and their adult helpers received awards Tuesday night in an emotion-filled banquet in the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria.

The chapter advisor, vo - ag teacher David McCormick, and his wife, Cassa, could not be present. McCormick is suffering from terminal cancer, which was diagnosed shortly before the Castro County Junior Livestock Show in February.

Presenters choked back tears as they paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. McCormick during the banquet.

Mrs. McCormick, who accompanied the youths on the statewide stock-show circuit this spring, was named the Star Chapter Mother.

The McCormicks' son, Jay, conducted the meeting as chapter president and accepted a large, custom-made plaque which the chapter presented to the McCormick family.

Coach Lanny Crow, who stepped in and accompanied the youths on the spring show circuit, gave a self-effacing account of his experiences with runaway show pigs at the big downstate shows. Crow and Dimmitt High School Principal R. L. Stockstill received the chapter's Distinguished Service Awards for their work "above and beyond the call of duty."

Also, FFA dads Mike Baca, Brent Self and Randy Schumacher were named Honorary Chapter Members, and two dozen other adult helpers received Certificates of Appreciation.

Receiving the coveted Star Chapter Farmer award were Chad Rogers and Ty Baca. Ashley Davis was named the Star Greenhand.

Davis also was crowned as the Chapter Sweetheart for the coming year. Jana Nelson was named the new FFA Plowgirl.

The Outstanding Service Award went to two of the chapter's leaders — Jay McCormick and Tucker Schumacher. Schumacher also received the Work Horse Award.

Greg Fuller was named the winner of this year's DeKalb Award.

Scholastic Awards for highest grade-point average in each grade level went to senior Justin Damron, junior Michael Atchley, sophomore Jeremy Matthews and freshman Rusty McDaniel.

Greg Odom presented Chapter Proficiency Awards to:

Chris Davis, farm management and placement in agricultural production.

Jimmy Ivey, extemporaneous speaking.

Santiago Gonzales, agricultural mechanics.

Cory Hopson, agricultural sales and service.

Drew Musick, dairy production and wildlife management.

Jay McCormick, diversified livestock production and swine proficiency.

Wesley Mays, home and farmstead improvement.

Travis Crow, outdoor recreation.

Justin Damron, soil and water management and crop production.

Chris Paxton, landscape management.

Cory Lust, agricultural electrification.

Blue Kropp and Errin Kropp, poultry production.

Jana Nelson, pork production.

Drew Jennings, wildlife management.

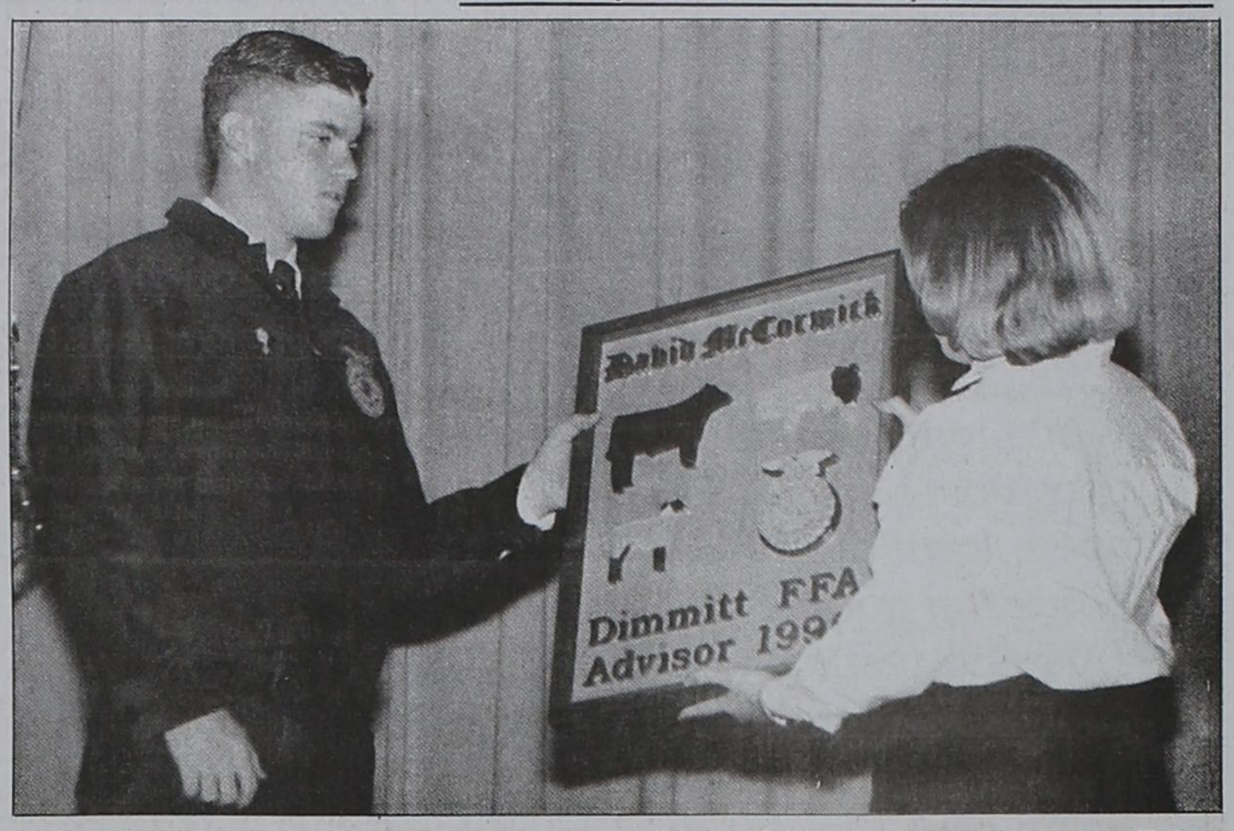
Chad Rogers, beef cattle production.

