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ULTIMATE FOOTBALL CONTEST

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FOOTBALL '96

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By Don Nelson

"Justin is about ready to go to college," Max Newman told me at the Post Office recently. "Where should he go to get his Blaine Memorial Scholarship money?"

"I dunno," I confessed. "I've made the presentation the last couple of years, but I'm not on the selection committee. Try the First United Bank — that's where the scholarship fund is. They'll know how to go about it."

The trail led Max and Justin back to Dimmitt High School Counselor Sue Summers, who had the check-writing authority.

So Justin is off to college with a little community help, as are the recipients of many memorial scholarships that have been established here.

Scholarship funds are a great way for friends or relatives to memorialize someone.

The Blaine Memorial Scholarship, for instance, was established by friends and former players of John Blaine, a Hall of Fame coach here who had the winningest record in the nation in team sports in 1952 (82-1 in boys' and girls' basketball and football). The scholarship goes each year to a DHS senior boy or girl who has displayed Coach Blaine's main qualities — sportsmanship and dedication. Justin Newman was a worthy recipient this year.

There are other ways to memorialize a person, too. Many public buildings, parks, church windows and benevolence funds bear the names of precious people who deserve to be remembered.

I learned the other day that one of the most unique memorial funds here had been utilized, more than 30 years after it was established. It was used to put a group of Dimmitt boys around a campfire in the Colorado Rockies.

One of my boyhood friends was Orrin Howe. His dad, O.K. (Kim), was a soil conservationist and owned the farm that's now the Country Club. His mother, Genevieve, was a long-time school teacher here.

The tan-brick home where Orrin grew up is on Howe Street, off the 1000 block of West Bedford.

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News announces early deadlines

The News will observe early deadlines for the Sept. 5 issue, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Society news and advertising, including weddings, engagements, showers and anniversaries, and news from community correspondents should be submitted to the News by Friday at noon for inclusion in the Sept. 5 issue.

The deadline for all other news items and advertising will be at noon on Monday.

The News will go to press at its regular time, and will be open for business Monday.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	89	65	
Friday	88	57	.05
Saturday	83	57	.14
Sunday	73	63	.01
Monday	83	66	
Tuesday	81	63	1.08
Wednesday	77	64	Tr.

August Moisture 1.94
1996 Moisture 8.84

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



FIRST LOAD OF CORN grown in Castro County and reported at a local gin—yes, gin—is this load brought in Aug. 21 to J & D Corn, operating at the North Gin location in Dimmitt. "We handle all your corn and cotton needs," quipped J & D's Jim Bradford (right). Truman Touchstone (left) planted the grain April 10 on the Morris Brothers Farm about a mile south of Dimmitt. Moisture content was 27.5, market price was at \$8-plus, and shipment was slated to Rafter 3 Feed Yard. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Labor Day celebration slated in Dimmitt Monday

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will host a Labor Day picnic on Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. around the courthouse square in Dimmitt.

A barbecue supper will be served. Local civic clubs will work cooperatively on the meal with the Chamber serving the beef, the Kiwanis Club serving potato salad, LULAC dishing the beans and the Dimmitt Lions Club serving watermelon and tea.

Cost for the barbecue supper is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Live music provided by local performers will be held at the gazebo.

Anyone interested in performing should contact the Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

A volleyball tournament will be held at the courthouse square. Each four-person co-ed team will register from 6 to 7 p.m. at the square on the day of the tournament. Cost to enter is \$16 per team and prizes will be awarded in Dimmitt Dollars.

The public is invited to attend the celebration, which will kick off the 1996 Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

POWER POINTS football contest kicks off today

So you think you're pretty good at picking the college and pro football games, do you?

Well, you'll get your chance to try it during the next 17 weeks in the Castro County News. And if you're really good—or at least lucky—you could win a \$1,000 weekly cash prize.

The News, along with dozens of other Texas newspapers, will participate in the Texas POWER POINTS Football Contest, which features a \$1,000 cash prize to the weekly statewide winner.

Contestants are asked not only to project winning teams, but they must rank their selections along a weighted point scale according to their confidence in them. The 16-point line is the most valuable, the 1-point line the least valuable. Your "surest" guess goes on the 16-point line, your "least sure" guess goes on the 1-point line. The points total to 136. The statewide winner of the \$1,000 each week will be the person who amasses the most of those 136 points.

(Tiebreakers—total points scored and offensive yardage in a designated game—will break any ties.)

In addition to the weekly state winner, there is always a local winner. The News will award a \$20 cash prize to the person who tallies the high score locally each week.

Deadline for contestant entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays (except Thanksgiving week), and results will be published in the following week's issue. Entries are to be brought or mailed to the News office. The entry form will appear in the Sports Section of the newspaper each week.

Supplemental entry forms will be accepted. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to play, so even children may enjoy the contest.

However, each contestant may enter only one entry form statewide each week. The rule is strictly enforced. Filling out additional entries, then putting your friends' or relatives' names on them, violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to judging, and decisions of the judges are final. Full official rules accompany each week's entry form in the newspaper.

Enter the contest by clipping the weekly form from the paper, making the selections, then dropping off your entry at the News office prior to the weekly deadline.

An added feature of POWER POINTS: Participating communities will vie against each other, and the six top-scoring towns in Texas will share in cash awards for community and youth projects in their local areas. A weekly standings of up-to-the-minute point totals of local winners will let everyone know where their town ranks after any given week.

The first regular-season pro games are this weekend. The first entry form is on Page 9. Good luck!

County hikes tax rate

Castro County Commissioners adopted a 3% tax increase and set the 1996-97 budgeted expenditures at \$2,680,310 Monday afternoon after a 2-1/2 hour public hearing.

Only one county resident spoke to commissioners during the hearing—former Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith, but his main focus was on building roads and recouping attorney fees during the last redistricting suit.

The 1995-96 tax rate was \$.431 per \$100 property valuation. This year's effective tax rate (the rate this year which will raise the same amount of money which the \$.431 raised last year) was set at \$.428.

Castro County Tax Rate

(Tax rates listed are based on \$100 of taxable valuation)

1995-96 Tax Rate	\$.431
1996-97 Effective Rate	\$.428
Proposed Increase	3%
County General	—\$.340
County Road	—\$.101
1996-97 Tax Rate	\$.441

County General

1995-96 Tax Base	\$352,586,010
1996-97 Tax Base	\$354,802,695

County Road

1995-96 Tax Base	\$349,343,220
1996-97 Tax Base	\$351,482,205

County Budget

1995-96 Budget	\$2,569,202.86
1996-97 Budget	\$2,680,310.00

After studying what that would raise and figuring this year's budget, commissioners were forced to raise taxes by 3%. But the increase in this year's rate over last year's \$.431 only amounts to a penny—the 1996-97 tax rate will be \$.441.

A property owner paying county general and road tax on a \$40,000 home would owe \$176.40 this year, compared with \$172.40 last year.

Of the \$.441 rate, \$.340 will go to the general fund and the remaining \$.101 will go to road and bridge precincts.

The rate will raise \$1,225,000 in ad valorem tax and \$367,572 in county road tax. That money, along with interest, reimbursements, rent income, license fees, sales tax rebates, fines and more will fund the county budget this year, along with a carryover of \$201,541 from this year's budget.

Expected revenue from all sources will be \$2,479,047. Added to the \$201,541 carryover, that total will match the projected expenditures of \$2,680,310.00

In the county general fund, \$1,657,925 is expected revenue for this year. A carryover of \$64,438 brings the total projected revenue total to \$1,722,363. Revenue from the \$.101 county road tax will be \$367,572.

Budgeted expenditures for the General Fund include:

County Judge	\$77,272
County Clerk	\$95,490
Surveyor/Vet. Admin.	\$4,862
Elections	\$5,325
242nd Dist. Court	\$41,500
Justice of the Peace	\$45,582
64th Dist. Court	\$38,850

County Attorney	\$30,858
County Auditor	\$38,370
County Treasurer	\$38,475
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$85,505
Courthouse	\$187,356
Jail	\$80,100
Fire Prevention	\$52,506
Constable	\$26,312
Sheriff's Dept.	\$513,649
DPS	\$7,282
MH/MR Center	\$6,250
Health & Welfare	\$13,183
Culture	\$29,900
Extension Office	\$70,201
Expo Building	\$42,140
General Fund	\$113,245
Professional Services	\$56,850
Benefits	\$17,500
Non-Departmental	\$8,800

Projected expenditures for each precinct include:

Precinct 1	\$262,802
Precinct 2	\$196,770
Precinct 3	\$202,420
Precinct 4	\$290,955

Commissioners met with County Party Chairmen Don Newman (Democratic) and Deanne Clark (Republican) about the possibility of establishing early voting booths in other areas of the county.

Newman told commissioners that of the people voting in the March primaries, 23% of the ballots cast were early ballots. Of that percentage, 83% of the ballots cast were by Dimmitt residents.

"I would like to see early voting held in a location other than the courthouse," Newman said. "It's not always convenient for someone working out of town to have to travel 20 or more miles to Dimmitt to vote"

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Nazareth Labor Day picnic to feature food, games, parade

A roast beef dinner, parade, games, auction and more will highlight the annual Labor Day Picnic in Nazareth.

This year's celebration will be held on Sunday in and around the Nazareth Community Hall.

The day's activities will kick off with a parade at 10 a.m. Those with old cars or tractors and county clubs or organizations which draw memberships from the county are invited to enter a float in the parade, which will follow the theme "Olympics—The Golden Rule."

A roast beef dinner will be served in the Community Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for the meal will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children 12 and under. Carry-outs will be 50¢ extra. Donations of tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupes and bell

peppers for the dinner will be accepted.

A raffle will be conducted in the community hall from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

An outdoor concession stand operated by the Catholic Youth Organization, will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the awning at the Community Hall, and later near the auction site at 2 p.m.

The barrel rides for kids of all ages will be held in the church rectory driveway after the parade and will continue throughout the afternoon.

A variety of children's games, including bingo, "plinko," duck pond, children's raffle, treasure chest, pick-a-pocket, bean bag toss, and bounce cage will be open at 1 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Adult games during the afternoon will include bingo, over-and-under board, roulette wheel and cow patty bingo.

An auction and flea market will begin at 2 p.m. near the Community Hall.

After the auction, a horseshoe and washer pitching tournament will begin about 4:30 p.m. Those wishing to play should sign up on sheets placed in the foyer of Holy Family Church, or call Henry Ramaekers, 945-2525, Mark Gerber, 945-2654 or Mark Kleman, 945-2319.

The CYO will sponsor a volleyball challenge during this year's celebration, and businesses organizations, groups, friends, etc., are encouraged to enter a team.

For example, members of the

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All-American Futurity

Bud Hill's quarter horse to run in million-dollar race

When the gates go up in the million-dollar All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, N.M., on Monday, Bud Hill of Dimmitt will be on the edge of his seat.

That's because he owns a share in one of the quarter horses that will compete for the \$1,078,221.32 purse which will be awarded to the winner.

Hill, along with two other men, own a 2-year-old filly, The Ravin Maniac, which qualified for the richest quarter horse race in the world—the 440-yard All-American Futurity. His partners are Terry Bell of Oklahoma and Tom Irvine of Boca Grande, Fla.

The Ravin Maniac was among 10 horses that topped the 148-horse field in the 440-yard sprint trials Aug. 15. She will be ridden this weekend by one of the top jockeys,

Jose Badilla.

The Ravin Maniac qualified with a hard-fought time of 21.725 seconds, ninth best of the 10 qualifiers. The time was good for the horse considering she was the only qualifying horse that was forced to battle a head wind in her preliminary race.

"She ran in the first heat of the day and had to fight a head wind," Hill said. "Then in the second through eighth races it was dead calm. There was a slight wind blowing during the ninth through 14th races."

And as each race came and went, Hill grew more and more excited—and nervous. The Ravin Maniac was holding on to a qualifying time through the 14th race. With one race remaining, Hill's confidence in the Ravin Maniac earning one of the 10 qualifying spots grew. Three

horses in Race 15 would have to beat The Ravin Maniac's time to knock the filly out of the Futurity.

Then the wind shifted again. The horses in the final heat would have a tail wind boosting them along.

Times in the heat were good, but the Ravin Maniac held on to claim a spot in the big race.

"This is a dream of a lifetime for me," Hill said. "We knew she had a lot of potential, but she just hadn't made it to her top potential yet. She's just now learning to run well."

Hill says The Ravin Maniac has "a fair chance" in Monday's All-American Futurity, and with a little bit of luck, a clean break and good post position, she should do all right.

"She's a sound horse," said Hill. "We haven't had any physical prob-

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Editorial

Boll weevil control recall based on 'incomplete' info

By SHAWN WADE Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Efforts to recall the High Plains Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program continue to be based on incomplete information and a disregard for accuracy.

A recent mailing by the High Plains Weevil Recall Organization adds another chapter to this legacy. The organization's most recent mailing is designed not to educate or inform, but instead to inflame and distort the program, its formulation and purpose.

Invitations made months ago by members of the Plains Cotton growers Boll Weevil Steering Committee to meet, producer to producer, with leaders of the recall effort were rejected. Other examples of incomplete information include the implication that the High Plains will undoubtedly run up an enormous tab just because money has been borrowed in other zones.

The fact that, while provisions are included to authorize borrowing in the unlikely event it was necessary, cotton producers in the High Plains zone chose instead to set up an assessment structure that would fully pay

expenses each year. The recall group would rather distort the fact that cotton producers in other active eradication zones chose to borrow funds to pay their initial program expenses and reduce their yearly out-of-pocket expense.

High Plains cotton producers were given the opportunity, through numerous meetings, to take issue with the plan developed to deal with the boll weevil in a coordinated, systematic, cost-effective way. The fact that this plan was then put to producers and approved overwhelmingly in a democratic referendum in which every High Plains cotton producer and landlord had the opportunity to vote is also passed over.

Many thousands of cotton producers across the High Plains believe in and support the concept of the High Plains Enhanced Diapause Control Program. This silent, but still overwhelming, majority is made up of hard-working men and women who recognize the threat posed by the boll weevil.

We urge anyone considering putting their name on the recall petition to make an informed decision.



Letter

War against smoking can be added to list of illogical

Dear Editor:

Talk about defying logic (referring to Don Newman's letter last week)...

The all-out war against smoking, specifically advertising directed at youngsters, waged by the President and others can be added to the list of the illogical. There hasn't been a television ad for cigarettes since the '50s and yet most sports events are sponsored by beer companies.

Joe Camel is not any more alluring to teens and younger than the frogs and alligators of the beer commer-

cials and we all know what the drinking of beer does to teens and to drivers.

Prohibition didn't work. We may even be looking at black market cigarettes someday. It will be virtually impossible to regulate all the things and products that are harmful to us—gambling, alcohol consumption, Internet pornography and who knows what else.

Since some accept that sex will be tried, condoms are passed out in some places. Will we now give a package of cigarettes because we

know the young will try smoking?

Education and the "Just Say No" campaign had some good results. The new drug czar recognizes that the Nancy Reagan campaign of saying "no" worked and was dropped by this administration. Perhaps we should return to a policy—we have had no drug policy with this administration—of education and a campaign to discourage teen and younger smoking rather than adding more government regulation.

PATSY FRANKS

Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government? Write and tell us about it. (Castro County News, P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call some of them as well: (Contact us for a more complete listing.)

US SENATE

Phil Gramm (R-Texas): Washington Office: Rm. 370, Senate Russell Bldg., Washington DC 20510; phone (202) 224-2934.

Local office: 113 Federal Bldg., 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock TX 79401; phone (806) 743-7533.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon): Washington Office: 1535 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington DC 20515; phone (202) 225-3706.

Amarillo Office: 724 S. Polk Street, Suite 400, Fisk Bldg., Amarillo TX; phone (806)371-8844.

TEXAS SENATE

(The mailing address for all State Senators is Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin TX 78711; FAX (512) 463-0326.)

Tom Haywood, 30th District: Austin Office: Phone (512) 463-0130.

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(The mailing address for all State Representatives is Texas House, P.O. Box 2910, Austin TX 78768-2910; FAX (512) 463-0695.)

James "Pete" Laney, 85th District: Hale Center Office: P.O. Drawer 900, Hale Center TX 79041; phone (806) 839-2478.

Letter

'We need a saviour'

Dear Editor:

Don Newman is right—it does defy logic—thus we should vote Bill Clinton and guarantee ourselves more spending and taxes and bigger government.

Our choice may be to go over the socialistic abyss at 80 mph with Clinton or 55 mph with Dole. Either way, we have become a nation almost totally dependent on government for our financial security (and loss of freedom). We definitely need a saviour and there's not one running.

DEANNE CLARK

DPS warns of holiday hazards

The Texas Dept. of Public Safety is gearing up for what could be another deadly holiday. The Labor Day weekend is the last three-day weekend before cooler weather sets in, which makes it a very popular holiday. The fact that many people will take advantage of this period has state safety officials concerned.

"We anticipate many Texas motorists will take to the highway for that one last summer trip before winter," stated Trooper Wayne Beigle, public information officer for the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. "This means Texas drivers will be sharing the roads with more vehicles, which are being driven more miles than usual by drivers who are probably more fatigued than usual."

Even though DPS troopers remain optimistic, they realize that people will die needlessly on the state's highways during the holiday period.

"The tragic part of our traffic fatality picture is the fact that most of these collisions are caused by driver error, and are definitely preventable," Beigle said.

He added that this underlines the importance of obeying all traffic laws. Research has shown that when a traffic law is violated, property damage, injury and even death will many times result.

Trooper Beigle concluded by

encouraging drivers to put the odds in their favor this holiday by remaining alert, adjusting speed to match the existing road conditions, avoid the use of alcohol and using safety belts. Also, he gave a reminder about the state-wide motorist assistance number, 24 hours a day: 1-800-525-5555.

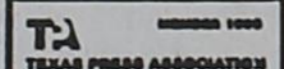
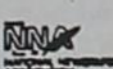
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Last Puzzle Solution grid with letters and numbers.

If Clinton wins in November, the GOP may change strategy

By JESSE E. TODD JR.

What can we expect from the Grand Old Party if President Clinton is re-elected in November? Silly question, I know, because Clinton is ahead in the polls only by about 20 points, hardly a large enough margin to cause Republicans serious concern given the fact that we know all those polls simply reflect the bias of the liberal media.

Bob Dole just needs a little more time to get focused and come up with an issue to galvanize his campaign.

Somehow, I don't think running on a pledge to eviscerate the IRS is going to do the trick, but he has nearly three months to find something, maybe a few R-rated movies, that will crystallize in voters' minds what it is they're concerned about and why Dole is the man to solve the problem.

But just as an exercise, let's contemplate how Republicans might be expected to react if Clinton wins. The context of such an outcome is critical.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but if Dole loses, the Republicans

will have failed to defeat the most personally flawed, widely vilified candidate in the history of humanity.

Maybe that's an exaggeration, but Clinton has been accused of just about everything but being a drunk, and maybe he's been accused of that and I just missed it.

There is not room here, or even in the Library of Congress, to list his alleged sins, which are compounded by the alleged sins of his wife.

In other words, a loss will be hard for Republicans to slough off. Some repositioning may be in order.

Dole has already offered a whopping tax cut. If he loses, it's hard to see how anyone would be able to explain the defeat by saying the tax cut wasn't large enough.

Does that mean Republicans will abandon lower taxes as a foundation of their philosophy? I can't imagine that happening, but if Dole, promoting a 15% tax cut, can't beat a president who, according to Republicans, is responsible for the largest tax hike in history, what should the GOP do? Promote a return to a barter economy?

If Dole loses, the factions within

the party that disagree on abortion will blame each other. Actually, they'll try to disembowel each other. Talk about nasty.

But I don't think most Americans share political junkies' fervor about abortion, one way or the other, and they will not vote for or against Dole based on that one issue.

It will be interesting to see what happens to the multitude of White-water probes if Clinton wins.

If Republicans can't beat Clinton at the polls, will that increase their enthusiasm for driving him from office through other methods? Or will they give up?

If Clinton, ridiculed as a champion of big government and liberalism, is re-elected, what will happen to Republicans' standard denunciation of big government and liberalism?

Maybe they should stop demonizing government. At the moment, Clinton is cruising along. Low inflation. Low unemployment. Modest economic growth.

Relative calm in the area of foreign affairs. Americans seem to see no connection between the various scandals involving Clinton and his capacity to do his job well.

And against all this, Dole offers a feeble, failed effort to broker peace in the abortion war and the promise of a 15% tax cut.

He says he can cut taxes that much and still balance the budget, a claim that reasonable people can be excused for doubting.

Maybe that 20 point lead really is a 20 point lead, and maybe it reflects two truths Republicans can't bear:

Bob Dole, a good man, is the wrong presidential candidate at the wrong time. And maybe Bill Clinton really is a New Democrat. Maybe, on the issues, he's right where a majority of Americans want their president to be.

Jesse Todd is associate editor of the editorial page of the Daily Press in Newport News, Va.

Letter

'The economy is stimulated'

Dear Editor:

Al Gore speculates about Dole's financial plan that "it will blow a hole in the deficit." But "blow a hole in the deficit" exactly describes the Democrats' 30-year failed five, no six trillion dollar tax and spend National Debt Plan. A fact. Is this deceit from our vice president?

Don Newman should know that cities regularly use tax abatement to induce companies to move busi-

nesses into their communities, which stimulates the economy and increases tax revenue.

If "Joe" has an extra five in his pocket because of the 15% tax reduction over the years, I'll use my tax relief to induce him and others to buy my products. Thus the economy is stimulated.

The lower rate actually produces more taxable revenue! Amazing!

BILL DANNEVIK

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

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Bethel Annual Chicken Fry was held Thursday on a beautiful evening, and a very large crowd attended. There is always plenty of chicken, besides all the other dishes. Carol Summers said, "Oh, that is good chicken!"

They elected new officers for next year: Kelly Howell, president; Katrina Howell, secretary; and Kennen Howell, vice president. The Methodist pastor, Bro. Rusty Dickerson, and the Baptist pastor, Bro. Paul Kenley and Barbara, Don and Verbie Nelson, and Paula Stiles with the Farm Bureau were special guests. Bethel will celebrate their 100th year next year.

Jack and Charlene Howell visited their son Matt Howell in Lubbock on Sunday afternoon.

Louise Mears was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served cookies for snacks and a dump cake and ice cream for dessert. Cleo Forson assisted by Emily Clingsmith served garden fresh black-eyed peas, squash, cole slaw, sliced tomatoes, and cornbread for lunch. Susie Reeves won high score and Emily Clingsmith won sec-

ond high. Others playing were Edith Graef, Bill Thornton, Helen Braafladt, Virginia Crider, Dude McLauren, Alma Kenmore, Ina Rae Cates, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey and Cleo Forson.

Christian Braafladt graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science and history degree. I can remember when Christian was born. I was the County Librarian and his parents came to the library often. Most of Christian's relatives attended the graduation: his parents, Chuck and Patricia Braafladt; his grandparents, Chet and Helen Braafladt; his sisters, Joan and Randall Craig and Paul, and Jill and Charles McLean, Summer and Cassie; and Chip Thrasher and friend and Phillip Thrasher and friend. They all enjoyed dinner at the Big Red Barn and much visiting.

Bennie Gollehon of Houston and his son and wife, John and Sharon Gollehon of Fort Worth, spent two nights with Oleta Gollehon. They went backpacking in Colorado after leaving Dimmitt.

Weldon and Ann Rodgers of Paducah spent Saturday night with Oleta Gollehon. They had been to

Conchas Lake and stopped in Dimmitt on their way home.

Doug and Debbie Smith of Amarillo spent a fun weekend in Dallas recently. They attended the game between the Texas Rangers and Kansas City, besides eating at some of the special restaurants. Bobby and Wanda Murdock kept their granddaughter, Alyson Smith, while her parents were in Dallas. The Murdocks met their son, Brad, and family of Portales, N.M., and they went to see the play "Texas."

The Birthday Club met in Amarillo at the Golden Corral for dinner and to celebrate Vernice Green's birthday. They went out to Lawrence and Vernice Green's new home in Amarillo after dinner, where they were served cake and coffee. Other members enjoying this special occasion were Charles and Rena Richard, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Edna Reinart and Rosetta Bellinghausen.

The First Baptist Church in Earth celebrated their 70th anniversary on Sunday. They enjoyed dinner and a musical program. One former pastor, Bro. Baldwin, attended. They presented a plaque in memory of Guy

Francis Kelley, who had served as the church treasurer for many years, besides performing other duties in the church. Guy Francis was my cousin. Billye G. Davis of Dimmitt was among the out-of-town guests.

Charles and Rena Richard enjoyed an extended vacation down East this summer. New Orleans was the first stop, where they visited their son, Craig, and daughter, Charlotte. While there, they attended the world premiere of the Disney production *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. It was quite a production inside the Super Dome with all the Disney characters and an audience of 65,000.

After that, they went to Newport, N.C., and visited their son, Charles Jr., and his family. While there, they toured the Outer Banks of North Carolina for two days. They started at Ocracoke Island, a ferry ride of 2-1/2 hours, and went all the way to Virginia Beach, Va. They saw many historical light houses and places such as Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras, Nags Head and Bodie Island.

Then they went back to New Orleans to miss the hurricane, and on to Lake Charles, La., to visit Rena's eight sisters and brother. Then home at last.

Paul and Barbara Kenley flew to North Carolina recently for the final concert of the season at Brevard Music Center. Their daughter, Nikki, had spent seven weeks studying opera at the noted summer program in the Smoky Mountains. She sang in six different productions, which included the role of Primasera in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The last event of the season was a production of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, in which Nikki was honored as a featured soloist. Backed up by a full orchestra and chorus of over 200, she sang to over 2,000 people, as well as to the cameras of North Carolina Public Television. Of the four soloists in the production, only Nikki and one other were

students from the program. The other two were members of the Brevard faculty. The solo singled out Nikki from eight other mezzo-sopranos among the field of over 300 students.

She is now back in Abilene for her senior year at Hardin-Simmons, and then she will seek admission to a top music conservatory for graduate study.

Trent Price, son of Morris and Andrea Price of Lubbock and grandson of Billye G. Davis, appeared in the role of David in the Lubbock Traveling C.A.T.S. production of *David and Goliath*, in a performance in Tyler last week.

His parents and grandmother accompanied the cast to Tyler. Later they drove on to visit with Lance

and Mary Davis and Len of Lake O' the Pines for the remainder of the week.

The Bill Clarks attended the graduation of their nephew, Terry Dennis, in Houston at the Houston Baptist University last weekend. It was a family affair and Deanne's mother and father also attended.

Karen Sheffy celebrated her birthday a few days late at The Place last week. Mary Jo Birdwell, Frances Duke, Deanne Clark and Margaret Parsons honored her.

Rev. Rusty Dickerson celebrated his "under 40" birthday this week by having steak and the trimmings with his folks and some cousins at his home.

Paul and Mary Ann Fuentes are visiting their daughters this week.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

The sister staying with Elton Gulley had a flare-up with her heart and was admitted to Methodist Hospital for observation this week.

Norma Conard of Dimmitt attended the 65th anniversary celebration for Bud and Susie Curtsinger Sunday in Hereford, where she saw more former residents of the community. The Curtsingers were the superintendent and house mother of the Boy's Ranch Farm on the Dwight Axtell Farm while they lived here. Their daughter, Sue Andrews of Lewisville, her son, James, and a grandson, Ray, were present, as were three of the Boy's Ranch boys: Kenneth Kellener of Wharton, Art McFatten and wife Charlene of Odessa, and Glendon Hill and his wife, Phyllis, of Port Lavaca. Louise Hederick of Amarillo, a former resident, was there, and Marilyn McGath Brunson of Lubbock. Francis and Elbert Smith of Dimmitt also attended. There was a big crowd.

Rev. Cecil Golden, retired minis-

ter from Wayland (where he has been a professor for 25 years), filled the pulpit Sunday for Rev. Bennie Wright, who was in Oklahoma with Joyce. They went to Dimmitt after the service to eat dinner with their daughter, Linda Rasor, and her husband, George, and two grandchildren, Laura Rasor, 8, and Michael Rasor, 7. He was a good preacher.

Saturday morning we received .20-inch of rain, with .15-inch Sunday morning here at my house. Robert and Frances Duke had .34-inch of rain Saturday.

Robert and Frances Duke went to Duncanville Aug. 9 for the 50th wedding anniversary of her sister, Ida, and her husband, Joe Sanders. They came home Aug. 11.

Frances Duke went to Canyon Wednesday to keep Sandra Duke's business open while she attended a small business seminar in Amarillo. Saturday, Frances went to Lubbock to help her granddaughter, Ashlee, celebrate her ninth birthday. Sandra came from Canyon to help with the

celebration.

Jack Bradley was honored with a birthday party in the home of Lee and Louise Bradley Saturday night. Others present were Heather and the kids, Tanner and Aimee, Lillian Carson, Gregg George and Sharon Bradley, all of Lubbock.

Emma Jean King went to Hobbs, N.M., Thursday morning for the birth of a new baby, Alec Taylor Francoeur. The son of Margaret and James Francoeur, he was born about noon and weighed 6-1/2 pounds. They did fine, and she came home Sunday.

Last weekend, Emma Jean's brother, Thurman of Beeville, and his wife, Marie, spent the weekend with them. They came Aug. 15 and left Aug. 17.

Hershell and Retha Wilson had their mothers up for a visit Monday through Thursday. They had a fish fry Wednesday with Flossie Jones of Olton and Lonnie and Renee, Jessica and Andrea of Springlake and Karen and David Hutson of Dimmitt also attending.

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The Nazareth Swifts' football team was honored Sunday afternoon. Pictures were taken of the players, team, and the junior high and high school cheerleaders.

Head Coach Rick Price introduced the football team and gave a short talk about what he expected of them this season. Tammy Robb then introduced the cheerleaders.

Everyone enjoyed homemade ice cream and cookies. A great gathering of parents, grandparents and students was on hand for the social.

We hope to have a successful season with no more injuries.

The Nazareth cheerleaders sponsored a fundraising "Swift Breakfast" at the Legion Hall Sunday morning, serving breakfast burritos, sweet rolls, juice and coffee. The

group enjoyed a big turnout, and are thinking about hosting the fundraiser again.

Velma Warren of Hereford and Joe and Rita Woetovech enjoyed a drive to Fort Smith, Ark., to visit with their sister, Sister Josella Birkenfeld, at St. Scholastica Convent. They also visited with Sister DeChantal Hyland, who will be 90 this month; with Sister Francis Ann Braddock, Sister Jane Francis Brockman, Sister Norbert Hoelting, Sister Consuella and Sister Charlene, who is Matilda Anderle's sister. They said the weather and the scenery were both beautiful.

Amy Schmucker is recuperating at home after having knee surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital. She is

currently taking therapy three times a week at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. He has had more extensive eye surgery.

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JULY WEDDING—Jennifer Wilbanks and US Air Force Capt. Lance Brockman were married on July 6 in Norman, Okla. The couple exchanged wedding vows at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church with Father John Metzinger, pastor, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Joe and Vickie Wilbanks of Norman. Parents of the groom are Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth. *Courtesy Photo*

Handmade quilts will be displayed at Expo Building

Some of the most gorgeous patchwork creations around will be displayed in the Castro County Expo Building on Saturday, Sept. 7, during the Harvest Days celebration.