Asia Kirby, lamb production.

Ty Baca, beef cattle production.

Installed as new officers for 1996 - 97 were Jay McCormick, president; Chris Davis, vice-president; Travis Crow, secretary; Jimmy Ivey, treasurer; Asia Kirby, reporter; Ashley Davis, sentinel and Chapter Sweetheart, and Jana Nelson, Plowgirl.

The large banquet crowd enjoyed a *filet mignon* steak dinner prepared by chef Charles Ketchum and the DISD Food Service.



F.F.A. TRIBUTE—Jay McCormick, Dimmitt FFA president and son of chapter advisor David McCormick, accepts a custom-made plaque on behalf of his family during the chapter's awards banquet Tuesday night in Richardson Elementary School cafeteria. Making the presentation is Asia Kirby, incoming chapter reporter. McCormick is suffering from terminal cancer, and neither he nor his wife Cassa were able to attend. Mrs. McCormick was named the Star Chapter Mother. *Photo by Don Nelson*

More about 1:1

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literary and athletic events."

Martha's doubles partner in that tournament was the late Thelma Wethington — grandmother of Robin's partner, Carie.

That isn't the only *deja vu* we've got going here. Martha was the valedictorian of the NHS Class of '38; Robin is this year's valedictorian.

And Robin isn't the only one of Martha's grandchildren who will be going for the gold at state this weekend, either. Her grandson, Casey Hoelting, will be running in the 1,600 and 3,200 meter races at the state track meet.

"Casey has gone to regional in three different sports — cross country, basketball and track—and has won gold medals in every one of them," Martha said proudly.

Martha had her own motive for giving Robin her tennis medal: "If those girls win state, I can take credit for it," she quipped.

The grandkids may not have known about Martha's one - time athletic prowess, but surely they have long since discerned that she's a winner.

"I'm doing fine," Martha says. "I may be paralyzed, but I've got a motorized chair and a van with a lift on it. I've raised a dozen kids; I've got 31 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and I'm proud of every one of them. There are lots of folks worse off than I am."

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Jim Dowty of Dumas, one of my former classmates, told me Sunday that he had bet three other guys that it would never rain again—and two of them have paid off.

✦

I ran into Roy Garza at Dimmitt Market Monday morning. He was carrying a bag of birdseed—which reminded me that I needed to buy a new bag, too.

"That five-pound bag will last you about two days at the rate they're gobbling it up," I told him.

"Maybe less than that," he agreed. "The birds are suffering from the drought, too. As long as the birds aren't suffering, we humans are still okay. But when they start suffering, it's a sign that we're in trouble."

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A look on the brighter side:

Walter Schilling and I were discussing the main current topic in the *News* office the other day—wondering when we might get our next rain.

"Well, we're a day closer," he said.

✦

It pays to buy good equipment and take care of it (cont.):

I went up on the roof Friday evening to get our old evaporative cooler ready for another summer.

I had a fairly easy time of it—for a change—despite the six or eight trips up and down the ladder to tote tools, brushes, hose and nozzle, oil can, pump, tubing, pads, etc. I'm pretty thorough (and pretty slow) with my maintenance of it.

As I was finishing up, I got to wondering: *How old is this old cooler, anyway?*

Bill Williams had installed it a couple of years before he sold A-1 Mechanical to Marvin Bryant.

I ran into Marvin at the Pancake House Saturday morning.