The show will highlight handmade quilts, including some antiques. The Friendship Quilters Guild is sponsoring the event.

The quilt show was initiated in 1987 and each year it features the special quilting skills of Castro County residents and Guild members.

Quilts will be on display at the Expo Building during the Harvest Days celebration. A knowledgeable quilter from the Panhandle-South Plains area will judge the event.

All county residents are eligible to enter the show and competition.

The Friendship Quilters Guild and their representatives will make every effort to ensure the safety of all quilts. Security will be provided at all times. The Friendship Quilters Guild is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of any quilt.

Entry classifications include the following divisions and categories.

Quilts which will be entered in the judged competition must enter Division I, which is for quilts which have been finished after Jan. 1, 1991.

Quilts entered in Division II for judging must have been made between 1946 and 1991.

Categories in Division I and Division II include the following (except there is no youth category in Division II):

1. Miniature Quilts.
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6. Machine Applique (all methods).
7. Machine-Quilted (all that are quilted by machine, except pre-printed cloth).
8. Pieced (hand quilted only).
9. Pre-printed Cloth (also called cheater's cloth, hand or machine-quilted).
10. Quilts by Youth (made by those under age 17).
11. Quilt Tops.
12. Small Quilts and Wall Quilts (less than 60" x 90").
13. Specialized Method (includes painted, cathedral windows and crazy quilts).

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

Quilts in Division I and II will be judged for technique, design, creativity and overall quality. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to winners in each category. Ribbons also will be awarded for quilts selected as winners of the Judge's Award, Best of Show, and People's Choice Award.

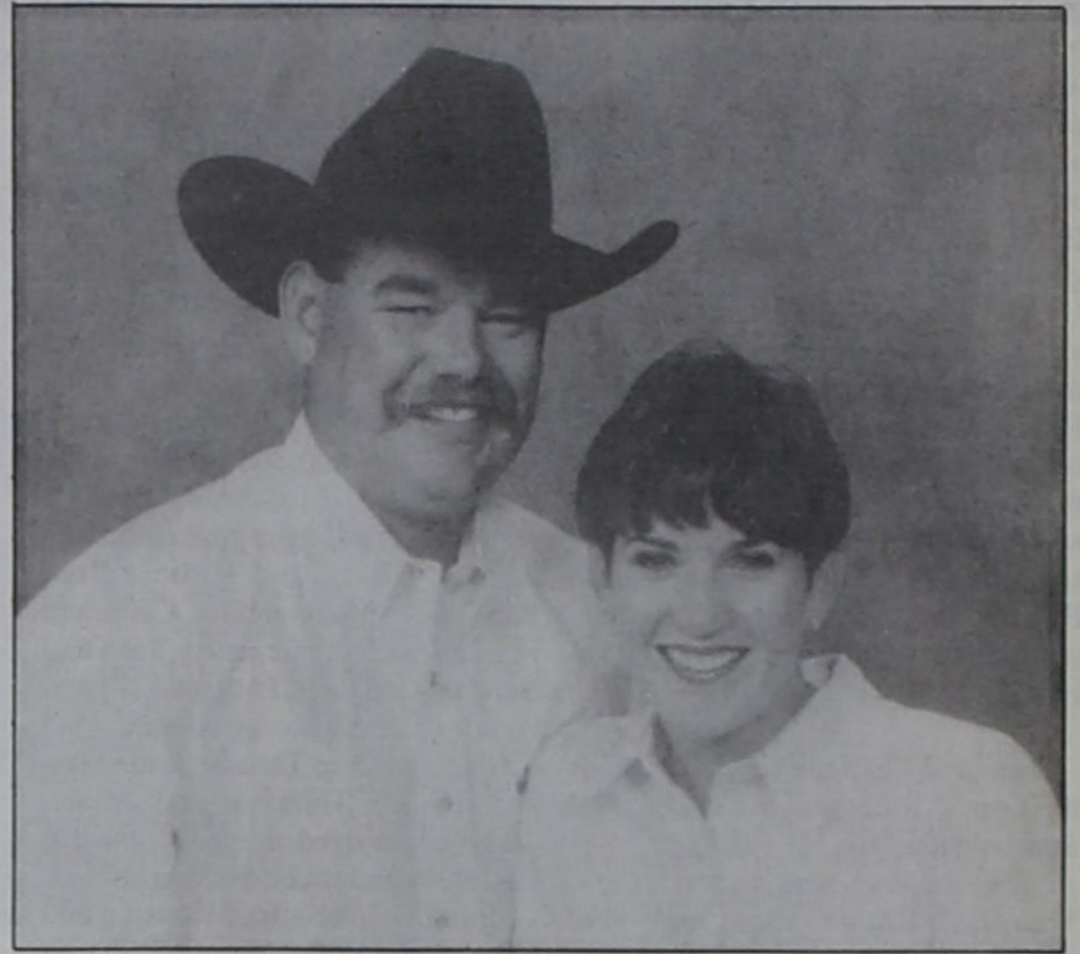
A third division will be for display only, and only quilts made before 1946 are eligible to enter. These quilts will not be judged.

Quilts which won an award in a previous quilt show can be entered for display only, but will not be allowed in the judged competition.

Only one quilt per entrant, per category will be allowed. If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to each person involved. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.

The quilt show superintendent reserves the right to limit, reclassify or disqualify entries. Quilts entered in the show may be sold if the owner so desires.

The Guild urges all county residents to "get that quilt finished, put that binding on and bring it to the fair!"



Tye Killingsworth and Becky Brownlow

Couple plan November wedding

Emory and Dorothy Brownlow of Hereford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Becky Brownlow, to Tye Killingsworth, son of Jerry and Meri Killingsworth of Hereford, formerly of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Nov. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church in Hereford.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Hereford High School. She graduated from Amarillo College in 1991 with a degree in surgical technology, and earned an associate degree in nursing in 1994. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University this spring. She currently is employed at Deaf Smith Home Care.

The prospective groom graduated from Hereford High School in 1993 and he is attending West Texas A&M University. He is employed by Aztec Cattle Company at Hereford Feed Yard.

Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt. The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

James Garfield was the first U.S. president to use a telephone.

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This year's fair, which will be held in conjunction with Harvest Days, will be held on Sept. 7 at the Expo Building. All entries in the fair will be due at the Expo between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sept. 6.

After being judged, exhibits will be open the public for viewing on Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fair books contain copies of all rules and regulations as well as entry blanks.

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



It's a wrap . . .

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt adopted the project of producing 50 quilts, donating 40 to residents of Canterbury Villa, and another 10 for clients of the Child Protective Services office. Here, the quilters are presenting quilts to representatives of the Castro County Child Welfare Board. Present are (back from left) quilters Doris Lust, Linda Shannon, Tommie Nisbett, Amelia Barrera, and Joyce Davis; and (center, from left) board members

Grace Killough, Connie Wilhelm, and Joan Aalbers, and CPS worker Donna Stump; and (front, from left) board members Paula Graham and Bobbie Bruegel. Upon hearing of the 50-quilt project, S.L. Garrison of Hereford donated \$500 to the guild, according to guild member Darlene Collins. Collins said Hobbs Batting Co. of Waco donated all of the batting used for the quilt project. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

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Canyon family remembers Olympic guard as a friend

(Editor's Note: This story appeared in the Aug. 10 edition of the Amarillo Daily News. Steve Anthony is a Dimmitt native, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anthony.)

By CYNTHIA PUCKETT
Globe-News Staff Writer

One of the most memorable events for a Canyon family that attended the 1966 Olympics in Atlanta was a chance meeting with a security guard who befriended the family.

Days later, the FBI began investigating the guard, Richard Jewell, in connection with the explosion of a bomb July 27 that killed a woman and injured more than 100 others at Centennial Plaza.

Jewell at first was regarded as a hero for spotting the bomb before it detonated but later came under FBI scrutiny.

Canyon resident Susan Anthony said she and her family do not believe that the Richard Jewell they met could be capable of planting the bomb.

"He became a special someone to us," she said.

A thorough search of Jewell's house and storage sheds have turned up no incriminating evidence, and a comparison of Jewell's voice with that of a 911 caller warning of the bomb found no apparent similarities, according to a CBS report Thursday.

If a few remaining forensic tests show no connection between Jewell and the bombing, CBS reported, officials at the FBI and the Department of Justice believe they owe Jewell a public apology. FBI officials in Washington late Thursday denied they were considering an apology.

Susan Anthony, her husband Steve Anthony, son Patrick Anthony and daughter Kori Anthony, attended the Olympics, fulfilling a longtime dream for Mrs. Anthony.

"We wanted to go while they were young. I knew this would make a good impression on them," Mrs. Anthony said both children are involved in competitive swimming and someday could participate in the Olympics themselves.

"We wanted to show them what these people had worked for and done for themselves and their countries," Mrs. Anthony said.

When the Anthonys bought their event tickets, they also took advantage of a chance to buy commemorative bricks that would help pave the Centennial Plaza area. The Anthonys had their children's names each placed on a brick.

After leaving an Olympic event one day, the Anthonys found themselves among a crowd of about 65,000 people and opted not to stand in line for a shuttle to their parking area. Instead, they went to Centennial Plaza to find the bricks with the children's names on them.

Afterward, the family decided to watch the swimming finals on a large outdoor screen, but there were no places to sit, Mrs. Anthony said.

The family spotted a bench reserved for security guards and asked a guard if it was all right if they sat there. After a few moments, the guard agreed and struck up a conversation.

Mrs. Anthony said that a favorite pastime at the Olympics was swapping pins, similar to lapel pins, often worn on hats. The pins were sold at various shops, and some were available only during an Olympic event, making some more rare and valuable than others, she said.

When the guard, they later identified as Jewell, saw the pins that Kori had on her hat, he offered a trade, making the 9-year-old girl very pleased.

Mrs. Anthony said, "He was very nice, gracious and kind. He asked what events we went to. Did we

need any help? Did we enjoy our stay?"

Mrs. Anthony snapped a picture of Kori and the guard trading pins, and from then on the family referred to him as "Kori's friend."

When Mrs. Anthony later recounted the Olympic trip to friends and family, she also told them about "Kori's friend," and how he had gone out of his way to help them, she said.

The family left Atlanta and several days later learned that the bombing had taken place. The family prayed that "Kori's friend" was not hurt in the incident. Days later, they saw "Kori's friend" on television being implicated in the bombing.

When the photos she took of her daughter and the security guard were returned, they confirmed that "Kori's friend" was Richard Jewell.

Despite heavy media coverage of Jewell's activities and FBI scrutiny, Mrs. Anthony says she hasn't heard any evidence to convince her that Jewell is the person who committed the crime.

Mrs. Anthony said Kori and the rest of the Anthony family are handling the ordeal well, awaiting the outcome of the FBI investigation. Mrs. Anthony said that Patrick and Kori are not afraid of Jewell.

"That's not the type of person he was with us. His generosity and kindness with us... I don't see a killer's personality," she said.

"I do believe there was a reason we met him. I always believe there's a reason why someone is placed in your path," Mrs. Anthony said.

Mrs. Anthony said she would jump at the opportunity to see Jewell or talk to him again. "I would like to see if he remembered us like we remembered him. I don't like to see anyone go down, especially someone who was so nice. I'd just go up and give him a hug."

(Editor's Note: It was reported Aug. 20 that Jewell had passed a series of lie detector tests administered by a retired FBI polygraph expert at the request of Jewell's attorney.)



BEAUTY SPOT—Mendoza's Business in Dimmitt has brightened up the corner of Broadway and East Jones with myriads of colorful flowers, earning honors from the Chamber of Commerce beautification committee. Standing amidst the flowers is business owner Frank Mendoza. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Baby shower honors Petty

Expectant parents Kevin and Shelly Petty were honored with a baby shower Saturday in the home of Cindy Bain.

Special guests were mothers of the couple, Dorothy Nutt of Dimmitt and Jean Petty; and grandmothers of the pair, Ruby Wilson of Ropesville, Ellie Nutt of Plainview and Allena Nelson of Lelia Lake.

Out-of-town guests included Pamela Kelsey of Abilene, Patsy Ulmer of Plainview, Bonnie Ferguson of Ropesville, Tonya Thrash of Levelland, Barbara Hardin of Hereford, Heather Fritz of Lubbock, Stephanie Schilling of Dumas and Jo Hyman of Amarillo. Also attending were Ann Williams and Julie of Canyon; Maggie Lytal, Meggan and Brennan, of Amarillo; and Tish Murrell and Taylor of Tulia.

The hostesses presented the honorees with a baby stroller.

The serving table was covered

with a rose-colored cloth topped with a white Battenburg cloth. Crystal appointments were used for serving. The three-tiered "diaper" cake was decorated in a baby motif.

Refreshments included punch, individual decorated cake squares, dipped strawberries, jellybean "pacifiers," and miniature "diapers" filled with mints.



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It's a boy for Polly Bolton and Joe Porter of Dimmitt. Jacob Clay Porter entered the world at 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 21 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 18 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Fred and Joyce Bolton of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Mollie and Joe Porter, also of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Frankie Cale Nunley, Frances Rochelle of Houston and Mae Bolton of Lubbock.

Lonnie and Traci Robb of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Payton Jean Robb, who was born at 1:10 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Payton Jean weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 20 inches long when she was born. She has a big brother, Logan, who is 2. Paternal grandparents are Jean Robb of Dimmitt and Ted Robb of Idalou. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Doris Bowling of Bangs. Great-grandparents are Madge Robb of Dimmitt, Tina Mills and Edna King of Bolivar, Mo.

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RUTH HACKLEMAN (center) accepts the NASCOE 3000 Hours Sick Leave Award from Ray Joe Riley, chairman of the State Farm Service Agency Committee. Hackleman is a program assistant in the Castro County FSA office and through her years of service she accumulated enough sick leave hours to earn the

national award. On hand for the presentation is Trish Elliott, FSA county executive director. The national award is present to FSA employees who have accumulated 3000 hours of unused sick leave. NASCOE is the employee association for FSA employees.

Photo by Anne Acker

Chamber backs 'hats off' idea for Harvest Days

Chamber merchants gathered for a regular meeting last Thursday and discussed activities for the upcoming Harvest Days celebration on Sept. 2-7.

On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7, all merchants and employees are urged to wear fun hats as part of a "hats off" salute to Castro County. If a customer wears a hat or cap and "tips" his or her hat or cap to the cashier, that customer will receive an entry for a chance at a drawing for a Castro County afghan, which is being donated by *Castro County News*.

The Chamber will furnish the registration forms, but each business is asked to provide their own box for the drawing. Registration slips for the drawing must be delivered to the Chamber office by Monday.

Merchants also are being encouraged to have their own in-house drawings.

Chamber Director Shelly Nutt reported on parade entries, and said she has been "pleasantly surprised" with the response, adding that entries "are really streaming in."

Nutt said of the booths reserved for the arts and crafts show, one third will be occupied by local hobbyists, who will sell homemade foods and craft items.

The Teacher Appreciation Coupon Sheet was approved for this school year. Merchants will be asked if they want to participate. There will be no cost for the ad on the coupon sheet. All school personnel in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth will receive a sheet. Coupons will be valid from Sept. 3-24. Dimmitt Thriftway is providing the copy service for the project.

The next Chamber meeting will be held in October and plans for the Christmas promotion will be discussed.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

That's a Good Question



Do you read this column every week? Do you read it for entertainment or information? What other columns do you read regularly? What types of columns have helped you the most in your business, career or personal life? How might I improve this column? Are you 50 years of age or older?

Asking your customers questions is a great way to learn more about them, and how you can better serve their needs. Most small business owners—myself included—are guilty of not asking enough questions. At least we're guilty of not asking the right questions.

What are the right questions? How can you ask them without offending anyone? Of whom do you ask these questions? Well, those are good questions.

Actually the first question you should ask yourself is "What do we want to know? You see, the beginning of good research is to first determine what information is valuable to you in making good decisions in your business.

After you determine what you need to know, you can begin to zero in on possible sources for your answers. Then you should consider ways of getting the information without irritating anyone. Most people enjoy talking about themselves. Therefore, as long as you don't get too personal they will answer most of your questions.

Types of questions

There are three major types of questions you can use to gather information: Open-ended, closed-ended and thinking questions. Each type of question has specific advantages in trying to solicit answers.

You can use the closed-ended question to obtain specific information. Yes or no answers are common, as are specific details. "Were you born in Texas?" and "Where were you born?" are both closed-ended questions. The first is structured to generate a yes or no answer, the second to reveal a specific location.

You can use closed-ended question to qualify prospects or potential customers. "Do you plan to buy a car in the next six months?" and "Do you own your own home?" are examples.

You can use the open-ended questions to involve the person being questioned in the conversation. The purpose is to allow the questioner to get additional feedback, opinions and information.

If you want your customer to participate in the creation of ideas, defining problems or analyzing your service, open-ended questions will help. Listen carefully when you ask this type of question, because you may get valuable information to help you grow your business.

The third type of question is the thinking question. Thinking questions require the person you're questioning to consider options, analyze different issues or expose underlying motivations.

You should not ask thinking questions unless you have built a solid relationship and established trust with your customers. Thinking questions are usually more personal and intimate. You must earn the right to ask them.

Good starter questions

At this point I'm going to assume that you have already built a good working relationship with your better customers. You have qualified them as being valuable to your future growth and profit and you have earned their trust. Here are some good questions for building your business.

- ◆What do you enjoy most about doing business with us?
- ◆What could we do to serve you more effectively?
- ◆If you could change anything about our business, what would it be?
- ◆If we were to extend or change our hours, when would you like us to be open?
- ◆Are there products or services you wish you could buy from us that we currently don't carry?
- ◆Is there anything you would like me to know about you that might help us serve you better?

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

Castro County ranks second on latest SPS Fed Cattle Survey

The cattle industry is a big part of Castro County's economy, and the 13 lots located within the county's borders can feed a total of 315,000 head of cattle at one time.

That number ranks second over most of the counties in West Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and eastern New Mexico, according to the 1996 Fed Cattle Survey released by Southwestern Public Service Co. Castro County also was second in the total number of cattle fed in commercial lots during 1995 with 668,758 head reported.

Topping the list of counties' lot capacity was Deaf Smith County, which can feed 477,600 head at one time in its 16 lots. Deaf Smith also lead the list for the most head fed during the year with a whopping 943,174.

The portions of the three states included in the survey are able to feed 3,198,250 head of cattle at one time, and last year the lots managed to feed 6,400,439.

The majority of those cattle were fed in Texas, too. The West Texas lots managed to feed 5,448,332 head in 1995.

The area of Texas covered by the survey sports 91 feedlots while the Eastern New Mexico area has five and the Oklahoma Panhandle lists 12. There are 18 lots classified as "starter lots," or lots with a capacity of less than 5,000 head.

The county feedlot with the largest one-time capacity is Bar G Feedyard, which can hold 85,000 head. After that, Dimmitt Feedyard comes in second with a capacity of 45,000 and Rafter 3 Feedyard can handle 40,000. Other county feedlots listed in the survey, along with their one-time capacity, are Seven X Feed Yard, 31,000; Cluck Feed Yard, Inc., 20,000; Hill Feedlot, 20,000; LS Custom Feeders, Inc., 17,000; A2 Cattle Feeding, Inc., 14,000; Smith Cattle Feeders, 14,000; Sunnyside Feed Yard, 10,000; Beef Co., Inc.,

9,000; and Bridges Feedyard & Cattle Co., 5,000. The survey also lists one starter lot in the county—Look Cattle Feeders, which can hold 5,000 head at once.

Also listed on the survey are packing plants operating within the survey area during 1995. Of the 13 packing houses listed, 12 are located in the Texas Panhandle-South Plains area. The other is located in Quay, N.M.

The biggest packing plant on the list is Iowa Beef Processors, located in Potter County. Montfort, Inc. is second and Excel Corp. in Parmer County ranks third.

DMS honors Kelvin Clark

Kelvin Clark has been named the student of the week for the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring at Dimmitt Middle School.

Clark is the son of Danny and Martha Clark, and he wants to be an animal care specialist when he grows up. Born May 19, 1986, in Hereford, Clark said he enjoys "Goosebumps" books and his favorite food is "hot pockets."

He does well at math and wishes he were better at reading. He likes the teachers at DMS, and admires and respects his mother.

His favorite animal is the cheetah and in his free time he likes to ride his bike.

Parade marshal nominees are being accepted

Nominations are being accepted for parade marshal for the Castro County Harvest Days Parade, which will be held in Dimmitt on Sept. 7.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m., and participants are asked to be ready to line up at 9 a.m.

Only residents of Castro County may be nominated for parade marshal. To submit a nomination form, submit the person's name, address and a brief explanation of what this person has contributed to his or her community and Castro County.

All nominations must be submitted to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 West Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 before Friday.

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Sheep, goat raisers to elect new directors

The Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board will hold a biennial election to elect directors from each of its districts.

Directors whose terms will expire are Ernest Woodward from District One, Perry Bushong from District Two and Billy Roeder from District Three.

The election will use a mail-in ballot and pre-addressed return envelope format using a list of known producers within the 111 county referendum compiled for this purpose. The formal date for the election will be Tuesday, Oct. 29, and all ballots must be postmarked prior to midnight of that date to be considered.

Several ballots will also be mailed to county Extension agents in the referendum area for producers who are eligible to vote but do not receive a

ballot by mail. Any person residing in the referendum area that is in the business of producing sheep and/or goats for commercial purposes within the referendum area, or who is required to pay the assessment, is eligible to vote.

Nominations are being accepted for the director positions, and forms are available at the Extension offices, from current directors or at the TSGCB office in San Angelo. Nomination forms should be returned to the TSGCB office with the required ten signatures of support by producers from the district. Producers supporting the nomination must reside in the district of the nominee they support and they must be eligible to vote in the election.

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Cotton Talks

Prevention has always been the best way to avoid harmful situations and High Plains cotton producers typically don't let the same dog bite them twice.

Over the past several years the Texas High Plains has been recognized as one of the top sources of high quality, high strength cotton. One of the key reasons for the area's reputation has been the willingness of producers to adapt to changing situations and avoiding potential pitfalls.

In order to maintain their good reputation, however, High Plains producers are recognizing the consistent benefit associated with a timely harvest and the use of harvest aid materials.

"Last year's crop was excellent in terms of overall quality," said cotton breeder John Gannaway. "Unfortunately, we also had some isolated instances of 'sticky' cotton that has the potential to tear down the reputation we have worked so hard to develop."

Gannaway notes that "sticky" cotton is not a recurring problem for High Plains growers. The fact that sticky problems appear sporadically and from a variety of sources makes it doubly hard to predict when such a problem will occur and what form it takes.

He explains that two types of stickiness cause most "sticky" cotton problems. The first is the natural accumulation of plant sugars. The second is associated with late season insect activity, primarily aphids.

Gannaway notes that research to deal with the natural plant sugars is being conducted by his breeding program and others. Additional efforts are being put forth to deal more effectively with the insects themselves.

"The bottom line is that 'sticky' cotton is not something we can predict in advance," Gannaway said. "For the High Plains cotton producer, both irrigated and dryland, the best defense against this problem will always be a good offense."

Gannaway suggests that all producers should be preparing plans for the upcoming harvest season.

"Now is the time to be thinking about what can be done to harvest the 1996 crop as soon as it is ready," he said.

Both dryland and irrigated producers can benefit from the use of harvest aid chemicals. Research has proven that the longer the crop stays in the field waiting for the last bolls to open naturally, the more producers lose in both fiber weight and quality.

Dryland producers should consider the use of harvest aids for the same

reason as irrigated producers. Insects, primarily aphids, can strike quickly and at any time. Harvest aids help prevent late season problems by preparing the crop for a timely harvest.

"The 1995 crop was a prime example of what can happen in a short time," said Gannaway. "Last year we had a situation where the dryland crop was all but finished when we received a significant rain in late September. Instead of having the crop ready for harvest and ready to get out of the field some of the dryland fields were quickly revitalized and put on significant amounts of regrowth, which in turn provided a place for aphids."

Gannaway said that such late rains can come at any time. Producers have the ability to prevent a repeat of this situation by recognizing the status of the crop and getting it out of the field.

Additional information about the use of harvest aids in dryland cotton and the benefits associated with avoiding "sticky" cotton problems is being prepared and will be made available to producers.

For more information contact any Texas Agricultural Extension Service office.

Crime Line offers reward on park graffiti

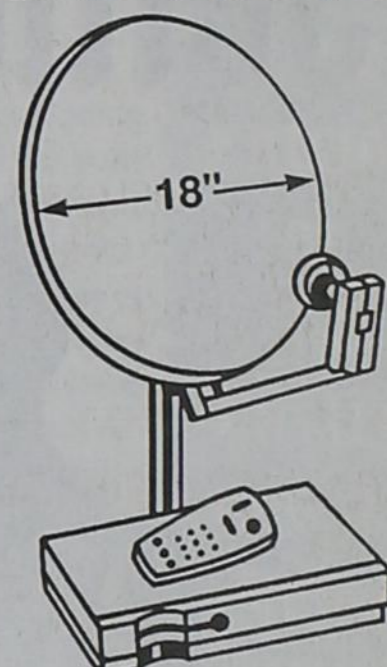
Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for criminal mischief at two roadside parks in Castro County.

Obscene graffiti was written on picnic tables at the roadside park south of Sunnyside and at the roadside park on the southern edge of Dimmitt. Both incidents occurred sometime around July 22.

Anyone with information on either incident should contact County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald at the Castro County Sheriff's, 647-3311. Callers may remain anonymous.

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Total federal spending in county declined 12.6% in fiscal 1995

By T.P. CRUMP

Total direct federal spending in Castro County declined sharply by 12.6% amounting to \$33,948,000 during fiscal 1995 according to a report recently released by the Dept. of Commerce.

Total direct federal spending in Castro County had amounted to \$38,857,000 during fiscal 1994. Direct federal spending in Castro County had fallen even more sharply by 18.2% from fiscal 1993 to fiscal 1994.

Total direct federal spending nationally had increased by only 2.9% from \$1,330.5 billion during fiscal 1994 to \$1,368.6 billion during fiscal 1995. This is the smallest increase in national direct federal spending for more than a decade. Direct federal spending had increased by 4.5% from fiscal 1993 through fiscal 1994.

Total direct spending in Texas had increased by 5.1% from \$79.8 billion in fiscal 1994 to \$83.9 billion during fiscal 1995. From fiscal 1993 through fiscal 1994 direct federal spending in Texas had increased by 4.5%.

Direct federal spending does not include federal loans or federally guaranteed loans. Additionally, direct federal spending figures provided by the Commerce Department do not include expenditures made by the Central Intelligence Agency since these are not publicly reported. Foreign aid is not included in direct federal spending figures. These figures do not include expenditures made by the Postal Service since it is considered to be a separate and independent corporation. Finally, these figures do not include interest payments on the national debt.

Per capita direct federal spending in Castro County amounted to \$3,940 during fiscal 1995. Per capita

direct federal spending in Texas was \$4,479 during that year. Nationally, per capita direct federal spending was \$5,161 during fiscal 1995.

The overwhelming majority of direct federal spending falls into three categories: direct payments to individuals, federal grants and defense spending. These accounted for 69.4% of direct federal spending in Castro County during fiscal 1995.

These three categories accounted for 98.1% of direct federal spending in the United States and 97.9% of direct federal spending in Texas during the fiscal year.

Direct payments to individuals is by far the largest of these categories and has been since 1971. During fiscal 1995, direct payments to individuals nationally were slightly more than \$729.8 billion and accounted for 53.3% of direct federal spending in the United States.

Direct payments to individuals in Castro County were \$17,030,000 during fiscal 1995, which was 50.2% of local direct federal spending. Direct payments to individuals in Texas were \$43.3 billion during fiscal 1995 or 51.7% of direct federal spending in the state during the fiscal year.

Total direct payments to individuals in Castro County were 0.4%, or very slightly less during fiscal 1995 than those of fiscal 1994. Nationally, total direct payments to individuals had increased by 4% during the period while total direct payments to individuals in Texas had increased by 4%.

Retirement and disability benefits make up the majority of direct payments to individuals. These include the Social Security program, pensions of retired federal civilian and military employees and various other federal retirement and disability programs.

Federal retirement and disability payments in Castro County were \$10,353,000 during fiscal 1995, having increased by 3.6% over the previous year. Nationally, total federal retirement and disability payments were \$452.1 billion in fiscal 1995, having increased by 4.7% since fiscal 1994. Federal retirement and disability benefits in Texas were \$26.7 billion, having increased by 5.4% since fiscal 1994. Other direct payments to individuals in Castro County were \$6,677,000 during fiscal 1995. These encompass a number of federal programs including Medicare, housing assistance, Supplemental Security Income and various veterans' benefits. Spending for these programs in Castro County had declined by 6% since fiscal 1994.

Nationally, expenditures for this group of programs were \$277.7 billion, having increased by 2.7% since 1994. Expenditures in Texas were \$16.6 billion having increased by 1.9% over the period.

Expenditures by the Defense Department in Castro County were \$749,000 during fiscal 1995. Local

defense spending increased by 4% since 1994.

Total national defense spending was just over \$227.2 billion during fiscal 1995, having fallen slightly by 0.5% since fiscal 1994. This is the second straight fiscal year that has seen a decline in defense spending. Defense spending in Texas was \$17.2 billion, having increased by 10.6% over the period.

Expenditures through federal grants in Castro County were \$5,560,000 during fiscal 1995. Local grant spending had increased sharply by 28.2% since fiscal 1994.

Nationally, expenditures through grants were \$242.6 billion having increased by 4.6% over those of fiscal 1994. Grant spending in Texas was \$14.5 billion, having increased by 7.9% over the period. Grants have become the second largest category of direct federal spending.

Grant awards include spending for a number of programs administered by state and local governments, but partially and sometimes largely funded by the federal government. Among the largest of these programs during fiscal 1995 was the Medicaid program (\$89.1 billion), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (\$17.2 billion), \$26.3 billion in grants made by the Dept. of Transportation, and \$25.6 billion in grants through the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

These figures represent only federal expenditures made through these programs. They do not include state or local funding participation.

The Dept. of Commerce's report showed that all other direct expenditures by the federal government in Castro County amounted to \$10,385,000 during fiscal 1995, having declined very sharply by 37.2% since fiscal 1994. Programs administered by the Depts. of Agriculture and Transportation usually account for most of this spending.

Nationally, spending for all other programs was \$25.8 billion during fiscal 1995 or 12.9% less than during fiscal 1994. In Texas, all other direct expenditures had declined by 10.1% to \$1,686,762,000 during fiscal 1995.