"When did you buy out Bill Williams?" I asked him.

"1983," he said.

So the cooler is about 15 years old, with no signs of wearing out yet.

It was a good commercial brand to start with, and still looks nearly new on the outside because of its baked - on enamel finish. It has outlasted two roofs, and its original sealed motor is still humming.

We turned it on when the outside temperature hit 90 Saturday. On the low-speed setting, it cooled the inside of the house from 75 to 68 in no time flat, and we had to turn it back off.

(Bill had calculated the cubic footage in our house before he installed our cooler, to determine the optimum size. That probably has had a lot to do with its longevity; it never has had to work full-time.)

I asked one of our local dealers what the average life expectancy is for a cooler.

"Here, or in Amarillo?" he asked.

"Both, I guess," I said.

"Here in Dimmitt, a cooler will last five to 10 years," he said. "In Amarillo, the average is three to five. It depends a lot on the water."

(Well, of course. Our Ogallala water is surely far gentler on a cooler than that salty Lake Meredith stuff they have to use in Amarillo.)

"There are a few coolers around here that are 13 to 15 years old," the local dealer added. "If they're taken care of, they can last 20 to 25 years here."

So your water quality, as it turns out, is at least as important as maintenance in the life of a cooler.

Even so, it pays to remember what Confucious said: "Take care of your evaporative cooler, and it will take care of you."

(Oh yes, they did—it's just that in Confucious' time, evaporative coolers were powered by peasants instead of motors. Where do you think they got the word "coolie"?)

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louder in the residential areas of the city.

Griffitt said the weekly testing of the sirens might be reduced to once a month and operated for a shorter test cycle to keep from "driving people crazy." He said that eventually he would like to have a system installed that would allow testing of the relay switches to the sirens without actually having to sound the sirens.

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Assistant City Manager Don Sheffy reported that the city may have to look at replacing the downtown water tower in the near future. He said a 150,000 gallon tank would cost around $250,000. He reported that the city engineer Royce Gooch told him it may cost as much as $100,000 to have the old tower sandblasted and repainted. Sheffy said the city will have the tower inspected before any decision is made about which way to go.

In America there are two classes of travel—first class and with children.
—Robert Benchley

20–Help Wanted

LEGAL SECRETARY, including billing, computer skills. See Jimmy Ross at 114 S. Broadway, Dimmitt. 20-5-2tc

NEEDED: Two truck drivers with at least two year's of experience and CDL. Call (806) 238-1615. 20-5-1tc

OWNER/OPERATORS NEEDED: Booker Transportation Services needs owner/operators to pull refrigerated trailers in our new West Coast operation. We offer weekly settlements, unloading pay, a tag payment program and an insurance program. We require a 1990 model or newer, conventional 3-axle, sleeper equipped tractor that must be driven by the owner. For more details call Booker Transportation at (800) 569-4633, Ext. 300 or 304, Monday through Friday. Our operators make money. Call today! 20-5-1tc

22–Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Thursday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-33-tfc

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 22-4-5tc

25–Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court will accept sealed bids for the following equipment, which will be sold: John Deere loader, John Deere backhoe. Items can be seen at Precinct 2. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge, Castro County Courthouse, 100 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, on or before May 13, 1996. Bids will be opened May 13, 1996 at 10 a.m. at Commissioners Court. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER
Castro County Judge
25-4-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for a backhoe for Precinct 2. Must be equivalent to a John Deere 410 with cab, air, heater, 1-1/4 yard loader, 24" bucket, front wheel assist. 1987 or newer model with less than 2,000 hours and warranty. Castro County will offer for trade one 1969 John Deere 644-A four-wheel drive loader and one 1966 John Deere 2010 tractor with backhoe and front end loader. Bids should be submitted to Castro County, Backhoe, Pct. 2, 100 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, on or before May 13, 1996. Bids will be opened May 13, 1996, at 10 a.m. at Commissioners Court. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be accepting sealed bids for (2) two Electromechanical Omnidirectional Sirens, with motor starter controls. Listed equipment must meet the following specifications. Siren specifications: 7.5 H.P. Rated at 208-240/480 VAC 34/17A, 50/60 Hz 2400' effective range. Outdoor rating: 115 dBC @ 100' on axis. Output frequency: 675 Hz. Totally enclosed motor, with megaphonic sound projectors, with protective screens. Motor controls matched to above specifications, mounted in weather proof enclosed box, must be provided.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The bids must be submitted by May 20, 1996, and will be evaulated at the next councilmen's meeting.

For information call Dimmitt City Hall, (806) 647-2155 and contact Reeford Burrous or Don Sheffy.

25-5-2tc

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