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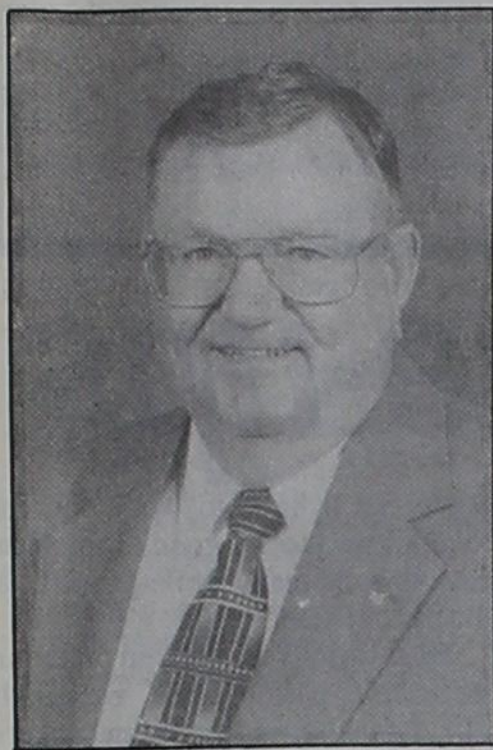
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Duane Lloyd

Lloyd elected to TEC board

Duane Lloyd of Muleshoe has been elected to the board of directors of the Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), a statewide service organization for Texas' 85 nonprofit electric cooperatives.

Lloyd was elected Aug. 7 during the TEC 56th annual membership meeting in Corpus Christi. He is manager of Bailey County Electric Cooperative of Muleshoe and has held that position since 1986.

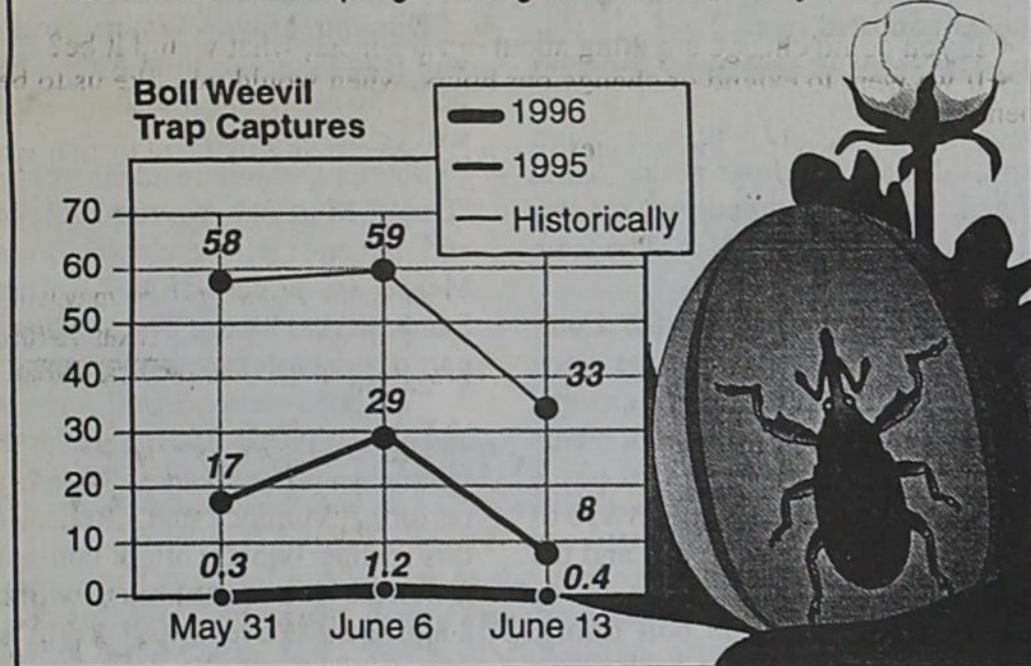
Prior to his accepting the manager's position, Lloyd served the cooperative as assistant manager, administrative assistant and engineer.

A native of Friona, Lloyd attended school there. He also attended Ensign High School in Kansas and the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. He is active in the Muleshoe Area Industrial Foundation, and is a former president of the group.

He is married to the former Loretta Stancell of West Camp and the couple has two daughters, Lavayne Pepper of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Lacey, who is attending South Plains College in Levelland; and a son, Nathan, who lives in Lubbock.

Boll Weevil population drops dramatically

Boll weevil traps in the Texas Southern Rolling Plains show weevil populations have dropped almost 98 percent since the start of an eradication program in the area. The traps serve as a "census" device, giving researchers an idea of how well the program is working. Traps that once attracted as many as 200 weevils before the program might now attract only one or two.



Source: Texas Agricultural Extension Service
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Sheep referendum early voting ballot requests being accepted

Early ballot requests for voting in the second sheep referendum conducted by the US Dept. of Agriculture may be made through Sept. 17.

The referendum on the sheep and wool promotion, research, education and information order will be held Oct. 1, with early ballot requests having started Monday and continuing only through Sept. 17. The completed early ballots must be received in the County Extension Service Office by the close of business on Sept. 27. Ballots will be counted Oct. 16.

In-person voting on Oct. 1 will take place in the CES Office that

serves the voter's residence, or, if the voter is a business entity, the office that serves the entity's main office headquarters.

The referendum is being carried out under the authority of the Sheep Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1994. A referendum on the same issue was conducted Feb. 6, but the Secretary of Agriculture determined that the results were invalid because the procedures were applied incorrectly and inconsistently.

To be eligible to vote in this referendum, you must have been a "person" engaged in the production,

feeding, or importation of sheep or sheep products during the calendar year 1994. In this referendum, the term "person" means an individual or a legal entity (for example, a corporation, partnership, estate, etc.), or a group of individuals with a joint ownership interest in sheep (for example, family, a cooperative, an association, etc.).

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Sports



County teams prepare for final tune-ups

County gridiron coaches hope to put the final touches on their offensive and defensive schemes this week in the final scrimmages of the 1996 season.

While Hart and Nazareth will be playing their second scrimmages of the season this week, Dimmitt will take on its first pre-season opponent.

The Bobcats will scrimmage Abernathy Friday night at Bobcat Stadium. The freshman will begin play at 6:30, followed by the varsity at 7:30.

Nazareth will scrimmage Claude Friday at Swift Field, with the first series slated to begin at 6 p.m. The first string and second string will play two series apiece, then the varsity will play a live quarter.

Hart plans to tackle Smyer for its second scrimmage, and the first snap will be at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday)

in Smyer. The varsity will run two series of 20 plays, then the junior varsity will run two sets of 15 plays. Then the varsity will play one full quarter.

The Dimmitt Bobcats are learning a new system under first-year head coach Bruce Dollar, but things are going well so far.

"The kids have really picked up on what we're trying to do and are coming along well. They work hard," said Dollar.

But he says you never know exactly how good your players are until they go up against someone else, and he's hoping that the Bobcats will be sharp in their first scrimmage.

Dollar says every position is up for grabs right now, so everyone will be expected to give 100% on the field. "You never know how a player

will react in a game situation until they go up against someone besides their own teammates," Dollar said.

Among the areas Dollar expects to focus on this week are the throwing game and defense.

"We need to be able to throw the football well and I'd like to see success in that area this week. The passing game always seems to be the last thing to come around. And we want to play good defense."

Nazareth scrimmaged Bovina last week, and the varsity managed one touchdown on its series of plays, but gave up two to Bovina's offense.

Nazareth's lone varsity score came on a 16-yard pass play from first-year quarterback Nathan Hoelting to Justin Bingham.

The second string also were edged by Bovina, 1-2, and the Swifts' score

came on a run by Matthew Kern.

Nazareth Coach Rick Price said the Swifts weren't able to score on their first series of plays, but still moved the ball well and picked up some first downs. He said one of the bright spots on offense was the passing game, which was a question mark going in.

"Nathan did really well throwing the ball and so did Mitchell Brockman," Price said, adding that he may work a few more pass plays into the game plan.

Defensively, Price wasn't happy with the team's performance.

"We didn't play at near the intensity level we'll need to play at to be successful this year," Price said.

Against Claude this week, several players will be battling for playing time, including B.J. Kern and Stacy Schulte at center, and Nick Gerber

and Jayson Burnam at defensive end. Price said Josh Merritt is pushing Matthew Kern for the fullback position, too.

Hart Coach Blair Brown welcomes back a strong group of lettermen and starters from last year's team and he's ready for the season to kick off.

Brown has nine defensive and six offensive starters to build upon this season.

Hart scrimmaged Lubbock Christian last Thursday and the Longhorns outscored the Eagles one touchdown to none.

Hart's scoring play, a five-yard run by J.J. Finch, was set up by a big 60-yard pass play from quarterback Sergio Martinez to running back Mondo Minjarez.

"Our offense looked pretty good," said Brown. "We discovered a few

kinks we'll have to work out, but overall we looked good. The offensive line did really well against Lubbock Christian."

Blair also was pleased with his defense's performance, especially the defensive ends and linebackers. Hart's secondary, which is young, also did a good job.

Going into last week's scrimmage, Brown was considering several people for different positions. Some of the positions have now been claimed, including Martinez at quarterback.

"I was pretty worried about our receivers going in, but they looked okay," Brown said.

Against Smyer this week Brown hopes to work on the Longhorns' running attack, taking the ball inside between the tackles.

Kids can race go-carts, ATVs around obstacles

Youngsters who own go-carts, three-wheelers or four-wheelers can test their driving skills next Thursday, Sept. 5, by maneuvering their vehicles around an obstacle course at the south parking lot of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The Chamber-sponsored event is part of this week's Harvest Days celebration, and it is open to all county youths. Those racing are asked to sign in at 4:30 p.m. and the contest will continue through 6 p.m.

The only requirements are that a helmet must be worn and that contestants own their own vehicle or have permission to borrow one. Parents also must be present before a child will be allowed to race.

Children planning to test their skills along the course must sign in at the church's south parking lot, and must

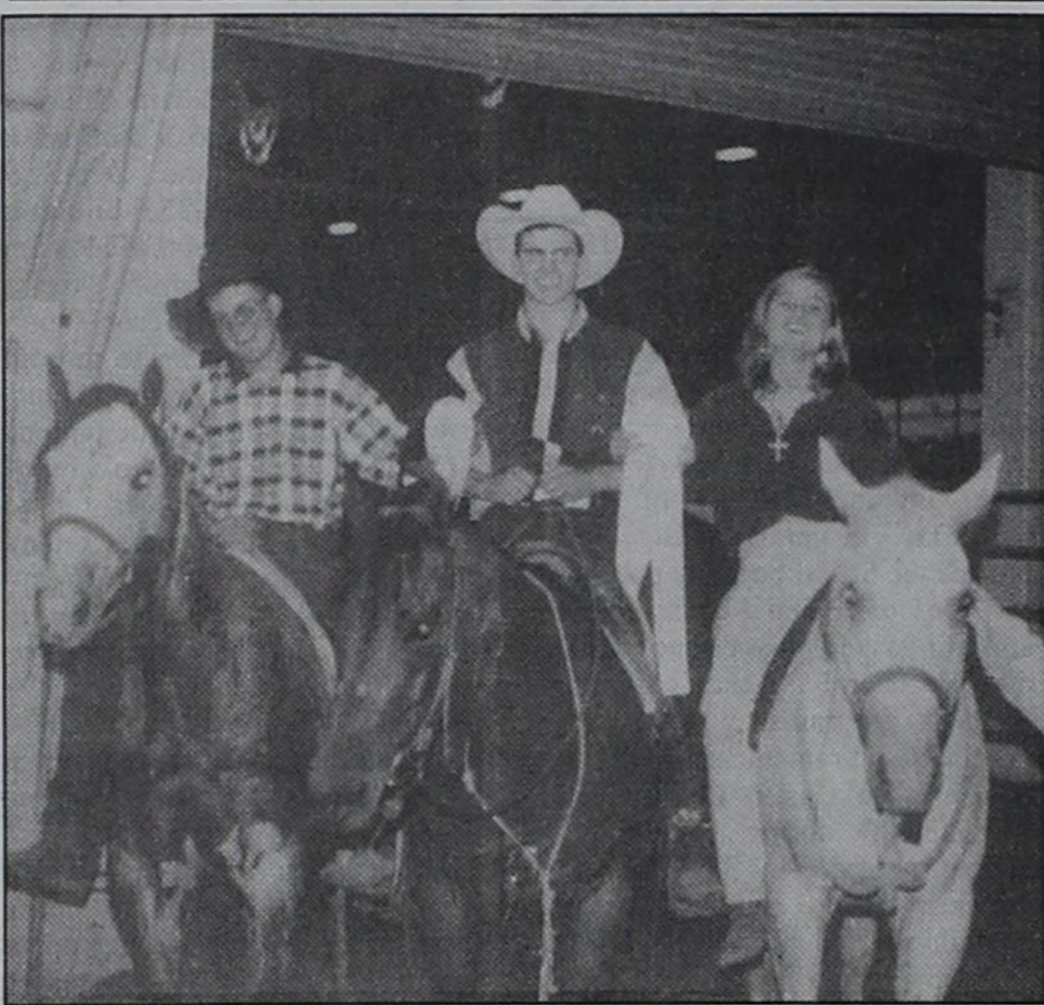
be willing to sign a liability waiver before they will be allowed to compete.

A 20-minute instruction course highlighting safety rules will be presented to all children competing before the contest begins.

After the safety course, children will be allowed to go through an obstacle course marked with cones on the asphalt parking lot, then after racing that, they will move to the dirt track.

All children competing will receive a certificate of completion, and are invited to hang the certificate on their vehicle and ride in the parade on Sept. 7.

For more information about the obstacle course event, call Layne Myatt at 647-2145.



STATE WINNERS—The State 4-H Horse Show was held July 22-26 in Abilene and Castro County 4-H'ers placed in several categories. Rusty McDaniel (left) and Kori Bagley (right) along with teammate Matt Cox of Swisher County (center) placed second in the first go, eighth in the second go and fourth overall. McDaniel was fifth in the Working Cow Horse category. Bagley participated in the cutting contest and finished third in the first go and was sixth overall. Other Castro County 4-H'ers competing were Jana Nelson and Chris Reynolds. Courtesy Photo

Sign ups planned for Harvest Days Rodeo

Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. is the entry time for teams wanting to participate in the team roping event that will be a part of "The Rough Stock and Barrel Blowout" rodeo scheduled for Sept. 6-7 in Dimmitt as a part of the Harvest Days celebration.

Residents of Castro County may sign up for the team roping. The entry fee is \$30 per person (\$60 per team). Those wanting to enter may call Dee Smith at 938-2289. Part of the entry cost will cover the stock fee, and the rest will go for prize money.

The Burning Sands Rodeo Team from Canon Air Force Base of Clovis, N.M., is putting on the rodeo performance, starting at 8 each evening.

Admission for spectators will be \$5 per person, with children 10 and under admitted free.

The team is associated with the Military Rodeo Cowboys Association (MRCA), and will earn points toward their standings at the World Finals rodeo competition set for January in Loughlin, Nev. The team currently is ranked No. 1.

The Maverick Rodeo Stock Company of Amarillo will be the stock contractor for the event. Competitors for the main events will be members of the MRCA, and they will pay a \$35 entry fee per event, with \$10 of that going for the stock fee, and the rest pooled for prize money.

Events will include bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bare-back riding and chute dogging (similar to bull dogging, but the cowboy tackles the steer from out of a chute instead of from horseback). There also will be some barrel racing events.

In addition to the team roping, local residents may enter the wild

cow milking or the calf scramble (for age 10 and under).

Teams from local law enforcement agencies are expected to enter the wild cow milking. For more information, contact Smith, or call Fred Pitt at 806-647-7718.

The calf scramble has no entry fee and youngsters enter by stepping into the arena when the event is announced. Three calves will be released into the arena, with only two of them having ribbons tied to their tails. The two youngsters who retrieve the ribbons will receive a cash prize.

The Castro County 4-H Horse Judging Team will operate the concession for the event. Also, vendors of specialty items may be allowed to sell their wares with prior approval. Those interested may contact Smith or Pitt for more information.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins will lead the invocation for the two performances, and Marshall Young will be the announcer.

Former Dimmitt resident Bradley "Dock" Murdock is a rodeo clown, and he and fellow clown Jimmy Mease are a part of the Burning Sands Rodeo Team. They will be a part of the performances.

"We hope everyone will come out and enjoy this top-notch rodeo entertainment and see these cowboys perform," Murdock said. "Rodeos of this caliber don't often come to towns the size of Dimmitt. It will be a high-quality event, well-worth the admission price."

Murdock said rodeo team members will participate in the Harvest Days parade Sept. 7, and will be on hand for a while to visit with people around the courthouse square.

Meet the Bobcats to be held tonight

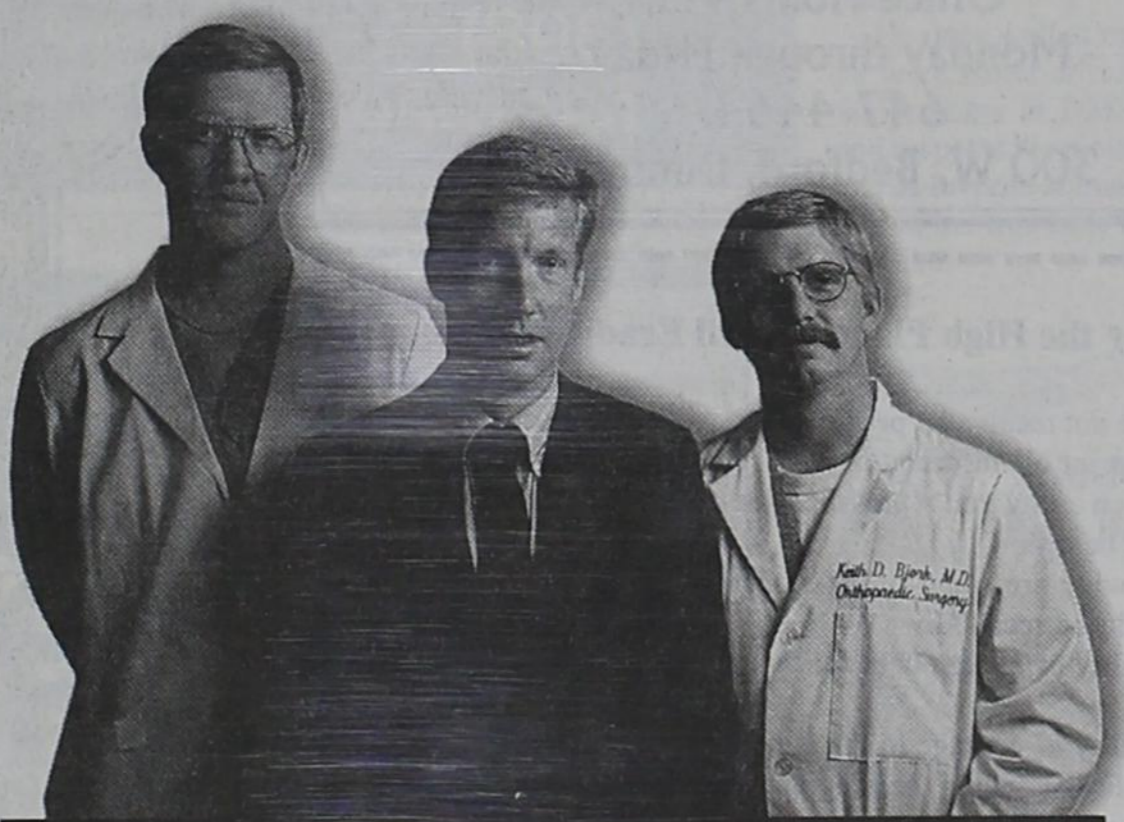
A Meet the Bobcats ice cream social will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at Bobcat Stadium.

Dimmitt fans will have an opportunity to meet both the 1996 football team and the cross country team.

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Nursing home appreciation day is Tuesday

The county's elderly who reside in Canterbury Villa Nursing Home, along with the home's staff which provide care, will be honored with a special appreciation reception on Tuesday.

The event is being billed as part of Castro County Harvest Days celebration and it will be held on Tuesday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

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What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Aug. 29 to Sept. 6.

DIMMITT

Preschool Lunch
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloup and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.
MONDAY: Barbecued beef on a bun, potato salad, fresh watermelon and milk.
TUESDAY: Poor boy steak, parsley green rice, cantaloupe, hot cheese rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger on a roll, potato rounds, tossed salad with dressing and milk.
THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.
FRIDAY: Fishburger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.

K-12 Lunch

THURSDAY: Choices of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese style vegetables, Lyonaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloup or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choices of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or New Mexican enchiladas; baked potato, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
MONDAY: Choices of barbecued beef on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or taco pie; potato salad, creole green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or coleslaw; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
TUESDAY: Choices of poor boy steak, chef's salad or Monterey casserole; parsley green rice, cantaloupe or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad,

fresh watermelon, or cucumber and tomato salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of salmon patties, cheeseburger on a roll or chicken taco with hot sauce; savory peas, potato rounds or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, Waldorf fruit salad, taco condiment salad or pea salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: Choices of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato pie or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, escalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or pears; old fashioned cornbread, white rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choices of turkey and dressing, fishburger or fajitas with sauted onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot and raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and lowfat, skim or chocolate milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Choices of sausage pizza, hamburger basket or chicken tetrazzini; lettuce and tomato, tossed salad, green beans, vegetable or gelatin dessert; peanut butter bars; and milk or drink mix.
FRIDAY: Choices of sausage pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun; lettuce and tomato, dill pickles or carrot sticks; whole wheat sugar cookies or gelatin dessert; and milk or drink mix.
MONDAY: NO SCHOOL.
TUESDAY: Choices of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito; tossed salad, gelatin dessert, pears, or corn; Rice Krispie bar; and milk, tea or drink mix.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken strips; green beans, tossed salad with dressing or mashed potatoes; rolls; cherry cobbler; and milk, tea or drink mix.
THURSDAY: Choices of hamburger bas-

ket, pizza or beef enchiladas; tossed salad with dressing, pinto beans, gelatin dessert or pineapple chunks; and milk, tea or drink mix.
FRIDAY: Choices of hamburger basket, pizza or toasted cheese sandwich; dill pickles, tossed salad with dressing, gelatin dessert or peaches; and milk, tea or drink mix.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: *Chili dogs or pizza, salad, vegetarian beans, peaches, fruit cocktail and milk.
FRIDAY: *Chicken spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French Fries, salad, green beans, applesauce, peaches and milk.
MONDAY: No school.
TUESDAY: *Sloppy Joes or corn dogs, corn, salad, pineapple, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: *Tacos or sandwiches with chips, apple crisp, lettuce, corn, peaches and milk.
THURSDAY: *Lasagna with roll or pizza, green beans, salad, fruit cocktail, applesauce and milk.
FRIDAY: *Corn dogs or chicken strips, corn, pineapple, rice, cake and milk.

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



SOUTHERN SKY, a country music band, will perform at the Nazareth Community Hall. The public is invited to attend. The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Photo by Anne Acker

Toe-tappin' and hand-clappin' fun expected with fiddle contest

You can expect waltzes, hoedowns and good old dance tunes to fill the air on Saturday, Sept. 7, when fiddlers take the stage at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The Castro County Fair Association is sponsoring a fiddle contest for the second straight year, as part of the Harvest Days celebration.

This year's contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 7 on the stage in the Expo Building.

Any fiddler of any age is invited to enter the contest. Entry fees range from \$5 for children 12 and under; to \$10 for those 13 and over.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in the contest. Those competing in the 0-12 age group will be paid \$25 for first place, \$20 for second and \$15 for third. Youngsters playing in the 13-18 year old group will win \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. For the adult competition, cash prizes will be \$150 for first, \$100 for second and \$75 for third.

Performers are asked to limit their show to six minutes and no amplified instruments will be allowed. No "show tunes," such as *Orange Blossom Special*, *Black Mountain Rag* or *Listen to the Mocking Bird* will be

accepted. Competitors will be asked to play three songs including a waltz, hoedown or breakdown, and a tune of the performer's choice.

Anyone interested in competing in the contest should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 115 West Bedford, Dimmitt 79027; or call (806) 647-2524.

PANCAKE HOUSE

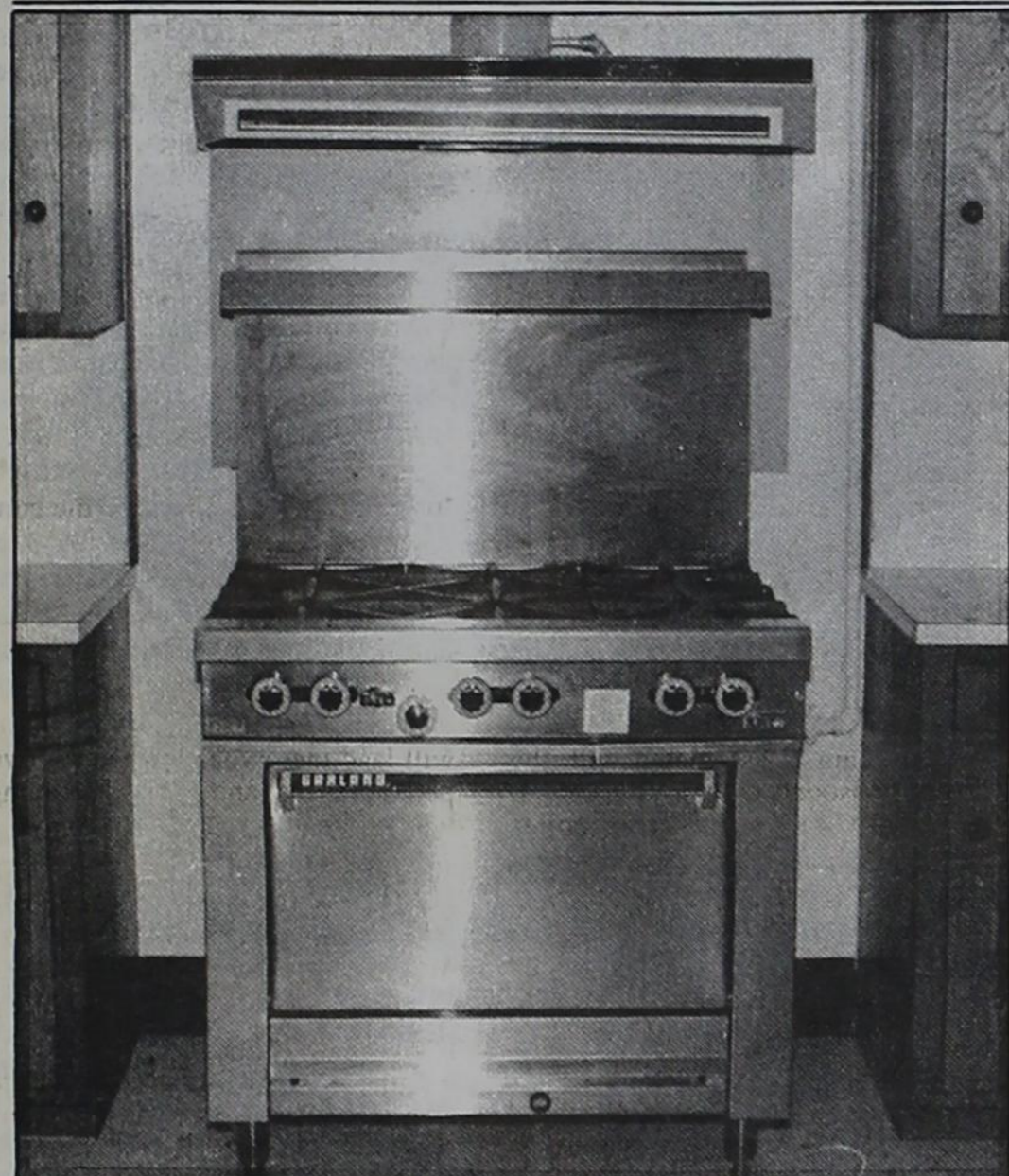
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Photo by Scott Brockman

Harvest Days crop tour to be held early Sept. 7

County farmers can view different corn varieties, including BT corn, corn population studies and how the corn rootworm has caused problems for area farmers during a crop tour on Sept. 7 at 7 a.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Castro County Extension Service and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and there is no cost to attend.

The tour will be held at the Roland Stevens Farm, approximately eight miles south of Dimmitt on Highway 385, on the west side of the highway.

A free breakfast will be served to those attending, catered by The Pancake House at the site.

According to J.D. Ragland, Castro County Extension Agent, those planning to attend should be at the Stevens' farm at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7.

Breakfast will be served from 7 to 7:45 a.m., and the tour will begin around 8 a.m. Ragland said the tour should be over in about an hour, giving those attending enough time to return to Dimmitt for the Harvest Days parade.

Ragland, Dr. Greta Schuster,

CEA-Pest Management; and County Extension Agent Pammy Millican will be on hand to discuss the studies with those interested.

Ragland adds that two continuing education units will be awarded to those attending.

Breast screening set Sept. 5

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening Sept. 5 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

Cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician. The program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

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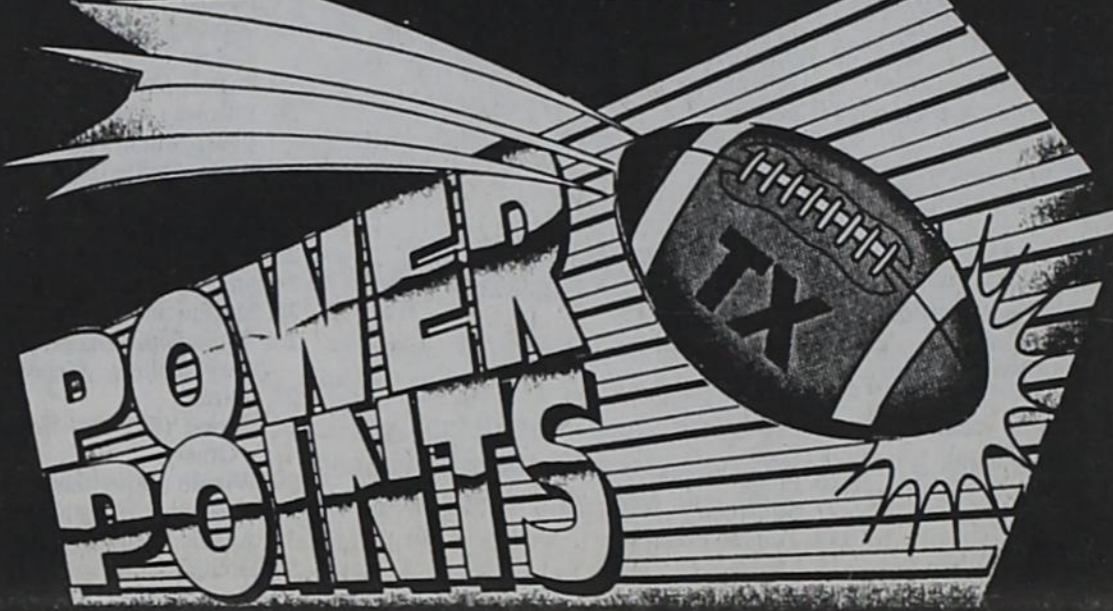
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DEADLINE: 2 P.M. FRIDAY

TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in OILERS game.
TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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| Arizona at Indianapolis | N.Y. Jets at Denver |
| Atlanta at Carolina | Oakland at Baltimore |
| Cincinnati at St. Louis | Philadelphia at Washington |
| Detroit at Minnesota | Pittsburgh at Jacksonville |
| Green Bay at Tampa Bay | Seattle at San Diego |
| Kansas City at Houston | Buffalo at N.Y. Giants |
| New England at Miami | Dallas at Chicago |
| New Orleans at San Francisco | Texas Tech at Kansas State |

POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES

- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are surest of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, you win 16 points. Write the name of your second-surest winner on the 15-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up.
- Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's Cowboys or Oilers game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and Pitt and Pittsburgh.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by Noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Deposit Your Entries at the Castro County News Office, 108 West Bedford by 2 p.m. Friday

Here are the 1996 county fair rules

Entries are now being prepared for the annual Castro County Fair, to be held Sept. 6-7 as part of Castro County Harvest Days.

Fair entry books are available at the Castro County Extension Office, in the courthouse basement in Dimmitt.

Here are the rules for this year's fair, including the quilt show.

FAIR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brenda Bruton, Darlene Collins, Betty Freeman, Ann Henderson, Bill Henderson, Emma Jean King, Doris Lust, Herb Mayfield, Faye Mohon, Marilyn Neal, Shelly Nutt, Clara Patton, Barbara Sava, Mattie Seale, Polly Simpson, Becky Stovall, Reta Welch and Connie Wilhelm.

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CHAIRMAN: Bill Henderson.
VICE CHAIRMAN: Becky Stovall.
SECRETARY: Reta Welch.
TREASURER: Barbara Sava.

SUPERINTENDENTS
BAKING: Faye Mohon.
CANNING: Ann Henderson.
CLOTHING: Oneida Hutto.
CRAFTS: Cathy Hill.
EXHIBITS: Shelly Nutt.
FARM AND GARDEN: Emma Jean King.
HORTICULTURE: Mattie Seale.
PHOTOGRAPHY: Reta Welch.
QUILTS: Darlene Collins, Joyce Davis and Jan Duke.

FAIR RULES
FAIR EXHIBITS: Label before arriving. Friday, Sept. 6: 1 p.m.-6 p.m.—All entries due for fair exhibits. Judging begins at 6:30 p.m.; quilt judging starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.—Viewing of all exhibits at the fair. Pick up exhibits (all items must stay on display until 4:30 p.m.).

General rules and regulations

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

CASH AWARDS: *(Must be picked up within 30 days at the Extension Office)
 Best of Show: \$5
 First place ribbon: \$1
 Second place ribbon: \$.50
 For more information, contact County Extension Agent Marilyn R. Neal, 647-4115.

BAKING SECTION

- Products may have been frozen, but it is not necessary. Thaw at room temperature in packaging material to be ready for judging.
- Display products on **FOIL COVERED CARDBOARD AND WRAP WITH CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP.** If not displayed in this manner, your food will be disqualified. **PIES SHOULD BE IN FOIL PANS.** Cream pies may be taken after they are judged.
- No commercial mixes, unless decorated cake entry.
- Note the number of items required for each entry.

Class number and amount

- Bars/Squares: 6
- Biscuits: 6
- Brownies, any kind: 6
- Candy, any kind: 6
- Candy, molded (any kind): 6
- Cinnamon rolls: 6
- Cookies, any kind: 6
- Corn bread, any kind: 6 pieces
- Hot rolls: 6
- Muffins: 6
- Cake: coffee, decorated (mix accepted), plain iced, pound, specialty (i.e. German Chocolate, Italian Cream)
- Pies: cream, fruit, nut, other

- Quick Bread (whole loaf)
- Yeast Bread: white, whole wheat, other (whole loaf)

Home Food Preservation Standards for Canned Products

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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

For information on quality canning standards, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SECTION

All canned products, except jelly and preserves, must be in standard square or round pint or quart glass tempered (Mason) jars. Mayonnaise and other like jars are not to be used. Jelly and preserves may be in pint or half-pint jars.

Ball Special Prizes will be awarded to first place winners of adult and youth divisions. All eligible entries must be in Ball home canning jars and sealed with Ball two-piece vacuum caps.

Class Numbers

Fruits:

- Apples
- Applesauce
- Apricots
- Cherries
- Fruit juice
- Peaches
- Pears
- Other

Jams, jellies and preserves:

- Apple
- Apple butter
- Apricot
- Cherry
- Grape
- Peach
- Plum
- Strawberry
- Tomato Preserve
- Other

Pickles:

- Beets
- Bread & butter
- Chow-Chow
- Cucumbers-sweet
- Cucumbers-dill
- Hot sauce
- Okra
- Peach
- Pepper
- Picante
- Relish
- Corn relish
- Tomatoes
- Other

Vegetables:

- Asparagus
- Beans (Green)
- Beans (Lima)
- Beans (shelled)
- Beets
- Carrots
- Corn
- Okra
- Peas (Blackeye)
- Peas (English)
- Potatoes
- Sauerkraut
- Soup mix
- Squash
- Tomatoes

FARM AND GARDEN SECTION

Corn: six ears for each exhibit (no shucks)

- Blue
- Indian
- Popcorn
- White
- Yellow

Cotton: 10 open bolls

- Open variety
- Storm proof

Grain sorghum: 10 heads

- Milo (red hybrid and white hybrid)

Sheaf forage: At least 3/2" diameter

- Alfalfa
- Irrigated pasture
- Millet
- Soybeans
- Sudan
- Sweet sorghum

49. Tomato juice
 50. Other

Dried foods

- Apples
- Apricots
- Bananas
- Grapes
- Peaches
- Pears
- Plums
- Prunes
- Other

Clothing section

All garments must be clean and on hangers.

Age groups are:

Junior I—9 to 11 (at time of fair)
Junior II—12 to 13 (at time of fair)
Senior—14 to 18 (at time of fair)
Adult—19 and over (at time of fair)

- Apron
- Blouse
- Children's clothing
- Coordinates—Pants, skirt or blouse (two or more pieces)
- Dress
- Evening wear
- Hat
- Holiday apparel—adult
- Jumpsuit
- Men's suit
- Pants
- Shirt
- Shorts
- Skirt
- Suit
- Vest
- Other

CRAFT SECTION

- Afghan (Crocheted, knitted, other)
- Applique
- Baskets (Handwoven, padded, other)
- Calligraphy
- Ceramics
- China painting
- Crochet
- Cross stitch

COUNTED: A. Baby item, B. Pictures, C. Home Accessories

PATTERN/KIT: D. Baby item, E. Pictures, F. Home Accessories

- Dolls—Any kind
- Doll clothes
- Decorated shirt (Appliqued, Painted, Other)
- Drawing (Pastel, Pen and/or Ink, Pencil, Other)
- Embroidery (Crewel, Punch, Other)
- Jewelry
- Knitted items
- Leather
- Needlepoint
- Painting (Acrylic, Oil, Paper, Tole, Water Color)
- Pastels—chalk
- Pillows (Applique, Candlewick, Counted Cross Stitch, Pattern Cross Stitch, Needle point, Quilted)
- Place mats (Quilted, Other)
- Rugs (Hooked, Braided)
- Stained glass
- Stenciling (Fabric, Paper)
- Stuffed animals
- Tablecloths (Applique, Crochet, Embroidery, Holiday, Pieced, Other)
- Tatting
- Wood (Crafted, Handcrafted, Painted, Other)
- Wreath (Other than Christmas)
- Christmas Wreaths
- Angels (Ceramic, Other)
- Holiday Centerpiece
- Nativity Sets
- Ornaments (Ceramic, Other)
- Outdoor Decorations
- Stockings (Counted Cross Stitch, Pattern Cross Stitch, Crochet, Felt, Knit, Needle point, Other)
- Trees (Ceramic, Other)
- Tree skirts (Felt, Patchwork, Other)
- Holiday items (Other Than Christmas)
- Paper Crafts

Small grains and seeds:

- Alfalfa
- Barley
- Castor beans
- Corn
- Grass seed
- Milo
- Millet
- Oats
- Rye
- Sesame
- Sudan
- Wheat
- Other

Jan. 1, 1991

Categories:

- Miniature quilts
- Children (crib quilts, made for children)
- Combination technique (appliqued and pieced)
- Embroidery and other needlework
- Hand applique (all methods)
- Machine applique (all methods)
- Machine-Quilted (all that are quilted by any machine, except pre-printed cloth)
- Pieced (hand quilted only)
- Pre-printed cloth (Also called cheater's cloth, hand or machine quilted)
- Quilts by youth (age 17 and under)
- Quilt tops
- Small quilts and wall quilts (less than 60" by 90")
- Specialized method (includes Cathedral Windows and Crazy Quilts)
- Tied (rather than quilted by hand or machine)

Division II
Judged competition (Quilts made between 1946-1991)

Categories:

Same as Division I except no youth section.

Division III
Display
 Quilts made before 1946. This division is for those quilts to be shown **ONLY** and will not be judged.

- Quilts that won an award in a previous quilt show can be entered for show only in Division III.
- Only one quilt per entrant per category.
- If the quilt is the work of more than one person, written credit must be given to the other person. The person entering the quilt will be awarded the ribbon.
- The quilt show superintendent(s) reserve the right to limit, reclassify or disqualify entries.
- Quilts entered in the competition or show may be sold if the owner so desires.
- A form must be filled out for each quilt entered.

HORTICULTURE SECTION:

- African violet
- Floral arrangement
- Flower-1 stem
- Potted plant
- Other

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION
(Professional and amateur)

- A person may enter only one (1) picture in each class, except one set of sequence.
- Each entry must be mounted separately.
- Only mounted pictures will be accepted (heavier than construction paper for displays). **Do not mount on white.**
- Pictures will be judged on impact, technique and composition.

Snapshots (3 1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6)

- Animals
- Buildings
- Landscape
- People
- Sequence*
- Sports
- Still life
- Transportation
- Other

Enlargements (5x7 or Larger)

- Animals
- Buildings
- Landscape
- People
- Sequence*
- Sports
- Still life
- Transportation
- Other

*Three or four photos telling a story

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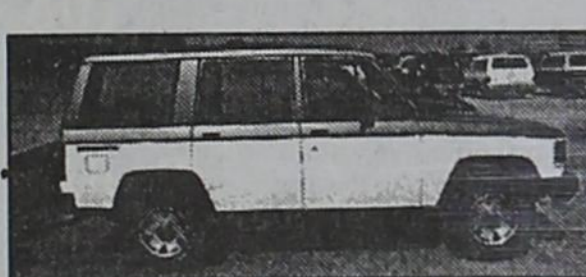



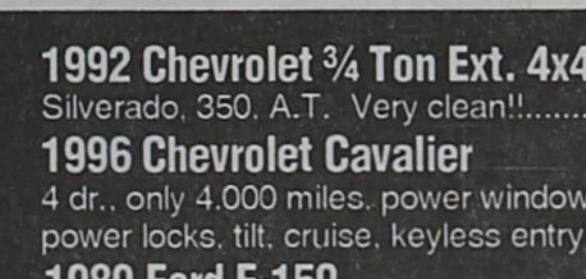
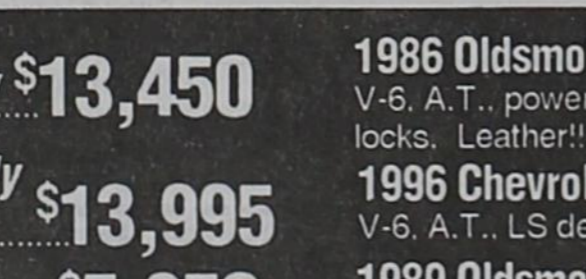
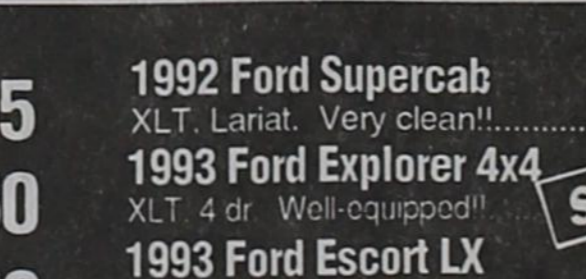

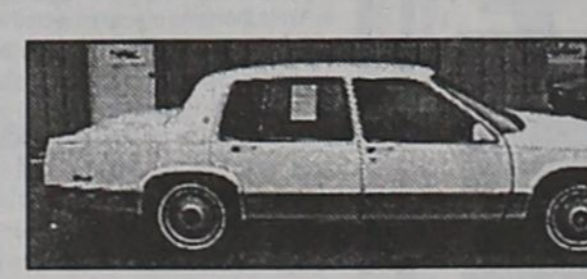

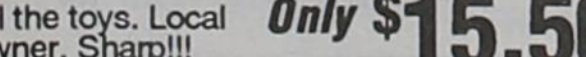

- Sit down with your child and look over the report card.
- Praise your child. Find at least one good thing: attendance, effort.
- Be calm! Let your child tell you about his poor grades.
- Ask how you can help your child do better.
- Ask what your child can do to make better grades.
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Orrin was basically a friendly, tall, sandy-haired, down-to-earth guy. He and my older brother were the co-owners and operators of a 1928 Model T pickup.

Orrin was Dimmitt's second Eagle Scout, earning the rank in 1947. He and his fellow Eagle Scout, Jack Miller (now the 64th District judge) were always willing to help us younger boys in the troop.

After graduating from DHS in '48, Orrin attended Texas Tech, where he was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a fraternity for former Boy Scouts. He also was in the Air Force ROTC.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon his graduation from Tech, and became a career Air Force officer. He served on Okinawa, in Washington state, in Idaho, in Newfoundland (where he received first lieutenant rank), and in Colorado (where he was commissioned as a captain in the regular USAF). Along the way, he received many medals, honors and commendations.

Orrin appeared to be on track to becoming a top USAF officer when he died of a rare illness in January 1964, at the age of 32. He was buried here in his hometown.

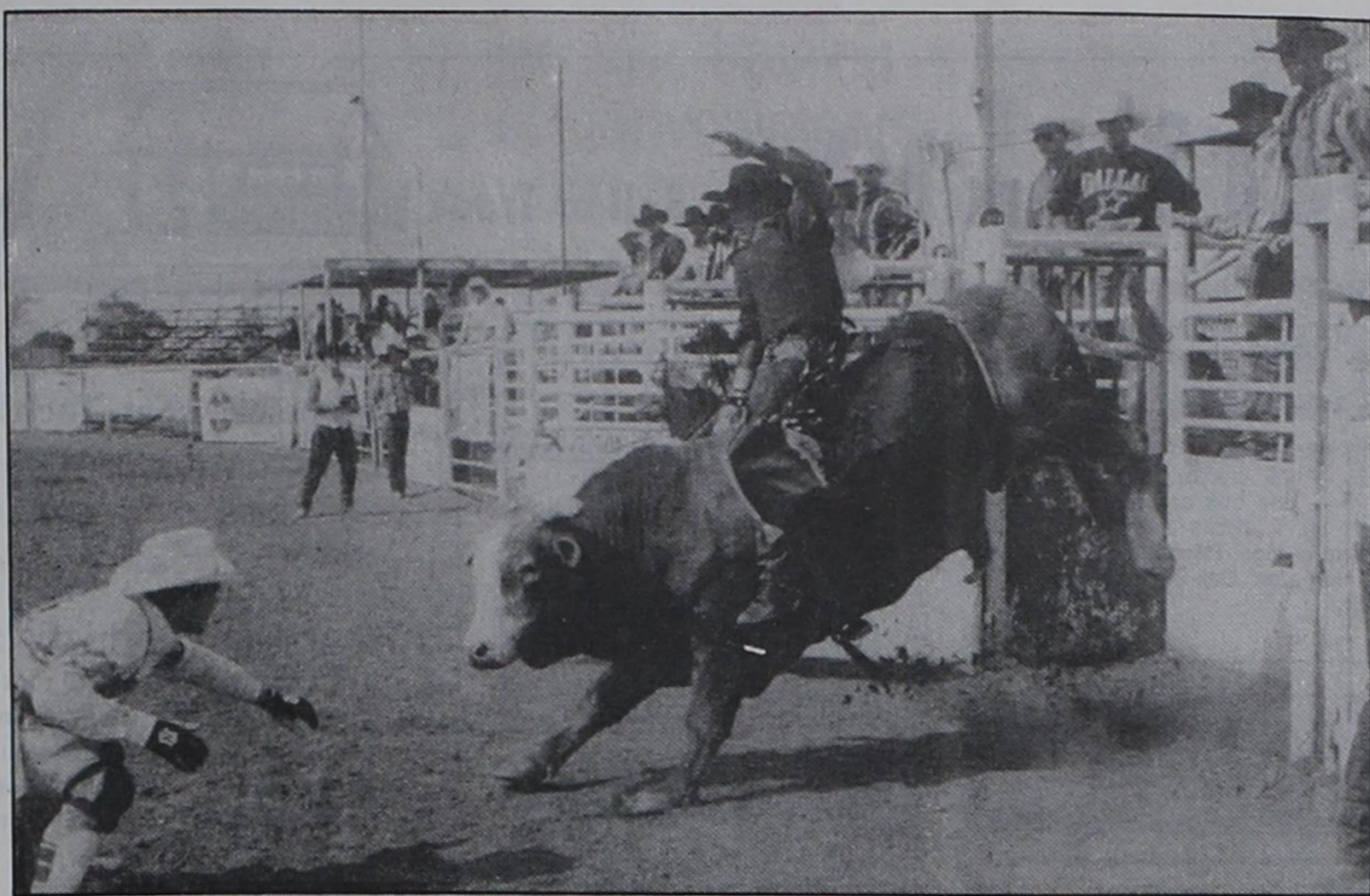
Memorials in his name were established for the East Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, where he was a member of the Board of Stewards, and for his old troop, the Dimmitt Boy Scouts.

Orrin's widow, Jeri Howe Byrnes, their son Alan K. Howe, and their two grandsons, Marc Alan and Michael Ryan Howe, all live in Clovis.

At Jeri's request, the Orrin K. Howe Memorial Fund here was used this summer. The fund helped send five Dimmitt Boy Scouts and two adult leaders on a week's camping trip to Colorado Springs.

"We did some hiking," Scoutmaster Jackie Roberts said. "We saw deer, raccoons and squirrels. We went up to Pike's Peak, to Seven Falls and to the Mountain Zoo. We generally just camped out and had a good time."

Orrin would have liked that.



A MEMBER of the Burning Sands Rodeo Team from Canon Air Force Base takes a turn at bull riding, while another (left) "clowns around." The team will be putting on a professional rodeo performance in

Dimmitt during Harvest Days, Sept. 6-7, at 8 p.m. each day. The "Rough Stock and Barrel Blowout" will include bull riding, saddle bronc and bare back riding, chute dogging and barrel racing. Courtesy Photo

More about

All-American Futurity . . .

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lems with her. So many horses at this stage are sore."

The top qualifier in the race, Blushin Bugs, ran 21.430, without any wind resistance, in the sprint trials. Other horses qualifying and their trial times include Streakin Flyer, 21.505; MR Special Express, 21.540; Swingin Val, 21.575; Duck N Dash, 21.630; Rare Ruler, 21.650; White Glove Delivery, 21.680; Speedy Empress, 21.710; and Ima Calyx Kitty, 21.735.

Hill and his partners purchased The Ravin Maniac last September at the Heritage Place sale in Oklahoma City. She has run at Blue Ribbon Downs and Remington Park.

The Ravin Maniac has good blood lines.

"She's by Rare Form, who is a champion, stands at the Lazy E, and Rivanne," according to Hill's partner, Bell. "That's by First Down Dash, which is the leading sire in the quarter horse business out of a mare called Trippy Dip. She's a thorough-

bred and has produced a couple of champions."

According to Bell, that makes The Ravin Maniac's mother a half-sister to a couple of champions, including Florentine, which won a million dollars in quarter-mile dashes.

The Ravin Maniac is described as a "big filly" and is better in longer distances like the 440.

"She's really bred deep in quarters and the breeding really came out in her when she went to 440 yards," according to Bell.

The Ravin Maniac isn't the only horse in which Hill has an interest. He's been involved in the field for five or six years and he even raises a few animals himself.

He currently has three quarter horses and three thoroughbreds.

Hill's two other quarter horses are Secret Silk, which won a race at Ruidoso Downs last Friday; and a 3-year-old, Pretty Jet High.

He's extremely proud of his thor-

oughbred, Calexus, which has won the Southwest Stakes at Oak Lawn, and ran in the Remington Park Derby and Arkansas Derby. During races this year, Hill said Calexus ran against five horses that ran in the Kentucky Derby, and beat one of them.

The Ravin Maniac, trained by Jack Brooks, has earned \$4,480 this year. As a qualifier in this weekend's big race, the owners are guaranteed at least \$53,911.06. That's what 10th place pays.

The million-dollar-plus first prize is half of the total purse up for grabs Monday. Second place winner will take home \$301,901.95 and third place will pay \$129,386.55. The total prize money for first through 10th places in the finals will be \$1,972,066.71.

Horses in the consolation race, which includes horses that finished just behind the 10 qualifiers in the prelims, will share \$184,375.84.

Class of '76 sets reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1976 will hold its 20-year reunion as a part of the DHS Homecoming activities Sept. 27-28.

The only cost of the reunion will be the \$20 per couple or \$15 per single to attend the reunion dance Sept. 28 at the Country Club of Dimmitt. No RSVP is required.

Plans include attending the Homecoming Pep Rally Sept. 27 at 3 p.m., the FHA pre-game supper, and the Homecoming game against Muleshoe, with visitation scheduled for after the game at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Also, on Sept. 28, there will be a golf scramble at 11 a.m. at the country club, weather permitting. It will be followed by informal visitation and a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at The

Borderline Restaurant, followed by the dance.

Those attending will need to purchase their own tickets for the FHA supper and the football game, as well as their own golf and meal on Sept. 28.

Reunion organizers advise calling and ordering in advance for the Sept. 28 meal, 647-4785.

For more information, call Kelly Proffitt at 647-5191, Layne Myatt at 647-2145, or Tanya DeVaney at 512-463-4249.



OUT OF TOWN

Estevan and Rosa Martinez of Irving are the parents of a baby boy, Nathan Estevan, born Aug. 16 at 2:32 p.m. at Irving Health Care System. The infant weighed in at 8 pounds and 1 ounce and measured 19 inches long. He has a big sister, Sabrina, 2. Grandparents are Isaac and Anita Sabedra of Dimmitt and Estevan and Guadalupe Martinez of Hereford. Great-grandfather is Benito Ramirez of Mission.

It's a boy for Jimmy and Terrie Lynn Cleavinger of Baytown. Nathan Josiah was born Aug. 22, weighing 8 pounds and 14-1/2 ounces. Siblings are David, Audrey and Rachel. Grandparents are Jim and Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Varina Lewis of Dimmitt.

Hospital budget, tax rate to be adopted tonight

After receiving the audit for 1995-96 tonight (Thursday), the Hospital Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed property tax rate for 1996-97, then will approve the budget and set the tax rate for the coming year.

District officials said they anticipate no change in the 35-cent tax rate that has been in effect for the last 10 years.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Ettie McDermitt Conference Room at Plains Memorial Hospital, and is open to the public.

Tonight's agenda is a heavy one, with 18 items, including an executive session.

The meeting may include the signing of a new contract with at least one physician at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. Dr. D. S. Patel already has signed a new three-year contract, and contracts for two other physicians are pending.

Flag-raising set

Castro Memorial VFW Post 8056 will hold a Labor Day flag-raising ceremony and breakfast Monday morning. Breakfast will be served about 6 a.m. and the flag-raising will be at 7.

The event is open to the public.

Dance set in Hereford

The Hereford Senior Citizens will have a dance Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. at 426 Ranger in Hereford and everyone is invited to attend.

Admission will be \$5 per person. Music will be provided by the Truman Welch Band of Clovis, N.M.

The group holds a dance the first Saturday of each month, according to a spokesperson.



More about

Nazareth Labor Day . . .

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Class of 1976 could challenge the Class of 1996. The football boys could challenge the football coaches or the Knights of Columbus could challenge the Lions Club.

There will be a \$20 entry fee per team and those planning to enter a team should contact Vicky Kleman at 945-2570 or Mary Beth Gerber at 945-2297. Deadline to enter the volleyball tournament is Sunday.

Hamburgers will be served in the Community Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. Freshly grilled hamburgers, chips and soft drinks will be available.

The day-long celebration will conclude that night with a dance featuring the band "Southern Sky." Admission to the dance, which will be held in the Community Hall, will be \$5 per person, and the dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Building a Better Dimmitt

As one of 12 offices in the company, the Dimmitt branch of Brown, Graham & Co., P.C. employs four full-time employees and one part-time, offering services such as auditing, tax advice, accounting, and management advice. Founded in 1955 in Hereford, the company has expanded throughout the Panhandle, and even has two offices in the Austin area.

The Dimmitt office was launched in 1973, and moved into its present location at 308 W. Bedford in 1977, the same year Henry Ramaekers started to work for the firm as a staff accountant. He became the manager in 1983. The staff includes Cindy Odom, secretary-receptionist; Shirley Brockman, payroll clerk; Tami Griffitt, staff accountant; and Kim Birkenfeld, CPA, who is currently part-time.

The Dimmitt office has performed comprehensive audits for the Castro County Appraisal District, the City of Dimmitt, and the City of Nazareth, and also has handled audits for private businesses, including three cooperatives.

"We're the only firm in town that does governmental auditing. Most avoid it because of the requirements as far as continuing education for staff members. It is expensive, and auditing is very competitive," Ramaekers said. "Some of the governmental audits of local entities are given to out-of-town firms, because we are perceived as being 'too small', but people don't realize we can draw on the expertise of the principals from any office in the company. Some accounting firms have referred customers to us for audits because the firms don't want the hassle. There is a fair amount of risk in auditing if you don't keep up with all of the regulations."

"We can get the education requirements in-house and keep the cost down," Ramaekers said. "We require all professional accounting staff to have 40 hours of continuing education per year, through seminars as well as in-house training."

As with any accounting firm, the company is very busy during tax season, preparing income tax returns for companies and individuals, giving advice on the best tax saving opportunities,



Seated: Henry Ramaekers. Standing, from left: Tami Griffitt, Shirley Brockman, Cindy Odom, Kim Birkenfeld.

and giving advice on business management.

A majority of the firm's customers are farmers, with the staff doing general bookkeeping and payroll reports for them in addition to tax return work.

"We can give advice on money matters, setting up bookkeeping systems for a business's requirements, and help figure out the best way to handle borrowing and major purchases," Ramaekers said.

Ramaekers grew up in Umbarger, graduating from Canyon High School and West Texas State University. He and his wife, Linda, have four children. Mary Ellen attends college, and Jill is a senior, Kristi is a sixth grader and Heidi is a second grader, all in the Nazareth schools. Ramaekers has served on the Nazareth school board, and the family is active in Holy Family Catholic Church. He is a past president of the Dimmitt Rotary Club, and belongs to several professional organizations.

Ramaekers said the company enthusiastically supports community and school activities and events, such as Kids, Inc. sports, stock shows, and chamber projects. He said employees are encouraged to take an active part, as well.

"We appreciate the chamber's business retention program and agree that it is important to encourage already established businesses in addition to efforts to attract new businesses," Ramaekers said.

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IN MY OPINION—New Dimmitt Bobcat Band Director Evelyn Hadley (seated, right) evaluates a clarinet brought in by the Navarro family, (from left) Oscar Sr., Justina (who is starting out in fifth grade band this year), little Oscar Jr., Viktorya, and Connie (back). Hadley and Assistant Band Director Teresa Carlyle met recently with parents of fifth graders who are interested in band. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Police Calls

A gas leak was reported Monday afternoon at the former White's Elevator, now a Shirley-Anderson facility, in eastern Parmer County on State Hwy. 86 at the intersection with FM 1172.

Volunteer firefighters from Friona and Dimmitt reported to the scene shortly past noon after being notified that a gas line had been damaged by a mower pulling a shredder. The gas spewing from the 300-psi line resulted in precautionary stopping of traffic on both roads for a short time. Since the wind was blowing to the north, traffic on the east-west Hwy. 86 was allowed to resume, but the north-south FM 1172 was kept closed a little longer until the line was repaired and the gas had time to dissipate.

A burglary was reported Saturday by Juan Eduardo Peralta. He told deputies that someone burglarized his home east of Hwy. 168 on Hwy 928 while no one was at home. Investigation is continuing.

Gary Webb told police Sunday morning that someone broke out the back window of his pickup while it was parked in the 700 block of Southwest Sixth. Taken were sound equipment and CDs valued at more than \$900. Damage to the window was estimated at \$100. Investigation is continuing.

Two bundles of shop towels, valued at \$180 each, and a bag of bags, valued at \$90, were stolen off of the Western Uniform and Towel Service truck while it was in Dimmitt Aug. 20.

A 23-year-old Dimmitt woman told police Friday night that some suspects were using profane language toward her in an incident of disorderly conduct at the Azteca Complex.

A 40-year-old Hart man was arrested on DWI, first offense, charges early on Aug. 21.

No injuries were reported, but a car received light damage and a stop sign had \$70 in damage done to it after Melanie Murillo, 4, of Dimmitt, reportedly put the car in gear. The 1990 Dodge Spirit, owned by Margarita Murillo, was parked at the Red X Travel Center, with the motor running and the child in the vehicle. Reportedly, the child put the gear shift into reverse, causing the vehicle

to travel out of the parking lot and across a street, stopping when it hit the stop sign.

In an incident police say is unrelated to other recent discoveries of graffiti at "Roadside Park," some spray paint was discovered defacing the brick of the picnic tables. The damage was reported the morning of Aug. 13. Also at Roadside, police were told that someone has been taking the rubber tie-downs from the trash receptacles. Nine were taken Aug. 15 and 22 were taken Aug. 14. The Texas Highway Dept. valued the tie-downs at \$1 each. Police Chief Ray Aleman said he suspects that truck drivers may be pilfering the tie-downs to secure tarps on their trucks.

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Obituary

Clint McFarland

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Clint B. McFarland, 84, of Amarillo, and formerly of Hart. Rev. Francis Crowe of St. Martin Catholic Church of Amarillo officiated at the services at N.S. Griggs & Sons Pioneer Chapel.

Entombment was in Llano Cemetery Mausoleum. Mr. McFarland died Sunday in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 8, 1911, in Butler, Mo. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri Journalism School. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in General MacArthur's forces in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to Texas to operate the family farm in Hart. He moved to Amarillo in 1951, and while there, he became a charter member of the YMCA. He was an avid runner. He married Cathrine Fuller in 1975 in Amarillo.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Steve McFarland of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter, Carole McFarland of Houston; two stepsons, Craig Fuller and Bruce Fuller, both of Dimmitt; three stepdaughters, Sharon Cowell of El Paso, Janis Cowley of Earth, and Hally Fuller Thomas of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandsons; and 10 step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the YMCA.

More about

County tax hike . . .

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between 8 and 5 on a weekday. I'd like to make it more convenient to vote early."

Questions were raised about who would be in charge of directing the early voting at an alternate site, and how the people working would be paid.

Newman said he thought the local Democratic party would be able to help with expenses, if it is legal for them to do so, and he, along with Clark, said they may be able to come up with volunteers who would be willing to serve as election clerks for free.

After discussing options, commissioners elected to table the matter pending investigation into legalities and other information.

In other action, commissioners appointed Wanda Murdock to serve as early voting election judge; named Jackie Smothermon to serve on the Child Protective Services Board; signed an interlocal agreement with the City of Hart under which the county will help the city with maintaining its dirt roads; and approved conservation work for Harold Hyman.

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